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Put it on ice

State tournament heads into the final day

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It may have taken all season, but Skyline skated away with its first win Saturday afternoon, beating Salmon 2-1 in the high school hockey state tournament at Tautphaus Park.

The first two periods of the game looked like much of Skyline's season, with the Grizzlies trailing by a goal.

But Skyline scored twice in the third period -- Cole Behm had a hand in both -- to claim its first win of the year.

"Our guys are so excited," Skyline coach Craig Herrmann said. "They deserved it. They played so hard and we played shorthanded a good chunk of the game."

Behm put Skyline on the board with 13:47 left in the third period when he found a loose puck 10 feet in from of the Salmon net. With his back facing the net, Behm spun to his left and fired a wrist shot to the left side of the net.

"Cole had a great game," Herrmann said. "He's one of those on the Munchkin Line and he kept the pressure on."

But Behm wasn't done. With seven minutes left in a tie game, Behm broke down the right side of the ice and took on two defenders. With one behind him and one in front, Behm protected the puck with his feet before chucking a shot towards the net.

Behm's shot deflected back into the middle and Dylan Ridgeway banged in the game winner.

"He got the shot off and I just tipped it in," Ridgeway said.

Skyline had to hold off a late Salmon charge, but goalie Brett Seely, who made 46 saves, preserved his team's first win.

Skyline will play Mountain View at 12:15 p.m. today, and Salmon takes on Idaho Falls at 10:30 a.m.

Bonneville-Hillcrest 5,

Idaho Falls 4



Amanda Smith / Post Register - Bonneville-Hillcrest's Don MacLachlan, center, carries the puck across the ice during a game against Idaho Falls on Saturday afternoon at the Idaho Amateur Hockey Association High School Tournament at Tautphaus Park.



Amanda Smith / Post Register - Skyline's Dylan Ridgeway, left, eyes the puck as Salmon's Chris Wilson falls to the ice during their state tournament matchup Saturday at the Joe Marmo-Wayne Lehto Ice Rink at Tautphaus Park.

Turns out the seventh time was the charm for Bonneville-Hillcrest.

After failing to beat Idaho Falls during the regular season -- it tied Idaho Falls once -- Bonneville-Hillcrest took revenge with a 5-4 win to knock the Tigers out of contention for the state title.

"It's been our goal all year to beat them here, and that's what we did," Bonneville-Hillcrest coach Gary Bowden said.

The win guarantees Bonneville-Hillcrest a spot in the four-team, championship bracket today.

Idaho Falls took the lead with 5:21 left in the third period on a goal from Riley Barr, assisted by Austin Hugus, and it looked like the Tigers had Bonneville-Hillcrest's number again.

"I told everybody to keep playing the same game, and it paid off," Bowden said.

But Bonneville-Hillcrest responded with two goals in 16 seconds for the win.

Josh Forbush knotted the game at four with a short-handed goal with 2:18 left. He broke down the ice with only one defender to beat, deked left to turn his defender around and went high to the glove side on Idaho Falls goalie Austin Mooso.

Sixteen seconds later, Devin Crighton found the back of the net for the game winner. Don MacLachlan passed to Crighton five feet outside the net and Crighton slipped a backhander along the ice through traffic and Mooso's legs.

"It's freaking sick," Crighton said. "It's the coolest thing. I've scored a lot of goals this year, but they've all been at the beginning of the game, never at the end. And, you know, those really don't matter."

Idaho Falls will play Salmon at 10:30 a.m. today.

Idaho Falls 4,

Sun Valley 1

Jared Latham scored Idaho Fall's first two goals to lead the Tigers over Sun Valley in the first game Saturday morning.

Logan Winterholler assisted on both of Latham's goals and scored one of his own in the third period to complete Idaho Falls' scoring.

Bonneville-Hillcrest 5,

Mountain View 2

Bonneville-Hillcrest made up for Friday's loss to Sun Valley by starting Saturday with a win.

Josh Forbush opened the scoring with 4:34 left in the first period and added another goal and an assist. Quinn Depperschmidt tallied a goal and an assist.

Meridian 5, Boise 2

Meridian continued its offensive, and overall, dominance at the tournament with five more goals Saturday morning.

Devon Harris added two goals and an assist to his tournament total. He had two goals and an assist Friday.

Tommy Stolz scored both of Boise's goals in the third period.

Sun Valley 3, Mountain View 0

A shutout boosted Sun Valley into the second round of the state tournament.

Latner Straley provided the only goal need with 9:15 left in the second period off an assist from Jackson Bates. But Tanner Flanigan and Tommy Heinrich added insurance goals.

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Meridian 9, Salmon 1

Devon Harris added another two goals to complete Meridian's sweep of competition in the round robin.

Taylor Crawford added two goals and JT Smith tallied two goals and an assist.

Meridian advances to the second round to face Bonneville-Hillcrest at 8:45 a.m. today. Salmon will play Idaho Falls at 10:30 a.m.

Boise 5, Skyline 1

Skyline carried over the momentum from its first win of the season into the first period. Unfortunately, it didn't last much longer.

Skyline's Cole Braase drew first blood with 3:06 left in the first period before Boise scored five unanswered goals.

Jason Burke led Boise with two goals, while Charles Guthrie had a goal and two assists.

Boise will play Sun Valley in the championship bracket at 7 a.m. today, and Skyline takes on Mountain View at 12:15 p.m.