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**Silver for Snyder!**

*Three-time NCAA Champion falls 6-3 in Olympic final to rival Sadulaev*

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**COLUMBUS, Ohio** – Kyle Snyder, the 2016 Olympic Champion and three-time NCAA Champion with Ohio State, earned a silver medal Saturday after a 6-3 loss to rival Abdulrashid Sadulaev of ROC at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.

Sadulaev took an early 2-0 lead in the first period after Snyder was put on the shot clock and was unable to score in 30 seconds and later was pushed out for another point for Sadulaev.

In the second period, Sadulaev took a 6-0 lead after a pair of two-point counters following Snyder shots. Despite scoring the final three points of the match on a takedown and a Sadulaev step out, the deficit proved to be too much for Snyder to overcome.

Snyder won three matches Friday at 97kg to advance to the gold medal match in the men's freestyle competition at the Makuhari Messe Hall A.

The three wins for Snyder set up the gold medal final against his archrival, another 2016 Olympic champion and four-time World champion, Sadulaev of ROC. At the 2016 Olympics, Snyder was the 97 kg champion, while Sadulaev won at 86 kg.

Sadulaev moved up to 97 kg in 2017 and reached the world finals, where Snyder defeated him. In the finals of the 2018 World Championships, Sadulaev scored a first-period pin over Snyder.

Snyder was the reigning Olympic champion at 97 kg and a 2015 and 2017 World champion. He added a World silver medal in 2018 and a World bronze medal in 2019. He is also a past Junior World champion. Originally from Woodbine, Md., Snyder was a three-time NCAA champion at Ohio State.

**OLYMPIC GAMES**

**At Makuhari, Chiba, Japan, August 6**

**Group Three U.S. men's freestyle results**

97 kg - Kyle Snyder

WIN Jordan Steen (Canada), tech. fall 12-2

WIN Abraham Conyedo Ruano (Italy), 6-0

WIN Suleyman Karadeniz (Turkey), 5-0

LOSS Abdurashid Sadulaev (ROC), 6-3



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