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#### Results

**WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind.** – Four Purdue wrestlers placed at the U23 Men's Freestyle World Team Trials at the Louis and Freda Stile Athletic Field House in Akron, Ohio, on Sunday. [Christian Brunner](#) led the way by making the finals at 92 kg, followed by a fifth-place finish from [Kendall Coleman](#) at 70 kg and seventh-place showings from [Parker Filius](#) and [Max Lyon](#) at 65 kg and 86 kg, respectively.

Brunner won four matches, including two by fall, on his way to the 92 kg best-of-three championship series. He pinned his first opponent of the tournament, Nicholas Casperson (Jackrabbit WC) in 1:36, and Kyle Lightner (NJRTC) in 4:02 in the quarterfinals. In the semifinals it was a 17-7 (4:05) technical fall over Kaden Russell (Blue Blood WC) that lifted Brunner into the finals.

Jake Woodley (Oklahoma) won the championship series against Brunner 10-0 (2:25) and 7-4, but Woodley is not a lock for the U23 men's freestyle World Team. Bo Nickal (Nittany Lion WC) is slated to compete for a spot on the U.S. men's senior freestyle national team at Final X – Rutgers, however he has the ability to challenge Woodley for the U23 world team spot.

Last year Brunner placed fourth at 92 kg at the U23 Men's Freestyle World Team Trials and ended up being selected to Team USA, competing at the U23 Freestyle World Championships in Bucharest, Romania.

Coleman avenged a quarterfinal loss to Mike Dangelo (NJRTC), 17-6 (5:01), in the fifth-place match at 70 kg. The win was his sixth over the course of two days in the 128-man bracket. One of Coleman's three technical falls was a 13-1 (2:29) victory against Duke 141-pound NCAA qualifier Josh Finesilver (Blue Blood WC) in the round of 16.

It is the second time in as many freestyle tournaments Coleman has placed at since landing in West Lafayette. The to-be redshirt freshman also placed seventh at the UWW Junior Freestyle National Championships at 70 kg in April.

Filius and Lyon had to storm through the consolation side of 128-man brackets in order to place. In the seventh-place match at 65 kg, Filius needed just 0:37 to take a 10-0 match from Alex Madrigal (George Mason). Filius won five straight in wrestlebacks to get into the consolation quarterfinals, where he suffered an 11-5 loss to Cody Trybus (Navy-Marine Corps RTC). Overall the Havre, Montana, native finished the tournament at 8-2 with six technical falls.

Lyon opened on a tear, outscoring opponents 31-0 with three first period technical falls. Six points in the second period by Max Dean (Cornell), the 2019 NCAA runner-up at 184 pounds, were the difference in a 10-5 round of 16 decision. Lyon's offense returned in wrestlebacks with three more first-period technical falls. Binghamton's 184-pound NCAA qualifier Lou Deprez halted Lyon's run in the consolation quarterfinals, 5-2. The seventh-place match saw Lyon lead from start to finish in an 8-6 victory over Jonathan Loew (Finger Lakes RTC).

Nine other Purdue wrestlers were also in action at the U23 Men's Freestyle World Team Trials: Nathan Cummings (57 kg); [Bjorn Schroeder](#), [Marshall Craig V](#), [Jack Cheney](#) (61 kg); [Elijah Davis](#), [Emil Soehnlen](#) (74 kg); [Tanner Webster](#) (79 kg); [Thomas Penola](#) (86 kg); and [David Eli](#) (97 kg).

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