

Women's hockey ends on winning note

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The Middlebury women's hockey team dominated UVM and Colgate in the last games of its winning season. With these two wins in last week's action, the Panthers ended the regular season 11-8.

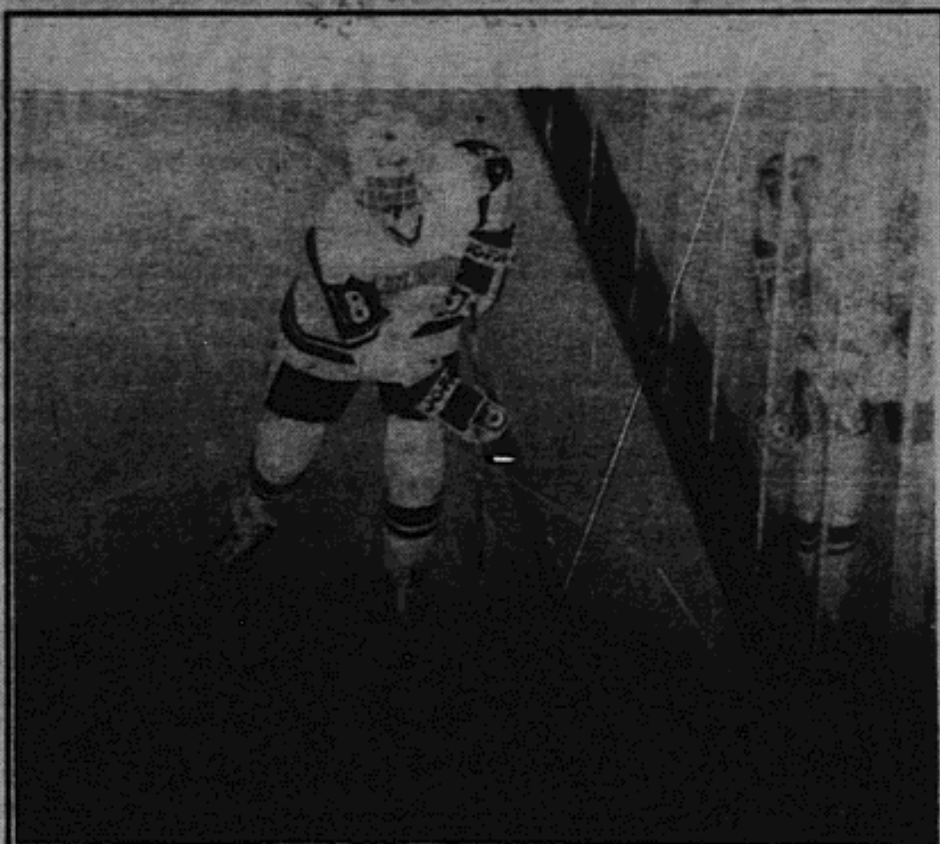
Middlebury defeated UVM 6-0 on February 17 at home. Sophomore goalie Alice Hanson shut UVM out, making 24 saves. Kirtley Horton '95 controlled the puck, scoring five of the six goals. Horton opened up the scoring 13 minutes into the first period, assisted by Laurie Odden '93 and Lucie Flather '95.

Horton scored the first three goals of the second period. Her first goal at 2:41 was unassisted; the combination of Odden and Flather assisted Horton on her second goal at 10:41. Kelly Hefner '95 and Odden teamed up to give Horton the puck for her third goal of the period at 12:10. Hefner added the final goal of the period at 16:55, assisted by Odden and Horton.

Horton's offensive power was slowed briefly in the third period by the four minutes she spent in the penalty box for highsticking and hooking, but the UVM team was still unable to gain any ground on the Panthers.

Horton came back at the end of the game to give UVM its final blow. Kim Griffith '93 and Odden assisted on Horton's fifth goal of the game. The Panthers outshot UVM 41-24, clearly dominating the offensive action.

The Panthers ended their season on a high note with a win against Colgate on Friday. Again the offensive teamwork of Odden, Horton and Hefner was extremely successful. Odden netted the first puck two minutes into the game, assisted by Horton and Hefner. Hefner added a second score at 10:46,



Senior Kim Griffith escorts the puck.

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assisted by Odden, giving the Panthers a healthy lead at the end of the first period.

Colgate came back with one tally at 6:58 in the second period and a second goal three minutes into the third period. The Panthers defended their lead in a tight third period.

The offensive play was evenly divided between the two teams. Middlebury had 11 shots on goal while Colgate had 10. Horton was, as usual, extremely aggressive on offense, supported by Odden.

A Colgate interference penalty at 3:37 interrupted a Panther attack led by Horton. The Panthers did not score

during the resulting power play despite successfully controlling the offensive play. Hefner rescued the Panthers from a tie, adding her second goal of the the game at 9:20.

However, the game was not over yet for the Panthers. Colgate came back strong in the last two minutes of play, but was successfully contained by defensive players Griffith and Caryn Sheftel '95. Hanson stopped 22 shots on goal during the game to ensure the Panther win.

"It was good to finish the season on a winning note," Sheftel said.

The Panthers finished the season with a winning record, 11-8.