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Allen beats familiar foe for state hockey title

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FRISCO – Winning 26 of 30 games could be considered a dominant season for Plano West's hockey team.

But it was Allen that dominated Plano West late in the season.

Allen beat Plano West three times in the last month, including a 2-1 overtime win in Sunday's championship game of the Texas Amateur Hockey Association Texas Cup at Dr Pepper StarCenter.

Allen goalie Matt Pombo made 33 saves in the state title game, and he carried his team in the first two periods. Allen had more penalties (nine) than shots on goal (six), but Pombo had 23 saves in that span, including two spectacular saves while he was on his back.

"I was never too worried," said Pombo, whose team had only 10 shots on goal. "With this being for the state title, I knew we would pick it up in the end."

Plano West opened the scoring 5:29 into the third period, when Garrett McCook stole the puck and scored for a 1-0 lead. But Allen tied the score 13 seconds later, when Travis Black scored off a pass from Jordan Lawrence.

Plano West outshot Allen, 34-8, in regulation, but it was Allen that attacked early in overtime. When Plano West failed to clear the puck, Lawrence grabbed it and went top shelf over Plano West goalie Steven Sisler for the winning goal.

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CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

ALLEN	0	0	1	1	–	2
PLANO WEST	0	0	1	0	–	1

First period – No scoring.

Second period – No scoring.

Third period – Plano West, Garrett McCook (unassisted). 2. Allen, Travis Black (Jordan

Lawrence).

Overtime – 3. Lawrence (unassisted).

Goalies – Allen, Matt Pombo, 33 saves. Plano West, Steven Sisler, 8 saves

THIRD PLACE

Flower Mound 5, Jesuit 4 (OT)

FIFTH PLACE

College Park 5, Mansfield 4

SEVENTH PLACE

Austin Westlake 3, Cypress Creek 2