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Tournament Wrestler

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/// I felt stronger and more empowered. The training made me feel like I could take any opponent of mine. I was a tournament wrestler and when I won my first trophy I loved it! It was the first time that I felt like I did something.



Is there anything that you have to wear to feel complete and ready to compete?

I was not ready until I put on my headgear. Thirty seconds before my match it was "take off sweats and put on headgear"

Who do you become when you step onto the mat?

I would have to say that I felt more empowered. We would shake hands; sometimes I would shake his hand soft on purpose so he couldn't size me up. I felt stronger. Whether I won or loss he would have to fight to beat me. Inside I was still that kid in 2nd grade who had to prove himself.

How do you feel when you wrestle?

I forgot about everything. I didn't think of my family problems; I could forget about it all and accomplish something for 6 minutes. I felt like I was earning respect regardless of who won he had to respect me. It was always for me, not my coach or my parents. I got a chance to prove myself.

