



DAVID

Sender

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David Sender, 19, is a gymnast to watch in the men's program. David finished fifth on still rings at the 2005 American Cup, which was also a World Cup event. He said, "It was exciting to compete in my first World Cup event. I gained lots of experience."

David is a freshman from Stanford University where he's coached by Thom Glielmi and J.D. Reive. Glielmi said, "David is not willing to settle for doing stock gymnastics. He wants to push to do more difficulty and to perform trend setting gymnastics. He's always working on being the first guy to do a new skill."

A two-time national vault champion, Sender won this event at the 2005 Winter Cup Challenge and the 2004 Visa Championships. Known for his power, David has three categories of vaults valued at a 9.90 start

value including: Yurchenko two and a half twist, Kasamatsu full and a half twist, and Handspring Front layout double full twist. Coach Glielmi said, "We're trying to turn one of these up to a 10.00."

Sender competed internationally twice in 2003. At the Junior International Invitational in Japan he won rings and vault and was third in the all-around and on pommel horse. Also in 2003 he was a member of the bronze medal winning team at the 2003 Sr. Pan American Games in the Dominican Republic.

This Chicago-native trained at Buffalo Grove Gymnastics with his coaches Don Osborn and Kelly Crumley before heading to Stanford. His past claim to fame was winning the all-around title at the 2004 JO National Championships.



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David is looking forward to competing in the Visa Championships this August in Indianapolis. He said, "Lots of my family and friends are planning to drive over to the event so it will be nice to compete so close to home."

As for the future, David would like to make 2005 World Championships team and stay at that level for the next four years. Coach Glielmi added, "We have the big picture in mind which is the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing."