

Women's hockey beats NESCAC rivals

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Over the past week, the Middlebury woman's hockey team improved their record to 13-4, fueled by wins over Amherst and Williams.

However, before the Panthers slammed their ECAC Alliance foes, they suffered a rare 13-1 loss to Yale. Middlebury fell behind early in the first period, but Sylvia Ryan '00 evened the score in the second period with an assist from senior captain Rebecca Sama. Although the game remained very close, the Panthers could not contain the Division I Bulldogs. Yale managed to score the two third period goals, coming away with a 3-1 victory.

Middlebury made a quick re-

covery, trouncing Amherst in a 12-1 win. Although Amherst scored first, the lead was short-lived, as Middlebury answered with its own potent offense. Ryan proved to be the goal-leader for the first period, scoring three times within eight minutes for a 3-1 Panther lead. Ryan and her teammates did not stop there, as Middlebury scored four more goals in the second period. Ryan, Michelle Labbe, Christa McDougall '00 and Suzanne Chepren '99 all scored goals to increase the Panther's lead to 7-1. Although Amherst was already six goals behind, its troubles would continue. Sophomores Catherine Pullins '00 and Kelly Hase '00 got into the scoring trend and netted two goals each in the third period. McDougall also scored her second

goal of the game to finish off the end tally. First-year Labbe led the Panthers with four assists, while fellow rookie Sarah Carpenter '00 collected three assists.

On Sunday, the Lady Panthers plowed through rival Williams with a 7-0 win. Goals were scored by Labbe and McDougall to start the Panthers off with a 2-0 lead after the first period. McDougall, Carpenter, Chepren, Ryan, and Stephanie Hill '98 finished off Williams to end the weekend with 19 goals. Hase had the team's game high tree assists while Hackmann dominated the goal with 12 saves, improving her career record to an 18-0 mark. The Panthers look to continue their winning streak and blow away the competition at the ECAC Alliance Championships.