

WR: Double Dose of Buckeye Gold at Grand Prix of Spain

Stieber, Snyder win titles without surrendering a point

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COLUMBUS, Ohio – If Saturday’s results at the Grand Prix of Spain are any indication, **Logan Stieber** and **Kyle Snyder** are ready to chase another gold medal at next month’s World Championships in Paris.

Both Snyder and Stieber won titles on Saturday in Madrid – Stieber at 61kg and Snyder at 97kg. And, they were both impressive in doing it – neither one of them surrendered a single point in four matches.

In total, the U.S. men’s freestyle team crowned seven gold medalists, posting a 25-0 record with 17 technical falls and four pins between them all. Three of the seven won their titles without allowing a single point.

Stieber, who earlier in the week earned the No. 2 seed for the World Championships, won his four matches by an aggregate score of 39-0. His first round win (10-0) came over an opponent from Italy and then Belarus, France and Spain.

So far this year, Stieber has competed for Team USA at the Freestyle World Cup in Iran, where he helped the Americans win a silver medal, and took third place at the Pan American Championships in May. A month ago, he was the 61kg champion at the World Team Trials in Lincoln, Neb., which punched his ticket to Paris next month and an opportunity to defend the World title that he won in December.

Snyder, who improved to 45-5 in international competitions since the summer of 2015, won all four of his matches today by identical 10-0 scores. His first round opponent was from Sweden, followed by Russia, Iran and South Africa.

Since becoming the youngest American to win a wrestling gold medal last August in Rio, Snyder has competed several times overseas while also helping the Buckeyes to a Big Ten title and NCAA second-place finish in 2016-17. The NCAA champion at 285 lbs., Snyder won the Ivan Yarygin Grand Prix in January and the Pan American Championships in May. In addition to being the youngest Olympic champion in U.S. wrestling history, he’s also the youngest World champion, a title he won in September of 2015. Snyder will be the No. 1 seed at 97kg at the World Championships in August.

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