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I.F. Midgets take third

POST REGISTER

The Idaho Falls Eagles Midget AA (U18) hockey team finished in third place this past weekend at the Suns Invitational in Sun Valley. The Eagles went 1-2 over the weekend.

In their first game, the Eagles faced their closest rivals, the Jackson Beavers, and suffered a 3-2 loss.

Logan Winterholler opened the Eagles' scoring two minutes into the first period on an assist from Donny MacLachlan, and Devin Davis tallied on a slap shot from center ice with 10 seconds left in the game, but the bookend scoring wasn't enough to match the three goals put up by the Beavers.

In the second game -- a 5-3 win over the hosting Suns -- Jake Belnap scored the first of his two goals 30 seconds into the contest on the first of three assists from Winterholler. Other goals were scored by Devin Crighton, Jared Latham and Jared Hergesheimer, while additional assists were recorded by Crighton, Dylan Sherick, Ed Anderson and Tyler Belnap.

In their third game, the Eagles matched up against powerhouse and regional runner-up Meridian Warriors and took a 7-3 loss. The first goal of the game came from MacLachlan on a dangling backhand move late in the first period.

The Eagles ended the first period in a tie with the tough Warriors but were unable to match their intensity for the rest of the game. Other Eagle goals were scored by Josh Forbush on an assist from Sherick and Latham on an assist from Winterholler.

With just 15 minutes to rest between games Sunday, the Eagles rallied to dust off the battered Suns in their final game of the tournament with a dominating 6-2 win. Scoring came from all over the ice during the first two periods with goals from Sherick, Ben Claver, Hergesheimer, Latham, Jake Belnap and Forbush. Assists were racked up by Forbush, Winterholler (3), Latham, MacLachlan (2), Anderson, Hergesheimer and Sherick.

Strong defensive efforts from team captain Zeke Cole, Ryan Henderson and Josh Moon throughout the weekend also contributed to the team's success, and goalie Austin Mooso turned in a series of strong performances, turning back 85 of the 100 shots he faced during the weekend.

The Eagles (5-2) will compete at the Butte Copper King Classic in two weeks.

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Pee Wees win division in Butte

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The Idaho Falls Pee Wee hockey team won the "B" division of the Brent Roeber Memorial Tournament this past weekend in Butte, Mont.

The Eagles finished 2-1 in pool play to make it to Sunday's game.

In pool play, the Eagles beat Missoula, Mont., 7-0, then lost to Helena, Mont., 3-2. The final pool-play game was a 4-0 win over Havre, Mont.

In the championship game, the Eagles avenged their loss to Helena, winning 2-1.

Jake Thornberry led the Eagles with four goals, including both scores in the championship game.

Alex Peterson (2), Jacob Dogal (2), Marcus Armstrong (2), Parker Stenersen, Owen Woodward, Trevor Hott, Andrew Callin and Brennan Witt also had goals during the four-game tournament.

Witt earned a play-maker award with three assists in one game.

Peterson (3), Armstrong, Drew Zagula, Woodward, Hott and Austin Carpenter had other assists.

Goalie Ian Schoenrock recorded 41 saves on the weekend, including 16 in the championship game. His save percentage was .911.

The 6-2 Eagles are off until January.