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Tulsa Hawks' Brandon Queen and Willie Shannon try to tip in a rebound while John Feggo of Boise FLITE attempts to block the shot.

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Idaho team wins MAYB title Gonzaga signee leads Boise Flite with 17 points

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The title of the junior-senior boys' division of the Mid-America Youth Basketball National Invitational, which concluded Sunday at the Newton High School gym, goes to the great northwest.

The Boise FLITE from Idaho, claimed the title, stopping the Tulsa, Okla., Hawks in the finals 59-47. It was the first time two out-of-state teams reached the finals in the division.

Boise made a 16-8 run in the first 12 minutes of the second half to break the game open.

"We were only up three at the half," Boise coach Loren Schwarzhoff said. "We were a lot bigger, but they were so much more athletic than we were. They played above the rim. They were awesome. We've got two players inside. We were able to challenge them inside."

"Our point guard (Zack White) was making great decisions," added Coach Dave Delgrosso. "He was player of the year in Idaho at 5-foot-10. He led a team with nobody above 6-foot on the club to the state championship. He averaged 32 a game. He runs our club and he can shoot it."

Six-foot-8 post Cory Violette led Boise in scoring with 17 points, followed by White with 13, 10 in the second half. Six-foot-9 Post Seth Scott added 12 points.

Violette went to the line 17 times in the game, hitting 12.

"I was a little slow to start, but I got my rhythm back as the game went on," Violette said. "We knew they were so athletic and would try to block our shots. I was just glad to get the calls. We did a great job. We figured out we could play with them. We got our confidence in the second half." Violette is a signee with Gonzaga.

Boise reached the finals going 3-0 in pool play, beating the Northwest Kansas Skyriders, E-Town and the Labette Cardinals.

In bracket play, Boise beat the Kansas City 76ers, the Kansas City Kings and the Central Kansas Jazz.

"We beat the team with Brent Wise," Schwarzhoff. "The big win was over the Central Kansas Jazz with Dennis Latimore. This tournament was great. We loved it."

Tulsa downed Gambinos (Arkansas City and Winfield area players), the Topeka Blazers and SPHAS (Overland Park and Kansas City, Kan., area players) in pool play. In bracket play, Tulsa stopped the Kansas Cougars (predominantly Buhler, Hutchinson, western Sedgwick County and Kingman area players), Team Kansas and Last Chance (Derby, Newton and El Dorado).

Tulsa jumped to a 12-8 lead on eight points by Robinson. Boise struck back with 12 straight points. Back-to-back slams by Angelo Estes and Brandon Johnson got Tulsa back into the game. Tulsa tied the game 23-23 late in the first half, but a 3-point buzzer-beater by Bryan Dunn put the flight up 26-23 at intermission.

Tulsa was led by Robinson with 16 points and Brandon Queen with 10.

In the third place game, the Central Kansas Jazz stopped Last Chance, which featured Newton grads Austin Koehn, Corey Lee and Lucas Merrifield.

TULSA -- Queen 13, Johnson 2, Shannon 4, Robinson 16, Estes 9, Pitcock 3.

BOISE -- Casper 2, White 13, Dloughy 2, Violette 17, Dunn 9, Scott 12, Feggo 2, Jensen 2.

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