

Women's hockey shuts out weekend opponents

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The Middlebury College women's hockey team rolled to two more wins this weekend, including a shutout of rival **Women's Hockey**

Saturday, December 4

RPI	0
Middlebury	7

Sunday, December 5

Williams	0
Middlebury	3

Williams, as the team extended its winning streak in ECAC play to 76 games.

If the Panthers continue at this pace, Middlebury will soon be taking aim at the win streak of the old Harlem Globetrotters, who won over a thousand games in a row, all over their favorite straight men, the Washington Generals, during the 1940s and 1950s.

The victories, which spanned two consecutive nights, lifted the Panther's record to four wins against no losses thus far this season. They also provided a nice lift for the team as it hosted its first home game of the season. This is Middlebury's first full winter of playing in the new Kenyon arena; the state-of-the-art rink opened last January, halfway through the women's season.

The week's first contest against Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute of New York proved to be something of a challenge for the Panthers, who are not used to fighting for victories. The Engineers held Mid-

dlebury scoreless through the first two periods, although the Panthers certainly did not lack chances on goal. The team attempted 48 shots during the contest, but the puck failed to find its way into the net during the first two periods.

Middlebury surely succeeded in keeping Rensselaer's goalie from falling asleep in net, however, as Panthers pounded puck after puck at the goal.

The Engineers' offensive effort, perhaps muted by the nonstop action on the other end of the ice, was less impressive.

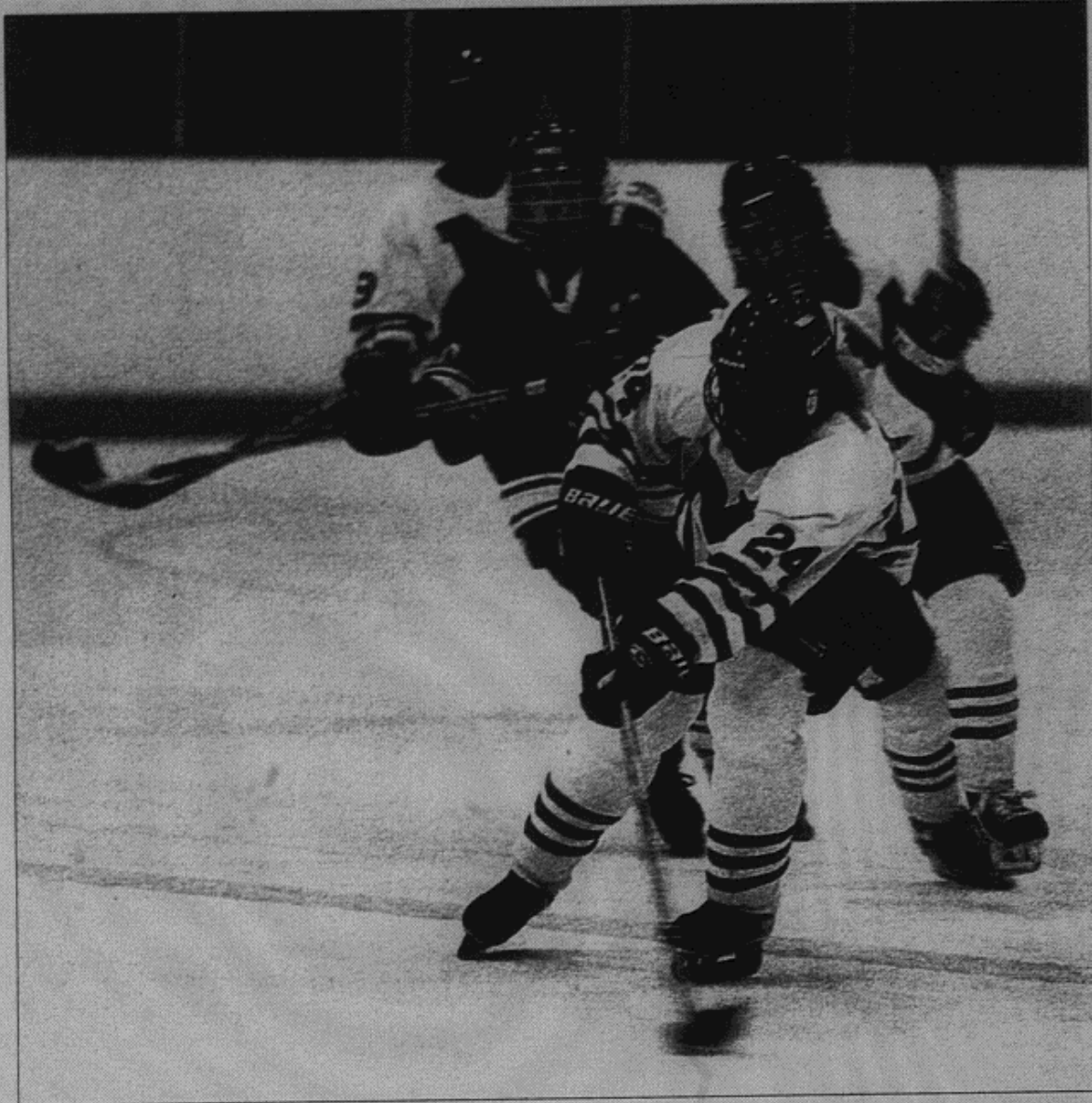
The team did not take advantage of the Panthers' scoreless drought as they managed only five shots on goal through the entire game.

Even on an off night for the Panthers, Middlebury opponents cannot hope to win if they only attempt five shots on goal.

Like a slumbering giant startled awake from a deep sleep, the Panthers came out charging in the third period. The second intermission served as a wake-up call for team, and they played like their old selves for the remaining twenty minutes of the contest, scoring seven goals during that span.

The deluge opened up just two minutes and forty-nine seconds into the period when first-year player Erin Neil scored on a breakaway, piercing the asbestos wall that seemingly guarded the Engineer's net.

The score seemed to dishearten Rensselaer as the next six Panther goals came in quick succession.



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Audrey Pellerin '03 helps the Panthers dominate both RPI and Williams this past weekend.

Only a couple minutes later, it was Neil's turn again as she netted the puck off a crossing pass from fellow rookie Angela Kapus '03 to double the widening Middlebury lead.

Eager to get into the act, the rest of the team stepped up, and the

Panthers scored their next two goals within a span of 32 seconds. Junior Michelle Labbe one-timed a centering pass from Sylvia Ryan '00, who got credit for the assist.

Kelly Hase '00 scored her goal eleven minutes into the period, giving the Panthers four scores in

a little more than ten minutes of action.

Junior Sarah Carpenter and sophomore Catherine Elkins finished off the scoring for the Panthers. Middlebury spread the scoring throughout the roster as Neil (see Women's, page 17)