

BWA GBR TEAM REPORT: 12th FEBRUARY 2007

**FILA JUNIOR WRESTLING TOURNAMENT IN WOLFURT, AUSTRIA,
SATURDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY 2007**



On Saturday 10th February 2007, seven members of the Great Britain Junior Wrestling Team competed in the first FILA international tournament of the year in Wolfurt, Austria. The tournament had 350 competitors from nine countries including Hungary, Czech Republic, Switzerland, Italy, and Germany.

The standard was high throughout the competition and it was an excellent test for some of our most promising junior athletes competing against quality opposition.

Although, the average number of competitors in each weight class was 18 – 20, our athletes wrestled well taking four bronze medals and finishing third out of 42 teams competing in the tournament

The best performances came from Philip Roberts who showed excellent technique in his six matches to take bronze at 63kgs.

Dave Sweeney impressed by taking bronze at 74kgs in his first FILA tournament. Other outstanding performances came from Leon Rattigan at 84kgs and Chinu in the heavyweight division who both took bronze at their respective weight classes.

Other athletes competing were, Jitinder Rakra (58kgs), Michael Grundy (69 kgs) and Sarah Grundy at 59 kgs.

Shaun Morley, the BWA Performance Director described the performance of the team in saying, “Our wrestlers showed a great deal of commitment and determination to win, which was shown by the results. This performance demonstrates the improvement some of our young athletes have made in recent months”.

Will Forbes, 11th February 2007.