

Women's Hockey

By Ellen Sheffield

Middlebury lost a tough one to Division I Yale, 4-3, in sudden death overtime in Nelson Arena during the February break.

The Panthers skated a solid first period that saw them take a 2-0 lead on goals by senior tri-captain Emily Conant and junior Ellen Sheffield. Yale got one goal back in the first and then controlled the second period to score two more and gain a 3-2 edge. Netting her second goal of the game, Conant tied the contest at 6:10 of the final period sending the game into overtime. Anne Bingham, who had scored two of Yale's three earlier goals, took a shot from the point which deflected off of freshman Panther goalie Suzi Black's skate and into the net. Thus at 3:33 of the overtime period, sudden death struck the Panther women.

It was a different story at St. Lawrence the following Sunday. Not playing as well as they had in earlier games, the Panthers started slowly and were down 2-0 in the first period. Midd finally got going in the second period and brought the game to a brief tie, scoring their only two goals of the game. Senior tri-captains Charlene Suprenant and Liz O'Connell found the net. St. Lawrence went ahead in the second and finished a slow skating Middlebury squad off in the third period

to end the game 7-2.

Still stinging from a pair of losses over the weekend, the Middlebury College women's hockey team rebounded with the home ice advantage this week to beat Skidmore 9-1 and R.P.I. 10-0, boosting their record to 9-5. Highlights of the Skidmore game included a hat trick by freshman wing Andrea Salzman, two goals by Sheffield, goals from Charlene Suprenant and Kim O'Sullivan and a boomer from the point by junior defenseman Edith Iler.

Ten different players scored in the game against R.P.I. to earn the Panthers an easy win. Junior Jen Sudduth skated the puck directly from the face off down to the net and tossed it in on her backhand-all in a mere seven seconds. Defenseman Karen Schmeichel and Edith Iler boomed two more in from the point and senior goalie Betsy Thompson earned her second shut-out of the season. Certainly one of the main reasons the team has been successful this season is because of their strong defense led by student-coach Michael Kennedy, and junior players Gretchen Lardner and Heidi Anderson, and goalies Black and Betsy Thompson.

The Panthers will end their 1985-6 season on Sunday, Feb. 23 at 2 pm (note schedule change) in Nelson Arena with a game against the Wesleyan Cardinals, with the hopes of polishing off a 10-5 season.