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## State tourney opens

### Area hockey teams in a hole after Day 1 losses

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Despite a 39-19 edge in shots taken, Bonneville-Hillcrest fell 2-1 on Friday afternoon to Sun Valley during the high school hockey tournament at Tautphaus Park.

"We outplayed them," Bonneville-Hillcrest coach Gary Bowden said. "We just couldn't get a goal. We outplayed them hand over fist."

Sun Valley's Latner Straley opened the scoring in the first period. He corralled a loose puck in front of the net, and as Bonneville-Hillcrest goalie Liz Brown slid to her right with her stick down on the ice to take away the bottom of the net, Straley lifted the puck over her.



Amanda Smith / Post Register - Bonneville-Hillcrest's Dylan Sherick carries the puck across the blue line during a game against Sun Valley at the high school state hockey tournament Friday night at the Joe Marmo-Wayne Lehto Ice Rink at Tautphaus Park in Idaho Falls. Sun Valley won the game 2-1.

Bonneville-Hillcrest had several chances to draw even in the second period but couldn't find the net until Travis Burr's goal with 7:11 left in the game.

Bonneville-Hillcrest's Don MacLachlan broke down the left sidewall all the way from his own blue line, blew past two Sun Valley defenders behind the net. MacLachlan attempted a wraparound but was stoned.

The puck kicked out to Burr five feet in front of the net and Burr went high to bury it.

"We really want him (MacLachlan) to stay back on defense, but every now and then when they have the open ice, we let them go," Bowden said. "MacLachlan and (Jake) Belnap are both so big, they'll run over anyone in their way."

The tie didn't last long.

Bonneville-Hillcrest was technically on the powerplay when Sun Valley's Jimmy Hague scored the game winner.

Isair Labra came out of the penalty box when both teams had three skaters on the ice, but Sun Valley scored before his replacement could get on the ice.

Nine seconds after Labra's penalty ended, Hague found a loose puck in the crease and lifted it over Brown.

"They like to work behind the net, throw different people in front of the net, and when one finally pops out, they tap it in," Brown said.

Boise 4, Salmon 0

Boise's Guthries proved too much for Salmon to handle.

Solomon Guthrie opened the scoring in the first period and Charles Guthrie added two goals, the second off an assist from Solomon in the second period.

Meridian 10, Skyline 1

Skyline skated with Meridian for the first seven minutes of the first period. The rest of the game was a different story.

Eli Matson notched Skyline's only goal off an assist from Brady Ritchie with 13:02 left in the first period before Meridian strung together nine unanswered goals.

Meridian's Clark Gayner recorded a hat trick with a goal in each period.

Mountain View 4,

Idaho Falls 3

Mountain View clung to a 4-1 lead to stave off Idaho Falls.

Idaho Fall's Zeke Cole scored in the second period to make it 2-1 Mountain View, but goals Mountain View's Ethan Sorenson in the second and Jacob Glynn in the third proved to be the difference.

Idaho Fall's Jake Johnson and Brandon Proctor scored in the third period to lead the rally, but Idaho Falls fell short.

Day 1 scores

Boise 4, Salmon 0

Sun Valley 2, Bonneville-Hillcrest 1

Mountain View 4, Idaho Falls 3

Meridian 10, Skyline 1

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# Idaho Falls player fills the goalie needs

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Liz Brown guards the net for the Bonneville-Hillcrest team, which doesn't have a goalkeeper.

When Sun Valley's Jackson Bates barreled down the ice on a breakaway Friday, he didn't notice the masked man guarding the Bonneville-Hillcrest net was actually a girl.

He tried to deke to his left and slide the puck past Liz Brown, but she threw out her right leg for a kick save to keep her team within a goal.



Amanda Smith / Post Register - Bonneville-Hillcrest goalie Liz Brown prepares to block a shot by Sun Valley during their state tournament game Friday night at Tautphaus Park.

What Bates and fans might have noticed though -- instead of the pony tail sticking out of the back of her helmet -- is she is listed on the Idaho Falls roster in the state tournament program.

Neither Bonneville nor Hillcrest high schools -- nor Blackfoot, Pocatello or Highland, which also contribute players to the team -- has a goalie in the school so the three city teams came to an agreement.

Idaho Falls and Skyline designate who their primary goalie is, and the rest of the goalies on their rosters go into a pool that Bonneville-Hillcrest can select from.

"There's just nobody (that plays goalie) on that side of town," Bonneville-Hillcrest coach Gary Bowden said. "It's just unlucky, I guess."

Brown is the preferred choice for Bonneville-Hillcrest, if for no other reason than familiarity with the team.

She played with the team through last year's state tournament after its goalie, DiDi Crighton, went down with an injury. She's also attended half of the team's practice and has played with most of this year's team at various levels.

"I've been playing with this group for six years, either on travel teams or at lower levels," Brown said. "We all know each other pretty well."

The only game she can't play for Bonneville-Hillcrest is when it plays her high school, Idaho Falls.

"I prefer her because she comes to practices and it keeps the continuity with the team," Bowden said. "Everybody knows what we'll get from her."

Not only does Brown play for two high school teams, but she also plays for the Midget B travel team, the girls high school team and the house team at the rink.

"It's really time-consuming, but I like being busy and I love hockey," Brown said.

Brown started playing hockey when she was 5 years old because her brothers started playing with their friends.

She said she notices the differences between playing against girls and boys. But she won't back away from the opportunity.

"The girls are a lot slower and like to pass it around for one shot," Brown said.

"The boys are a lot faster, have better technique, work it around and try to score more."