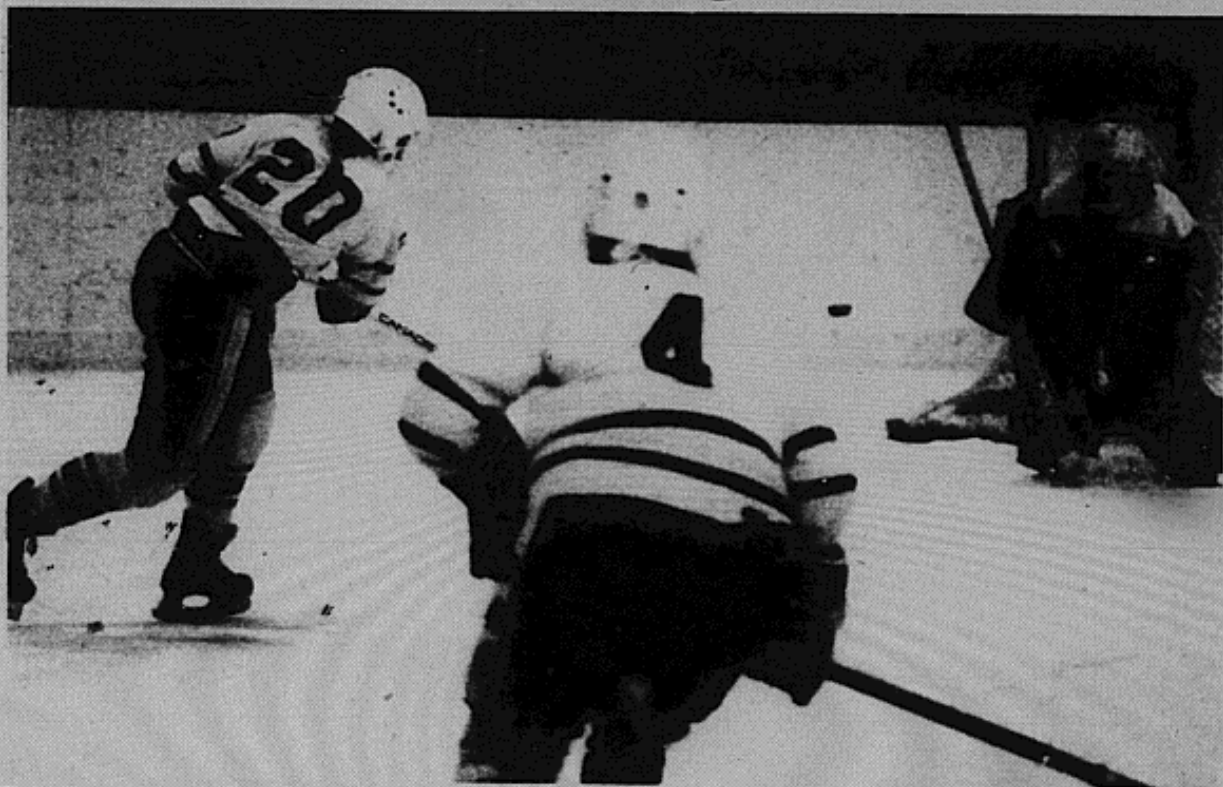


Middlebury women's hockey maintains winning streak



Debbie Gow '90 unleashes a wrist shot in a 4-0 victory over Boston College

(photo by Quinn Pollock)

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Women's ice hockey remains unbeaten thus far this season. Posting victories against Skidmore and Boston College last week the Panthers were able to bring their record to a resounding 6-0.

On Wednesday, January 17, Middlebury traveled to Skidmore not only to view their architecturally magnificent rink but also to be filmed by a local television station. Middlebury was definitely up to the challenge presented before them as they jumped to a 2-0 lead after the first period. Both goals were scored by Junior Debbie Gow with the assists from stalwart defenseman Amanda Unger, ('89).

In the second period, Captain Sam Chapin, ('89), also scored two goals while linemate Marci Griffith, ('89), added another. Skidmore was able to put themselves on the scoreboard with a strong shot that eluded goalie Suzi Black, ('89)—the only goal for them of the game.

Entering the third period, the team was prepared to break the game wide open. After a promise from assistant coach Peter Saliba that he would shave his beard if

the Panthers hit double figures, they skated onto the ice confident that they would once again be able to view Saliba's bare chin. Debbie Gow completed her hat trick with yet another assist from Unger. Unfortunately the team had to settle for the final score of 6-1. Particularly strong defense by Unger and freshman Margaret held Skidmore virtually ineffective throughout the game.

Before the hometown crowd on January 21, Middlebury faced Boston College with the hopes of once again maintaining their unblemished record. From the onset Middlebury dominated the game with a remarkable 27 shots on the BC goal. Despite valiant efforts by the opponent's goalie who made save after save, Middlebury was able to put themselves on the scoreboard with goals by Marci Griffith and Andrea Salzman.

In the second period Middlebury maintained the pace with 19 shots on the Boston net. Debbie Gow found the range on a strong pass from Amanda Unger at the point. The BC goalie unfortunately kept her composure in the face of constant Middlebury threat and consequently

Middlebury was unable to capitalize on their particularly strong playmaking throughout the game. Heather Morris, ('91), was

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able to add a final goal in the third period to bring the final score to 4-0. Cynthia White, ('89), and Margi Sheehan, ('91), had two assists apiece as they helped to pace the Panther attack.

While Middlebury is pleased with its 6-0 overall record they are also maintaining a sense of reality as they plan to face strong Bowdoin and Colby teams in Maine this weekend. The team has been strong thus far this season.

but these games will pose distinct threats. Middlebury definitely has the skills and mental intensity necessary to win the games. But it will be important for them to convert many more of their shots into goals if they are to keep the zero losses as a part of their overall record.