

Adam Boffey '98 provided the offensive spark needed against Williams.

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Panther hockey assails ECAC rivals

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brilliant careers — first-years Lara Goff, Janice O'Neil, Suzanne Chepren, Sarah Cotton, Heidi Howard and Kristin Hackmann — who have recorded solid numbers and are all having tremendous first seasons.

Goff, coming from Choate Rosemary Hall as the winner of the hockey prize her senior year of high school, has played in every game this season, putting together 21 goals and 21 assists in 21 games. "She is truly outstanding," said Mandigo. "With a lot of talent. What she does in her next three years is up to her. She can go up, over, around and through other players. She has a good shot, [but more importantly] is a great playmaker."

Just two weeks ago, line-ups were rearranged, and Goff now starts with co-captains Hefner and Parks.

"Things have started to click," Goff said. "On this team, Hefner is a big support. She brings the attitude up. Playing on the line, she tells me about it when I do something wrong, but she picks me up when I'm down, too. She is like that with the whole team. In fact, it is the exact same thing with Whit [Parks]."

The season has been the same for offensive threats O'Neil, Chepren and Cotton. Coach Mandigo has a lot to say about his first-years: "Janice can really fire the puck into the net. She has scored a lot of big goals and always works hard. Chepren has been moved around a lot this year. It is a real advantage to have such versatility in a first-year. She is fairly defensive-minded, which allows Goff to concentrate on offense. [Cotton] is the fastest skater on the team. She always

works hard, is afraid of no one, and plays better against the better teams and is an outstanding penalty killer."

Heidi Howard '99 seems to be quietly getting the job done. A defender, Howard has started every game. According to Mandigo, "She has stepped up to bear a lot of pressure as a defenseman and is better than I thought she would be. She has been a real pleasure to coach and have on the team."

The rookies are looking forward to a few more years of scoring power, but for now, the whole team is concerned with the postseason. As Goff commented, "We feel we can take [the post season ECAC tournament] as long as we play our game." The women will find out next Monday whether Middlebury will be the site for the tourney, instead of a neutral spot.

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