



Women's hockey coach Bob Ritter guiding his troops.

(file photo)

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The women's hockey team has played teams of various levels this season. Games have ranged from all out routs for Middlebury to the more challenging and often more frustrating ties. Most recently Middlebury played several games of both types. A weekend in Maine brought a 6-3 loss for the Panthers at the hands of Colby and a very frustrating tie with Bowdoin. The following weekend entailed another tie with the University of Vermont to whom Middlebury had lost earlier in the season. To counteract the frustration from these games, Middlebury beat Skidmore 9-0. Co-captain Gretchen Lardner had a hat trick and Freshman Debbie Gow had two goals to

lead the Pantherettes to the win.

This past weekend, Middlebury traveled to Connecticut for games against Wesleyan and Yale and once again experienced large contrasts in the types of teams played and the ultimate results.

Middlebury beat Wesleyan 10-0. In the few breakaways that the opponent had goalie Suzi Black came up with strong saves to preserve her shut-out. Offensively, Kim O'Sullivan, Gretchen Lardner and Jen Sudduth all had two goals each. Other goals came from Amanda Unger, Claire Barron, Marcie Griffith, and Debbie Gow.

The following day, Middlebury took on a much stronger team from Yale. The game culminated in a 1-0 Yale victory. Middlebury played a

strong game with good passing and defense. Freshman goalie Anne Truslow held Yale to one goal but unfortunately Middlebury wasn't able to score and give her the victory. Special commendation should be awarded to the Middlebury defense of Lardner, Unger, Vicky Wideman, and Heidi Anderson who have all been outstanding in the team's recent endeavors.

The common theme in Middlebury's closest games has been their inability to get the win in the end. As they enter the final leg of their season, there will be some tough competition in St. Lawrence and Dartmouth. Their record stands 5-4-2 and since all three games are at home, come out and cheer them on as they embark upon their final games.

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