

Women's hockey closes season with victory over UVM

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The Lady Panthers closed out their 1990-91 season with a 3-0 victory over the Catamounts from the University of Vermont on February 19th. It was the second time this season that the Panthers have shut out the Cats, having also beat their competitors by a 4-0 margin back in December. The victory pushed the Lady Panthers' record to a total of ten wins and six losses- the ninth straight winning season for the team.

In a game that Middlebury dominated from the first face-off, the Panthers constantly pressured the UVM net and successfully suppressed every Catamount attack. Captain Heather Morris '91 scored the first Panther goal late in the first period, with Liz Fitzgerald '94 and Katie Fischer '93 on the assist. The margin would have been larger, but the Panthers were unable to find the net. Despite this, they managed to keep the UVM goalie on her toes throughout the period.

The Panthers also dominated play in the second period, but again were only able to score one goal. The second Midd goal came when Laura Cowperthwait '94 took a pass from Laurie Odden '93 and dumped a bouncing puck in the Catamount net with a little more than five minutes left to play in the second period. The final Panther goal was scored by Margaret Heald '92 when she picked off an attempted clear and slammed a slapshot past the UVM goalie early in the third period.

Amanda Stollenwerck '94 played a solid game in the net for the Panthers, consistently turning away every effort mustered by UVM. With an assist on Cowperthwait's goal, Odden, who also scored the lone goal in Middlebury's 10-1 loss at the hands of Division I foe, Dartmouth, scored her twenty-ninth point of the season (14 goals, 15 assists). The second leading scorer on the team this season was Stephanie Gosk '94, who finished with 14 goals and 12 assists.

The 1990-91 season was quite successful for the Lady Panthers. Despite the arrival of many new faces, the team played well every game this season. Three of the six losses were at the hands of Division I powerhouses, and two others were on the road when a tired Panther squad travelled to Maine to face Colby and Bowdoin. With only three seniors graduating, and with both goalies and the two leading scorers returning next season, the Panthers might prove to be even more potent in their '91-'92 season.