

# Hockey prepares for ECACs

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All year, most people on campus have been ignorant of the successes that have come to a tight, hard-working and winning group of skaters. The women's hockey team has been tearing the ECAC alliance to shreds with an aggressive defense and a well-rounded, balanced offensive attack. The victories have certainly been earned as a team.

When junior Jennifer Hefner broke the Middlebury College all-time scoring record for women's hockey with three goals in a 5-1 win over R.I.T., her accomplishment was overlooked in favor of the team's recent five-game winning streak — the longest of the season. Coach Bill Mandigo can look at the top scorers in the league and see not only Hefner but also Lara Goff '99, Whitney Parks '98 and Janice O'Neil '99. In addition, both senior Christy Picard and first-year Kirstin Hackmann are the number one and two goalkeepers (by save percentage) in the alliance.

Naturally, league stats cause us to consider the beginning of six  
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the domination