

News Package #1 (Re-edit)

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<p>ANCHOR LEAD: ILLINOIS SPECIAL OLYMPICS RAISES THE BAR WITH THEIR POWERLIFTING COMPETITION SATURDAY. THE INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED ATHLETES LIFT THE HEAVIEST WEIGHTS THEY CAN IN THE REGION D QUALIFIER. JUSTINE FISHER HAS THE STORY.</p> <p>(medium shot of bench press) (wide shot of deadlift) (shot of hope gym and judges)</p> <p>(wide shot of competition) (powerlifting shot)</p> <p>(Brenden cheering on competitors)</p> <p>(SOT with Brenden) (medium shot of fist bump) (tight shot of coach and athlete)</p> <p>(medium shot of James lifting)</p> <p>(SOT with James) (wide shot of James lifting)</p> <p>(SOT with Brenden) (sequence of coach running to athletes)</p>	<p>(TRACK) 75 ATHLETES FROM THE CHICAGO REGION SHOW OFF THEIR STRENGTH AT HOPE ACADEMY SPORTS CENTER. (NAT SOUND OF GYM AND WEIGHTS CLANKING) (TRACK) OF THE THIRTEEN SPORTS OFFERED IN THE SEASON, POWERLIFTING IS THE FRONT-RUNNER FOR ASSISTANT SENIOR DIRECTOR OF REGION D SPECIAL OLYMPICS ILLINOIS, BRENDEN CANNON. (SOT) "Powerlifting is hands down my favorite sport we offer. I've trained a lot of these athletes. They just really appreciate that they're treated as equals." (TRACK) 59-YEAR OLD JAMES NAUGHTON HAS BEEN POWER-LIFTING FOR 44 YEARS. (NAT SOUND OF CHEERING AND WEIGHTS CLANKING) (SOT) "It's one of my favorite sports. It's a strong sport I like. It builds my muscles, makes me stronger." (SOT) "The power of sport is huge. And we can't do that without the support of the</p>
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(sequence of volunteers adding weights) (parent interacting with son)	coaches, the volunteers and especially the parents and families who trust us to instill that confidence in the athletes" (TRACK)
(wide shot of athlete winning medal)	JUDGES SCORE THE ATHLETES LIVE AND AWARD MANY MEDALS. (NAT SOUND OF CHEERING AFTER WINNING MEDAL)
(wide shot of Isaiah dead lifting)	34-YEAR OLD ISAIAH CUNNINGHAM IS NEWER TO THE SPORT AND LIFTS HEAVYWEIGHT. (NAT SOUND OF ISAIAH LIFTING AND PEOPLE CHEERING)
(SOT with Isaiah)	(SOT) "Then I get to hang my medals on my wall and just look back at them like I did this.
(medium shot of Isaiah bench press)	Yes, it feels good to get out, do what I do, and have fun. (TRACK)
(wide shot of crowd cheering)	(NAT SOUND OF PEOPLE CHEERING)
(Isaiah accepting medal)	JAMES AND ISAIAH WILL BE TWO OF 8 POWERLIFTERS REPRESENTING ILLINOIS IN THIS YEARS NATIONAL SPECIAL OLYMPICS. (NAT SOUND OF CHEERING AND CLAPPING)
(SOT with Brenden) (athlete pumping up crowd) (athlete squat lifting)	(SOT) "Another great exposure for the special Olympic athletes to showcase what they can do on a really big stage." (SOT)
(SOT with Isaiah and James) (athletes celebrating)	"We are trying to show young people that everybody out there can lift weights if you work out very well and try your best. And never give up, never give up." (TRACK)
(sequence of James after lifting)	JAMES AND ISAIAH HAVE THREE MONTHS LEFT OF TRAINING IN ANTICIPATION OF THEIR TRIP TO ORLANDO FOR THE USA SPECIAL OLYMPICS SUMMER GAMES.
(sequence of Isaiah getting coached)	(NAT SOUND OF POWERLIFTING)
(medium shot of powerlifter screaming)	IN CHICAGO, JUSTINE FISHER, MEDILL.

