

Golden Eagles second at Best of Southwest

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The Idaho Falls Midget Golden Eagles came away with a second-place finish at the Best of Southwest Hockey Tournament from Jan. 13 to 15 in Salt Lake City.

The games were highlighted by Ben Bowden's four goals, playmaker performances by Nathan Hersley, Mason Merrell and Heath Grover, and a heart-stopping performance in a game-winning shootout against Sun Valley by senior goalie Nick Contreras and goal-scorers Taylor Braase, Jared Latham and Merrell.

The Eagles' first two games matched them against all-star teams from Ogden and Provo, Utah, and resulted in two wins to wind up the first day's contests.

The second day matched the Eagles against a pesky Sun Valley squad, capped off by the overtime shootout victory.

The three wins guaranteed the I.F. skaters a spot in the championship game on the third day against a team of strong skaters from Boise.

The final game was hard-fought and hard-hitting with outstanding play on each side of the puck.

The Eagles took a 1-1 tie into the final three minutes of the game. But after allowing Boise a go-ahead goal, they were unable to pull the trigger on a tying goal to force an overtime.

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This marks the second year in a row that the Golden Eagles have come home with second place trophies from the Best of Southwest tournament.

**GAME 1
IDAHO FALLS GOLDEN EAGLES 8,
OGDEN WILDCATS 1**

GOALS: BEN BOWDEN (4), TAYLOR BRAASE (2), JARED LATHAM, NATHAN HERSHEY.
ASSISTS: MASON MERRELL (3), NATHAN HERSHEY (3), JARED LATHAM (2), ZEKE COLE (2), DEREK HEER, TAYLOR BRAASE, JAKE JOHNSON, BEN BOWDEN.
SAVES: NICK CONTRERAS (16).

**GAME 2
IDAHO FALLS GOLDEN EAGLES 7,
TIMPANOGOS (PROVO) TIMBERWOLVES 0**

GOALS: NATHAN HERSHEY (2), JARED LATHAM (2), JAKE JOHNSON, LOGAN WINTERHOLLER, ZEKE COLE.
ASSISTS: HEATH GROVER (3), TAYLOR BRAASE (2), JAKE JOHNSON, BEN BOWDEN, MASON MERRELL.
SAVES: AUSTIN MOOSO (2).

**GAME 3
IDAHO FALLS GOLDEN EAGLES 4,
SUN VALLEY SUNS 3**

GOALS: ZEKE COLE, NATHAN HERSHEY, LOGAN WINTERHOLLER.
SHOOTOUT GOALS: TAYLOR BRASSE, MASON MERRELL, JARED LATHAM.
ASSISTS: DEREK HEER, TAYLOR BRAASE.
SAVES: NICK CONTRERAS (24).
SHOOTOUT SAVES: NICK CONTRERAS (2).

**GAME 4
IDAHO FALLS GOLDEN EAGLES 2,
BOISE STEELHEADS 8**

GOALS: BEN CLAVER, BEN BOWDEN.
ASSISTS: NATHAN HERSHEY, BEN CLAVER.
SAVES: AUSTIN MOOSO (30).

**CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
IDAHO FALLS GOLDEN EAGLES 1,
BOISE STEELHEADS 2**

GOALS: ZEKE COLE.
ASSISTS: BEN CLAVER, ROBERT SHERICK.
SAVES: AUSTIN MOOSO (26).

High School Hockey

At Tautphaus Park Ice Rink
Saturday

SALMON 2, BONNEVILLE/HILLCREST 2

Salmon	0	2	0-2
Bonn/Hill	1	0	1-2

SALMON - Goals: K. Stratton, E. Aldous.
Assists: T. Harkrader, B. Berasi, G. Stahl, L. Hicks. Goalie: S. Sabo, 18 saves.

BONN/HILL - Goals: C. Ammon, P. Wheeler.
Assists: J. Forbush, H. Grover. Goalie: A. Moose, 20 saves.

SKYLINE 6, CACHE VALLEY

Note: no stats available

Sunday

SALMON 6, SKYLINE 2

Salmon	1	1	4-6
Skyline	1	0	1-2

SALMON - Goals: E. Daniels 3, G. Adams, G. Pflueger, T. Benedict. Assists: M. Brownlee 2.
Goalie: S. Sabo, 10 saves.

SKYLINE - Goals: T. Braase, Claver. Assists: Claver, Merrell, Carlson, T. Braase. Goalie: Cox, 11 saves.

**BONNEVILLE/HILLCREST 6,
CACHE VALLEY 0**

Note: no stats available

SALMON 3, IDAHO FALLS 1

Salmon	1	1	1-3
Idaho Falls	0	1	0-1

SALMON - Goals: G. Stahl, G. Adams, E. Daniels. Assists: Brownlee, Aldous. Goalie: S. Sabo, 18 saves.

IDAHO FALLS - Goals: R. Henderson. Assist: J. moon. Goalie: A. Mooso, 31 saves.