



UTAH VALLEY WOLVERINES



Orndorff and Bastian place at UWW Cadet & U23 Nationals

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AKRON, Ohio - A pair of Utah Valley University wrestlers had strong showings at the 2018 UWW Cadet and U23 Nationals over the weekend, as both [Tate Orndorff](#) and [Kimball Bastian](#) earned podium finishes at the tournament.

Orndorff led the way by wrestling his way to a pair of podium finishes at the summer competition. In the U23 Greco-Roman tournament, Orndorff first earned a runner-up finish at 130 kilos, before placing fourth at 125 kilos in the U23 Freestyle event. Orndorff, who redshirted the 2017-18 campaign for the Wolverines, will enter his redshirt freshman season in the fall for Utah Valley.

Orndorff went 3-1 en route to earning the second-place finish in the U23 Greco-Roman tournament with a trio of technical falls. His lone defeat was a 2-0 setback in the championship match to NYAC's Cohlton Schultz. In the U23 Freestyle event, Orndorff then posted a 5-2 record on his way to recording a fourth-place finish. Orndorff won his first four bouts before falling to Matt Stencel of Central Michigan in the semifinals. The UVU heavyweight then responded nicely with a 10-2 victory over Garrett Ryan of Columbia in the consolation semis to reach the third-place bout. Orndorff then finished fourth with a tightly contested 10-9 setback to David Jensen of Nebraska.

Bastian too earned a podium finish in the U23 Freestyle competition by placing third at 79 kilos. The 2018 NCAA qualifier and rising UVU junior wrestler posted a 6-1 outing on his way to recording the third-place finish. His lone loss of the tournament was a 6-2 semifinal setback to David McFadden of Virginia Tech. During his strong outing, Bastian picked up a pair of upset victories over multiple-time All-American Joe Smith of Oklahoma State including a quarterfinal victory and the third-place match as well.

Both Orndorff and Bastian represented Utah Valley RTC (Regional Training Center) at the tournament.

After taking third at the U.S. Open in April, [Taylor LaMont](#) will attempt to make another Junior World Team later this week in at the Junior Greco World Team Trials in Indianapolis, Indiana. At the end of the month, Orndorff will then again compete at the U.S. Greco World Team Trials in Tulsa, Oklahoma.