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## Salmon Midgets take second at state

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The Salmon Midgets hockey team traveled to Boise for the Idaho State Amateur Hockey Championships held Feb. 22 to 24. With a 2-2 record, the 15- to 19-year-old Salmon skaters captured second place.

Game 1 was against traditional rival Idaho Falls. Salmon topped its eastern Idaho opponents 4-2.

Filling the net for Salmon was Levi Aldous with two goals, and Luke Nicks and Garret Stahl with one apiece. Zach Dupree and Trent Rodgers each added an assist. Goalie Shawn Sabo made 21 saves on 23 shots.

Game 2 matched Salmon against Coeur d'Alene. The Coeur d'Alene Thunder shot early and often, posting a 9-2 final score. Scoring for Salmon were Aldous and Grant Adams. Nicks provided one assist, and Sabo recorded 39 saves on 48 shots.

Game 3 on Saturday evening pitted Salmon against Moscow. The Moscow Bears were making their first trip to the state tournament. The Salmon squad took advantage of Moscow's inexperience by registering a 4-0 shutout.

Scoring for Salmon were Tye Benedict, Chris Wilson, Adams and Nicks. Assisting on those goals were Aldous, Adams, Stahl and Dupree. Strong defense from Brian Berasi, Dupree, Benedict, Adams and Rodgers supported Sabo, who had 21 saves.

The championship game was a rematch against Coeur d'Alene. Both teams knew it wasn't going to be the 9-2 blowout like Game 2.

The Thunder prevailed in a hard-fought 3-1 game, with Salmon's only goal coming from Aldous. Sabo made 26 saves out of 28 shots on goal.

The Salmon Midgets will wrap up the season March 7 through 9 in Idaho Falls at the Idaho State High School Championships.

Salmon hockey

The Salmon Rapids Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget and Girls ice hockey teams participated in the Idaho State Amateur Hockey Association Championships from Feb. 22 through 24 in Boise.

Here are the scores from the tournament:



Courtesy photo - The Salmon Midgets hockey team, from left to right, back row: Zach Dupree, Tye Benedict, Tra Harkrader, Trent Rodgers, Brian Berasi, Tenna Stauffer, Katie Stratton, Levi Aldous, Garrett Stahl, Grant Adams, George Walston and head coach Chris Oldham. Front row: Assistant coaches George Harkrader and Dave Sabo. Kneeling: Chris Wilson, Shawn Sabo, Travis Koerner and Luke Nicks.

Pee Wees B (age 11 to 12)

Salmon: second place

Boise 6, Salmon 1

Salmon 7, McCall 0

Championship Game: Boise 4, Salmon 2

Bantam B (13 to 14)

Salmon: first place

Salmon 4, Boise 0

Salmon 5, Boise 1

Boise 3, Salmon 2

Midget B Division (15 to 19)

Salmon: second place

Salmon 4, Idaho Falls 2

Coeur d'Alene 9, Salmon 2

Salmon 4, Moscow 0

Championship Game: Coeur d'Alene 3, Salmon 1

Girls Division

Coeur d'Alene 9, Salmon 0

Sun Valley 11, Salmon 0

Idaho Falls 13, Salmon 0

Boise 9, Salmon 1

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# **I.F. pee wees runners-up at Grizzly Cup in SLC**

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The Idaho Falls Eagles pee wee hockey team finished a successful season by placing second at the Grizzly Cup in Salt Lake City this past weekend.

The Eagles lost in the final to the host Grizzlies 2-1.

To get to the finals, the Eagles beat the Peoria (Ariz.) Roadrunners 5-3 on Saturday in the first game of round-robin play.

Jake Thornberry, Jacob Dogal (2), Mason Durfee and Zach Davis scored for the Eagles. Davis had two assists, and Alex Peterson and Durfee each had one assist.

In the second game, the Eagles beat the Chandler (Ariz.) Polar Bears 1-0. Alex Peterson scored the winning goal, and goalie Nick Branter recorded a shutout with the help of defenders Nick Hanson, Billy Heaton, Durfee and Derick Vanenkevort.

Garrett Wheeler set up the game winner.

In the final game of round-robin play, the Eagles pounded Ogden (Utah) 5-1. Wheeler had two goals, and Vanenkevort, Durfee and Dogal each added scores. Durfee had an assist.

Ian Schoenrock had two wins in the net.

In the championship game, the Grizzlies built a 2-0 lead before Durfee scored the Eagles' lone goal in the third period.

The Eagles finish the season with a 24-8-2 record.