

## Teens hit the mat as promoters

**Farmington Hills 18-year-olds Peter Golaszewski and Nimit Shah have become promoters of professional wrestling. Their first show is Wednesday in Dearborn.**

As longtime fans of professional wrestling, Peter Golaszewski and Nimit Shah are busy these days parlaying their favorite pastime into an entrepreneurial adventure. After being disappointed by other metro-area shows, the Farmington Hills teens believed they could do better and decided to organize and stage their own event.

The result was the creation of Wolverine Pro Wrestling with the stated objective of restoring Detroit as a hotbed for professional wrestling like it was several decades ago.

Shah and Golaszewski got the idea for doing their own independent promotions during a phone conversation last December and started brainstorming.

"I had come back from a show that was really lousy," Shah said. "I paid 15 bucks and saw guys who weren't even worth a buck to see. They were past their prime."

"We thought about what we'd do if we were promoters; we made a list of wrestlers we'd want to bring in, and it started from there."

"Local wrestling around here isn't fantastic," Golaszewski said. "We thought we could put together a much better product than the so-called professionals."

After months of planning, their first show is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 8, at the Dearborn Civic Center on Michigan Avenue. Tickets are \$15 apiece; all seats are general admission.

The event is being billed as the "Wrestling Renaissance: The Rebirth of Professional Wrestling" and will consist of six matches.

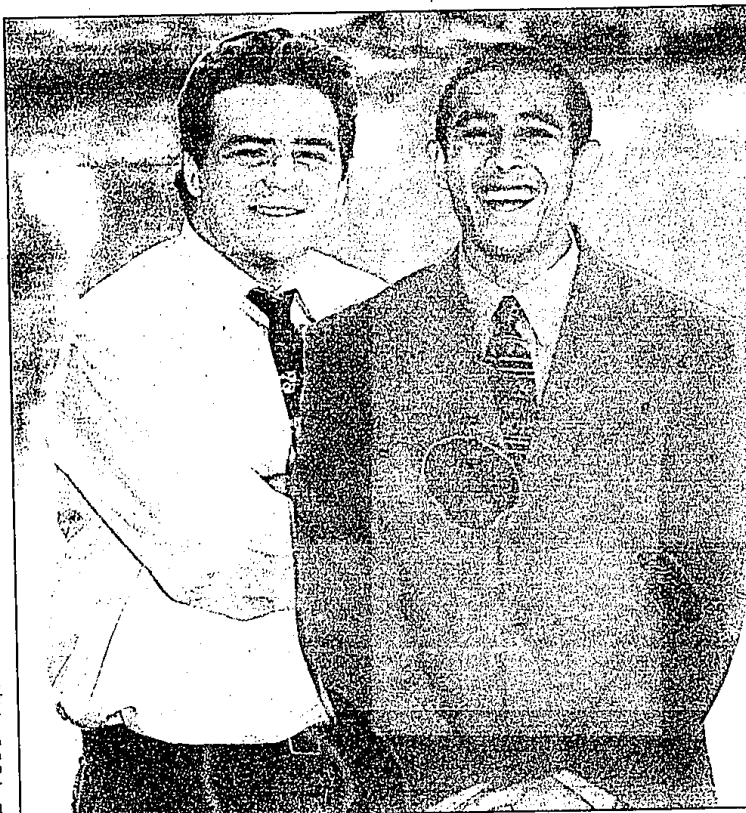
The featured attraction involves Dan "The Beast" Severn, the Michigan native and Coldwater resident who is best known for his success in the Ultimate Fighting Championships.

Severn, the current NWA world heavyweight champion and World Wrestling Federation star, will battle Canadian no-holds-barred fighter Geza Kulman Jr.

"The top three (bouts) are worthy of main eventing any major show," Golaszewski said. "You won't find quality like that except in the top promotions."

"You'll think you spent your money well for our show," Shah said. "I don't consider this an independent show; I think it's a level above it. Plus, the Dearborn Civic Center doesn't have a bad seat in it."

Shah and Golaszewski weren't complete novices when they took on such a



Wrestling promoters: Peter Golaszewski (left) and Nimit Shah, former tennis teammates at North Farmington High School, have organized a professional wrestling show for Wednesday night.

challenge. Both have worked for newsletters or websites providing information about professional wrestling.

But their first big obstacle was convincing others to look past their youth and inexperience. The former tennis teammates at North Farmington High School are just 18.

Golaszewski graduated last year and just completed his first year at Michigan State. Shah will enroll there in the fall. Not surprisingly, both plan to major in business.

"I think we had some reservations," Golaszewski said, "but we knew going in some people might not take us seriously."

"Another independent promoter asked if we were capable of doing this. Usually, you have to have family in the business, but we didn't. We had no background."

Shah and Golaszewski have an investor backing them financially, because he had confidence in them, they said. They've spent some of their

own money, too, for minor expenses.

"We're definitely taking some risk by putting on the show," Golaszewski said. "We're going into it full-fledged, because we don't want our investor to lose money and we're putting in money ourselves. We've gone the extra yard or two."

With that, they got started contacting wrestlers, scouting out venues and doing the little things that needed to be

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### FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

#### Hayes wins golf title

Keith Hay of Farmington Hills won the state championship in the 12-13 age group of the Optimist Club Junior Golf Tournament at the University of Michigan June 24.

