

Women's hockey defeats Yale 5-1

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This past weekend, the Middlebury Women's hockey team went to the chilly state of Maine for a tournament at Bowdoin. The team went in with a record of 9-5-1 and emerged with an improved 10-6-1 showing. With the end of the season approaching for the Panthers, the team was looking for a strong series to help them qualify for the upcoming E.C.A.C. tourney.

After taking a loss to the Dartmouth Big Green in the middle of the week, the Panthers made the trek to meet up with the Bowdoin Polar Bears on Friday. In their previous encounter, the Panthers shelled the Bears in an emotional 3-2 win in overtime. However, this time it seemed as if the Bowdoin team was ready for Middlebury. Bowdoin not only had the

home ice advantage, they had the fatigue factor working for them. The Panthers had to come off a six hour bus ride and were expected to perform flawlessly.

Unfortunately, this seemed too much ask of the team. Middlebury dropped the game 4-2, and was outshot by the Polar Bears 44 to 26. Goalkeeper Liza Baxter '94 stopped twenty four shots in a noble effort, while Laurie Odden '92 scored with an assist from Kirtley Horton '95. Middlebury's second and last goal was put in by Margo Heald '92 with an assist by Kelly Heffner '95.

After a 1-1 draw at home against Yale earlier in the season, the Panthers were given another chance to prove their superiority both on and off the ice. Middlebury's first goal came from the

stick of Heffner on an assist from Odden. The second goal came on a shot by Horton off an assist from Heffner. Once again this rookie duo delivered to cement the Panthers lead.

The third tally of the day came when Laura Copperthwait notched one up for the class of '94 on an assist from Gracyn Robinson '93. Odden closed out the Panthers scoring with a pass from Margi Sheehan '92 and then with her second goal of the day which was unassisted.

Baxter held the Elis to one goal while making eighteen saves as the team coasted to a 5-1 win over the bad girls from New Haven.

The Panthers finished their regular season yesterday with a short trip up Route 7 to take on the UVM Catsmounts.

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