

Women's Hockey Ups Record To 7-1

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6-0. A formidable record to start any season. But, in a way, unsatisfying for the ambitious Middlebury Women's hockey team. It's not that they won't take those wins — they certainly earned each one. But it wasn't until this past weekend that the team was truly tested. Tough games versus Colby and Bowdoin yielded one win and one blemish upon the once perfect record.

A strong Colby team arrived from Maine fresh from a tournament in Canada the previous weekend. Though the Pantherettes skated hard they were never able to generate a strong enough offense to score a goal. Defensively, however, they foiled numerous Colby attempts to score. And, combined with strong play by goalie Kristen

Gustavson, Colby emerged with only five goals. The defensive units of Karen Schmeichel, Edith Iler, Amanda Unger, and Vicky Wideman deserve special commendation for their strong play and endurance.

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The Bowdoin game ended in a very different outcome with the Pantherettes emerging victorious 4-1. The game began somewhat sluggishly with bright spots coming from goals by Marci Griffith and

Jen Sudduth. A pep talk by Coach Gerber brought a rejuvenated Middlebury team out onto the ice for the second period. Passes were completed more often and the game picked up. A Heather Morris shot was deflected by the Bowdoin goalie and, on her toes, Josie Richmond seized the opportunity and made a dive of which Boris Becker would be proud, and scored the goal. The fourth Middle goal, and an almost equally sensational one, came on a pass by Sam Chapin to an alert Ashley Ransom who netted the shot. Only one Bowdoin shot eluded Middlebury goalie Anne Truslow and Middlebury skated away content in their win and with a record not to be sneered at — 7-1. The Pantherettes face some tough opponents ahead but seem up to the challenge.