

Hard hitting women's hockey checks out season

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Although winter sports are training hard for debuts next weekend, the women's ice hockey teams hosted a scrimmage on Saturday night.

Women's hockey

Saturday, November 16

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The women's team hosted the New Hampshire Selects, an advanced high school level women's ice hockey team.

The women's scrimmage opened with a quick first period goal scored by rookie Sylvia Ryan '00 on a pass from line mate Whit Parks '97. The Selects soon bounced back, scoring from the slot six minutes into the first period.

Both teams held their own for the remainder of both the first and second periods. Middlebury was able to try out their power play ability when the Selects received a penalty for tripping. The Lady Panthers also had to practice penalty killing, after they incurred two penalties.

Middlebury capitalized on a power play opportunity in the third, scoring when Catherine Pullins '00 shot the puck from the

blue line into the upper right corner, off of a Whit Parks '97 pass. Minutes later, Sarah Vintiadis '97 scored from the slot on yet another power play.

A fourth goal was tallied by Jen Hefner '97 at 15:37 with assists from both of her line mates, Sylvia Ryan '00 and Whit Parks '97.

Middlebury's three goalies combined to block 12 shots, while the Selects' goalie was put to the test, bombarded by the Lady Panthers, yet still managing to save 45 shots. The final score was 4-1 Middlebury.

The East Coast Athletic Conference (ECAC) Alliance Champion Lady Panthers are returning for another season after putting together a year that saw them rack up 19 wins, the most in one season and go undefeated in their league (17-0).

Individual honors including player of the year and Coach of the Year were awarded to Jen Hefner '97 and Bill Mandigo, respectively.

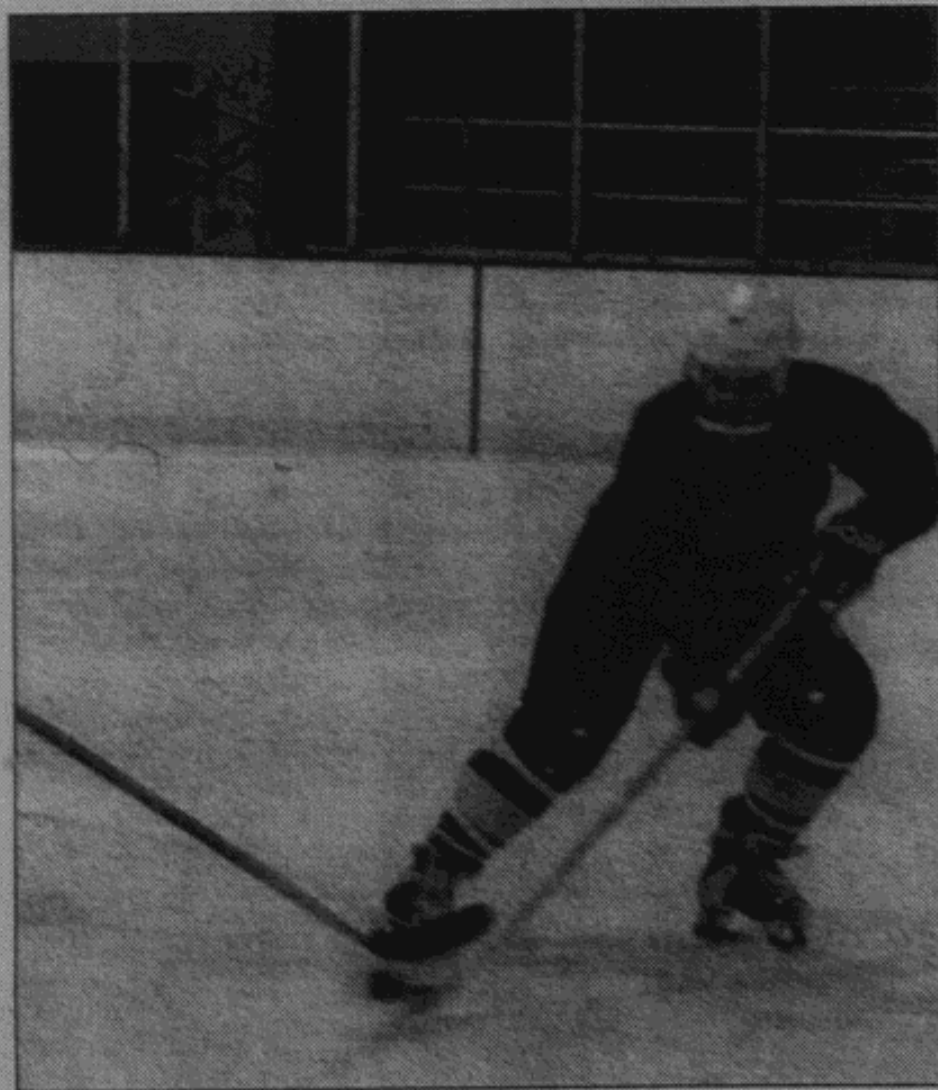
Having lost only one senior, goalie Christy Picard, the team looks to their returning goalie Kristen Hackman '99 and two first-year goalies Crystal Springer '00 and Beth Denoncourt '00 to fill the void. Other new panthers include Sylvia Ryan '00, Catherine Pullins '00, Sarah P. Hall '00, Christa McDougall '00, Kelly Hase '00, and

Leanne MacDonald '00.

Returning captains Jen Hefner '97 and Whit Parks '97 hope to lead the team to yet another ECAC alliance title. The team is coached by

Bill Mandigo and assisted by Doug Mandigo and Amy Carlson.

The Lady Panthers play at Bowdoin and the University of Maine-Orono this weekend.



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Middlebury teaches the NH Select how to play real collegiate hockey

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