

Hockey dismantles RIT

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scored on assists from Goff and Jennifer Hefner '97. Hefner then scored the power play goal on an assist by Sara Vintiadis '97. Before the period was over, Goff scored on assists from Hefner and Vanessa Hynes '98.

O'Neil, who had a great weekend on the ice, scored another power play goal on assists by Parks and Goff. Goalkeeper Christy Picard '96 stopped seven shots and allowed just one goal at 17:42 in the third period to get the win in the net.

The championship match was a typical Middlebury hockey experience as the women cruised again, this time to record the 5-0 shut-out victory.

After being held scoreless again in the first, the women scored twice in the second and three times in the third. Parks got the rampage started with a goal at 2:31 in the second, assisted by Goff. Next, Parks scored at 9:54 on passes from Hefner and Vintiadis. O'Neil put the puck away twice in the third before Goff scored the final goal of the match and the

tournament, giving the Middlebury women's ice hockey team the ECAC title.

Following the completion of the game, lone Middlebury senior Christy Picard was honored as the tournament MVP.

Picard, who had several key saves throughout the season only allowed one goal in the two tournament games. "There has been a lot of attention paid to our scoring this year, and Christy and often the defense all together, get overlooked. She had a great season, and we certainly owe part of our success to her," commented Kelly Hefner.

Picard finished the season allowing 43 goals in 18 games and making 351 saves, for a save percentage of .891 and a record of 13-6. Picard's career save percentage is .871 with 1676 career saves and a final record of 39-35. Her goaltending will definitely be missed in next year's season.

There is a bright future for the women's hockey team, as Picard makes up the total of seniors lost. In addition, six of the top 10 point scorers on the team are first-years.