

Women's hockey freezes European competition

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ing and sightseeing, the women's hockey team fit in two games in Switzerland. The first was the only close game of the trip, but the women still posted a 2-1 win behind goals by Sarah Cotton '99 and Janice O'Neil '99. The Schwyz-Seewan Club had a member of the Swiss national hockey team, but Middlebury still prevailed. "It was good to see that we could not be intimidated by a single player," said Hefner. "We proved that we are a unit, not just individuals."

The final win of the trip was an 8-2 victory over the St. Moritz Ice Hockey Club. "We played better with each game, but still managed to play all twenty-three players who came on the trip," said head coach Bill Mandigo.

Unfortunately, the women had a harsh introduction to American ice hockey upon their return, as they dropped a 10-0 game to St. Lawrence. "We just didn't get out of the bus ready to play," Mandigo said. "The score after the first period was 6-0. We did respond in the

last two periods, as we skated harder, but it was much too late."

The team made a great comeback against R.P.I., as they posted a 9-0 victory behind goals by O'Neil (3), Whitney Parks '97 (2), Sara Vintiadis '97 (2), Jen Hefner '97, and Stephanie Hill '98. With the addition of juniors Vintiadis, Laine Catlin and Helen Froelich, all of whom joined the team in Europe after studying abroad, Hefner has been moved back to her position as the starting center and the defense has, in the words of the players, "definitely been strengthened."

In their most recent match-up, the women's hockey team prevailed 3-1 over a strong R.I.T. team. Points were scored on one goal from each Hefner, Cotton and Parks. Hefner also recorded two assists. "[Senior goalie Christy] Picard came up big a couple of times to help save the victory," commented Mandigo.

The women play Dartmouth today, a match-up that will undoubtedly prove to be exciting in a season that continues to build in strength.

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