

Man with no arms has world at his feet . . .

Mr. AMAZING!

Ripley's — Believe It or Not!

Jim Goldman was born without arms — but that hasn't stopped him from becoming a driver in a demolition derby, a softball pitcher and batter, a rifle marksman, a water-skier and even a basketball free-throw shooter!

He can hurl darts, play dominoes, hunt with a cross-bow, bait a fishhook and shoot pool.

"Anything you can do I can do too," says the amazing 26-year-old.

And there are things he does better than most — like sinking a basketball from the foul line an average of five out of 10 tries!

When Harlem Globetrotter Sam "Boom Boom" Wheeler heard about his uncanny ability to balance a ball on his foot and then toss it in the basket, he asked Jim to perform at an exhibition.

"I shoot with at least a 50 percent accuracy from the free-throw line," said Jim. "When Wheeler saw me shoot he was shocked."

"He told me: 'That's really amazing. I've never seen anything like it in my whole life!'"

Jim is the youngest of five children. No one else in his family has a birth defect, but Jim said he never thought of himself as different while growing up in Wayne City, Ill.

"I learned to use my feet and toes just like a normal person uses their hands and fingers," he said. "I learned



BATTER UP! Jim takes a swing at softball — using his chin.

ON THE BALL: Jim Goldman shows his uncanny ability at the hoop. 1) — Jim lofts ball on its way from the free-throw line . . . 2) — He gives it a little coaxing . . . 3) — SWISH! The ball's in the netting . . . 4) — It drops to the floor and Jim's made his point, er, points.

to feed myself with my toes, hold cups and glasses with my feet, and dress myself." He loves sports, the outdoors and competition — and wasn't going to let being armless stop him from participating.

"I found I was able to pitch softballs and baseballs and I became pretty good," he said. "By the time I got to play on the high school team I was throwing a baseball in the 60-mile-per-hour range."

He gripped the ball with his toes.

wound up, and then hurled it. "In the two years I was pitcher on our high school team, I threw sliders, curves and fastballs with my right foot."

He hit by holding the bat under his chin and swinging with his whole body. But it was his incredible pitching that helped the baseball team become state champs both years.

Incredibly Jim also became an expert on the gridiron and the lake.

His leg strength enables him to kick a football a mind-boggling 65 yards, he fishes by holding a rod and reel with one foot and rests the rod between the toes of his other foot, and he water-skis by holding the tow bar under his chin.

He loves to hunt with a

rifle. He balances the barrel with his left foot and pulls the trigger with his right foot while bracing the stock against his shoulder.

He also hunts with bow and arrow, drawing back the string with one foot and holding the bow with the other.

And Jim is even a good shot with a pool cue.

He plays pool by holding the cue stick under his chin. He's so good, the great Minnesota Fats asked him to play on TV in 1982.

What's more, Jim has driven an automatic transmission car in demolition derbies — steering with his right foot and working the brake and gas with his left foot. In 1987, a proud Jim won a major contest.

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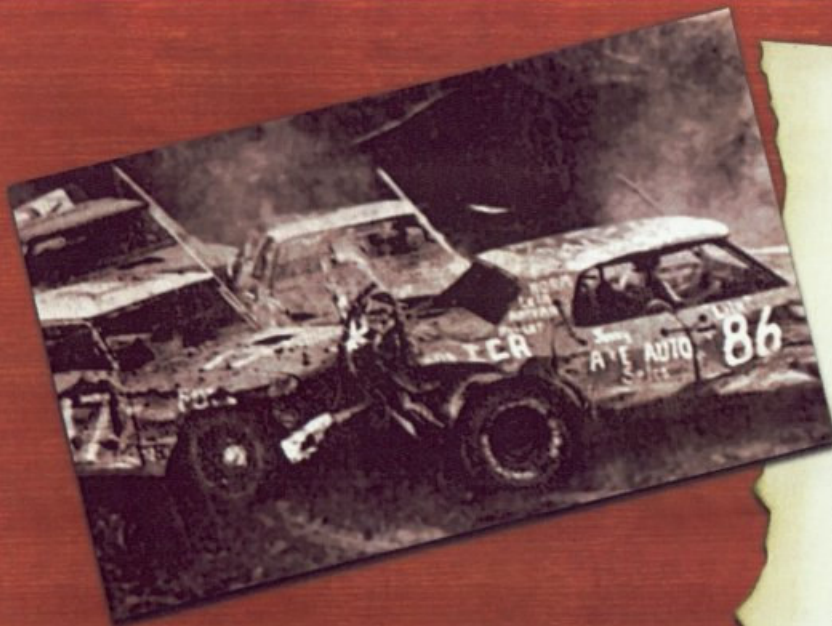
ing marvel," says Tom Cannon, sheriff of Wayne County, Ill. "He was born without arms, yet he's never let that stand in his way. He's inspiring."

