

# USD's Snyder Back For One More Shot At National Title

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VERMILLION – Cody Snyder already had a national discus title to his credit before he arrived on the University of South Dakota campus in 2010.

Yes, that championship may have been in the AAU Junior ranks (in 2005), but the Lake Andes native wanted more. He wanted to become a Division I national discus champion.

Was it a lofty goal? No doubt. Was it possible for Snyder? As it turns out, yes, he was on to something.

"I always kept track of what it would take, and what the people that did that looked like," he said during an interview Thursday in Vermillion. "I always thought there was a chance I could be at that point."

Mission accomplished. Or at least close to it.

Snyder, now a senior, will throw the discus at the NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships which will be held June 10-13 in Eugene, Oregon. He will be joined by USD teammates Amber Eichkorn (10,000-meter run) and Hunter Wilkes (pole vault) at the national meet.

Snyder qualified for the national championships with a discus toss of 180 feet, 1 inch at the West Preliminaries last week in Texas. That mark is far from his personal best, however – Snyder reached 194-6 earlier this spring in Texas.

Regardless, though, he will return to the nation's top stage for one final shot at a national title.

"The first time I went, it was like, 'Thank God I made it, I'm just happy to be here,'" Snyder said. "Now it's like, I want a little more."



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Is he thinking national championship? At least a first team All-American selection, which would mean a top-8 finish,

Snyder said.

Although Snyder is seeded 24<sup>th</sup> out of 24 participants in the discus, his coaches aren't about to count him out of that conversation.

"In discus, anything can happen," men's track coach Dave Gottsleben said.

Snyder, for what it's worth, was ranked third in the event coming into the West Preliminaries in Texas, but still managed to qualify for nationals despite going 14 feet shy of his season best.

"Now he'll be much more relaxed," Gottsleben said. "The toughest meet is actually that first round, especially when you're kind of expected to move on. That's a lot of pressure on a kid."

But not so much for a kid who boasts the kind of experience Snyder owns.

As is usually the case with small-town athletes and especially college-bound athletes, he was a multi-sport standout at Andes Central. In addition to his track exploits, he was a football star.

His true passion, though, centered on track, in particular throwing the shot put and discus.

During the summer of 2009, Snyder finished 10<sup>th</sup> at the USATF National Junior Olympic Championships, and



P&D FILE PHOTO

South Dakota senior Cody Snyder, a Lake Andes native, fires the discus during a meet earlier this season. Snyder will compete in the discus at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships June 10-13 at Eugene, Oregon.

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## NCAA Decision, Not Coach's Departure, Will Decide Fate Of SDSU Equestrian

BROOKINGS (AP) — The fate of South Dakota State University's equestrian program lies with an upcoming NCAA decision and won't be affected by the departure of the program's head coach, school athletic director Justin Sell said.

Coach Megan Rossiter is leaving, effective June 30, to pursue other opportunities, after leading SDSU's program to the National Collegiate Equestrian Association National Championships twice in four years.

NCAA officials are expected to decide later this month whether to continue recognizing equestrian as an intercollegiate sport. If the NCAA continues to recognize the horse-riding sport, SDSU will continue to field a team through its athletic department, Sell told the Argus Leader. If the NCAA decision goes the other way, SDSU would make equestrian a club sports program, he said.

In the meantime, SDSU will look for a new head coach.

"As long as the NCAA continues to recognize (the sport), we're moving forward," Sell said.

The NCAA classified equestrian as "an emerging sport" in 2002, and it was given 10 years to reach 40 members. As of last fall, only 22 schools were offering the sport, and some were making plans to cancel it.

If the SDSU athletic department were to stop sanctioning equestrian, it likely would have to add another women's sport or two to remain in compliance with federal law aimed at ensuring equal opportunity for women in academic settings.

## Under The Tag



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Freeman's Maddie Kribell slides safely into home plate as Yankton Fury Black pitcher Jaidyn Wishon covers the base during the opening game of their youth softball double-header on Thursday at Yankton's Summit Fields. Results were not available at presstime.

## Xtreme Crush Mitchell In Sweep

The Yankton Fury Xtreme allowed a combined two hits in a doubleheader sweep of the Mitchell Adrenaline in girls' softball action on Thursday.

In the opener, Yankton's Hanna Cummins tossed a three-inning no-hitter in a 16-0 victory.

Traia Hubbard hit two home runs, driving in four, to lead Yankton. Meryle Mason

went 3-3 with two doubles and three RBI. Liz Suing had two doubles and three RBI. Lexie McCorkell had two hits, including a triple. Alix Peterka added a hit in the victory.

Cummins struck out six and walked four.

In the nightcap, an eight-run third was enough in an 8-0 victory.

Mason had three hits, and

Megan McCorkell and Lexie McCorkell each had two hits for Yankton. Alix Peterka tripled, and Bailey Peterka, Holly Mines, Hubbard and Britney Davis each had a hit in the win.

Holly Mines struck out eight in the five-inning contest for the win.

The Xtreme, 13-14-2, travel to Mitchell for a rematch with the Adrenaline on Tuesday.

## Sandoval's Error In 9th Sends Hunter, Twins Over Red Sox

BOSTON (AP) — A surprising strategy by first-year manager Paul Molitor fit the way the Minnesota Twins have been playing so far this season.

Red Sox third baseman Pablo Sandoval mishandled a throw on a bunt by star Joe Mauer in the ninth inning, and the Twins broke away from Boston 8-4 Thursday for a four-game split.

The Twins trailed 4-0 going into the fifth. It was 4-all in the ninth when Minnesota put runners on first and second with no outs against Koji Uehara (2-3).

