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Salmon hosts midget tourney

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Travel teams representing Spokane, Wash.; Missoula, Mont.; Ogden, Utah; Idaho Falls; and Sun Valley brought their finest midget hockey teams (ages 15 to 19) to compete in an annual midget hockey tournament in Salmon.

For many of the players and their parents, this was their first trip to Salmon and the unique outdoor rink.

Every visiting team plays indoors with manufactured ice under controlled conditions. So the opportunity to skate outside in the snow, cold and hard Salmon ice was a treat.

The championship game Sunday came down to the two Spokane teams. It took 45 minutes of regulation play through wind and snow and 4:30 of overtime to decide the winner.

Spokane 2 was victorious, with a slap shot between the goalie's legs to seal the victory.

Although Salmon didn't have the success it had hoped for, the coaches said it was a good experience nevertheless.

Salmon faced both Spokane teams, Sun Valley and Ogden.

In its first game, Salmon was bested by Sun Valley 7-2. Filling the net for Salmon was Levi Aldous with two goals. Assisting on the goals were Garret Stahl and Luke Nicks. Goalie Shawn Sabo made 23 saves on 30 shots.

In the second game, Salmon faced Spokane 1. Spokane took the game 3-1.

Scoring for Salmon was Grant Adams with an assist by Stahl. Tra Harkrader, Trent Rodgers, Tye Benedict, Zachary Dupree and Brian Berasi were all credited by their coaches with great defensive efforts. Sabo recorded 26 saves on 29 shots.

The third game matched Salmon with Ogden. The Salmon squad couldn't stay out of the penalty box and lost to its Utah foes 6-2. Scoring for Salmon were Adams and Katie Stratton. Assisting on the Stratton goal were Benedict and George Walston. Sabo made 24 saves on 30 shots.

Salmon's final game Sunday was against Spokane 2. Salmon found itself behind 5-0 and rallied to a respectable 6-2. Scoring for Salmon was Aldous and Nicks, with assists from Stahl, Nicks and Aldous. Sabo had 19 saves on 25 shots.

The Midgets are on the road next week with games in Boise.

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Squirts go 2-1 in Sun Valley

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The Idaho Falls Squirts A travel hockey team posted a 2-1 record over the weekend in a tournament in Sun Valley.

Idaho Falls defeated Sun Valley (No. 1) 3-0, led by Kasey Renfro's shutout. The Eagles also defeated Sun Valley (No. 2) 7-2, with a hat trick from Marcus Armstrong-Boyd.

Idaho Falls dropped its final game of the weekend 2-1 to Boise.

The team, which is coached by Roger Hott, John Stenersen and Randy Heyrend, will compete in Salmon from Feb. 1 through 3.

Idaho Falls 3, Sun Valley (No. 1) 0

Idaho Falls -- Goals: Parker Stenersen, Trevor Hott, Wilson Dobson. Assists: Brennon Witt.

Idaho Falls 7, Sun Valley (No. 2) 2

Idaho Falls -- Goals: Owen Woodward, Austin Carpenter, Connor Dunn, Marcus Boyd (3), Alex Dogal. Assists: Connor Jensen, Parker Stenersen, Drew Zagula, Owen Woodward, Quinton Heyrend, Brennon Witt, Trevor Hott.

Boise 2, Idaho Falls 1

Idaho Falls -- Goal: Conner Jensen. Assist: Connor Dunn.