

# Women's hockey rebounds from tournament to win three

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During the winter break, the Panther women's ice hockey team trained for its upcoming ECAC (East Coast Athletic Conference) alliance games by playing in Dartmouth's round robin tournament. The tournament featured such elite Division I schools as Boston College, Dartmouth College, and Northeastern University.

Middlebury lost to the three teams but gained a lot of good experience, especially by learning to push themselves hard, and put up a good fight. A rematch against Dartmouth is scheduled in February. Middlebury plans to pay Dartmouth back for their one-goal loss.

Upon returning from the holiday break, the Panthers traveled to Montreal to take on McGill University. Sylvia Ryan '00 netted two goals in the first period and captain

Jennifer Hefner '97 followed with goals in both the second and third periods. Only minutes later, Whit Parks '97 put the biscuit in the basket, blanking McGill 5-0. Goalkeeper Beth Denoncourt '00 had a great game, saving 14 shots en route to the shut out.

This past weekend, Middlebury returned home to host RPI and RIT in a double-header weekend. Saturday afternoon Middlebury took on RPI and demolished them 10-0.

Catherine Pullins '00 began the scoring with a pass from co-captains Hefner and Parks on a power play at 4:35 in the first period.

Only two minutes later another power-play goal was scored by defenseman Leanne MacDonald '00 on passes from Parks and Hefner. Sarah Cotton '99, Pullins, and Ryan raked up the score to 5-0 by the end of the first period. The Panthers continued to score through-

out the second and third periods on goals by Sarah Hall '00 (2), Laine Catlin '97, Hefner, and Megan Maloney '98.

Middlebury's biggest game of the season against RIT turned out to be easier than expected, as the Panthers rolled to a 6-1 win. Ryan netted the first goal at 8:08 in the first period on a power play from Hefner and MacDonald. Christa McDougall '00, Ryan, and Hefner each had a goal in the first period. The second period, RIT fought back and scored

at 5:34. Middlebury's lead became even greater when Parks scored an unassisted goal in the second. A third period goal was scored on a breakaway when McDougall made

a quick pass to Ryan, giving Ryan a hat trick. Parks commented "RIT is our biggest rival; we played them in the finals last year. It's great to set the tone for when we play them

again at the end of this month."

After these six games Middlebury's overall record is 6-3, but they retain their undefeated ECAC alliance record of 5-0.



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Whit Parks '97 waits in front of the RIT goal for a chance to score in Sunday's game.