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High Schools: Hockey

All-area hockey team

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR: MATT POMBO

Winning a state title wasn't easy for Matt Pombo.

In his first state championship game, the Allen senior goalie had to get past a formidable Plano West team that was 22-1-1 in the regular season. And the night before, Pombo and his Allen teammates had to get past prom.

"There were a lot of distractions," Pombo said. "We have a majority of seniors on the team. I just had to make sure nobody was going to any after-parties."

The parties could start the next day. Playing his fifth game in five days, Pombo made a season-high 33 saves – 23 in the first two periods – to lead Allen to a 2-1 overtime win over Plano West in the state title game. It was Allen's first state championship in hockey.

Pombo finished with a 25-2 record, including 6-0 in the postseason. He made 26 saves as Allen beat Plano West, 4-1, in the final of the AT&T Metroplex High School Hockey League's Gold Division city playoffs.

Pombo didn't get a break after winning the state title. The next week he was in Chicago playing in front of scouts from college teams and junior clubs at a high school showcase tournament, trying to earn a chance to continue his hockey career.

Allen, Sr., goalie

Notable: He was 19-2 with a 1.40 goals-against average, a .924 save percentage and four shutouts in the regular season. He went 6-0 in the postseason and led Allen to city and state championships.

About Pombo: He led the state tournament with a .944 save percentage, stopping 68 of 72 shots.

Did you know? Pombo is thinking about pursuing a career in plastic surgery or radiology.

RECENT WINNERS		
Year	Player	Team
2003	Shawn Roach	Southlake Carroll

2004	Bobby Williams	Plano West
2005	Drew Harcharik	Flower Mound Marcus
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NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Robbie Lopes

Allen, So., forward

Notable: In his first full varsity season, Lopes led state champion Allen with 18 goals and 14 assists in the regular season. He had 11 points in the playoffs to help Allen win all six of its postseason games.

About Lopes: He had four goals in the city playoffs – the most in the Gold Division – to help Allen win the city title.

Did you know? He's in broadcast class at school and does graphics and audio for newscasts.

COACH OF THE YEAR

David Fry

Allen

Notable: Fry led Allen to a 20-3-1 regular-season record and second-place finish in the Gold Division. He then guided the team to city and state titles.

About Fry: He played pro hockey for Edinburgh in the British National League and for the Fort Worth Brahmas in the Central Hockey League.

Did you know? He coached the Alliance 18-under midget major prep travel team to the quarterfinals at this year's USA Hockey national tournament.

FIRST TEAM

Justin Kuzski

Flower Mound, Sr., forward

Notable: He led the Gold Division in points (45) and assists (22) in the regular season and was second in goals (23). He had 13 points in six playoff games. He was the top goal scorer in the state tournament, finishing with seven in three games.

About Kuzski: He graduated early in December. He plans to attend Texas Tech and play hockey for the school's club team.

Did you know? He volunteered as an assistant coach for Flower Mound's JV Silver team.

Ryan Brown

Plano Gold, Sr., forward

Notable: He dislocated his left shoulder and was sidelined for a month leading up to the start of the season, but he led the Gold Division with 29 goals and was second in points with 42 in the regular season.

About Brown: Brown led the Gold Division with five hat tricks, and he tied for the division lead with nine power-play goals.

Did you know? He plans to attend Texas Tech and play hockey for the school's club team.

Carl Lehtola

Jesuit, Jr., forward

Notable: He had 11 goals and 15 assists in 15 regular-season games, ranking third in the Gold Division in points per game (1.73). Jesuit was 14-4-3 with him in the lineup, including the postseason.

About Lehtola: He scored six goals in the state tournament, one less than tournament leader Justin Kuzski of Flower Mound. Lehtola had 10 points in six postseason games.

Did you know? He speaks English, Spanish and Finnish.

Matt Chumley

Plano West Gold, Sr., defenseman

Notable: He had 10 goals and 15 assists in the regular season. He had five points in the playoffs as Plano West was the runner-up in the city playoffs and at the state tournament.

About Chumley: Paced by Chumley's defense, Plano West allowed 1.1 goals per game, the best average in the Gold Division. Plano West won the Gold Division regular-season title with a 22-1-1 record.

Did you know? Chumley plans to attend Texas Tech and play hockey for the school's club team. He plans to major in advertising.

Sean McCann

Flower Mound, Sr., defenseman

Notable: He tied for second in the Gold Division with 19 assists in the regular season, and he had eight assists in six postseason games. Flower Mound allowed 1.92 goals per game, the second-best average in the Gold Division.

About McCann: He played for Team Texas-Oklahoma in last month's Chicago Showcase and had one goal and four assists in five games.

Did you know? He plays travel hockey for the Alliance Bulldogs 18-under midget major AA team that won the North Texas Hockey League title.

Steven Sisler

Plano West Gold, Jr., goalie

Notable: Was 12-0 in the regular season, led the Gold Division in goals-against average (0.88) and tied a league record with eight shutouts.

About Sisler: He suffered third-degree burns on his right arm at age 4, and doctors weren't sure he would ever regain full use of his arm.

Did you know? His great-grand-father George Sisler was the 1922 American League MVP and is in the baseball Hall of Fame. Steven's great-uncle Dick Sisler and grandfather Dave Sisler also played in the major leagues.

SECOND TEAM			
Pos.	Player	Team	Cl.
F	Nick Lazorko	Rockwall	Jr.
NOTABLE: 39 goals, 18 assists in Silver Division			
F	Gregory Douglas	Plano West Gold	Jr.
NOTABLE: 42 points, 10 in playoffs			
F	Max Richberg	The Colony/Lewisville	Sr.
NOTABLE: 31 goals, 30 assists in Silver Division			
D	Jeremy Seiter	DeSoto/GP	Sr.
NOTABLE: 40 goals, 32 assists in Silver Division			
D	Adam Weidner	Mansfield	Sr.
NOTABLE: 22 points, 4 in state tournament			
G	Taylor Stobaugh	Plano East	Jr.
NOTABLE: 15-1, 6 shutouts for Silver champs			
Note: Stats include postseason			