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I.F. takes silver in Montana

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The Idaho Falls Lady Eagles U14 hockey squad took on the Salmon Rapids, Missoula Bruins and Kalispell Flames last weekend on their way to a silver medal at the Montana Girls State Hockey Tournament.

In their first game, the Eagles shutout the Rapids as Miranda Moore puts three goals between the pipes for a hat trick. Moore went on to be the leading scorer for the weekend with a total of five goals and one assist.

Cheyenne Garcia also showed off her puck handling skills by putting two in the back of the net against the Bruins during the Eagles' second game. Garcia finished with a total of four goals for the weekend. MacKenzie Jackman was right on her heels with two goals and two assists.

Although the Eagles lost to the Flames in their third game, they landed a spot in the championship game Sunday. It was an intense game, but the Eagles wound up with a second-place finish.

During the tournament, Kylee Wielang scored two goals and had two assists. Not to be outdone, Jerrika Sobieski also put two goals in the net.

Ashleigh Ferrara snuck in a goal and snagged an assist, and defensive player Erika Zambrano sent one to the back.

Abby Lehto had two assists and Sarah Scott, Brianna Smith and Kylee Arave each got an assist. Helping the team to a second place victory was center Alexi Rule and right wing Jennifer Sobieski.

With a total of 94 shots on goal, Eagle goalies Shantay Franco and Miranda Wachs made the most amazing save as they snag pucks out of mid air, got tackled by the opponent, and faced breakaways allowing only 13 goals to get by for the entire weekend as well as putting yet another shut out under their belts.

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Squirts host Invite

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The Idaho Falls Youth Hockey Association hosted the annual Squirt House Invitational last weekend at the Wayne Lehto - Joe Marmot Ice Rink at Tautphaus Park.

The four Idaho Falls house teams -- Red, White, Blue and Green -- competed along with the Salmon Rapids and Logan, Utah. Each team played five games each in a round-robin format.

Idaho Falls' Red team defeated Logan 5-4 with Patrick Novak in goal. Red lost 8-6 against I.F. White, 5-3 against Salmon, 6-4 against I.F. Blue and 8-2 against I.F. Green. Wyatt Koller had a hat trick, and other goals were scored by Isaac Boettcher, Hunter Leavitt, Katie Merrell and Jennifer Sobieski. Assists were credited to Koller and Sobieski.

The Red team also includes Taylor Blossom, Ryan Christensen, Katrina Clary, Erik Cross, Robert Girling, Mason Jones, Stephen Maria, Lydia Martel, Gavin Thomas and Nick Tucker. Red is coached by Alex Cross and Kelly Merrell. Their assistant coaches are Loren Blossom, Mike Leavitt and Eric Neddo.

Idaho Falls' White team lost 5-4 to I.F. Green, won 8-6 against I.F. Red with Coleson Dobson as goalie, won 5-2 over I.F. Blue with Abby Lehto as goalie, tied Logan 3-3 with Logan Carpenter in goal and won 7-6 against Salmon with Kelby Renfro in net.

Carpenter recorded a hat trick, and other goals were scored by Nick Andary, Py-Py Blank, Dobson, Alex Dogal, Matt Hill, Ethan Johnson, Lehto and Sarah Scott. Assists were credited to Blank, Dobson, Dogal, Hill, Seth Turnage and Hayden Wulf.

The White team also includes Angel Alvarez, Carson Kantack, Hailee Mallett. I.F. White coaches are Bob Mallett, Steve Plock, John Andary and Mike Lehto.

I.F. Blue lost its first game against Logan 6-4 and had a loss to I.F. White 5-2. Blue won 6-4 against I.F. Red with Jaeger Hegstrom as goalie and 5-3 over Salmon with Ryland Jackman in net. Blue's last game was an 8-5 loss to I.F. Green.

Hays had a hat trick, and other goals were scored by Jarek Baker, David Bush, Dusty Gardner, Mark Mathison, Knight Scott, Jackman and Matthew Vadnais. Assists were credited to Baker, Bush, Gardner and Payton Hays.

The I.F. Blue team also includes Jacob Andersen, Allison Coward, Joe Dekold, Jason Hale, Brianna Maestas, Alex Mandoka, Hunter Novich and Ben Welch. I.F. Blue's coaches are Ray Vadnais and Rex Andersen, with Shawn Gardner and Donna Guillen assisting.

Idaho Falls' Green team beat I.F. White 5-4 with Colter Miller in net and 3-1 over Logan with Eric Berglund as goalie. Blue tied with Salmon 7-7 with Ruben Murphy in goal, beat I.F. Red 8-2 and lost to I.F. Green 8-5 with Josh Robinson as goalie in both games.

Hat tricks were recorded by Berglund, Robby Heaton and Kendal Olson. Other goals were scored by Gunnar Batalden, Travis Ferrara, Miller and Murphy. Assists were credited to Batalden, Berglund, Heaton, Murphy and Olson.

The I.F. Green team also includes Gabi Davis, Jayden Jensen, Kyra Kent, Brianne Lasky, Ryan Martin, Brayden Rencher, Angel Vasquez and JD Wells. I.F. Green coaches are Arn Berglund and Scotty Davis, with Scott Lasky, Corky Rohm and Rita Wells as assistants.

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Squirts challenge girls hockey teams

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Both of the Idaho Falls squirt travel teams played their final games Sunday against two of the Idaho Falls girls hockey teams.

Squirt Travel Black played its rubber match against the U12 girls and lost 4-1.

Games One and Two were both exciting 6-6 and 4-4 ties. The I.F. Black goalie was Patrick Novak, who had 32 saves out of 36 shots on goal.

Also playing for I.F. Black were Gunnar Batalden, Taylor Blossom, Ryan Christensen, Travis Ferrara, Dusty Gardner, Mason Jones, Mark Mathison, Josh Robinson, Gavin Thomas, Nick Tucker, Seth Turnage and JD Wells. Turnage scored for I.F. Black.

The U12 girls' goalie was Miranda Wachs, who had 27 saves out of 28 shots on goal. Other team players were Kylee Arave, Alexis Conquergood, Allison Coward, Gabi Davis, Ashleigh Ferrara, Cheyanne Garcia, Kyra Kent, Brianne Lasky, Abby Lehto, Erika Mattson, Brianna Maestes, Katie Merrell, Kelby Renfro, Jennifer Sobieski, Emma Wells and KaliJo Zagula. Goals were scored by Ferrara, Garcia and Zagula. Assists were credited to Mattson.

Squirt Travel White played an exciting game against the U14 girls team and won 3-0.

Eric Berglund was in goal for the White Squirts and had eight saves. Jacob Andersen, Robby Heaton, Ethan Johnson, Wyatt Koller, Hunter Leavitt and Kendal Olson played strong defense. Logan Carpenter, Alex Dogal and Payton Hays played aggressively as the center man with Nick Andary, Jarek Baker, Py-Py Blank, Coleson Dobson, Ryland Jackman and Colter Miller as their offensive wings. Goals were scored by Blank, Heaton and Hays, and assist were credited to Miller and Olson.

The U14 girls had Wachs as goalie. She recorded 19 saves on 22 shots on goal. The other U14 girls were Arave, Davis, Ferrara, Shantay Franco, Garcia, MacKenzie Jackman, Lehto, Mattson, Merrell, Miranda Moore, Alanna Perry, Lexi Rule, Sarah Scott, Brianna Smith, Jennifer Sobieski, Jerrika Sobieski, Kylee Wielang and Erika Zambrano.