



Wheels' co-captain Steve Barbato.



Paul Hanning breaks at halftime for some brownies and small talk.

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Beat Teachers, 79-72

Rochester Wheels Exhibition Draws 800

As part of "Up With People Week" sponsored by the Penfield Elementary School District, April 6-10, the Rochester Wheels wheelchair basketball team played an exhibition game against the area's teachers on Thursday, April 9, at Penfield High School.

More than 800 people attended the game won by the Wheels, 79-72. Proceeds from the exhibition went to the Penfield Scholarship Fund and the Rochester Wheelchair Fund.

Also among the week's activities across the district was the showing of films on handicapped people and the performance of the Theatre of the Deaf at Scribner Road School.

The Rochester Wheels were formed in 1972 and then played only exhibition games. But in 1979, the

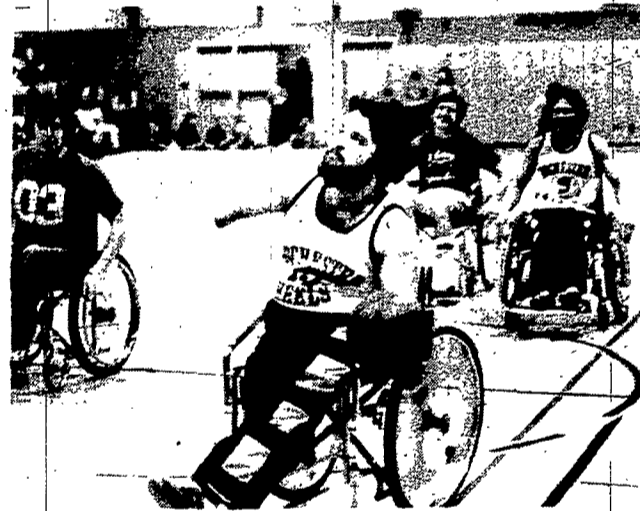
Wheels began playing other wheelchair teams.

Funded by the Easter Seal Society, this, their third season, has been their best. The squad has a 21-8 record and recently finished in first

place in the Upstate New York Wheelchair Basketball Conference. Other teams in the league are Syracuse, Binghamton, Utica and Albany.



A moment together before the start of the game.



Barbato drives for two during a patented Wheels' fastbreak.



Wheels' coach Don Gwinner leads the cheering with forward Silvio Anciano.



Wheels' forward Gary Parrett, a Penfield High School junior, pumps for two over the outstretched arm of teacher Jerry Fromm.