The 13-year-old Hay, who was second in the local qualifier June 16 at Glen Oaks Golf Course, shot an 18-hole score of 88.

He and a Traverse City boy tied for first place, but Hay won the tiebreaker based on a better back-nine score. Hay shot 43, the other golfer 45.

Hay, who will be an eighth grader at Power Middle School in the fall, advances to the national tournament July 21-23 on the PGA national course in West Palm Beach, Fla.

The Optimist tournament is the first Hay, who has played hockey since age 5 and caddies at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville, has entered.

Andrew Soley of Farmington Hills, who won the local qualifier, finished third in the state tournament and was invited to play in the national event, also.

#### Sisters win tourneys

Jennifer and Erin Borowiec of South Lyon haven't been idle since the high school golf season ended in late May.

The Borowiec sisters, both members of the Farmington Hills Mercy and All-Observer golf teams, have been busy winning tournaments on the junior amateur circuit.

Jennifer won the Michigan Girls Junior Amateur Championship at Verona Hills Golf Club in Bad Axe June 29-30. She shot a two-day score of 154 to win the age 16-17 division and overall titles.

It was her second straight victory and third in four years. She won the 14-15 title last year and the 13-and-under crown in 1995.

Jennifer also won the Max-Flt state qualifier (82) at Mystic Creek in Milford June 22, the Independent Insurance state qualifier (78) at Currie East in Midland June 23 and the Oakland County Junior (153) June 26-27 at Springfield Oaks and White Lake Oaks.

She also was fifth (84) in the Optimist Junior State Championship at the University of Michigan June 24 and sixth in the Power Bilt Junior Tournament at Stonehedge in August-June 18.

In the 14-15 age group, Erin won the Power Bilt Junior (84), the Independent Insurance state qualifier (81) at Bogie Lake June 22, the Junior Optimist (83) June 24 and the Power Bilt Michigan PGA Junior at Black Bear Resort in Vanderbilt June 29-30. Erin also was second in the Max-Flt state qualifier (77) June 19 at Sylvan Glen and the two-day, 36-hole Oakland County Junior (161) June 26-27.

#### Schwagie fires ace

A golfer for just two years, Carrie Schwagie of Farmington Hills aced the 145-yard 13th hole Thursday at Glen Oaks Golf Course where she works in the pro shop.

The 20-year-old Schwagie used a 7-wood to record her first hole-in-one. She shot 44 for the nine-hole round.

Schwagie's feat was witnessed by the other members of her foursome.

"I didn't know it went in the hole at first," said Schwagie, a 1995 graduate of Mercy High School where she was a basketball player but not a golfer.

"The ball was resting against the pole, and I didn't see it drop in. We walked up and everyone was giving me high-fives."

#### FHHA seeks sponsors

The Farmington Hills Hockey Association is seeking corporate sponsors for its golf tournament and fundraiser July 12 at the Links of Novi.

For a fee of \$1,000, a sponsor will receive golf, dinner and commemorative golf shirts for four people, 28 tickets for the FHHA raffle and a wood-carved sign with its business name and logo to be placed on a tee.

The raffle prizes include a leather Stanley Cup jacket autographed by the Red Wings players and a leather golf bag signed by Steve Yzerman. Tickets are \$1 apiece or \$5 for seven.

Anyone wishing to provide a corporate sponsorship should call Tom Hamilton of the FHHA at (248) 471-2807.

(Sports fax number: 313-591-7273)



Softball champs: The members of the NFWB Cobras 14-and-under fastpitch softball team are (seated, left to right) Kristin Schroek, Monica Booth, Lauren Ouellette, (kneeling) Beth Danielewicz, Danielle Bongero, Kelly Taylor, Lindsey Taub, (standing) Caitlin Bailey, Hilary Goldin, Kristin Grewe, Patti Kolinski, (back row) coaches Tom Ouellette, Les Taub and Mark Danielewicz. The Cobras display the trophy they won in the Okemos Classic and a giant cookie that was one of the prizes.

## Cobras earn 2nd tournament title in girls fastpitch

The NFWB Cobras 14-and-under girls fastpitch team won its second tournament in as many weeks at the Okemos Softball Classic as part of the Great Lakes State Games-June 26-28.

In the final game against Eaton Rapids, Beth Danielewicz pitched a perfect game until two were out in the sixth inning of an eventual 7-2 victory.

Danielewicz tossed a two-hitter, struck out 11 and didn't issue a walk. She helped her cause by knocking in three runs with two hits, one being a triple.

Lauren Ouellette also had two hits with two RBI. Danielle Bongero reached base four times and scored twice, as did Kelly Taylor.

### SOFTBALL

The Cobras began pool play with a 6-2 win over a Lansing opponent. Danielewicz fanned 17 while pitching a one-hitter.

Taylor belted three hits and Bongero two. Lindsey Taub, Hilary Goldin and Kristin Schroek also contributed hits and RBI.

NFWB took a five-inning mercy win over Perry in its second game. 10-2. Schroek notched the pitching win, throwing a four-hitter and striking out seven.

Monica Booth led the offense with three hits and three RBI; she also scored four runs. Bongero had two hits, including a home run, and three RBI. Goldin and Caitlin Bailey added two hits each and some RBI.

The last game in pool play also ended in a mercy victory, 16-0. Danielewicz earned another win, pitching a two-hitter.

The Cobras had plenty of extra-base hits as Taylor homered and doubled, Booth tripled, Goldin and

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