

Spotlight on Michael Pope

MICHAEL POPE is 14 years old, and represents

Watford Harriers Athletics Club.

At the National Junior Games held at Stoke Mandeville in October 2008, Michael won 5 medals:

- Gold for Javelin – setting a new record for the Games in his group
- Silver for Discus
- Bronze for Shot putt
- Silver for Table Tennis
- Bronze for Zone Hockey



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AS a result of that success, he attended the Paralympic Talent Day in London and has set his sights on competing in the 2012 London Paralympic Games.

Michael has been a member of the Dwarf Athletic Association since 2002, and amongst his achievements lists receiving the "Paul Pearce" Award for his contribution to disability sport, at the 2008 Hertfordshire Service to Sport Awards - organised by the Herts Sports Partnership.



FOR the current season, Michael has set some ambitious targets

including participation at the World Dwarf Games and to represent England in the 4 Nations Disabled Badminton Championships.

Michael is one of Hertfordshire's most promising athlete and, as a member of the County's **ELITE ATHLETE SUPPORT PROGRAMME**. So he can now benefit from a support structure to enable him to reach his full potential, in his chosen sports.

Watch out for Michael at the 2012 Paralympic Games. If he continues his remarkable progress, even a Gold medal – or two! – could well be within his grasp.

For more information on what is happening in the county in the run up to the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games check out:

www.hertsisreadyforwinners.co.uk

For more information on sport in Herts and how you can become more active look at the Herts Sports Partnership website: www.sportinherts.org.uk