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I.F. Midgets take second in Casper

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The Idaho Falls Eagles AA Midget hockey team took second place at the Eddie McPherson Memorial Hockey Tournament over the weekend in Casper, Wyo.

The Eagles opened the weekend with a 11-3 win over Douglas, Wyo.

Then on Saturday, they split games, falling to Casper 5-4 and defeating Fort Collins, Colo., 6-0.

In the championship game Sunday, the Eagles had to once again face Casper -- which had handed them their only loss of the weekend.

Idaho Falls took a 3-1 lead into the third period but had to play 10 minutes of the 18-minute period shorthanded. The Eagles allowed four goals that period, and Casper took the 5-3 victory.

Devin Davis led the Eagles offensively over the weekend, recording four goals and four assists. Josh Forbush had two goals to go with four assists, and Ben Claver had two goals.

Austin Mooso had a strong game in front of the net Saturday, recording 42 saves in a shutout over Fort Collins.

IDAHO FALLS 11, DOUGLAS, WYO. 3

Idaho Falls 6 2 3 -- 11

Douglas 1 2 0 -- 3

Devin Davis 2 goals and 3 assists, Josh Forbush 1 goal and 3 assists, Ben Claver 2 goals and 1 assist, Logan Winterholler 2 assists.

CASPER, Wyo. 5, IDAHO FALLS 4

Idaho Falls 2 1 1 -- 4

Casper 3 1 1 -- 5

Devin Davis 2 goals and 1 assist, Jake Johnson 1 goal, Jake Belnap 1 goal, Don Maclaclan 2 assists, Jared Latham 1 assist.

IDAHO FALLS 6, FORT COLLINS, Colo. 0

Idaho Falls 3 1 2 -- 6

Fort Collins 0 0 0 -- 0

Jared Latham 1 goal, Devin Crighton 1 goal, Josh Moon 2 goals, Don Maclaclan 1 goal, Josh Forbush 1 goal and 1 assist, Jake Johnson 2 assists, Jared Hergesheimer 1 assist, Ryan Henderson 2 assists.

Championship

CASPER 5, IDAHO FALLS 3

Morgan Cole 2 goals, Don Maclaclan 1 goal, Ben Claver 1 assist, Jared Hergesheimer 1 assist, Logan Winterholler 1 assist.

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Idaho Falls Bantams runners-up in Sun Valley

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Powered by two shutout victories, the Idaho Falls Eagles Bantam Hockey team came in second place at the Sun Valley Invitational Tournament this past weekend.

The Eagles opened strongly against Jackson on Saturday with a 7-0 victory for goaltender Jaeger Jensen. Alex Wilde, Derek Kaasa, Andrew Latham and Tyler Belnap all scored goals for the Eagles. The team played strongly at both ends of the ice for a dominating victory.

The Eagles lost their second game to their in-state rivals, the Boise Junior Steelheads AA team, which was clearly the tournament favorite. The game was very physical and closer than the final 8-2 score indicated. The loss created a must-win situation for the next game.

Coming off the previous evening's loss, the Eagles recorded an 8-0 shutout Sunday morning against Boise's A team. Kellen Todd, McKenzie Gardner and Nick Marua turned in solid defensive performances.

The victory set the Eagles up for the championship game -- a rematch against the Steelhead's AA team.

Although Idaho Falls came out strong and fast, undisciplined penalties kept the team shorthanded for long stretches of the second and third periods, leading to an eventual 6-2 loss. Zane Blank and Corey Hott played strong defensively, finding themselves in outnumbered situations much of the time.

The Eagles head to Butte, Mont., this weekend for the Copper City Bantam Tournament, where they'll play teams from Utah, Montana and Washington.