

OLYMPIC RESULTS

Ralph Roesler, production engineer for North America Exploration and Production, receives his gold medal in water polo at the 17th World Games for the Deaf, held in Sofia, Bulgaria. The U.S. team defeated Italy, the previous winners, and three other teams to win the gold. Ralph began playing water polo in high school and was a member of the University of Missouri-Rolla water polo club in college.

Ralph won a bronze medal in water polo at the 1985 World Games for the Deaf in Los Angeles. He also was a member of the U.S. team at the 1981 games in Cologne, Germany.

DEAF OLYMPIANS; THREE CLAYTON ATHLETES HOPE TO ATTEND WORLD GAMES

By Mary Lois Sennewald

It's off to Cologne for three St. Louis area water polo players this summer. They're in condition. They've been working out all year. And when they meet with teams from all over the world the competition won't be much different from the games they've played back home.

With this exception, for the first time in their lives they will be playing on a team of all - deaf players. No whistles from the referee, no last-minute hollering from the coach. Lights and flags and signs will do instead. These are the Deaf Olympics.

Ralph Roesler, Eric Gjerdingen were busy writing thank-you letters to some of their supporter when I walked into the principal's office at the Central Institute for the Deaf (CID) in the central west end last Sunday.

"I put them to work whenever I get ahold of them," said Dennis Gjerdingen...