

Women's hockey tournament proves unkind to hosts

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After two wins during February break, the Middlebury women's hockey team hosted its first tournament ever this weekend.

The Panthers' initial win came against Division I Boston College on Saturday, January 30. Middlebury defeated the Eagles 2-0 at Nelson Arena. Laurie Odden '93 netted the first goal on an assist from Kirtley Horton '95 nine minutes into the first period.

Horton scored the final goal, assisted by Sarah Davis '95 and Odden. The Eagles were 11-4 after the loss to Middlebury.

Middlebury was defeated by Yale 4-1 on Friday, February 5 in New Haven, Connecticut. The Bulldogs scored early in the first period, but Horton tied up the score 15 minutes into the game. Yale surged ahead of the Panthers, adding one goal in the second period and two goals in the third period to deal Middlebury the loss.

The Panthers came back on the following Saturday to defeat Wesleyan 5-1 in their second away game of the weekend. Kelly Hefner '95 scored the opening goal for the Panthers two minutes into the game with an assist by

Lucie Flather '95 and Horton. Just 20 seconds into the second period, Kim Griffith '93 added the second Panther goal. Hefner and Odden assisted on the goal.

Eight minutes later, Odden came back to tally the third Panther goal, aided by Hefner and Horton. Wesleyan

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scored its lone goal of the game 12 minutes into the second period, yet the Panthers were clearly dominating Wesleyan at this point.

Odden added two more goals in the third period to secure the win. The first goal, 27 seconds into the period, was unassisted; Flather assisted on the second goal at 9:45.

The Panthers faced Dartmouth at

home on Wednesday, February 10. Middlebury was shut out 12-0 by the strong Division I team, a beating similar to Middlebury's 11-0 loss to Dartmouth on January 12. The Panthers attempted to stop the aggressive Dartmouth offense, yet the opposition continued to tally goals, spreading them evenly throughout the three periods.

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Middlebury was defeated by Bowdoin 3-2 in Saturday's game. Bowdoin found the net early in the game to take the lead 1-0, yet Middlebury rallied on a score by Horton 16 minutes into the first period, with an assist from Odden.

Bowdoin dominated the second period, adding two goals, while Middlebury was not able to connect on any shots. Middlebury came back in the final period on an unassisted goal by Odden, yet the Panthers could not close the gap.

Colby and Bowdoin faced off in Sunday's championship game, while Middlebury played McGill in the con-



Caryn Sheftel '95 battles for the puck.

Photo by Roberta Stewart

solation game. Laurie Odden led the Panther scoring with four goals in a tough loss to McGill, 9-6.

The Montreal team initiated the scoring in the first period, yet Middlebury matched every goal. The score was tied 2-2 at the end of the first period. Both Panther goals were tallied by Odden. The first was assisted by Hefner and Horton, and the second was unassisted.

McGill again began the scoring in the second period. Both teams tallied three goals.

Odden scored the first two goals. The Panther forward was assisted by Davis and Horton on the first goal and by Flather on the second. Griffith added the third goal of the period, assisted by the duo of Davis and Horton.

McGill kept up the quick pace in the final period and finally managed to outscore the Panthers.

Hefner shot the Panthers' lone goal of the third period with an assist from Caryn Sheftel '95 and Odden.

"After losing a close game to

Bowdoin, we hoped to end the weekend on a positive note and put Bowdoin behind us," said Horton of the McGill loss.

"Although we played well as a team, and had the ability to beat them, we weren't able to keep up the intensity in the last 10 minutes of play."

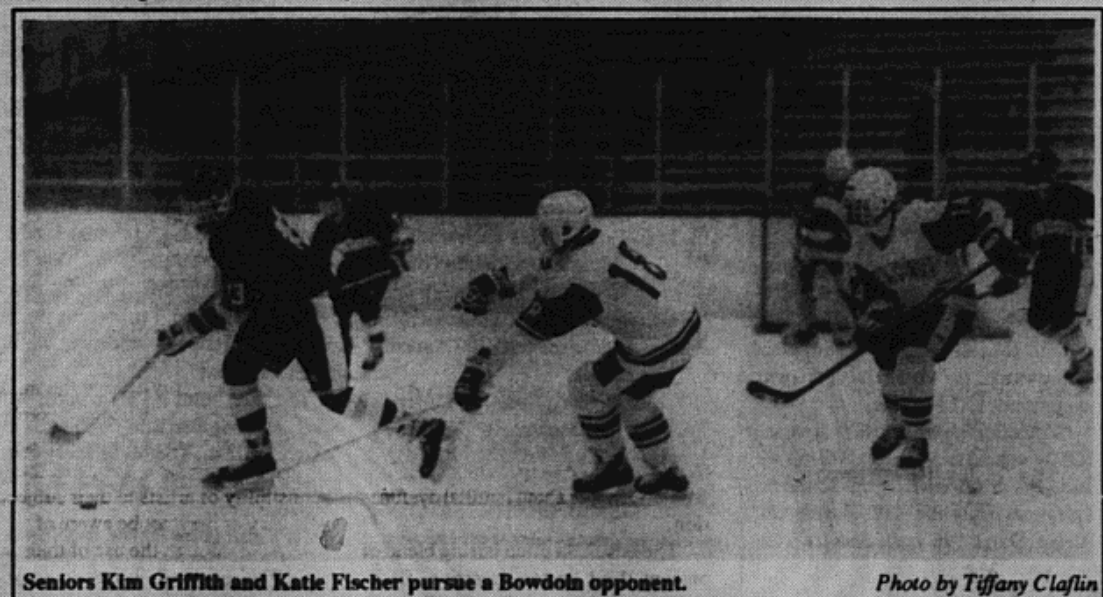
Goalie Christy Picard '96 was injured in tournament play, and the defensive weight will fall on sophomore Alice Hanson's shoulders.

"We're a little bit disappointed in the outcome, but we played well," coach Bill Mandigo said. "We put everything we had into it and came up a little short."

"Hopefully we can see the tournament as a learning experience and win our next two games," said Horton.

The 9-8 Panthers host Colgate tomorrow in their last regular season match-up.

"These last games are important for us, because we are 9-8," Mandigo added. "We want to come up with a winning record."



Seniors Kim Griffith and Katie Fischer pursue a Bowdoin opponent.

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