

Special Olympics winner

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Donny Davitko (left) gets a hand

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Special Olympics are a time for friendship, fun, exercise and the thrill of competition. This is exactly what Donny Davitko experienced at the recent 1994 Saskatchewan Special Olympics Summer Games held June 18 and 19 in Yorkton.

Davitko picked up a ribbon for running, his fifth one in the last several years of competition. He has won many other awards, trophies and ribbons from the 13 meets he has competed in, according to his mother Mary.

"He's won for all kinds of things," she said with a smile, "like high jumping, long jumping, curling, bowling and running."

Donny is a natural athlete who

relishes the competition the Games afford him.

"He sure enjoys himself," Mary commented. "He likes to be active. He's quite a good athlete and he doesn't hesitate to join in."

The chance to strut his stuff makes Donny feel more capable of doing things for himself and lends him the confidence he needs to accomplish other tasks, Mary felt. Later in life, he can look back at the recognition he has received at the meets he attends.

"He can turn and look back (later) and say what he's done," Mary proudly says.

This was probably the last meet of the summer for Donny and now he anticipates another chance to climb the champion's podium next year.