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Gladiators join forces with 'Lil Superman'

Press Release

On Saturday, August 14, 2010 several members of the Bradenton Gladiators organization were during just that; by supporting the 1st annual golf tournament benefiting Wyatt "Lil Superman" Smith. Wyatt is a tough 8 year old who was born with Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus. Spina Bifida is a neural tube defect in the spine. Wyatt's particular type of Spina Bifida is called Myelomeningocele. This is a birth defect in which the backbone and spinal canal do not close before birth.



When asked by player Chris Cook, how did Wyatt get the name "Lil Superman?" Wyatt's father Brent simply said, "His life story explains it all. Wyatt has exceeded everyone's expectations to this date when it comes to his physical abilities and somehow maintains a strong, courageous personality throughout it. He has "earned" the nickname of "Lil Superman", dealing with more medical problems in his first few years than most people experience in their entire lives. Wyatt's full story is available at his website, www.littlesuperman.org.

Sporting a superman shirt, cape and blue spiked mo'hawk, Wyatt greeted everyone with a great smile and superman pose. Unfortunately, Wyatt has recently encountered some tough medical problems requiring four surgeries in the last few months, and more possible surgeries in the near future.

Gladiators President, Edrick Sweeting said that he was so touched by this young man dubbed "Lil Superman"; that the Gladiators will be developing several fundraisers to assist Wyatt and those suffering with Spina Bifida in its upcoming season.



The Bradenton Gladiators, Inc. is a federal non-profit 501(c) 3 tax exempt organization that is more than just football. It as a community based organization that is constantly growing its roots in the community. Since inception, the organization has given out educational awards/scholarships; thousands of school supplies and toys for underprivileged children; sponsored football camps and clinics; help build a playground for community kids; provided food to families during the holidays; the list goes on and on. "They are an organization steeped in second chances, offering folks another try at not just football — but at life" John Lembo of the Bradenton Herald once wrote.