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Wrestling's Matt Wroblewski Places Eighth at Junior World Championships

Trnava, Slovakia - Illinois wrestling's [Matt Wroblewski](#) placed eighth with his losses coming to the eventual silver and bronze medalists at the Junior World Wrestling Championships in Trnava, Slovakia this past weekend. Wroblewski represented Poland at 202 pounds (92kg) at the Championships.

"Being able to go overseas and wrestle is always a great experience," said Wroblewski. "It's a lot different than what you see here in the United States just when it comes down to the style of wrestling. There's nothing better than being able to compete against the best wrestlers in the world. I was able to see my hard work and training pay off against the best wrestlers on the planet which is awesome to know I'm right there with these guys."

The Junior World Championships took place Sept. 17-23. The yearly event features the world's best wrestlers between the ages of 18-20 years old. Wroblewski's parents, Adam and Agnes, moved to the U.S. from Poland, and Matt holds dual-citizenship. Wroblewski is entering his redshirt freshman season for the Illini.

"This was a great experience for Matt, and will go a long way in his development," said Illinois head coach [Jim Heffernan](#). "Competing at this level is invaluable, and I was proud of the way Matt wrestled."

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