

Fraser-Pryce says many athletes accused her of drug use

After a world class show at the 2013 IAAF World Championships in Moscow last month, Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce has once again pronounced herself as one of the track and field's all-time dominant performers.

The two-time Olympic gold medalist became the first woman to win the 100m, 200m and 4 by 100m at a world championships. She also had to overcome hurdles in her races to glory, only these hurdles came in the form of criticism and skepticism from her competitors, who she says accused her of doping during the event. "Some thought I was on drugs for me to have done what I did. I don't know why," said Fraser-Pryce during a scholarship presentation on behalf of her Pocket Rocket Foundation at Devon House in Kingston. She presented seven scholarships to high school students from across the country, donating more JA\$700,000 to help with their education. "I hear people say things and ask questions and how can I do that (win three medals) and how I can have such a long season and still go at the end of the season and run so fast," she continued regarding the accusations. "I didn't get any fancy hurrah. Some persons thought it was nice and it was good, but (the) majority of the athletes had their negative comments." Despite the doubts, some of which were expressed face-to-face, Fraser-Pryce insisted she was not fazed by their accusations, pointing out her consistency since bursting onto the scene at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. "I've run 10.7 from 2008. I have not done anything that nobody else has ever done before, apart from winning three gold medals, but it was just hard work," she said. "The times were not ridiculous; it was just very good execution. I am a very good starter." Jamaican sprinters have come under fire throughout the summer since three-time Olympic gold medalist, Veronica Campbell-Brown returned an adverse analytical finding at an invitational meet in May, testing positive for a banned diuretic. Additionally, former Olympic gold medalists, Asafa Powell and Sherone Simpson tested positive for banned stimulants in July. Fraser-Pryce won the 100m event at the worlds in 10.71 secs, the 200m in 22.17 and strongly anchored the Jamaica 4 by 100m women's relay team to gold.