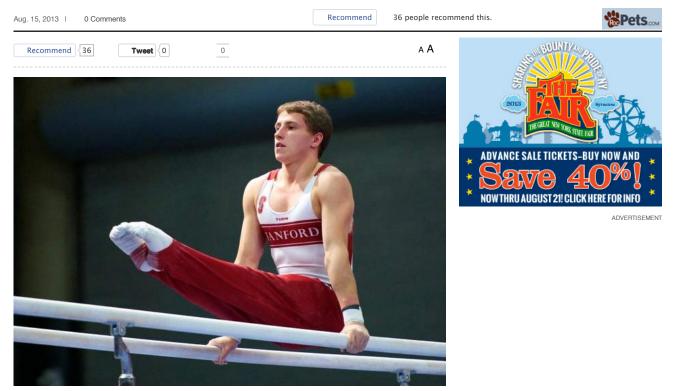


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Penfield's Eddie Penev will compete in Connecticut on Friday. / John Cheng// USA Gymnastics

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Sports Penfield Rochester **HARTFORD, CONN.** — Eddie Penev will start a new quest on his 23rd birthday Friday.

The Penfield native will celebrate the day by taking the competition floor at the P&G U.S. National Gymnastics Championships at Hartford's XL Center, the first nationals of his post-collegiate gymnastics life, and the first step toward his new goal of making the 2016 <u>Summer</u> & Olympics as a member of the U.S. Gymnastics team.

Penev, who has international gymnastics experience competing for his parents' native country of Bulgaria, is committed to the audacious three-year build up to the Rio games.

"I think this is something that, with more work and more refinement, is within my capabilities," said Penev before he took the floor for training on Wednesday. "I'm going to give it a go and make the most of it."

USA Gymnastics, the sport's governing body, has matched Penev's stated commitment. Two weeks ago, they named him to the 11

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athlete Team Hilton HHonors program, a financial and training support program given only to male gymnasts the organization believe represent their best chances in future international competition. Penev joins 2012 Olympic all-around bronze medalist Danell Leyva and 2012 national champion John Orozco in the program.

"A lot of the top guys are sponsored by Team Hilton HHonors, so I'm honored to be a part of that team," said Penev. "And it definitely helps funding wise."

The organization's support will allow Penev to stay out west at Stanford University to train over the next year. He completed his career for the Cardinal this past spring, where he finished second on floor exercise and third all-around at the 2013 NCAA Championships. Penev capped off his nine-time All-American college & career by being named the 2013 winner of the Nissen-Emery Award, recognizing him as the best senior gymnast in college gymnastics.

Though his NCAA eligibility has concluded, Penev will stay at Stanford to complete two additional guarters of academic of work and train with his former teammates. He admits growing to enjoy the West Coast for its climate, but more so because of the level of training he can receive there.

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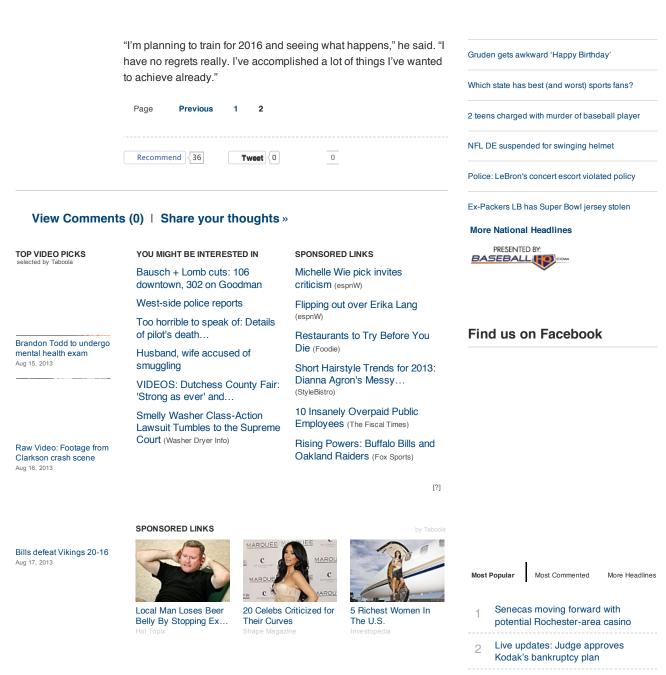
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	international competition in a gymnastics-entrenched family (his 12- year old brother, Kevin, is a Level 10 gymnast and his mother, Youlia Cross, co-owns Rochester Gymnastics Academy in East			ADVERTISEMENT	
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	obsessive," he admitted. "It's <u>learning</u> guess. How to get in the gym and get sidetracking."				
	Penev's training habits have paid off Friday evening's competition on, the l time on it during Wednesday's 2½ ho back for an extra rotation to work on h	ost			
	"Over the past year, my high bar has i lot of upgrades there," he said.	ota			
	Floor exercise is where Penev hopes most. He begins his routine with a Ara out, a skill that was named after him in June's World Challenge Cup with his order to continue to be a part of the U	abian double front layout n 2011. He finished sixth floor routine, but knows .S. team at future internat	half in that in		
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	"My floor and vault have always been solid, but I have been working on two or three other events that will help me eventually get on to a national and hopefully maybe a world or Olympic team berth."		Urking .	suspended Miller	
	But Penev is taking the next stage of step at a time. "Honestly I have the me weekend. To go out and hit my routing what we're trained to do."	ost simple goals for this		BUICC	
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