

Women's Hockey remains unbeaten

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The future is definitely bright for this year's Middlebury Women's Ice Hockey team. Despite several changes in management, and the addition of a plethora of rookies to the squad, the Lady Panthers look especially strong. Several players have boosted this team towards impressive wins in the first 5 games of the season.

Middlebury's first game was a 3-2 victory over rival UVM. Coach Mike Gerber's Sunshine line led the soaring bid with goals by center Cynthia White and her left wing, Marci Griffith, as well as a spectacular slapshot by powerhouse defenseman Vicky Wideman.

The next victims for the goal-hungry Pantherettes were the unsuspecting Purple Cows from Williams, with this killing coming in the form of a brutal 7-2 slaughter. Debbie "Savage" Gow was on the prowl scoring the first hat trick of the season. Ashley Ransom, undaunted by car trouble just prior to the game, bulletted two goals past the Williams goalie. Edith "Boomer" Iler, returning this season after a year abroad, contributed another goal from the point. And once again, Cynthia White made her Daddy proud with the final goal that clinched the contest.

After a month long hiatus, the Pantherettes rallied to victory once again over the Williams skaters, this time milking the Purple Cows dry

of any scoring bids whatsoever. Veteran goaltender, Ann "Trusty" Truslow, back after a bout with mono, guarded the net successfully with the first shut-out of the season. This time, the Panther's destruction detonated in a 6-0 massacre. Cynthia White led the frenzied attack with three goals. What ensued were goals by Ashley Ransom and rookie Josie Richmond. Sunshine lineman Debbie Gow finalized the tally with yet one more score.

Latest reports show the Pantherettes record to be 5-0, including the two victories incurred during last weekend's road trip to New York. Facing off in the Nation's oldest indoor rink, Middlebury prevailed over the Hamilton Continentals with a score of 5-2. And after a relaxing overnight stay in sunny Utica NY, the Pantherettes were fired up to challenge the Colgate Raiders. Kristin Gustavson secured the net to help the team protect their spotless record with a 3-2 victory.

Some of the Pantherettes success can be attributed to the optimistic attitude of the new coaching staff. New Head Coach, Mike Gerber, has received invaluable help from assistant coaches Jerry Fryberger, Pete Saliba and one time Pantherette Liza Weeks.

The Pantherettes' next home games are this Friday (Jan. 22) at 7:30 p.m. vs Colby and Saturday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. vs Bowdoin. Come on down and support the team!