

Greece. Hester won three bronze and one silver medal.

Hester earns 4 medals at Summer Games

Hester, a Forsyth Central graduate who does construction work with his dad and loves NASCAR, has been invited to sit for radio interviews and other media appearances since his return.

While he is naturally soft spoken, he has no trouble sharing his thoughts on the adventure he and his parents undertook this summer.

Hester left Atlanta with a 500-strong United States contingent, including the 16-member Team USA

power lifting squad, on June 17, the beginning of a 19-day trip to Greece.

His parents had separate travel and lodgings and were separated from him for the first nine days of the

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A year ago, Daniel Hester had never been on an airplane, much less left the country. But these days, the quiet powerlifter from Cumming is a bona fide world traveler and something of a local celebrity.

Hester, 25, recently returned from Athens, Greece, where he brought home four medals in the Special Olympics World Summer Games.

Competing in the 242-275 pound weight class, Hester took bronze medals in the squat (385.7 pounds) and bench (225.7), and earned silver in the deadlift (451.7). He took the overall bronze medal in his weight class.



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Daniel Hester holds up a poster made for him by his church as a send off to his Special Olympics competition during the summer in Athens, Greece.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

East Paulding star dealt to Mets

By Jim Baumbach
Newsday

Zack Wheeler, the prized pitching prospect the Mets are getting from the San Francisco Giants for Carlos Beltran, grew up in suburban Atlanta with a Braves fan for a father. And it wasn't long

Wednesday that his son is too young to remember the tense battles in the late 1990s between the Mets and Braves. But his father certainly recalls those days, and he said switching allegiances between the teams might be tough for others to accept.

"When the Mets play the

ted from having two older brothers, one of whom played in the Yankees' minor-league system. Zack's older brother, Adam, was drafted by the Yankees in the 13th round in 2001 and pitched four seasons before injury forced him to retire. According to his father, Adam

SOCCER MLS All-Stars dealt loss by United

By Tim Leonard
McClatchy Newspapers

HARRISON, N.J. — As a show, the Major League Soccer All-Star Game makes for pretty good theater. The league brings in a high-profile European team and puts its best players on display.

It's good for the league's profile when the MLS side wins, as it regularly did in the first several years of this format. But in the last two years, MLS is taking a beating.

That's what happens when you play Manchester United.

The MLS All-Stars were humbled for the second consecutive season in their annual showcase game. This time, Anderson had a goal and an assist to lead Manchester United to a 4-0 victory in front of 26,760 on Wednesday night at Red Bull Arena. Manchester United won last season's