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I.F. pee wees go 1-1-2 at state

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The Idaho Falls Eagles pee wee hockey team finished the season on a frustrating note, ending the weekend with a win, a loss and two ties at the state tournament in Boise.

The Eagles beat Sun Valley to open the tournament 2-0. They then lost to the Boise Steelheads 5-1.

In the third game, the Eagles tied with Coeur d'Alene 1-1, forcing them into a must-win game Saturday.

The Eagles played great but again tied, this time 1-1 with McCall.

Marcus Armstrong and Jake Thornberry led the team in goals with two apiece. Trevor Hott also added a goal.

Wilson Dobson, Alex Peterson, Quinton Heyrend, Parker Stenersen and Hott added assists for the Eagles.

Trent Marvin, Jacob Dogal, Andrew Callin, Drew Zagula and Hott led a stiff defense in front of goaltender Ian Schoenrock, who finished with a save percentage of 91.56627 and a goal-against average of 1.75.

The Eagles end the season with a 21-3-2 record.

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Eagles take on Salmon Jamboree

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The Idaho Falls Youth Hockey Association squirt division sent one team to the Salmon Squirt/Mite Jamboree last weekend.

Idaho Falls Eagles Black played four games. Their defense line-up was Carson Kantack, Brianna Maestas, Kelby Renfro, Josh Robinson, Gavin Thomas and JD Wells. The offense consisted of Taylor Blossom, Ryan Christensen, Travis Ferrara, Dusty Gardner, Mark Mathison, Patrick Novak, Seth Turnage and Nick Tucker.

The first game was a 4-0 loss against the Sun Valley Grizzlies. Novak was in goal and had four saves on eight shots.

The second game was a 7-1 loss to the Sun Valley Wolves. Gavin Thomas played goalie and had 17 saves on 24 shots. Idaho Falls' goal was scored by Tucker.

The third game was close 2-1 loss to the Salmon Rapids. Joshua Robinson was in goal and had 20 saves on 22 shots. Idaho Falls' goal was scored by Mathison, and the assist was credited to Ferrara.

The Eagles' fourth game was a 4-0 loss to the Salmon Rapids. Novak was back in goal and had 11 saves out of 15 shots.

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Squirts make history in Chubbuck

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The Chubbuck-Pocatello Night Hawks hosted the Idaho Falls Eagles Squirt Travel Black in the valley's first-ever organized youth ice hockey game Feb. 12 at the ice sheet next to Chubbuck City Hall.

Chubbuck Mayor Steve England dropped the ceremonial opening face-off for this history-making event. The teams played three 15-minute periods and a fourth overtime period.

Idaho Falls coach Ray Vadnais and assistant coaches Shawn Gardner and Loren Blossom took 13 squirt players down to Chubbuck for pond hockey.

Dusty Gardner was in goal, and his teammates were Gunnar Batalden, Taylor Blossom, Travis Ferrara, Carson Kantack, Brianna Maestas, Mark Mathison, Patrick Novak, Josh Robinson, Gavin Thomas, Nick Tucker, Matthew Vadnais and JD Wells.

"It proves the theory, 'If you build it, they will come,'" said Chubbuck-Pocatello Hockey Association member Denny Gasper, whose son Austin is one of the mainstays for the Chubbuck Night Hawks. "With the development of a maintained outdoor ice sheet in Capell Park, we are able to offer quality skating to teams and players from around the region, and we're thrilled to have our friends from Idaho Falls come down to play this game."

A second contest with the Idaho Falls Eagles Squirt Travel White Hockey Team is scheduled for today.

Check out the video of this game in the Portneuf Valley online on the association website at www.pocatellohockey.com.