

Young Wrestler Grapples With Success

By Jim Katzaman

Jack Bass sits poised, confident and seemingly ready to strike. His short, shorn hair caps a lean physique without an ounce of fat. He says he's a wrestler, with a childish grin, which is okay to say. Weighing little more than 50 pounds, 8-

year-old Jack Bass has his sights set as much on second grade as he does his next foray onto the mat.

Already a grizzled veteran as much as any youngster can be, Bass has spent almost half his life wrestling, at least that's how long he has collected tournament

wins, starting with a placement in the 2000 Cotton Bowl Classic. Since then he has compiled an enviable list of triumphs longer than his arms.

He could be a handful for his parents, Kim Bass, a small business specialist for Defense Energy Support Center, a part of