

# Ryan sets scoring record as women keep winning

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This past weekend, the Middlebury women's ice hockey team continued to steamroll over their opponents as they notched their **Women's Hockey**

Friday, January 7

Middlebury	8
Wesleyan	0

Saturday, January 8

Middlebury	9
Trinity	0

fourth and fifth shutouts of the season, tallying 17 goals in two games.

On the road in Connecticut at Trinity College and Wesleyan University, the Panthers played outstanding hockey at both ends of the ice—the team's high-flying offense scored more goals than the defense allowed shots-on-goal.

The highlight of the two blowout wins, 8-0 over Wesleyan and 9-0 over Trinity, undoubtedly came at 7:11 of the third period against Trinity, when Sylvia Ryan '00 notched her 92nd collegiate goal, moving her to the top of the Middlebury career goals-scored record book. For her standout performance, Ryan was named the NESCAC and ECAC Player of the Week.

Against the Wesleyan Cardinals, the Panthers started the scoring 37 seconds into the game, with Ryan putting the first of her six goals of the weekend past the Cardinals' netminder, with assists to Michelle Labbe '01 and Laurie Richmond '02. The game remained close until 15:40 of the

first, when defenseman Amber Neil '03 put the puck in the net, assisted by twin-sister Erin Neil '03 and Angela Kapus '03, to make the score 2-0.

Kelly Hase '00 and Nico Kieves '02 tallied goals in the second period (assists to A. Neil on the first-Labbe and Ryan on the second).

Starting the third, Labbe capitalized on a power play with a goal on assists from Ryan and Catherine Elkins '02, upping the score to 5-0. Ryan scored her second goal of the game eight minutes later, on an assist from Audrey Pellerin '03, followed by a goal by Christa McDougall '00 (assist by Hase).

With the score 7-0, the Panthers were called for too many skaters on the ice, but even a 5-on-4 Wesleyan power play could not slow the Panthers. With nine seconds remaining on the clock, Ryan scored a short-handed goal to complete her hat trick, moving her three goals away from the Middlebury women's goal record.

The Panthers outshot Wesleyan 47-11 in the win, with goalkeeper Beth Denoncourt '00 stonewalling the Cardinals.

"The team did a tremendous job of playing our game and doing the things we need to do to be successful," Assistant Coach Michelyne Pinarid said. "They did a great job of staying focused."

Sunday afternoon, the team took to the ice against the Trinity Bantams and never gave their opponent the chance to earn a win. Four minutes into the game, Middlebury was whistled for a checking penalty, and the Bantams thought they smelled blood. It was



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*Sylvia Ryan '00 became Middlebury's career leader in goals scored this past weekend when she scored her 91st.*

their own — the Panthers' Labbe scored a shorthanded goal on an assist from Elkins. Later in the period, Middlebury's women put the game away, thanks to goals from Ryan (assists to Labbe and Elissa Burnell '01), Molly Barefoot '03 (assists to E. Neil and Burnell) and Jacqui Phillips '03 (assists to McDougall and Nico Kieves). The Panthers finished the period up 4-0.

The relentless attack continued to press in the second, with Elkins (A. Neil), Ryan (A. Neil), Labbe (Ryan and A. Neil), and Hase (McDougall and Sarah Hall '00) all scoring goals to make the score 8-0. Ryan's goal, a flip pass that trick-

led over the goal line, tied her at 91 goals with Jen Hefner '97 for first place on the Panthers' all-time list.

During the third period, the Panthers only scored one goal; Sylvia Ryan's third goal of the game (giving her two hat tricks on the weekend) broke Middlebury's career goals scored record. Ryan's teammates kept feeding her the puck in the slot until she was able to convert on a pass from Michelle Labbe at 7:11 into the period.

The Panthers defense held Trinity scoreless for the entire game, and goalie Megan Hutchinson '02 only had to make five saves to earn the win (in contrast to Middlebury's 55 shots).

"I certainly did not break the record on my own," said Ryan about her accomplishment. "I had the pleasure of playing with some very talented hockey players, Jen Hefner, who held the record before me, Michelle Labbe, who has been my linemate for the past two years, and numerous others, too many to name."

Teammate Labbe commended Ryan, "She is a very talented player, but more so she has a great work ethic. We can always count on Sylvia to step up the play when our team needs it."

Ryan stressed the team's ambitions for the year more than her (see *Women*, page 14)

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