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THREE TIME SPECIAL OLYPIAN METALIST TO THROW OUT FIRST PITCH AT SLIDERS GAME

[Springfield, IL] – The Springfield Park District is excited to announce their partnership with the Springfield Sliders to honor Special Olympics gold medalist Jonathan Mies by inviting him to throw the first pitch on Saturday, July 28th at the Slider's Baseball Game in Robin Roberts Stadium starting at 6:35 pm. Jonathan will be accompanied by his parents Ed and Jean Ann Mies.

Earlier this month, Jonathan Mies, a swimmer who participated during the Special Olympics National competition in Seattle, won gold medals in the 400-meter freestyle and 400 medley relay and a silver medal in the 100 backstroke.

Mies started his Special Olympics swimming career over 25 years ago in junior high where he has been on one swim team or another since 2002. The Springfield Park District's, Special Recreation Program Manager, Lauren Harbison, coached Mies to prepare him for the National Special Olympics competition this year and is ecstatic of his accomplishments.

The Springfield Park District is extremely honored to congratulate Jonathan Mies on his prestigious accomplishments and a job well done as one of the 2018 Special Olympics National Games representative of the state of Illinois.

The Springfield Park District and Springfield Sliders encourage the community to share in the excitement and recognition of our local hero by attending the Sliders game as they take on the Quincy Gems tomorrow, July 28th at Robin Roberts Stadium!

We'll see you at the game!

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