

Women's hockey wins fourth straight

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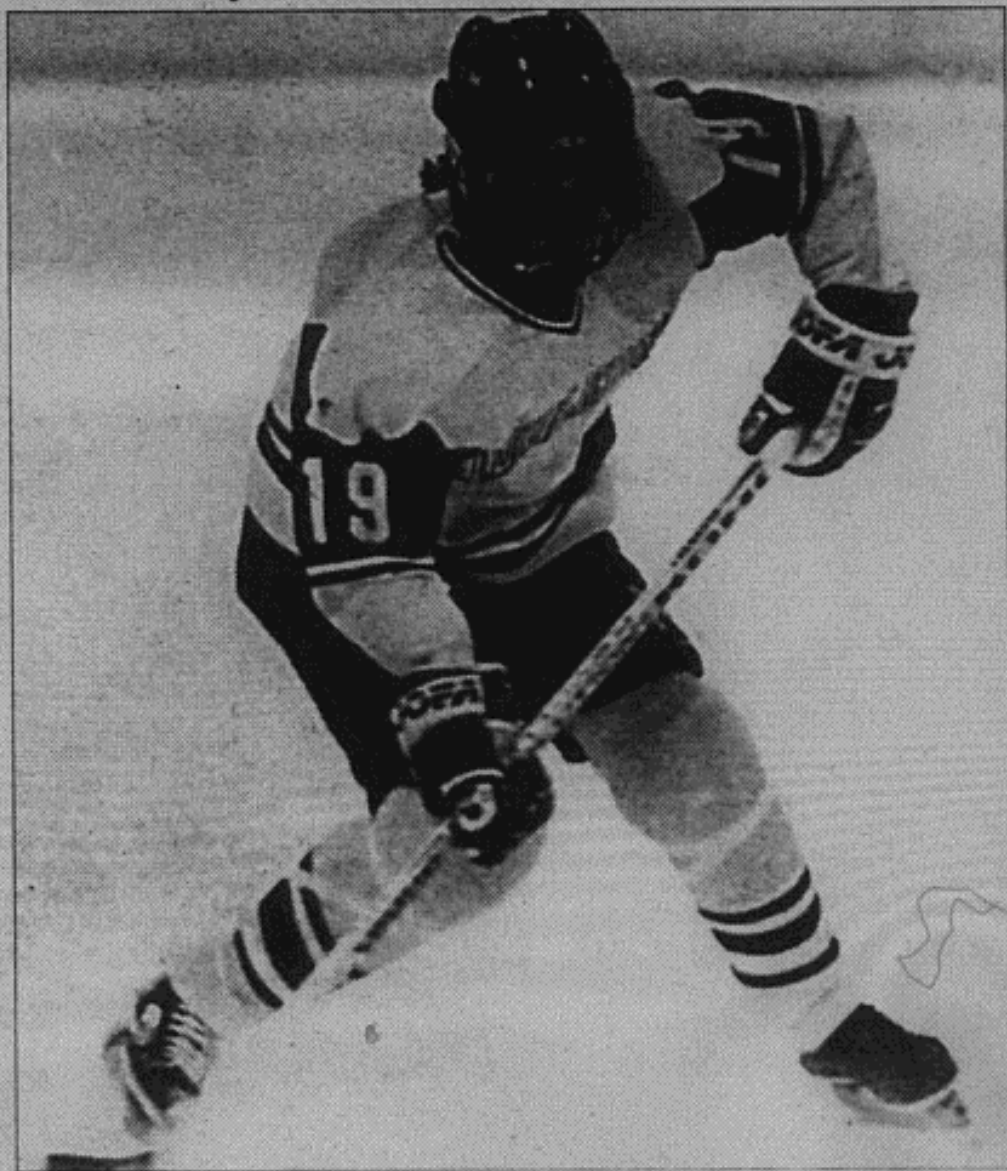
The Middlebury women's hockey team has enjoyed great success lately, winning four straight games to boost their record to 15-4 overall and 11-0 in the ECAC Alliance. This past weekend the Panthers dispensed of R.I.T. by a score of 4-1 and then followed that up with a 6-1 victory over R.P.I.

On February 14, the R.I.T. Tigers entered Nelson Arena with a record of 8-3-3 and were sitting as one of the top teams in the ECAC Alliance. However, Middlebury has been undefeated in the Alliance this year with a perfect record of 45-0 since the league's creation. They were not about to be defeated at home.

The Panthers started the game quickly with a goal by sophomore Sylvia Ryan 7:27 into the first period. The Panthers never looked back. First-year Michelle Labbe extended the lead with a power play goal in the second period and Ryan scored her second goal to put the Panthers up 3-0. In the third period Middlebury was able to go up by a score of 4-0 off of a goal from sophomore Christa McDougall. Middlebury was unable to maintain the shutout with R.I.T. scoring at the 13:08 mark in the third period.

For the second game of the weekend Middlebury welcomed the R.P.I. Engineers and quickly dismissed them 6-1. Late in the first period Labbe managed to score a short-handed goal to put the Panthers up 1-0. While this

would be her only goal of the game, she complemented it with three assists. Ryan scored the only goal of the second period, but then followed it up with a goal 17 seconds into the third. Junior Janice
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Elissa Burnell '01 has helped the Panthers to a ECAC Alliance record of 11-0.