

Women skaters finish up season

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hold off the home team the rest of the way. Boston College's goaltender, however, had other ideas. She came up big in the third, sitting on the one goal advantage her teammates gave her early on in the period and stuffing ten Middlebury shots on her way to accumulating 32 saves on the afternoon.

According to coach Bill

Mandigo, the officiating during the contest left something to be desired. He offered no excuses for the game's outcome, but in a contest in which the two teams are so evenly matched, he hinted that the referees played a crucial and questionable role. In addition to disallowing a second period Panther goal during a play in which the Middlebury skater argued she was cross-checked into the crease, the refs also granted

BC the go-ahead goal after a controversial incident in the final period. Panther goalie Christy Picard '96 seemingly froze the puck under her mitt, but the Eagles kept hacking at her glove until the puck squirted into the net. An open-net goal was then tacked on as BC secured the 4-2 victory.

And so ended a remarkable women's hockey season. Senior captain Laurie Odden capped off an absolutely stellar four-year career by becoming the most prolific scorer in Middlebury history. She finished with 147 career points and was voted the team's MVP for the fourth consecutive year.

Other than Odden and fellow senior Cowperthwait, however, these Panthers will not be missing much next season. Fantastic first-years Hefner and Parks tied for team scoring honors at 49 points on the year.

Mandigo was quite satisfied with the team's season. "At 15-9, we not only won the most games ever, but we did it with the hardest schedule ever." He also remarked that "with a good balance of young people returning and a recruiting class potentially as good as the class of 1997," Middlebury could truly terrify opponents next year.

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