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TULSA, Okla. - Utah Valley All-American [Demetrius Romero](#) bid for a second All-American honor came up short on Friday night at the BOK Center as Romero fell in sudden victory to No. 5 seeded Dustin Plott of Oklahoma State.

"Demetrius put it all out there. It was a tough loss for him with a podium finish and All-American status on the line. We are proud of D and all that he has accomplished in his time here at Utah Valley," said UVU head coach Greg Williams.

In the opening period, Romero jumped out to an early with a takedown 32 seconds into the period. After holding the 2-0 lead, Plott came back and scored on an escape to cut the lead to 2-1 after one.

In the second, the OSU All-American used a reversal 11 seconds in to take a 3-2 lead before losing the lead after an escape made the score 3-3. Each grappler picked stalling warnings in the match, but Romero took advantage of a penalty point to take a 4-3 advantage. The match was tied up in the final minute after a takedown by the OSU veteran to take a 5-4 lead into the final period.

It was an action-packed third period with multiple leg attacks between both wrestlers. Romero used an escape five seconds into the third period to tie the match at 5-5. The match remained and went overtime. In the sudden victory, Plott scored on a takedown five seconds into the match to advance to the next round.

As he concludes his UVU career, the two-time Big 12 Champion and 2021 All-American finishes in second place with 97 career victories at UVU.

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