

Women post ninth shutout of season

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University, a perennial power in the Quebec University Women's Hockey League. McGill jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first period, but Middlebury's Ryan was able to tie the score in the third period. The game went to overtime but neither team scored, leaving the game in a tie. Beth Denoncourt started in net for the Panthers and saw her record move to 5-1-1. Middlebury outshot

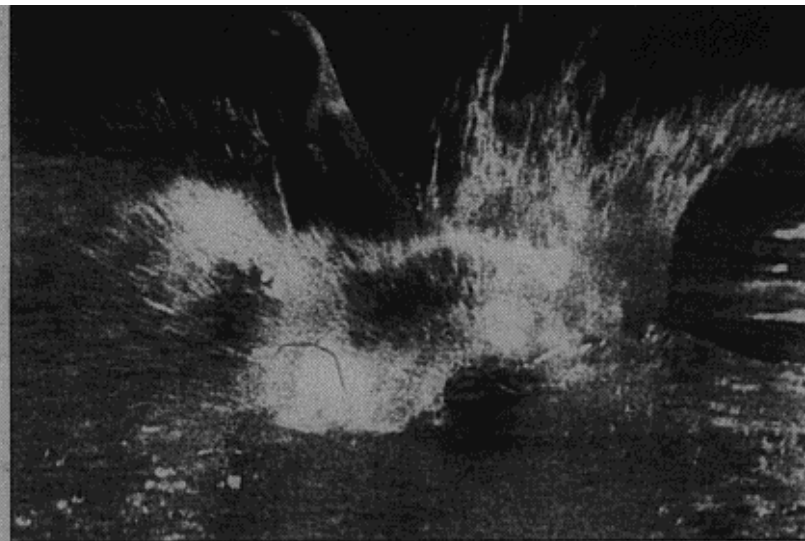
the Martlets 36-9 and will face off at home against McGill tonight at 7 p.m.

On January 21 and 22, Middlebury was expecting to face possibly their toughest weekend of ECAC league play of the year as the Panthers hosted Maine powerhouses Colby and Bowdoin, both of which came into the weekend with 6-2-1 records. In the first game, Middlebury faced off against the Colby

Mules, who are in their first season in Division III league after going 0-26 in Division I last year. The White Mules had been winning with defense, allowing only seven goals in nine contests, and scoring only 22 goals. Middlebury tore apart the vaunted defense, hammering Colby with five goals on 50 shots, while allowing Colby no goals on three shots. Colby's large players lacked speed, but tried to intimidate the Panthers with their size and aggressive physical play.

Middlebury stuck to their game and allowed Colby who is still boss in the ECAC. The standout performances of the game came from Ryan, who scored a whopping four goals, and Labbe, who assisted on all four of Ryan's goals. Phillips tallied Middlebury's fifth goal, while Hutchinson stopped all of Colby's attempts, all in the third period.

On Saturday, the Panthers took to the ice against Bowdoin, a team that had ambitions of an upset win over Middlebury after the Polar Bears' tie with UVM the night before. The trip to Vermont to face Middlebury and UVM is consid-



Peter Huoppi

Dereck Chicarelli '02 shows why he scored an amazing 306 points Saturday.

ered the toughest weekend of league games for ECAC Division III teams and Middlebury showed why with a 6-0 win. Catherine Pullins '00 scored for Middlebury less than four minutes into the game, and after goals by Morton, Labbe and another by Pullins, the Polar Bears went into the locker room facing a 4-0 deficit against the number one ranked team in the country. The Panthers kept up constant pressure throughout the second and third period, and netted goals by Erin Neil '03 and Kapus to

finish out the scoring. Denoncourt made 9 saves in goal to earn the easy shutout. The Panthers have not allowed a goal in league play since the first weekend of the season.

Middlebury continues to be ranked the unanimous #1 in the country by the US College Hockey Online poll, a position it has held all season. Sylvia Ryan was named the NESCAC Player of the Week for the second time in three weeks for her five goal and one assist performance.

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