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		Conference						Overall						
Women's Ice Hockey		W	L	T	Win %	PTS	GF	GA	W	L	T	Win %	GF	GA
1	Bowdoin	15	1	0	.938	30	103	12	20	5	1	.788	129	29
	Middlebury	15	1	0	.938	30	98	14	24	4	0	.857	130	36
3	Williams	12	4	0	.750	24	75	29	15	10	0	.600	105	59
4	Hamilton	7	9	0	.438	14	45	64	11	13	1	.460	74	91
	Amherst	7	9	0	.438	14	45	65	13	12	0	.520	75	88
6	Wesleyan	6	9	1	.406	13	24	63	9	15	1	.380	43	100
7	Connecticut College	5	11	0	.312	10	25	66	7	18	0	.280	31	93
8	Colby	4	11	1	.281	9	31	61	4	18	1	.196	44	99
9	Trinity	0	16	0	.000	0	13	85	2	20	0	.091	27	106

NCAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIP

First Round - Friday, March 12

Elmira 1 at Middlebury 2

First Round - Saturday, March 13

Bowdoin 1 at Plattsburgh State 2

Semifinals - Friday, March 19 at Middlebury

Plattsburgh St. 1 at Middlebury 2

Wisc.-Stevens Pt. 4 vs. Manhattanville 1

Championship - Saturday, March 20

Wisc.-Stevens Point 1 at Middlebury 2

March 20, 2004 - From a Middlebury College Release

MIDDLEBURY WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY WINS FIRST NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

Middlebury won its first NCAA Championship with a 2-1 win over Wisconsin-Stevens Point at Kenyon Arena. The "national title" is the third for Middlebury after capturing the AWCHA (American Women's College Hockey Alliance) National Championships in '00 and '01, before the NCAA sponsored its inaugural tournament in '02. This marks the 20th national championship for Middlebury College since '95, including the men's ice hockey title won this season.

Wisconsin-Stevens Point jumped on the board first with a tally at the 2:36 mark. Jackie Schmitt made a cross-crease pass to Ashley Howe who one-timed a quick shot into the net. Middlebury answered just 1:57 later as Emily McNamara made a cross-ice pass from the corner to Jean Butler on the doorstep for the one-timer. The Panthers took a 2-1 lead at 15:32 as Liz Yale-Loehr put in a rebound from the right crease area after a shot from the left circle by Butler was saved by Amy Statz.

A scoreless second period saw both team have opportunities to score, but Statz and Middlebury's Kate Kogut were equal to the task. Middlebury out shot UWSP 11-10 in the period and held a 24-12 advantage after two periods.

The third period looked much like the second, with both teams having some chances to score. Although the Pointers were only able to muster up three shots in the period, they were all good opportunities to tie the game. Middlebury had solid pressure late in the game, not allowing Statz to leave the net until there were only seven seconds left in the contest. Kogut ended the night with 14 saves, while Statz made 32.

"This was a great win, and a great day for our program, said Middlebury head coach Bill Mandigo. "After the first period, we kept the pressure on, but their goaltender was outstanding. They are a very disciplined and well-coached team.

"Hardwork, determination and discipline are what got us here. We came together as a team, no individuals, just one team," said captain Jean Butler.

Leading scorer Lorna Gifis scored a goal and added an assist for Middlebury in their 2-1 defeat of Plattsburgh State in the National Semifinals.

Middlebury's Gifis, Jean Butler and Rose Babst were named to the NCAA all-tournament team along with Jenn Clarke of Plattsburgh, and Ann Ninnemann and Amy Statz of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Previous Players of the Week

- 11/24 Meghan Gillis, Bowdoin
- 12/1 Zoe Baldwin, Hamilton
- 12/8 Molly Wasserman, Williams
- 1/12 Eden Self, Hamilton
- 1/19 Renee Sisti, Amherst
- 1/26 Britney Carr, Bowdoin
- 2/2 Emily Quizon, Middlebury
- 2/9 Mimi MacKinnon, Trinity
- 2/16 Suzie Connor, Conn. College
- 2/23 Lorna Gifis, Middlebury
- 3/1 Caitlin Connelly, Hamilton
- 3/8 Meghan Gillis, Bowdoin

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For Games Through March 20, 2004

Team Statistics

Scoring Offense:		Games	Goals	G/GM
1	Bowdoin	26	129	4.96
2	Middlebury	28	130	4.64
3	Williams	25	105	4.20
4	Amherst	25	75	3.00
5	Hamilton	25	74	2.96
6	Colby	23	44	1.91
7	Wesleyan	25	43	1.72
8	Conn. College	25	31	1.24
9	Trinity	22	27	1.23

Scoring Defense:		Games	Goals	G/GM
1	Bowdoin	26	29	1.12
2	Middlebury	28	36	1.29
3	Williams	25	59	2.36
4	Amherst	25	88	3.52
5	Hamilton	25	91	3.64
6	Conn. College	25	93	3.72
7	Wesleyan	25	100	4.00
8	Colby	23	99	4.30
9	Trinity	22	106	4.82

