

Women's Hockey dominates in ECAC contests

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The Middlebury women's hockey team took a road trip to New York last weekend, where they recorded two wins and amassed 11 goals. As they trampled on their ECAC opponents, the Panthers steadily improved their overall record to an impressive 8 wins and 3 losses.

On Saturday, Middlebury defeated Rochester Institute of Tech-

Women's Hockey

Saturday, January 24th

Middlebury	7
Hamilton	1

Sunday, January 25th

Middlebury	7
Colgate	1

nology 3-1. Although R. I. T. scored early in the game for a quick one goal lead, the advantage was short-lived. Middlebury rebounded with a goal by rookie Michelle Labbe '01 at the nine minute mark in the first period to tie up the score.

The Panthers then gained the lead in the second period as junior Sarah Cotton scored her first goal of the season. The Panthers went into the final period with a slim lead, and an insurance goal was needed.

Catherine Pullins, who had already assisted the first two scores, netted a goal of her own in the first minute of the third period. Sophomore goaltender Beth Denoncourt recorded 12 saves as Middlebury clinched the 3-1 win.

On Sunday the Panthers stomped on Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in an 8-0 win. Two first-year players set the pace for Middlebury in the first period. Sarah Carpenter scored her first collegiate goal, while classmate Labbe recorded her second goal of the weekend. In the second period, Labbe struck for another goal and sophomores Sylvia Ryan and Christa McDougall each scored to increase Middlebury's lead to 5 goals.

However, the Panthers did not stop at that tally, as Labbe increased her point barrage in the third peri-



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Janice O'Neil '99 maneuvers her way through two reaching Colgate opponents in her team's 7-1 ECAC blowout.

od. first-year sensation scored her third goal of the game, and Ryan and junior Suzanne Chepren also recorded goals to finish the scoring. Janice O'Neil '99 and Ryan each collected three assists throughout the game, helping the Panthers to a convincing 8-0 win.

Labbe's impressive play over the weekend did not go unnoticed, as her four goals and one assist in Middlebury's two victories earned her the ECAC Alliance Rookie of the Week.

This past weekend, the Panthers' steady play did not falter as they defeated both Hamilton and Colgate 7-1. On Saturday, Middlebury faced Hamilton with resounding success. Kelly Hase '00 and O'Neil led the team with two goals apiece, and Ryan, Labbe and Carpenter each provided one goal to the winning cause. Goaltender Kristin Hackmann recorded 5 saves as Middlebury improved their record to 7-3.

On Sunday, Colgate proved to have as little success against the powerful Middlebury team as Hamilton did. Labbe continued her exceptional play, as she led the Panthers with 3 goals. Ryan also scored

2 goals, and Cotton and Stephanie Mill had a goal apiece. Hackmann, who had 2 saves, was virtually untested in the goal, as the Middlebury defense proved to be too tough for the Colgate attackers.

Over the past two weekends, Middlebury improved their overall record to 10-3 while remaining undefeated in the ECAC Alliance with

a 7-0 record in that division. First-year standout has been taking the ECAC Alliance by storm leading Middlebury with 12 goals and 15 assists.

If Labbe and the rest of the Panthers keep up their solid play, they could easily be looking at a repeat of last year's ECAC Alliance championship.

Squash suffers tough losses

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The Middlebury women's squash team started off the 1997-1998 season with a trip to Williamstown, Massachusetts, for the Williams Invitational Tournament. The team faced some tough opposition but walked away with one win despite three losses.

In the opening match against Hamilton, Middlebury emerged victorious with a score of 7-2. The seniors, Amanda Gonzalez, Katherine Keen and Carole Barnsley, led the team to victory in the match as all won 3-0.

The sophomore members of the

team also enjoyed similar success against Hamilton. All three won their matches 3-0 as the Panthers defeated the Hamilton Continentals 7-2. The two other wins were by forfeit.

Middlebury's luck did not continue into the next three matches as Middlebury lost to Bowdoin, Colby, and Connecticut College. In the match against Bowdoin, Middlebury fought hard but the Polar Bears won 9-0.

In their third match of the weekend, the Panthers took on the Colby White Mules. Once again, Middlebury put forth a good effort towards the end, but nevertheless fell 9-0.

The final match of the weekend proved to be somewhat closer