Women's hockey rules Middlebury Tournament

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The varsity women's ice hockey team captured the Middlebury Invitational Tournament with a pair of wins this past weekend. Playing host to Williams College, University of Vermont, and McGill University, Middlebury came into the tournament with a perfect record of 3-0 against ECAC league teams. The Panthers looked to improve on

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Saturday, January 10th

Middlebury	8
Williams	1

Sunday, January 11th

Middlebury	2
McGill	0

that record as they faced Williams in a first-round game on Saturday afternoon. The Ephs proved no match for Middlebury's potent attack, as Sylvia Ryan '00 opened the scoring one minute into the game. Ryan followed with another goal

eight minutes later, receiving an assist from first-year Michelle Labbe. The Middlebury barrage on the Williams goal continued, as Kelly Hase '00 scored at the ten-minute mark with the assist from Stephanie Hill '98 and Sarah Carpenter '01. The Panthers finished the first period with a 3 goal lead, and continued to build that lead throughout the rest of the game. Michelle Labbe had a strong second period, as she was involved in all three goals scored; she assisted on Janice O'Neil '99 and Ryan's goal before scoring one for herself. Sarah Hall '99 also assisted on Ryan's third goal of the game. Although Middlebury surrendered one goal to Williams, they still entered the last period with a substantial lead. Labbe and Hase scored a goal apiece in the third period, as senior captain Rebecca Sama assisted on both. Goalie Kristin Hackmann '99 recorded five saves as Middlebury emerged with an 8-1 win.

Pete Huoppi

Lauren Brown takes an uncontested lay-up in the team's win on Saturday.

With this convincing victory, Middlebury moved on to the championship game to face McGill, who defeated UVM in the other first-round game. McGill proved to be tough competition for the Panthers, and the two teams remained at a 0-0 tie after the first period. However, Middlebury came out of the locker room fired up, as Catherine Pullins '00 skated her way through the McGill defense to score in the first eight seconds of the second period. Middlebury continued to dominate for the rest of the second period, yet they could not follow with an insurance goal. In the third period however, Pullins came through again to

score her second goal of the game. McGill could not counter with goals of their own, and Middlebury was the 2-0 victor of a fiercely fought game.

In the post-game announcements, Pullins was named the Tournament MVP, and Hackman and Ryan both were named to the All-Tournament Team. High scorers for the weekend were Ryan, who finished with three goals and two assists, Labbe, with two goals and three assists, Hase, who recorded two goals, and Pullins, with two goals, both in the championship game. With these two wins, Middlebury raised it's overall standing to an, impressive 7-3 record.