

HOCKEY

Shutout, hat trick spark wins

POST REGISTER

Senior Nick Contreras notched a season-opening shutout in his first game back after a year of knee rehabilitation for the Idaho Falls Golden Eagles Midget Travel Team on Nov. 11 and 12 in Rock Springs, Wyo.

Senior Ben Bowden also added a hat trick of his own to get the scoring rolling on the new season.

Skyline's Derek Heer and Mason Merrell and Idaho Falls' Jared Latham each contributed two-assist games as the Eagles took two out of three games in

the season opener in Wyoming.

Head Coach Kelly Merrell said he was pleasantly surprised to see his young team passing well and playing tight defense this early in the season and explained afterwards that those will be the keys to good offensive output all season long and a possible return of the State Trophy back to Idaho Falls in late February.

The Eagles have numerous trips and tournaments planned throughout the Pacific Northwest for this season and will host their own local tournament at the Tauphaus Park Ice Rink on Dec. 16 and 17.

Game 1

IDAHO FALLS GOLDEN EAGLES 6, OGDEN JR WILDCATS 0

GOALS: BEN BOWDEN (3), JARED LATHAM, NATHAN HERSHEY, JAKE JOHNSON.
ASSISTS: DEREK HEER (2), MASON MERRELL (2), JAKE JOHNSON, ROBERT SHERICK, JAKE BELNAP, JOSH MOON.
SAVES: NICK CONTRERAS (13).

GAME 2

IDAHO FALLS GOLDEN EAGLES 3, ROCK SPRINGS MINERS 1

GOALS: LOGAN WINTERHOLLER, DEREK HEER, TAYLOR BRAASE.
ASSISTS: BEN CLAVER, HEATH GROVER, NATHAN HERSHEY.
SAVES: AUSTIN MOOSO (16).

GAME 3

IDAHO FALLS GOLDEN EAGLES 3, CASPER OILERS 5

GOALS: MASON MERRELL, JAKE BELNAP, NATHAN HERSHEY.
ASSISTS: JARED LATHAM (2), BEN BOWDEN, MASON MERRELL, ZEKE COLE.
SAVES: CONTRERAS (14), MOOSO (12).

Bantams take third in Cache Valley

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The Idaho Falls Bantam Golden Eagles were 2-2 over the weekend in the 2006 Cache Valley Turkey Classic.

The Eagles worked hard with strong defensive play and goal tending by Carter Brandstetter and Zack Branter.

Eight players contributed with points to take third place

during their first tournament of the year.

The Eagles will be on the road again Dec. 8 through 10 in Butte, Mont.

Game 1

Idaho Falls Golden Eagles 7, Cache Valley Wild 5

Goals: Duel Bowden (3), Clayton Hailey (2), Sean Shepherd, Zack Blank
Assists: Tyler Williams, Kellan Todd
Saves: Zack Branter (26)

Game 2

Idaho Falls Golden Eagles 0, Salt Lake County Lightning 2

Saves: Carter Brandstetter (34)

Game 3

Idaho Falls Golden Eagles 0, Greater Salt Lake Outlaws 3

Saves: Zack Branter (14)

Game 4

Idaho Falls Golden Eagles 3, Bountiful Wind 1

Goals: Shepherd, Shane Kufus, Clayton Hailey
Assists: Reece Drkula, Hailey, Kellan Todd
Saves: Carter Brandstetter (11)