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I.F. midgets win state title

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The Idaho Falls Eagles Major Midget B hockey team brought home the state championship from Boise last weekend in a double-overtime title game.

All players contributed to the winning tournament with each either scoring or assisting on at least one goal during the state playoffs.

The state championship team includes forwards Derek Starkel, Cole Behm, Reece Drkula, Derek Kaasa, Larson Brandstetter, Dylan Ridgway, Chris Clark, Eli Mattson and Austin Boyd, defensemen Tyler Williams, Zack Blank, McKenzie Gardner and Tate Bischoff and goalies Alex Musselman and Cody Flores.

Both of the goalies contributed in high-pressure situations. Musselman faced two penalty shots in the first period of the championship game, stonewalling Garrett Stahl of Salmon both times. And Flores stopped each of the five shooters in the shootout of the championship game.

The Eagles outshot their opponents in every game of the tournament and were able to kill 11 of 12 power plays against them for the weekend.

In a pressure-filled championship game, the Eagles killed a 5-on-3 power play against them with the score tied and less than two minutes left in the game. Forty-five seconds of one penalty carried over into the five-minute, sudden-death overtime period.

The Eagles killed that remaining penalty and kept the score at a tie through overtime. The game was won in a five-man shootout with Idaho Falls' Mattson scoring the one goal the Eagles needed for the win.

The Eagles are coached by Doug Drkula, Earl Mattson and Dean Brandstetter.

IAHA High School State Tournament

The Idaho Falls High School Hockey team worked its way to the championship game of the high school hockey state tournament this past weekend at Tautphaus Park.

Idaho Falls defeated Bonneville-Hillcrest in the semifinals. The Tigers finished in second place following an 8-0 loss to Meridian in the title game.



Courtesy photo - The Idaho Falls Eagles Major B hockey team proudly displays its state championship banner Feb. 21 in Boise.

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Squirts go 3-1 in Wyo.

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The Idaho Falls Youth Hockey Association Squirt Travel Division sent the Idaho Falls Eagles White to the Jackson Hole Invitational last weekend.

The Eagles beat Jackson Hole Brown 6-2, lost to Rock Springs 3-4, beat Pinedale 4-0 and defeated Jackson Hole Brown again 7-3.

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

The defense included Jacob Andersen, Robby Heaton, Ethan Johnson, Wyatt Koller, Hunter Leavitt and Kendal Olson. Eric Berglund was in the net all four games as goalie.

Berglund had 14 saves on 16 shots in the first game against Jackson Hole Brown. Against Rock Springs, he faced 15 shots and made 11 saves. Berglund had a shutout against Pinedale and saves nine of 12 shots in the Eagles' final game against Jackson Hole.

Dogal scored a hat trick in the Eagles' final game to help Idaho Falls earn the victory.

Goals throughout the tournament were scored by Andary, Baker, Blank, Carpenter, Dobson, Dogal, Hays, Koller, Leavitt and Miller.

Assists were credited to Andary, Andersen, Blank, Dobson, Dogal, Hays, Leavitt, Miller and Olson.