



Review

## 'Landis: Just Watch Me' a film for those with something to prove

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If a local athlete, or anyone for that matter, needs an extra dose of drive and motivation to work on their craft, I highly recommend looking into incoming South Central junior Landis Sims.

To those who know him, Sims is your typical high schooler, hanging out with friends, shooting hoops and taking swings while at the baseball field. Those who see him for the first time notice something different.

Sims was born in 2005 with no hands and most of his lower legs, the result of a condition known as congenital limb deficiency. While it made life a tad dif-

ferent, it didn't stop him from living his entire life to this point. It also shows the determination and creativity in which Landis and his family use to overcome such challenges, including his mother, Amanda Wolfe, modifying one of Sims' gloves by adding a shin guard to create a more comfortable fit.

During the last eight years covered in the documentary, Sims meets a number of supporters, including Wounded Warrior Matias Ferreira, as well as prosthetist David Rotter, who designed proper prosthetics for running and sliding along with an attachment for his bat. Sims also spent some time in Major League Baseball, palling around then-Yankees manager Joe Girardi, three-time MLB

## 2 Corydon teens bring home medals from Junior Olympics

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While the high school track and field season has long since ended, that hasn't stopped a pair of Corydon teens from winning big at championship meets hosted by USA Track and Field.

Representing Southern Indiana Throws Club out of Floyds Knobs, Hayden Hibbs and Brock Conrad both took part in the USATF Indiana

Association Junior Olympic Championships June 18 and 19 at Manchester University.

Conrad had a great showing at the state meet while competing in the 15-16 age division, taking part in three events. He captured the state title in the hammer with a throw of 141 feet, 9.25 inches, along with silver medals in both the discus throw (125-1.25) and shot put (40-10.5).

Competing in the 13-14 age division, Hibbs captured the bronze medal in both the discus throw and shot put by

throws of 102 feet, 4 inches and 30-7, respectively.

Almost a month later, both Conrad and Hibbs ventured to Wabash College in Crawfordsville to take part in the USATF Regional Junior Olympic Championships on July 9 and 10. Conrad continued his dominance in the hammer toss as he claimed the regional title with a throw of 156 feet, 2.75 inches, putting him in the top 10 nationally in the 15-16 age division, according to Dystat and Athletic.net.

Hibbs set personal records at the regional meet, finishing fourth in the discus throw with a toss of 108 feet, 5.25 inches and sixth in the shot put at 31-7.5.

With their strong regional showings, Conrad and Hibbs both qualified for the USATF National Junior Olympic Championships in their respective events, which will take place in Sacramento, Calif., beginning Monday and going through Sunday, July 31.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Hayden Hibbs, above left, rears back to launch a discus during the 2022 USATF Regional Junior Olympic Championships at Wabash College in Crawfordsville. The Corydon teen won bronze medals in both discus and shot put at the state meet followed by setting personal records in both events at the regional meet. Brock Conrad, above right, prepares to launch his hammer during the USATF State Junior Olympic Championships at Manchester University. Conrad won both the USATF state and regional titles in the hammer toss along with the silver medal in the discus throw and shot put at the state meet.

