

Eagles hold on vs. SCS

Ike coach Hall 'not happy' but feels 'lucky' to tie with SCS

High School Hockey

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With a chance to all but wrap up the MAC Red Division title with a win Wednesday night, you could understand why Eisenhower's boys hockey coach Bob Hall was upset after tying St. Clair Shores Unified for a second time this season.

The 2-2 tie kept the Eagles a point ahead of the Lakers in the standings with two games to go.

"I'm not happy at all," Hall said. "We were flat. I thought we let them control way too much of the game."

And this performance came on the heels of the Eagles' 6-1 win on Saturday over Dakota to put them in the driver's seat in the MAC Red.

"That Dakota game was a big game and very emotional," said Hall, whose team improved to 6-0-2 in the MAC Red and 13-2-2 overall. "A lot of times it's hard for young men to keep their emotions in check."

"I guess I'm happy with a tie because I thought we got lucky there," Hall added. "They were on a high, they knew what they



Eisenhower's Marc Havrilla (19) trails behind a St. Clair Shores Unified's Michael DiFranco (18) in the first period.

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had to do and we were on a low. We played very flat and uncontrolled."

Lakers coach Russ DiCristofaro was quite pleased despite his team's inability to overtake Eisenhower in the standings.

"I can't fault our kids, they put it all out there," said DiCristofaro, whose team is 5-0-3 in the MAC Red and 12-3-3 overall. "It was just two good teams out there butting heads. I thought both teams were outstanding."

The first meeting between the teams ended in a 3-3 tie.

"We've got to have help from whoever they play," DiCristofaro said. "I can't hang my head and I can't let my kids hand their heads. I've got no complaints."

The Lakers, who close the MAC Red season with Dakota and St. Clair, got a goal and an assist each from Joe Vitale and Justin Misiak, while goalie Joseph Sedrowski 27 saves.

Aaron Schneider and Marc

Havrilla scored for the Eagles, who have MAC Red games against Dakota and Utica remaining, and goalie Tyler Wakefield stopped 35 shots. Zach Halloran and Brock Brothers each had an assist.

SCS opened the scoring just nine seconds into the first period.

Misiak began a rush down the right side of the ice and got off a

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SCS: Misiak's rebound to Vitale started scoring

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backhand on Wakefield. The rebound off the shot went right to Vitale who chipped it in past the Eagles' goalie to give the Lakers a 1-0 lead.

The momentum from the early goal shifted in the Eagles' favor on the Lakers' third power play of the first

period. After Sedrowski robbed Stefan Trentacosta on a breakaway and then Jacob Schmidt from point blank, Eisenhower got the equalizer four minutes later.

After a backhand from Zach Halloran somehow trickled through Sedrowski's equipment, Schneider one handed the loose puck

over the red line to tie the game with 2:04 left in the first period.

SCS struck again early in the second period, this time doing so on the power play. Vitale got a shot on goal that Misiak was able to poke at before Wakefield could get his glove on it. The goal came just four seconds into the

power play and just 1:32 into the period.

However, just like the Eagles did to end the first they got the equalizer heading into the locker room again; this time off a redirect by Havrilla on a shot from the point by Brock Brothers with 28.2 seconds left in the second.