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**FARGO, N.D.** - Incoming Utah Valley University wrestler Yusief Lillie earned All-American honors at the 2021 U.S. Marine Corps Junior National Championships in freestyle competition this week at the FargoDome by reaching the prestigious finals and taking second in his weight class.

The honor marks the fourth time that Lillie has earned Fargo Freestyle All-American honors, as he's previously also placed second, third and fourth at Junior Nationals during his high school career in freestyle competition.

The incoming 125-pound UVU freshman reeled off an impressive six-match winning streak en route to advancing to the championship finals this week at Junior Nationals in freestyle competition at 120 pounds. Lillie, who hails from Orting, Wash., where he was a three-time Washington state champion in which he won titles at both Tahoma and Bonney Lake High School, then matched up with Illinois commit Kannon Webster in the title match. Webster went on to defeat Lillie by a score of 12-1 in the national championship match.

During his impressive six-match winning streak this week on his way to advancing to the finals, Lillie picked up wins over Isaac Price of Utah (10-0), Caelan Riley of Illinois (5-4), Eli Kirk of Oklahoma (7-5), Marlon Yarbrough of Ohio (3-2), Christian Tanefeu of North Dakota (4-3), and Grigior Cholakyan of California (5-1). Lillie finished his 2021 All-American run by going 6-1 at the national championship event.

Lillie will be a freshman for the Wolverines in 2021-22 and will wrestle at 125 pounds for the Wolverines.

To read more about Lillie, click [HERE](#).

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