

# Hockey heads for ECACs with seven game streak

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The women's ice hockey team has finished an impressive regular season with a record of 17-6 overall, undefeated at 15-0 in the ECAC alliance. They are on a seven game

## Women's Hockey

Saturday, February 24th

Middlebury	11
Colgate	0

Sunday, February 25th

Middlebury	7
Hamilton	0

winning streak, and have won 11 of 13. On Saturday, the ECAC alliance championship will be held at Middlebury, as the host Panthers will taken on Wesleyan College (15-7-2) in the semifinal round at 1 p.m. If they win they will compete for the championship at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

In their most recent games, the women dominated Colgate and Hamilton on the road. In the Colgate match-up, the story was a typical 11-0 blowout, sparked by six goals in the opening period, allowing Jennifer Hefner '97 to make her first appearance on the ice — in goal. The scoring started on a pass from defenseman Heidi Howard '99 to Sarah Cotton '99, who fired the puck into the back of the net. Hefner, playing forward, followed with

an unassisted goal, then Lara Goff '99 struck twice, assisted by Whitney Parks '97 on the first score, and by Hefner on the second. Sara Hall '99 then scored her second goal of the season on a pass from first-year Brittany Beebe. Cotton completed the first period scoring with a goal on an assist from Janice O'Neil '99.

Middlebury then struck for four more in the second, as O'Neil put two away, on an assist from Howard, and assists by Cotton and Suzanne Chepren '99 on the second goal. In between O'Neil's rampage, Parks found time to put one away assisted by Goff and Hefner. Beebe then scored, on assists by Hall and Rebecca Sama '98. Finally, the massacre was halted in the third as goalkeeper Christy Picard '96, skated free on the ice as Hefner took over the defense of the net and scored on assists from Parks and Goff.

On Sunday, the Panthers picked up right where they had left off on Saturday, scoring two in the first period of play. Hill and Sara Vintiadis '97 started the game on the correct note, assisting Elizabeth Zug '97 for the first goal. Hefner then scored on a Parks assist before the period ended. In the second, the women only managed one goal as Hefner scored again, this time with the assist by Goff. The intensity picked up in the third as Goff, Hefner, O'Neil



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Lauren Brown '98 puts up two in Wednesday's crushing of S. Vermont.

and Zug each scored once.

The women are looking forward to an exciting weekend. The last time Middlebury and Wesleyan met, the Panthers were victors in a

10-0 win. "We can't take anything for granted," commented Goff, "if we play our game, we are more than capable of winning... if we don't, who knows what can happen."

# Men's hockey rides familiar path to tournament