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**WRESTLING UPDATE**

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## **MANNY RIVERA TAKES BRONZE AT PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Monterrey, Mexico - Former University of Minnesota wrestler, Manny Rivera competed at the Pan-American Championships this past weekend (Mat. 2), earning a bronze medal for Mexico.

Rivera was competing in Freestyle in the Pan-Am Championships, and earned Bronze Medal honors at the 66 kg (145.5 lbs) weight class. He shared the bronze with Haislan Garcia of Canada, while Geandry Garzon of Cuba won the gold medal and Pedro Soto of Puerto Rico took home the silver.

Rivera was part of a Mexican team that took fourth at the event with 46 total team points. Cuba led the way with 60 team points, ahead of Canada with 57. The United States rounded out the top-three with 50 points.

While at the University of Minnesota, Rivera closed his career by earning All-American honors in 2007-08, placing seventh at 141 pounds. He was a three-time NCAA qualifier and was a member of the Golden Gophers 2007 National Championship team.

He was also a three-time place-winner at the Big Ten Championships, finishing as Big Ten runner-up in his senior season.

Rivera came to the University of Minnesota in 2003 from Rosemead High School in El Monte, Calif. where he was a 2003 NHSCA Senior National Champion.

He remains a member of Golden Gopher wrestling, in his second season on the staff as an Administrative Assistant.

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