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Michigan Mustangs win their first Wheelchair PowerHockey Championship in state history

The Michigan Mustangs have won the 2009 Carolina PowerHockey Invitational after they defeated the Minnesota Selects 4-3 during the final at the RBC Center in Raleigh, North Carolina, home of the NHL's Hurricanes.

The 2009 Mustangs became the first PowerHockey team to ever bring home a championship to the state of Michigan.

From July 17-19 the Mustangs competed in the 2009 Carolina PowerHockey Invitational which was a 3-day, round-robin and playoffs versus teams from Carolina, Philadelphia & Minnesota in the sport of PowerHockey.

After storming back from a two-goal deficit, the Mustangs defeated the top-seeded Minnesota Selects 4-3 in the championship game Sunday at the RBC Center.

This is the Mustangs' FIRST Tournament Championship since they started competing nationally in 2000. The Mustangs had previously never finished higher than 6th place in any previous tournaments.

Every player on the team recorded at least one goal during the tournament. Kevin Konfara & rookie Josh Cueter led the team in goals, each netting 11.

The Mustangs finished the tournament with a 4-1 Record, with their only loss coming in the round-robin versus Minnesota.

PowerHockey is the sport of floor hockey, in which the athletes compete in electric wheelchairs and have a wide range of disabilities. Originally started in Canada in the early 1980's PowerHockey is one of the fastest growing sports in the world. PowerHockey has been in Michigan since 1996 and the Michigan Mustangs have competed in four previous tournaments in Toronto, Minnesota (2) and Calgary since they began traveling in 2000.

The Mustangs are a team of All-Stars from the WCHL. The WCHL was established in 1996 and is a four team, 40 player league of males and females ranging in age from 10 - 60 +. It is a non-profit organization that offers a competitive league for people with various disabilities, who couldn't normally play the sport of hockey.

For more information visit www.michiganmustangs.net or www.thewchl.com

MEDIA EXPOSURE & INTERVIEWS

After this historic win and proud moment for the Mustangs and the State of Michigan we would appreciate any media exposure possible for our team and the sport of PowerHockey.

To request an interview or to attain pictures or video for exposure please contact Chris Lemieux at:

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