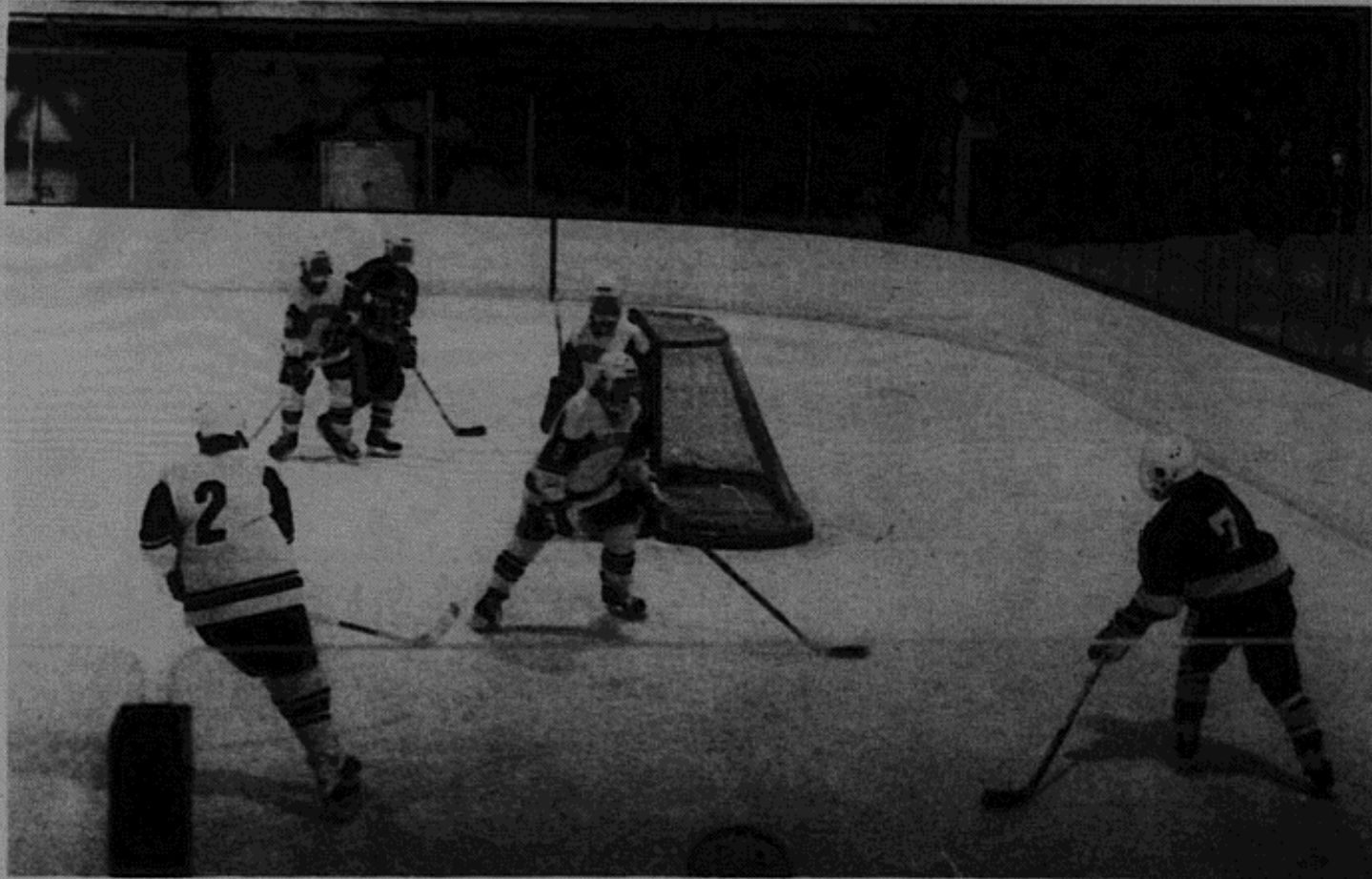


# Women's hockey finishes season with victory



The Panthers' defense had been a key to their success this season.

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Unfortunately, the Middlebury women's hockey team did not qualify for ECAC post-season play, but they did conclude a successful year by thrashing the Catamounts of UVM by a score of 8-1.

From the first face off, the Panthers dominated the weak team from Burlington by showcasing their superior skating, shooting, and defensive skills. The first goal was scored by

first-year student Sarah Archabal and it opened the floodgates for the Middlebury scoring machine.

This week's score-fest added to the impressive statistics that the team has compiled over the long season. Junior Laurie Odden and first-year student Kelly Hefner led the team in scoring with 30 points each. Odden had 11 goals and 15 assists while Hefner scored 15 goals with 7 assists. Sophomore Laura Copperthwait placed third in team

scoring with an impressive 10 goals and 7 assists. In fourth place was another first-year student, Kirtley Horton, who had an excellent season with 6 goals and 10 assists.

For the second year in a row, goaltender Liza Baxter '94 backed the Panther defense with outstanding play. In seventeen games for the Panthers, including one shutout, she stopped 323 shots. She also racked up an 88.3 save percentage and allowed only 2.74 goals

per game.

The Panthers' final record stands at 11-6-1 overall and 2-3 in Division III competition.

The team should look forward to an even more impressive season next year if their experienced youth can keep out of trouble, not rest on their laurels, and occasionally don the Rollerblades for some off-season training. All this should lead to success in the 1992-93 season.

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their players' happiness but they will certainly not win it. A good coach can make an unsuccessful team successful by motivating and enriching the athletes involved. A good athlete feels pride about the team's success.

A coach-athlete relationship compared to a double-edged sword. The team has to be able to anticipate and communicate. A coach requires a good deal of respect, expectations, and cooperation from his players. If this cooperation exists, each player works for the other, and their close relationship makes them tougher. When the players disagree, each other, or worse, they can expect next of each other to win a game. Most players even stay together as a team.

Likewise, a coach needs to have some communication with his players. Athletic personality types they are up to the coach to manage. Stability and unity are the most important of the team. Most coaches must never forget to lead by example as well, and to be a step ahead of the