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I.F. squirts take on Winter Games

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The Idaho Falls Youth Hockey Association Squirt Division played in the Winter Games Tournament in Idaho Falls this past weekend.

Playing offense for the Eagles White travel team were Nick Andary, Jarek Baker, Py-Py Blank, Logan Carpenter, Coleson Dobson, Alex Dogal, Payton Hays, Ryland Jackman and Colter Miller.

Eric Berglund was in the net all five games. His defensemen in this tournament were Jacob Andersen, Robby Heaton, Ethan Johnson, Wyatt Koller, Hunter Leavitt and Kendall Olson.

The Eagles lost to the Billings Bulldogs 5-1, defeated Davis County, Utah, 4-1 and tied Jackson Hole 1-1.

In their final two games, the Eagles lost to the Boise Hawks 3-0 and 4-0. Dogal, Heaton, Leavitt and Miller scored goals. Assists were credited to Koller. The Eagles White will play Feb. 28 in Jackson Hole, Wyo.

The Idaho Falls Eagles Black won their game this past weekend against the Idaho Falls Squirt Cobblers 7-2.

The Eagles Black travel team goalie was Gavin Thomas, who had 20 saves on 22 shots on goal.

The team also includes Gunnar Batalden, Taylor Blossom, Ryan Christensen, Travis Ferrara, Dusty Gardner, Mason Jones, Carson Kantack, Brianna Maestas, Mark Mathison, Patrick Novak, Kelby Renfro, Gavin Thomas, Nick Tucker, Seth Turnage, Matthew Vadnais and JD Wells.

Blossom scored a hat trick, and Ferrara, Robinson and Tucker also scored. Assists were credited to Ferrara, Jones, Mathison, Robinson and Vadnais. Idaho Falls Black travels to Salmon on Feb. 21 to play in the Salmon Jamboree.

The Squirt Cobblers goalie was Joe Dekold, who saved 22 out of 29 shots on goal.

The team also includes Angel Alvarez, Isaac Boettcher, David Bush, Erik Cross, Robert Girling, Jason Hale, Jaeger Hegstrom, Matt Hill, Brianne Lasky, Alex Mandoka, Hunter Novich, Brayden Rencher, Knight Scott, Sarah Scott, and Angel Vasquez. Goals were scored by Cross and Hale.

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Starkel's hat trick propels Idaho Falls' win

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The Idaho Falls Eagles midget hockey team picked up a 5-2 win over Salmon on Saturday in Idaho Falls.

Derek Starkel notched a hat trick for Idaho Falls. Jerrod Latham scored two goals and two assists, and Matt Francis dished out two assists. Idaho Falls goalie Austin Mooso made 18 saves.

Garrett Stahl and Jason Walsh scored for Salmon. Levi Aldous had an assist, and goalie Shawn Sabo made 28 saves.

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Eagles win division in Salmon

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The Idaho Falls U14 girls hockey team won its division at the Salmon Invitational on Sunday.

In the finals, the Eagles beat the Utah Grizzlies 2-0 on goals by Lexi Rule and Kylee Weiland.

In pool play, the Eagles beat Missoula, Mont., 5-1 and Salmon 11-0. The Eagles lost to Utah in pool play 2-1.

Rule led the Eagles with four goals on the weekend. Miranda Moore and Weiland had three goals apiece, and Cheyanne Garcia scored two goals. Abby Lehto, Alanna Perry, Erika Zambrano, Brianna Smith, Erika Mattson, Jennifer Sobieski and Ashleigh Ferrara also scored.

The Eagles defense was stout all weekend, giving up only three goals on the weekend.

The defensive effort came from MacKenzie Jackman, Kylee Arave, Jerrika Sobieski, Zambrano and Smith.

Katie Merrill and Gabby Davis were the heart of the team, flying around every time they got on the ice.

Goalies Shantay Franco and Miranda Wachs saved more than 40 shots.

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U19 girls win tourney

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The Idaho Falls U19 girls hockey team took home the first-place trophy at the Salmon Invitational Tournament this past weekend.

The Salmon Lady Rapids hosted Idaho Falls, the Missoula (Mont.) Lady Bruins, Sun Valley Suns, and the Coeur d'Alene Thunderchicks.

The Eagles led off with a 5-0 win over Salmon. Clara Thomas and Katie Contreras each scored twice for Idaho Falls, while Marla Francis had one goal. Contreras and Francis each had an assist, as did Morgan Thornberry, Krystal Porraz and Miranda Blake. Eagle goaltender Gaby Batalden made seven saves for the shutout.

In the second game, Idaho Falls worked hard for a 3-1 win over Missoula. The Eagles worked the puck around and held it in the offensive zone for most of the game. In the first period, Francis scored with a wrist shot over the glove of the Bruin net minder off a pass from Thornberry for a 1-0 lead. Kayla Snyder scored the game-winning goal on an assist from Contreras in the second period. In the third, Contreras scored an insurance goal when Snyder reciprocated with a pass in the open ice. Batalden made 16 saves in the 3-1 win.

Idaho Falls defeated Sun Valley 3-1 despite falling behind in the first period. In the second period, Porraz evened the score with a shot from the right point that went over the Sun Valley goaltender's stick.

Thomas put the game away when she buried a rebound off another Porraz shot from the point. In the third period, Kaisha Merrell found a loose puck and banked it off the right post to bring the score to 3-1. Batalden stopped 13 out of 14 shots.

In their final game of the tournament, the Eagles rekindled their rivalry with Coeur d'Alene, picking up a 6-2 win. The Thunderchicks led the game 2-0 until late in the second period. Merrell cut the lead in half by pounding in a pass from Blake. Shortly into the third period, Snyder triggered an avalanche of Eagle goals when she put in a Contreras rebound.

Contreras scored the game winner when she picked off an errant Thunderchick pass, caused by pressure from Maurgan Scott, and put it in with a shot to the far post. Porraz followed with an end-to-end rush, rifling a shot in from the high slot. Contreras scored the fourth Eagle goal of the period when Merrell found her open in the left face-off circle. To top off the win, Francis stole the puck from a Coeur d'Alene defender and planted it high on the blocker side.

Staying undefeated meant that the Eagles took first place overall for the tournament. The next tournament is the IAHA State Tournament starting Feb. 20 in Boise.