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**AKRON, Ohio** - Kent State's **Colin McCracken** earned freestyle All-American status this past weekend with a sixth-place finish at the USA Wrestling UWW U23 Nationals inside Stile Athletics Field House.

Competing for the Golden Pride Wrestling Club, McCracken won six matches over two days, including two by technical fall in the 92 KG bracket. He defeated Kyle Lightner of Rutgers (NJRTC) 8-4 to earn a spot in the medal round.

"If you look at our history, everyone that's been a freestyle All-American has gone on to be an NCAA All-American," Head Coach **Jim Andrassy** said of former wrestlers Danny Mitcheff, Dustin Kilgore, Ian Miller, Mike DePalma and Kyle Conel.

After competing strictly in open tournaments this past season, McCracken looks to return to Kent State's lineup as a redshirt sophomore at 197.

"He's gotten stronger over the year for his weight class," Andrassy said. "He was very consistent. He didn't make many mistakes. He wrestled hard and he looked a lot more confident than he did as a true freshman. Even though the style is different from college, this whole experience is going to make him a better all-around wrestler."

Other successful showings from Kent State wrestlers included **Kody Komara**, went 4-2 in the KG bracket, while **Jake Ferri** posted a 3-2 mark.

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