

# Women's hockey team recovers from losses

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Coming off two tough losses against Division I opponents Dartmouth and Saint Lawrence, the Panther women came back strong to play competitive hockey in a win against Colby and a loss against Bowdoin.

The Panthers were defeated 11-0 at Dartmouth on Monday, January 18. The Middlebury team held off Dartmouth at the start of the game, allowing only one goal in the first period, but the Panthers tired during the second period, and Dartmouth surged to net seven pucks.

The Dartmouth team continued the beating in the third period, scoring another three goals.

The Panthers were blanked again two days later at home by a strong Saint Lawrence team. Middlebury was unable to convert any of its 11 shots into goals; the SLU team, however, was able to get off 43 shots on Panther goalie Christy Picard '96, who let only five pucks reach the net.

On Friday, January 22, the Middlebury players travelled to Maine and succeeded in recovering lost ground. After tying the Colby team 2-2 in regular time, the Panthers defeated the White Mules 3-2 in overtime.

The crucial goal was tallied by sophomore Kirtley Horton, 2:48 into the overtime period.

Panther forward Laurie Odden '93 scored the opening goal of the game, assisted by Kimmy Griffith '93.

The Colby team came back to tie the game five minutes into the second period, but the Panthers took the lead at 12:14 in the same period on a score by Kirtley Horton '95, assisted by Odden and Kelly Hefner '95. Colby evened the score again 16 minutes into the second period.

After a scoreless third period, Horton came through for the Panthers

early in the overtime period, assisted again by Odden and Hefner.

With the game winning goal, Horton brought her total to two goals for the game. Picard played well in the net for the Panthers, as both teams had 33 shots on goal, evidence of the tight action.

Although the Panthers took the lead early in the first period, the Bowdoin Bears controlled the game in the later periods, resulting in a 6-2 loss for Middlebury.

Horton, assisted by Griffith and Hefner, scored for the Panthers to open last Saturday's game at Bowdoin. The Bears scored two goals to win the lead back in the second period.

Unfortunately, the Panthers were overwhelmed by the Bowdoin team in an action-packed third period in which Middlebury was outscored 4-1. The lone Panther goal was made by Odden, assisted by Michelle May '96.

Coach Bill Mandigo was pleased with his players' performance. He commended Horton and Odden for their strong play.

"Christy Picard played outstanding, very strong in the net. She was the key to our success in the Colby game," Mandigo said. "The difference between us and Bowdoin was that we played Friday and Bowdoin didn't. Hefner and Griffith didn't come off ice other than [during] penalties in both games. We hope we can avenge the Bowdoin loss at the tournament."

The Middlebury women's hockey tournament, the first in the history of the college, will be held on Saturday, February 13. This is an event about which the team is "really excited," according to Mandigo.

Middlebury is now 6-4 overall. The Panthers will take on Boston College at home on Saturday, January 30 and will visit Yale and Wesleyan on the weekend of February 5 and 6.