

Women's hockey win streak continues

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While for many the 1990s has been a decade of change and innovation, the Middlebury College women's ice hockey team has **Women's Hockey**

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steamed consistently along, winning a remarkable 74 games in a row!

The season began with a 10-1

win over Connecticut College. Middlebury followed up the blowout with a five-one bombing of Sacred Heart the following night. Although the score of the second victory was not as impressive as the first, the Panthers handily won the game.

Middlebury opened its season with several dramatic changes to its on-ice look. Although many teams would consider a 74 game winning streak good enough, the Panthers looked to improve their performance by switching alignments in the off-season.

The team will now play three defensemen and two forwards, a formation similar to the men's team, in-

stead of the traditional two defensemen and three forwards.

"We made the change because we have so many players on defense," said Michelle Labbe '01. "It was a lot easier to make this switch than to try and retrain so many players as forwards."

Middlebury came out aggressively in the first period of the game against Connecticut College.

Sophomore Anna Hastings and rookie Angela Kapus gave the Panthers a 2-1 lead after the first period. The Panthers turned up the offense in the second period as they scored five unanswered goals. Junior Michelle Labbe, senior Catherine Pullin, junior Sarah Carpenter, sophomore Catherine Elkins, and senior Sylvia Ryan each tallied scores. In the third period, first-year player Audrey Pellerin, Kapus, and senior Kelly Hase finished off the onslaught to make the final score 10-1.

The scoring came from all directions as nine different players scored in the game, while Ryan, Pullins, Labbe and Carpenter each contributed to goals with assists.

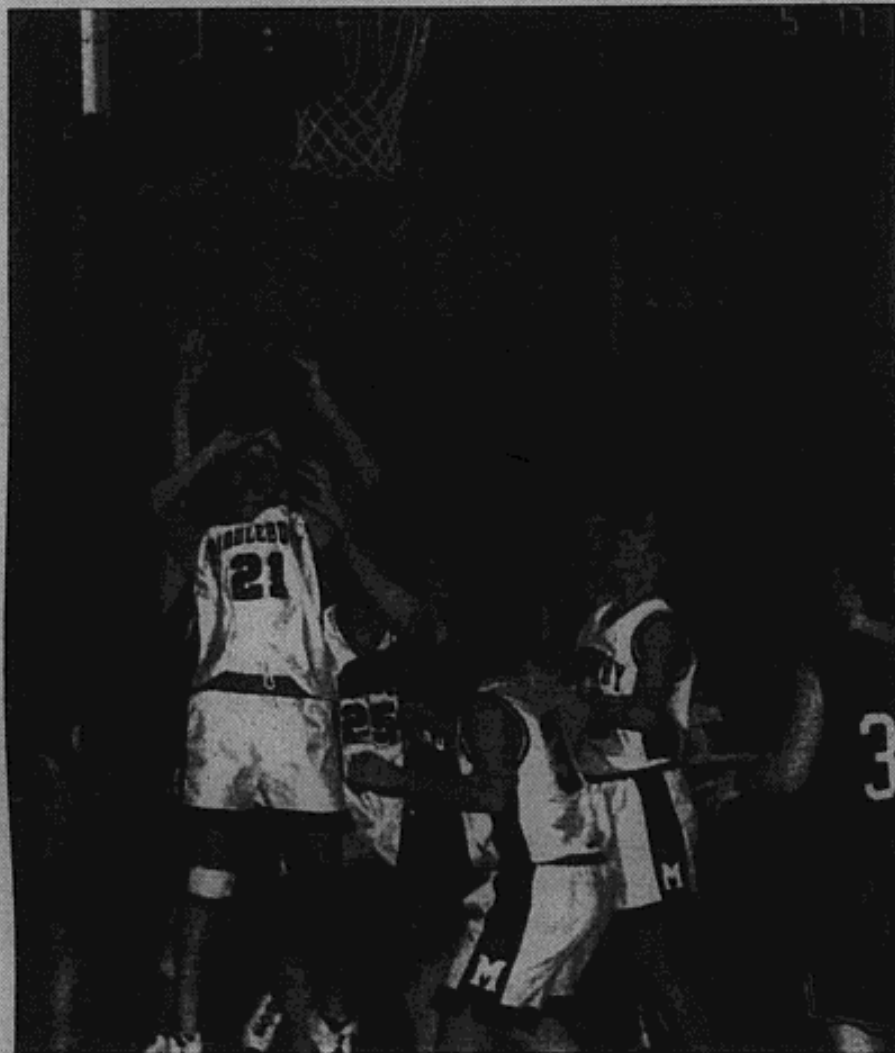
Labbe was relieved by the team's standout performance since it was the first game that featured the new on-ice formations. "I wasn't sure how it was going to turn out. I was nervous at first, but we came out so strong that everything worked out great," she said.

The game against Sacred Heart began similarly to the previous night's contest as the Panthers scored two early goals, with credit going to Ryan and Kapus.

Following a scoreless second period, Elkins scored in the third to make it a 3-0 game.

Sacred Heart briefly managed to cut the margin to two in the second period, before the Panthers put the game away.

Under the boards



Mike Cordaro

Kristin Hanley '03 grabs a rebound in the Panthers' win over New England College on Tuesday, November 23. Hanley had nine rebounds.