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Sylvia Ryan '00 (#2) finds the wide-open net to score one of the endless stream of Middlebury goals against hapless Bowdoin in Sunday's East Coast Athletic Conference Alliance Championship game. Middlebury won 10-0.

Women's hockey repeat as Alliance champs

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This year's squad had a great season, with a 21-6 record, which gives it the honor of being the only Middlebury women's hockey team to ever win over 20 games in a season.

The Panther women's ice hockey team concluded its season with two amazing games this past weekend in the East Coast Athletic Conference (ECAC) Alliance Championship tournament. Bowdoin College, Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Maine-Orono, and Middlebury College all took part in this second annual tournament.

Middlebury opened the weekend with a win over the Maine Polar Bears 10-1. Maine came into the game with a record of 10-5-2 compared to Middlebury's impressive 19-6 record. Sarah Cotton '99 initiated the first of many goals in the first period on passes from Whitney

Parks '97 and Janice O'Neil '99 — at 2:37.

Only two minutes later, Sue "Chep" Chepren '99 made a pass from the corner to Catherine Pullins '00, who put the biscuit in the basket while on a power play. Middlebury did not let up this scoring frenzy, for less than five minutes later Christa McDougall '00 boosted the first-period score to 3-0 on a two-on-one play with Sylvia Ryan '00. Middlebury goalie Crystal Springer '00 saved five shots to Maine's 17.

Coming into the second period as fired up as they were in the first, Middlebury blew the competition away by scoring four more goals. Scorers in the second period included Jennifer Hefner '97, Ryan (with two), and Mc-

Dougall.

However, Maine managed to let one goal slide by Springer, eliminating Middlebury's shut out. At the end of the second period, Middlebury had 22 shots, and Maine had one.

Two minutes into the third, Hefner scored a power-play goal on a pass from Parks. Pullins repeated her earlier play, slamming the puck in from the blue line past the Maine goalie. The double-digit mark was attained by Vanessa Hynes '98 as she tipped the puck in on a play with less than three seconds left in the game, knotting the final at 10-1. Kristin Hackman '99 minded the net for the last period blocking 10 shots while Maine saved 19.

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