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Successful disabled games draw 167 athletes

Milton's Bishop Reding Roman Catholic Secondary School was a hive of activity Saturday as 167 disabled athletes, scores of volunteers and spectators, and a movie company converged for the South Central Regional Games for the Physically Disabled.

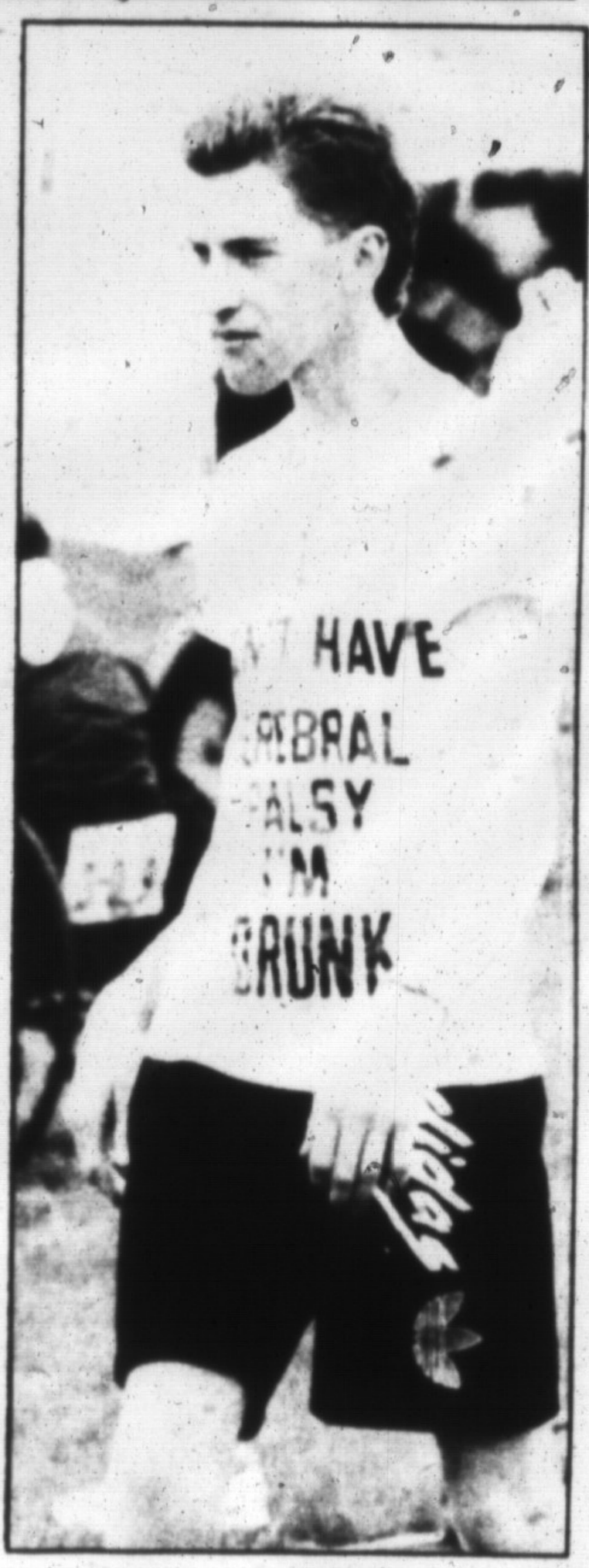
Four specific categories of disability are recognized; blindness, wheelchair dependent, cerebral palsy and amputee. A fifth category is a catch all for other types of disabilities.

Milton's Ryan Leworthy, 14, a wheelchair athlete, is one of the people a movie company targeted for a film on the games.

"The amount of work going into these games was phenomenal," said Brian Arsenault, physical education co-ordinator at Bishop Reding. "It was a real team effort with volunteers and the Rotary Club."

Planning for the games has been going on since before Christmas, according to Arsenault. It all started when Mike Leworthy, Ryan's father, approached the Rotary Club of Milton to help sponsor the games. Bishop Reding was chosen as the site because of its range of facilities.

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A splendid time guaranteed for all

Some of the faces of the Central West Regional Games for the Physically Disabled (counter clockwise from top left) included: Milton's own Ryan Leworthy, 14, who recited the athlete's oath in the opening ceremonies; Derrin Seaton, competing in the cerebral palsy distance throw; Linda Hamilton (left) and Jim Dell pumping up a wheelchair tire; Matthew Willoughby, Milton's Timmy, cutting the ribbon at the opening ceremonies with marathon swimmer Vicki Keith of the Variety Club looking on; a competitor in the blind race being guided down the track and a competitor poking a little fun at himself on a t-shirt.