Power Play:		Totals	SHA	PCT
1	Middlebury	31/111	1	27.9
2	Hamilton	12/ 68	2	17.6
3	Amherst	13/ 91	3	14.3
	Williams	11/ 77	3	14.3
5	Bowdoin	10/ 86	0	11.6
6	Trinity	7/ 67	2	10.4
7	Conn. College	8/ 82	2	9.8
8	Colby	8/ 86	1	9.3
9	Wesleyan	6/ 82	3	7.3

Penalty Kill:		Totals	SHF	PCT
1	Bowdoin	74/ 78	3	94.9
2	Williams	54/ 58	0	93.1
3	Middlebury	68/ 77	3	88.3
4	Hamilton	71/ 82	5	86.6
5	Wesleyan	92/107	2	86.0
6	Amherst	65/ 78	1	83.3
7	Conn. College	56/ 68	1	82.4
8	Trinity	39/ 49	0	79.6
9	Colby	72/ 95	2	75.8

Individual Statistics

Point Scoring:			GP	PPG	G- A- P
1	Lorna Gifis	Middlebury JR F	28	1.71	26-22-48
2	Molly Wasserman	Williams SR F	25	1.88	26-21-47
3	Emily Quizon	Middlebury SO F	28	1.57	14-30-44
4	Meghan Gillis	Bowdoin FR F	26	1.65	24-19-43
5	Ashley Wood	Williams FR F	25	1.52	18-20-38
	Britney Carr	Bowdoin SR F	25	1.52	15-23-38
7	Marissa O'Neil	Bowdoin JR F	26	1.35	18-17-35
8	Kate Leonard	Bowdoin FR F	26	1.19	16-15-31
9	Eden Self	Hamilton SR F	24	1.21	15-14-29
	Zoe Baldwin	Hamilton SO F	25	1.16	21- 8-29

Goal Scoring:			GP	GPG	G
1	Molly Wasserman	Williams SR F	25	1.04	26
	Lorna Gifis	Middlebury JR F	28	0.93	26
3	Meghan Gillis	Bowdoin FR F	26	0.92	24
4	Zoe Baldwin	Hamilton SO F	25	0.84	21
5	Ashley Wood	Williams FR F	25	0.72	18
	Marissa O'Neil	Bowdoin JR F	26	0.69	18
7	Kate Leonard	Bowdoin FR F	26	0.62	16
8	Eden Self	Hamilton SR F	24	0.62	15
	Britney Carr	Bowdoin SR F	25	0.60	15
10	Rachel Simon	Amherst FR D	24	0.58	14
	Renee Sisti	Amherst SO F	25	0.56	14
	Anna Siliciano	Wesleyan JR F	25	0.56	14
	Emily Quizon	Middlebury SO F	28	0.50	14

Assist Scoring:			GP	APG	A
1	Emily Quizon	Middlebury SO F	28	1.07	30
2	Britney Carr	Bowdoin SR F	25	0.92	23
3	Lorna Gifis	Middlebury JR F	28	0.79	22
4	Molly Wasserman	Williams SR F	25	0.84	21
5	Ashley Wood	Williams FR F	25	0.80	20
6	Meghan Gillis	Bowdoin FR F	26	0.73	19
7	Marissa O'Neil	Bowdoin JR F	26	0.65	17
	Emily McNamara	Middlebury FR D	28	0.61	17
9	Marissa Halligan	Hamilton JR F	25	0.64	16
10	Gillian McDonald	Bowdoin SR F	26	0.58	15
	Kate Leonard	Bowdoin FR F	26	0.58	15
	Jean Butler	Middlebury SR F	28	0.54	15

Goalkeeper Statistics

Goals Against Average:		Minutes	GA	GAA	Save Percentage:		Saves	GA	Pct		
1	Kate Kogut	Middlebury SO	868:09	14	0.97	1	Kate Kogut	Middlebury SO	227	14	.942
2	Nathalie Morgan	Bowdoin SO	1084:11	20	1.11	2	Nathalie Morgan	Bowdoin SO	310	20	.939
3	Kati Madouros	Middlebury SR	808:45	22	1.63	3	Gabby Petrill	Conn. Coll. SO	853	90	.905
4	Fern Senior	Williams SR	1161:16	55	2.84	4	Kati Madouros	Middlebury SR	184	22	.893
5	Lindsay Grabowski	Amherst FR	1499:08	88	3.52	5	Mimi MacKinnon	Trinity SR	665	87	.884
6	Meredith Katz	Wesleyan FR	647:01	38	3.52	6	Caitlin Connelly	Hamilton FR	605	85	.877
7	Gabby Petrill	Conn. Coll. SO	1488:14	90	3.63	7	Lindsay Grabowski	Amherst FR	592	88	.871
8	Lynn Hasday	Colby JR	822:11	52	3.79	8	Lynn Hasday	Colby JR	342	52	.868
9	Caitlin Connelly	Hamilton FR	1323:56	85	3.85	9	Meredith Katz	Wesleyan FR	239	38	.863
10	Mimi MacKinnon	Trinity SR	1217:52	87	4.29	10	Fern Senior	Williams SR	335	55	.859

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