

HOCKEY

Bowden propels Eagles for win

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The Idaho Falls Youth Hockey Association Midget Golden Eagles secured the runner-up position in the recent Best Of The Southwest Hockey Tournament on Feb. 4 and 5 in Salt Lake City.

Junior Ben Bowden provided the game-winning goal in a sudden death overtime period of the semifinal game against the Ice Dogs of Long Beach, Calif. on one of junior Mason Merrell's two assists in that game. The scoring opportunity originated on an assist from junior Robert Sherick.

In earlier action, the Eagles defeated both teams of Utah All-Stars and the Junior Wildcats from Ogden, Utah. Senior captain Matt Heady led the way in Game 1 against Utah All-Stars 2 with two goals. He and junior Taylor Braase each had two assists. Heady followed that up with a playmaker (three assists) and two goals in the game against Utah All-Stars 1, and senior Ricky Wilkins added two goals of his own. Sophomore Jake Johnson and Senior Luke Wescoat each

contributed two assists as well.

Solid goaltending by Nate Harvey and Austin Mooso was also crucial in the Eagles' success this weekend. Results are as follows:

Game 1

IDAHO FALLS 8, UTAH ALL-STARS II 3

GOALS: Matt Heady (2), Ricky Wilkins, Mason Merrell, Jared Latham, Nathan Hersley, Taylor Braase, Chase Beckman

ASSISTS: Matt Heady (2), Taylor Braase (2), Morgan Cole, Heath Grover, Nathan Hersley

SAVES: Nate Harvey (24)

Game 2

IDAHO FALLS 7, OGDEN JR. WILDCATS 4

GOALS: Morgan Cole, Chase Beckman, Nathan Hersley, Jordan Boyd, Jared Latham, Mason Merrell, Taylor Braase

ASSISTS: Jake Johnson, Taylor Braase, Ricky Wilkins, Joe Blake, Robert Sherick, Ben Bowden, Matt Heady, Mason Merrell.

SAVES: Austin Mooso (20).

Game 3

IDAHO FALLS 7, UTAH ALL-STARS I 2

GOALS: Ricky Wilkins (2), Morgan Cole, Heath Grover, Taylor Braase, Nathan Hersley, Jared Latham

ASSISTS: Matt Heady (3), Jake Johnson (2), Luke Wescoat (2), Ricky Wilkins, Robert Sherick, Jordan Boyd, Heath Grover, Derek Heer, Taylor Braase

SAVES: Nate Harvey (12)

Game 4 (semifinal)

IDAHO FALLS 4, LONG BEACH ICE DOGS 3

GOALS: Ricky Wilkins, Matt Heady, Taylor Braase, Ben Bowden

ASSISTS: Mason Merrell (2), Nathan Hersley (2), Matt Heady, Taylor Braase, Robert Sherick

SAVES: Austin Mooso (21)

Game 5 (championship)

IDAHO FALLS 0, WOOD RIVER SUNS 5

SAVES: Nate Harvey (33)