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TAMPERE, Finland - Utah Valley University redshirt freshman grappler [Taylor LaMont](#) wrestled his way to a fifth-place finish at 60 kilograms for the United States of America at the 2017 UWW Junior Greco-Roman World Championships on Saturday in Tampere, Finland.

A year removed from winning a bronze medal at the same tournament, LaMont dropped a controversial one-point decision to Russia's Magomed Magomedov in this year's bronze medal contest to tie for fifth. With Magomedov holding to a 2-1 score as time expired in the match, the U.S. called for a challenge saying that Magomedov illegally grabbed LaMont's singlet to stop LaMont's final throw attempt. The challenge was denied, however, as LaMont finished his 2017 UWW Junior World Championship with a 2-2 record and a fifth-place finish.

Earlier in the day, the Wolverine redshirt freshman won his first two bouts of the tournament to reach the semifinal round. LaMont started his 2017 Junior Worlds journey with a 6-2 victory over Maksim Nehoda of Belarus before getting past Sweden's Ardit Fazlijija by a score of 8-3 to advance to the semis. In the semifinal bout against Ukraine's Oleksandr Hrushyn, Hrushyn got the best of LaMont by pulling out a 6-1 win to send the Wolverine grappler to the bronze medal match.

Fellow Americans, Kamal Bey and Cevion Severado, too had strong showings for the USA at the UWW Junior Greco World Championships as they earned respective gold and silver medal finishes. Bey became the USA's first Greco World Champion since 1999 by winning the championship at 74 KG, while Severado dropped his gold medal bout to earn a silver medal finish at 50 KG.

To view complete results from the tournament, visit TrackWrestling.com.