But Jim says he's merely trying to make the most of life.

"My philosophy is simple: You're never handicapped. You can do anything you want to do if you put your mind to it. Life is wonderful. I enjoy every second of it."

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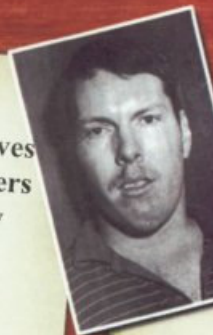
Jimmy Goldman, Who Drives With Feet, Outlasts 30 Others To Win Demolition Derby

People still like the Demolition Derby!

It wasn't a packed house Friday night but a \$1560 grandstand take and an \$800 gate for the day indicates that Friday's Demolition Derby was the top draw of the week, at the 1986 Wayne County Fair.

Walking off with the \$300 top prize in the Derby feature was the crowd's choice, Jimmy Goldman, remarkable Wayne City young man born without arms, who drives with his feet.

Jimmy's was the last of 31 cars entered in the Derby to remain running.



Goldman Wins Bass Tourney In Arkansas

Jimmy Goldman of Wayne City won the Bass Anglers Team Challenge in Little Rock, Arkansas on the Arkansas River, held Friday and Saturday, September 28-29.

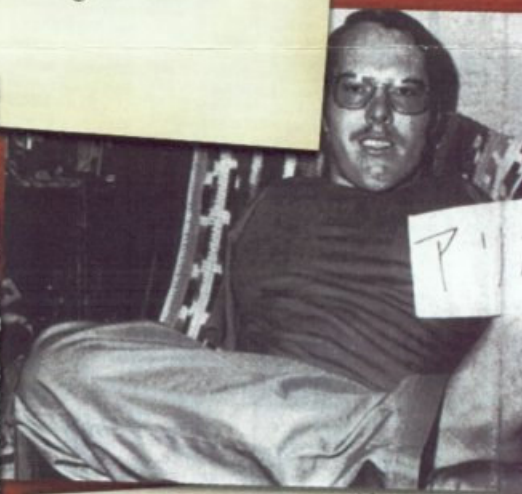
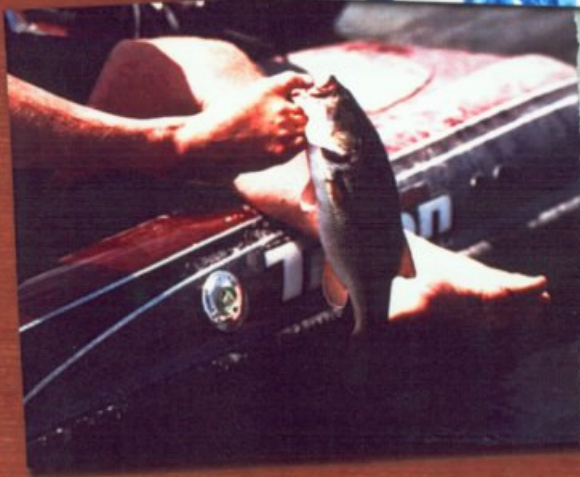
Goldman netted a total of 20.96 pounds to gain the win over 146 other anglers in the two-day event.

