

# Women's hockey finishes off season with perfect ECAC record



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*Sarah Carpenter '01 has helped the women's hockey team remain undefeated in the ECAC Alliance this winter.*

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The Middlebury women's ice hockey team continued to pummel its ECAC Alliance opponents, as it defeated both Wesleyan and Connecticut College last week. The Panthers traveled to Wesleyan for the first of its two road games. Middlebury started off slow in the first period, with sophomore Sylvia Ryan tallying the only score.

However, the Panther offense picked up in the second period, just as it has for the majority of the season. Christa McDougall '00 scored twice while first-year Michelle Labbe scored once to build Middlebury's lead to 4-0. In the third period, Ryan continued to pour on her scoring prowess as she recorded two more goals for her own hat trick. Sophomore Catherine Pullins and junior Suzanne Chepren also scored a goal apiece in the third period to round out the Panther scoring.

When the action in front of the Wesleyan goal had cleared, Middlebury found itself with a convincing 8-0 win. Junior Beth Denoncourt had a strong day in goal, as she recorded 16 saves and yet another shutout.

After Wesleyan, the Panthers faced an even easier opponent in Connecticut College. In comparison to Middlebury's impressive 17-4 record, Connecticut has a dismal 0-17-1 record. In response to this dramatic disparity, the Panthers decided to let two non-goalies play in the net for this game. Chepren and junior Janice O'Neil were the goalies for the day, as they combined to make six saves while only allowing one Connecticut goal.

While Chepren, O'Neil and the Middlebury defense was fighting back the Connecticut attack, the Panther offense was working in full force. Middlebury's team effort was evident, as eight different

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