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Boys & Girls Club LNV Valley Grapplers on Way to the States

Shelton, CT, June 18, 2008 – As their impressive season winds down, wrestlers from the Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley are preparing to compete in the Connecticut State Championships. In late November, 20 wrestlers ages 8-14, began practicing under the direction of Coach Roy Lenz and assistant coach Pete Cummings. The Grapplers' competitive season began January 6th in Madison with 7 of the 9 competing wrestlers winning medals in their individual brackets. Since then up to 12 boys have been competing in tournaments for six consecutive Sundays in Berlin, Somers, Windham, South Windsor, Southington, and Danbury. Their team record is 108 wins and 70 losses with 65 wins by pin. The boys have brought home an impressive total of 56 medals for their individual efforts.

Silver and bronze medal winners this season include two-time defending state champion Kyle McGinnis, along with Erik Roke, Michael Chernesky, and Eddie Groth. Gold medal winners are Billy Novak, Ed Hunt, Liam Cummings, Connor McGinnis, Sean Kellett, Logan Venghele, and Jeff Groth. Four of the group will be heading to high schools in the fall with J. Groth, Hunt, and Kellett continuing the sport.

For more information about the Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley, visit us on the web at www.bgc-lnv.com.

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