Young local athlete Shawn Prince could verywell be on his way to breaking all the records

By Ken Lusk The News

Terrace Bay young athlete, 17 year-old Shawn Prince, has done to move.

Prince's record of competition Competition. is impressive: Regional Games for the Physically Disabled, Mearns, is presently the Athlete Windsor, June 5, 6 and 7, 1987; of the World. Provincial Games, North York, July 16-18, 1987; First National (Shawn) is further along athlet-Games, Windsor, July 23-26, cially than he himself was at the 1987; that is only naming a few same age.

of the games Prince has competed

Shawn is so good at his chosen categories of competition- 400metre, 800-metre and 1,500-metre so well in his athletic endeavors runs, javelin and shotput- that his that if he were to wear all the parents Susan and Ben told the medals he has received at the News Shawn could be chosen as same time, he would not be able the next Athlete of the World for the running categories in CP

The World Champion, Robert

Mearns told Shawn that he

The Princes will soon know if Shawn will qualify for the World Olympics as part of the Canadian National Team for 1988.

Ben said that if Shawn doesn't make it this year, he is confident Shawn will make it for 1989.

This, said Ben, "is some great recognition."

Shawn's father Ben, who works for the Ministry of Natural Resources in Terrace Bay, said that Cerebral Palsy, the illness affecting his son, is the illness that most disabled persons have.

He said that although Shawn was born with CP, he has always been competitive.

He said Shawn first became introduced to disabled sports through George Jeffrey and the Children's Treatment Centre in Thunder Bay.

Since the summer of 1984, when the Princes lived in Kirkland Lake, has Shawn been interested in athletic competition. "He did so well there," said Ben, "we could see that it gave him a great lift....'Gee,' we realized, 'he's really good.' "

Gave up lunch Shawn has played sports in school- on track teams and on volleyball teams. "He used to give up his lunch hour to prac-

tise," said Ben. He has excelled so well that most of the time he places first in

every event he enters. According to Ben, Shawn is the second or third-fastest in the world in his category.

What Shawn has succeeded in doing is "a nice start," said Ben. "We encourage him to continue."

Shawn is a Class 7 competitorthat is, he is rated on a scale of one to eight- one being disabled

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