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Campbell-Brown looking forward to season opener in Doha - IAAF Online Diaries



Veronica Campbell Brown relaxing with family and friends (Omar Brown)

With her Olympic title defense now on the clear horizon, two-time Olympic and reigning World 200m champion Veronica Campbell-Brown is eagerly looking forward to her season's debut at the Samsung Diamond League series opener in Doha next week.

"Hello fans,

"One month surely went by fast. That means we are now into the outdoor season.

"I am yet to compete outdoors, not by choice as I had a 200m scheduled mid-April, however, weather and a changing schedule scrapped that idea. I will now open my 2012 outdoor season in Doha, Qatar. My last visit to that country saw me winning the World Indoor 60m title in 2010 so I am excited about returning there. As a UNESCO Champion for Sport Ambassador, I was happy to read recently that Qatar had increased its women's team for the London Olympic Games for the first appearance by its women at an Olympic Games.

"I had a very quiet Easter season, Omar and I spent a few days in Jamaica so we were able to see our families and friends at a very important time of the year for those of us of the Christian faith. I was able to get some good training in, however, I was not able to partake of too much of the famous Jamaican foods as it is mid-season. I will make up for it at the end of the season... lol.

"During the month of April, I also took time out do a promotional video shoot. As an athlete, I must confess that no amount of training can prepare you for the rigors of such an activity. I thoroughly enjoy the activity, however, and I would not hesitate to do it again. The past month I also took part in an Olympic Hopeful Send Off/Media day on Wednesday, April 25 put on by my training center on behalf of the athletes that train at the facility. It was such a thoughtful gesture on their part and I enjoyed signing autographs for the kids who were in attendance.

"So that has been my April, a lot on my plate so much so that I have not even been able to watch the NBA playoffs. My training is going well and I am excited to start my competitive season.

Thanks for reading,"