



Macomb Daily photo by David Dalton  
Eisenhower's Brock Brothers (10) waits for a pass in front Stoney Creek goalie Max Grant (35) and Taylor Zuke (3).

# Balanced attack lifts Eisenhower

Six players score in tourney victory

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ROCHESTER — Eisenhower coach Bob Hall doesn't want his hockey team to be top heavy. A balanced scoring attack, in which multiple players contribute, is his predominant philosophy. Wednesday night was a perfect example of striking that balance, as six different Eagles scored in a 6-3 win over Rochester Hills Stoney Creek in the championship game of a holiday tournament.

Senior forward Jake Schmidt scored the game-winning goal for Eisenhower. Brock Brothers, Zach Hal-

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loran, Shane Czarnik, Aaron Schnieder and junior Ryan Jaros each scored a goal apiece, helping Ike improve to 8-1-1 overall.

The Cougars got a pair of goals from Mitch Harvey, yet fell to 2-7 on the year.

On top of his goal, Brothers chipped in with three assists on the night. The chemistry between he and fellow seniors Stefan Trentacosta (two assists) and Halloran was evident.

"I've played with Stefan be-

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fore and he's always been a good teammate," Brothers said. "Zach just fits in well with us. It's a great line, and I feel like when coach really needs us to go out there and perform, we can."

Eisenhower broke a 3-3 tie at the 12:36 mark of the third. The game winning goal came on a bizarre sequence. Brothers tossed the puck toward the slot, where Schmidt was waiting to deflect it toward goalie Max Grant. The puck got caught up in Grant's pads, and the goaltender wound up booting it into his own net.

Brothers got an absolute gift on the very next shift.

He skated down the left wing boards and sent a fluttering shot on net. The puck somehow eluded Grant and staked Ike to a 5-3 lead.

Jaros used an absolute bomb of a slap shot to add a power play insurance tally at 7:07.

While the game may not have had the polished look that Eisenhower is used to, Hall was glad to see so many players contribute.

"You never know who's going to show up, and guys can have off games," Hall ex-

plained. "We're looking for depth. We want four lines that can contribute."

The Eagles had the majority of shots, scoring chances and attack zone time in the second period, yet at one point found themselves trailing.

Stoney Creek tied the game at 2-2 when Harvey notched his second goal of the game. Harvey got stopped by Erik Rodak on an initial breakaway, but put his own rebound in at 14:10.

An unusual gaffe by Rodak resulted in the Cougars third goal.

With Ike on the power play, Stoney Creek iced the puck. Rodak came out of his net to make a play, but his pass attempt turned right over to Don Zuelch - who simply shot it into the vacated net. The shorthanded put Stoney Creek ahead 3-2 at the 12:04 mark, but Rodak remarkably kept his composure.

"Erik is a tough individual, mentally and physically," Hall said. "He doesn't get rattled. We want our goalies to play the puck. He just played it a little too hard and it took a funny bounce. It happens."

The Eagles got one back be-

fore the end of the period.

Brothers sent a blistering wrist shot that went under the bar and into the net. Game officials, however, did not see it go in. Halloran wound up scoring anyway in the ensuing scramble, tying the game at 3-3.

Eisenhower controlled much of the play during the first period, building a 2-1 lead.

Ike's first goal came off the stick of Schnieder. Teammate C.J. Kassley controlled the puck down the right wing boards, before sending a sharp pass over to Schnieder - who one-timed it home at 8:53.

The lead did not last very long.

Stoney Creek answered 36 seconds later, when Harvey jammed his own rebound past Rodak to tie the game at 1-1.

The Eagles made short work of its first chance with the man advantage, cashing in at the 6:00 mark.

Eric VanSlembrouck won the faceoff forward, and immediately passed the puck across to Czarnik on the right wing, who buried it home for a 2-1 advantage. The scoring play took a mere four seconds to complete.