Mauer bunted and catcher Blake Swihart threw to third — low, but catchable — and the ball went under Sandoval's glove, allowing Brian Dozier to score the go-ahead run.

"Nobody expected that one," Minnesota's Torii Hunter said. "I think that's why everything went kind of haywire. Rough throw right there and different things like that."

"I don't think anybody in baseball, or TV or anything thought Joe Mauer was going to bunt. He did and caused the havoc right there," he said.

Trevor Plouffe followed with an RBI single. Eduardo Escobar doubled home a run and Shane Robinson had a sacrifice fly off Craig Breslow.

Hunter hit his 200th home run in a Twins uniform and added two singles. Hunter's career 339th homer was a three-run shot.

Kurt Suzuki singled three times, helping Minnesota to its ninth win in 12 games that raised its surprising record to 11 games over .500.

"They might not be looking for it," Molitor said of the bunt. "Realistically, the bunt defense is just trying to get an out."

Swihart hit his first major league homer and Dustin Pedroia also had a solo homer for Boston, which has lost eight of 11.

But it was a bunt that sent the sloppy Red Sox reeling.

"I tried to do everything I could to stop the ball," Sandoval said. "(It got) under my glove."

The Red Sox committed three errors and had at least three runners cut down by questionable baserunning.

"Absolutely," manager John Farrell said when asked if he takes mistakes personally. "That was a poor display of baseball today. Those situations are addressed individually, it's addressed collectively, and we will continue to do so."

Aaron Thompson (1-1) worked one scoreless inning for the victory.

Boston built its early lead on the homers by Swihart and Pedroia, and two unearned runs.

The Twins rallied in the fifth when Hunter homered off a billboard above the Green

Monster seats.

In the sixth, Sandoval threw away a two-out grounder for a two-base error and Suzuki singled home the tying run.

Swihart hit his home run completely out of Fenway Park, clearing the Monster seats to make it 3-0 in the third. Pedroia led off the next inning with a drive to left.

Twins starter Tommy Milone, recalled from Triple-A before the game, gave up four runs — two earned — and nine hits in five innings.

Red Sox starter Steven Wright gave up six hits in six innings.

### CLIMBING UP THE CHARTS

Hunter was thrilled to be moving up the Twins' all-time HR list.

"It means a lot," he said. "Two hundred with the Twins — that's longevity. You've got to play a long time to do that. I'm happy to go out there and have 200 home runs in this uniform — one by behind (Gary Gaetti), that's what they told me today."

### STOP THE MADNESS

Hanley Ramirez, on second with one out in the seventh, was tagged out by the third baseman on a groundball to third. Xander Bogaerts then singled to right-center and Mike Napoli was cut down easily trying to score all the way from first.

"It was an aggressive decision," Farrell said. "We're forcing the issue there a little bit. Unfortunately, it did not work out."

### TRAINERS' ROOM

Twins: Put RHP Ricky Nolasco on the 15-day disabled list because of an injured right ankle he sustained in his previous start. He had a side session on Thursday before the club decided it was best to put him on the DL. "It became apparent rather quickly when he started trying to load off his right side and get some torque created when he needed to push off the rubber," Molitor said. "You could see him start to grimace a little bit. The session didn't last very long."

Red Sox: RHP Justin Masterson, on the 15-day DL with shoulder tendinitis, was scheduled to make his second rehab start Thursday, working for Double-A Portland.

### UP NEXT

Twins: RHP Kyle Gibson (4-3, 2.61 ERA) is scheduled to go against Milwaukee RHP Kyle Lohse (3-6, 6.50) when the Twins open a six-game homestand.

Red Sox: LHP Wade Miley (4-5, 4.97 ERA) is slated to face Oakland LHP Scott Kazmir (2-3, 2.93) when the clubs start a three-game series on Friday at Fenway. Miley was tagged for six runs in four innings, taking the loss last Saturday at Texas.

## UFC Announces Extensive Doping Tests

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The UFC is partnering with the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency for a landmark drug testing program in the mixed martial arts promotion.

USADA will independently administer multiple year-round, unannounced tests to the UFC's fighters when the program begins July 1, the promotion announced. Fighters will be subject to multiyear suspensions for even a first failure under a policy modeled on the World Anti-Doping Agency's code.

"(The) UFC's goal for this policy is to have the best anti-doping program in all of professional sport," said Jeff Novitzky, the UFC's new vice president of athlete health and performance.

After years of relying on government agencies to help monitor its fighters in a sport notorious for performance-enhanc-

ing drug use, the UFC is paying unspecified millions to turn over the responsibility to USADA.

"The UFC ... has taken the brave and important step to externalize their anti-doping programs to USADA," said Edwin Moses, the former Olympic hurdler and chairman of USADA's board of directors. "And because of the leadership shown by the UFC, these athletes will now have the anti-doping program they deserve."

The UFC's new policies also include heavy sanctions for steroid use: A suspension between one and four years for a first offense depending on circumstances, along with a possible eight-year ban for a second offense and a possible lifetime ban for a third violation.

A first-time violation of tests for other banned substances such as marijuana and cocaine will result in a ban between one and three years. Fighters will only be tested for these substances "in competi-

tion," defined as the period between six hours before the weigh-in and six hours after the fight.

Fighters also could forfeit victories, titles, rankings and purses if they fail a test before a bout.

The program will include a minimum of 2,750 combined tests per year. The UFC has more than 600 fighters under contract.

"Any fighter on our roster now has the potential that they could be caught," UFC CEO Lorenzo Fertitta said. "There could be major fights that fall out, and we're prepared to deal with that. That's just a consequence. Hopefully it won't happen, but if it does, we understand that."

Fighters will be required to tell USADA of their whereabouts at all times, just like the standards imposed on Olympic athletes. Three missed tests would con-