In order to fish in the Team Challenge Tourney, Goldman had to qualify. The top 20 qualifiers from each division were allowed to compete.

Goldman qualified seventh in the Central Division to qualify for the tournament in Arkansas.

In qualifying, Goldman fished many water holes all over the United States.

This was the first year Goldman had competed in the Bass Anglers Team Challenge Series, and was the first tourney win of his career.



Twenty-six year-old Jim Goldman of Wayne City does most of the things that other men his age do - hunt, fish and play sports.

What makes him different, though, is that Goldman does it all without arms, a physical condition he was born with.

Around his hometown, Goldman is just one of the boys. As his dad would say, Jim never felt sorry for himself, nor would he have been allowed to. If he had, said the elder Goldman, dad would have kicked him in the hind end and told him to help himself.

Shoots Pool With Minnesota Fats

Saturday was probably one of the biggest and most exciting days in the life of Jimmy Goldman, of Wayne City.

It was the day that Jimmy travelled to the small town of Dowell, Ill., to shoot pool with the world's best known pool player, Minnesota Fats.

The ride to Dowell was a very nervous occasion for Jimmy and his parents but once they arrived at Fats' home, the nervousness went completely away.

After several trick shots, Fats gave Jimmy some pointers. Jimmy shoots pool despite a birth defect which left him with no arms.

Young Jimmy perched his cue stick atop his shoulder and, gripping it between his chin and chest, swept the edge of the tip against the cueball.

When he scratched, he waited for it to drop into the tray, picked it up with his bare foot and set it back on the table.



Jimmy Goldman, Of Wayne City, On ABC's "That's Incredible" Thursday

Mark your calendar. Turn on your TV. You won't want to miss it! Jimmy Goldman of Wayne City, will appear on ABC show "That's Incredible," Thursday night, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m.

The accompanying clip is from the TV Guide now on sale at local stores announcing the special show this Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Goldman were contacted by That's Incredible last week, announcing that Jimmy the segment that Jimmy was to appear on Mar. 1, had been changed to Feb. 25, which will feature Incredible kids through-out the United States.

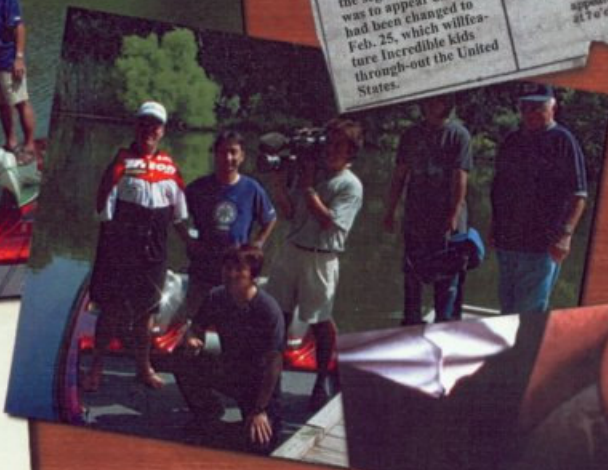
Thursday, Feb. 25th
WATCH THE MOST INCREDIBLE KIDS OF ALL!

- A girl who slides under a 7" limbo bar ... on roller skates!
- A dazzling display of double dutch jumping!
- An aristocrat boy who's an ace at pinching and shooting pool!
- A spelling champ ... who can't hear a word!



Plus many, many more!
THAT'S INCREDIBLE! 7:00PM

THIS IS CLIPPING from the current TV Guide detailing Jimmy Goldman's appearance as a special "That's Incredible" TV show on ABC Thursday night at 7 o'clock. Be sure to watch this Wayne City youth's appearance.



He doesn't consider himself to be special, but others do, and that has landed him spots on programs such as "Heartland" and "That's Incredible." Much fame has never really gotten to Jimmy, but even he was excited about the latest bit of stardom to come into his lap. Nippon Television Network Corp., of Tokyo, Japan, has signed him to a contract to perform one special for their new show, "World's Super People", to be aired on that network next week.

