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# Allen hockey star strikes again

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FRISCO – Plano West Gold's defense shut down nearly everyone in the AT&T Metroplex High School Hockey League this season.

But Plano West, the top-seeded team in the league's city playoffs, has had no defense for Allen sophomore Chase Michaels.

Michaels had two goals and an assist Thursday night to lead second-seeded Allen to a 4-1 win over Plano West in the league's Gold Division city final at Dr Pepper StarCenter.

"I just wanted to come out and play hard and beat these guys," Michaels said. "It's always been a competitive match."

Plano West, the Gold Division's regular-season champion, had posted 10 shutouts and allowed 1.1 goals per game entering Thursday. But Michaels opened the scoring 57 seconds into the second period with a power-play goal, and he scored again with 9:59 left in the third period to give Allen a 2-1 lead. Michaels also assisted on Robbie Lopes' goal that gave Allen a 3-1 lead with 7:40 remaining.

Michaels' big game came three weeks after he had two goals and two assists in Allen's 4-2 win over Plano West on March 22. That ended Plano West's 20-game winning streak.

Allen goalie Matt Pombo stopped 26 of 27 shots Thursday. Plano West had a two-man advantage for 52 seconds in the second period and couldn't score, and Pombo stopped all eight shots he faced in the third period.

Allen and Plano West, along with Flower Mound, Jesuit and Mansfield, will compete in the eight-team state tournament that will be played today through Sunday at Frisco's Dr Pepper StarCenter.



**MIKE STONE**/Special Contributor  
Allen goalie Matt Pombo keeps his eyes on the action as Plano West's Hasheen Lad (right) tries to make a pass to teammate Jordan Greenberg (center). Pombo stopped 26 of 27 shots.

**Plano East 3, Plano West Silver 1:** Eric Henigsmith scored two goals to lead top-seeded Plano East to a win over second-seeded Plano West in the Silver Division city final.

Plano East won its final 15 games, including four in the playoffs. Plano East goalie Taylor Stobaugh stopped 16 of 17 shots.