

# Women's hockey continues to dominate their opponents

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The Middlebury women's hockey team took to the road and destroyed Wesleyan and Connecticut College this past weekend.

The Wesleyan team is ranked number one in the East, making for a game between the top two ranked teams in the league. Middlebury started out strong when at 14:31 in the first period they had a power play. Sylvia Ryan '00 received a pass in front of the net from defenseman Sarah Carpenter '01 and Michelle Labbe '01 making the score 1-0. Following Ryan's goal, Christa McDougall '00 followed her teammates lead by netting two in the second period. Labbe followed her older sister's lead by netting one herself at 13:05 in the second period.

The third period showed a frenzy of goals scored by Ryan (2), Catherine Pullins '00, and Sue "Chep" Chepren '99. The final score was 8-0. Middlebury clearly dominated the game at Wesleyan's home rink. A super game was played by Sarah Carpenter who played well offensively. Beth Denoncourt '00 made some amazing saves and controlled her rebounds extremely well.

"The team really pulled together to win as a team. Although we won in terms of goals, we played well together. Everyone played 110% and it showed when we were on the ice." Catherine Pullins stated.

Middlebury took the ice the following day at Connecticut College.

The Lady Camels are a new contender in the ECAC alliance but they have definitely earned their varsity status. Middlebury dressed two new goalies for this event. Sue Chepren and Janice O'Neil '99 stepped up to the task to play goalie when Beth Denoncourt and Kristen Hackman '99 requested to play forward. Sue Chepren started the game making a total of three saves. Janice O'Neil made three saves as well but could not hold the shutout that Chep had begun.

Michelle Labbe (2) led the scoring streak in this game followed by Katie Lynch '00, Stephanie Hill '98, and Catherine Pullins. The Camels shut Middlebury out of points in the second period. However, the panthers came back strong in the third when Elissa Burnell '01, Jennifer Bahnson '01, and Sarah Hall '00 scored their first goals. Hall's goal was assisted by goalie Beth Denoncourt.

"Exploring new positions made the game exciting and fun. Everyone on the team had the opportunity to investigate what another position was like." Commented Michelle Labbe.

Last weekend proved to be a fun time. This week the Panthers must get back to work in preparation for Colgate and Hamilton on visiting turf this weekend. Following this weekend's games, the team will prepare for the ECAC Alliance tournament. It is still undecided where this tournament will be hosted but Middlebury hopes to host based on their undefeated league record.



Pete Huoppi

Senior Rebecca Sama anchored the Panther defense and helped Middlebury attain two big wins on the road.

## Women swimmers fly at New England

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The spirited reputation of the Pink Panthers' is not all that the women's swimming and diving team lived up to at the New England Championships this past weekend. Aside from loud cheering and a vivacious attitude maintained for the entire three-day meet, held at Wesleyan College, the Pink Panthers also demonstrated their remarkability in the water.

"We were self-dubbed the most improved team," said head coach

Peter Solomon. "Based on the rankings going into the meet, everyone was expecting a Williams-Amherst showdown for first."

The Panthers proved these expectations wrong. Despite the Williams domination of the scoreboard, Middlebury was a force with which to be reckoned. Not only were five school records set, but also twelve National cuts were made. With such strong Middlebury swims, the focus of the meet turned to the second place spot.

"The race for second place wasn't resolved until the second to last event of the meet, where Amherst came up with two divers in the top eight," stated Solomon. "Middlebury's 40 point lead turned into an Amherst 40 point lead, despite best New England performances from sophomore divers Gwen Busby and Jamie McBride."

Though the Panthers finished third to Williams and Amherst, Middlebury's competitiveness in every race made Amherst work for its second place standing. First-year Megan Olson set two school