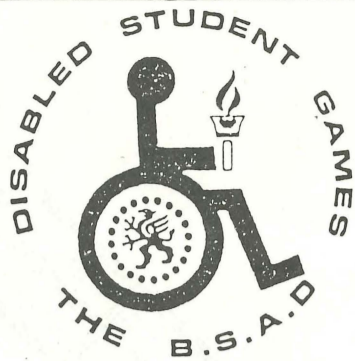


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THE B.S.A.D. MIDLAND BANK
FIRST NATIONAL
DISABLED STUDENT GAMES

The First National Disabled Student Games which took place in Loughborough on the 18-20 April proved a resounding success. The Games, the first of its kind to be held, included events such as Wheelchair Dash and Slaloms, Field events, Snooker and Table Tennis.

The different events were keenly contested by the athletes but as one official put it, 'it was the friendly games'; each competitor supported the efforts of their opponents. The success of the games was crowned by four national records being broken:

- * Anthony Sansom in the 60m Walk
- * Danny Jegede in the 60m Run
- * Richard Moreton in the 100m Run
- * Nicholas Bister in the Slalom

The Union would like to convey their thanks to Midland Bank for sponsoring this event to the tune of £13000. Without this financial assistance the games could not have gone ahead. The Bank also provided the services of Miss Midland Bank who kindly spent two days moving from event to event presenting the winners medals.

Thanks should also be given to the B.S.A.D. The advice given was irreplaceable considering we at Loughborough had never embarked on such a venture before.

Further thanks should be given to the following University Departments who provided the back up services which were needed in order to stage such an event.

Residential Organisation
Estates Organisation
Department of Physical Education
Medical Centre
Audio Visual Services

Special thanks should be given to Dean Casswell who, with Yuri Matischen, devised and carried out the initial negotiations over sponsorship and were central to the general organisation of the games.

Finally thanks to all the helpers who gave up a weekend in order to assist with the Games.

The Games will hopefully now become an annual event and we are hoping for the same kind of success next year, with even more competitors and hopefully more records.

