

## Brownsburg's Snider glad for soccer experience

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Former Brownsburg soccer standout Jonathon "Yogi" Snider and the Pike Indy Burn under-19 boys' soccer team fell short of its national title goal last week, going 0-2-1 at the US Youth Soccer National Championships in Lancaster, Mass. But that didn't render the trip -- or the team's nine-year run under coach Isang Jacob -- meaningless. Far from it. "It was very unfortunate the way things turned out in Lancaster," Snider wrote in an e-mail, "but the experience was awesome.

"This team has been through so much and worked so hard. Our goal was a national championship, but I think that we can be proud of how well we have played together and how much fun we have had over the years." Snider played five years with the squad, which became the first Indiana U19 boys team to win a regional title since 1988. A defender who is entering his sophomore season at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Snider also said the experience should help him on the college level, where he plays alongside former high school teammates Tyler Fritch and Kyle Gentile, plus Avon's Derek Craig.

"(The Burn) kept me playing competitive soccer all summer," Snider wrote, "and it has also left me without a championship trophy--something my team and I will strive for this coming fall."

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