

Middlebury Hockey

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Judging by the recent success of the Middlebury hockey teams, it seems that you can always count on the Panthers to play their best when it matters most. For the fourth straight season, the men's and women's hockey teams reached the finals of the NCAA tournament, this time in search of back-to-back-to-back-to-back national titles. Unfortunately, the Panthers could not replicate the results of the past three years, with the men falling in the finals to Oswego State in overtime, while the women were topped by Plattsburgh in the championship game.

After starting the season 6-2-1, the men's team encountered some midseason struggles. Five tough weeks of play for the Panthers resulted in a 5-5-1, which was punctuated by a 6-2 loss to Bowdoin on January 13, the worst loss for Middlebury since March 2003.

An 8-0 drubbing of UMass-Boston on February 9 turned the Panthers' season around, starting a 9-1-1 run to end the season, with the lone blemish the loss to Oswego in the NCAA title game. Entering the NESCAC tournament as the second seed, with an 11-6-2 conference record, the Panthers advanced to the semifinals to take on Colby. After squeaking out a 4-3 win over the Mules, thanks to a game-winning goal by junior Scott Bartlett, Middlebury topped Bowdoin in the finals for the third straight year, this time using a 4-2 victory to capture its fourth consecutive and seventh overall conference title.

The Panthers reached the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament for the 13th straight season with a 9-0 trouncing of Fredonia before using consecutive 3-2 wins over UMass-Dartmouth and

Manhattanville in the quarterfinals and semifinals of the national tournament, respectively, to head to the finals. Taking on the defending champions was Oswego, which had defeated the Panthers 6-0 in the 2003 NCAA semifinals in the last meeting between the teams.

After a scoreless first period, Oswego tallied the first goal of the game just over 30 seconds in the second period, the first goal Middlebury had given up in an NCAA Championship in 326:30 minutes, a stretch that included four straight shutouts. Goals by forwards Jamie McKenna '09 and John Sales '07 gave the Panthers a 2-1 edge before Oswego evened the score to head into the third tied at 2-2. Oswego took a 3-2 lead a little over five minutes into the third period, but John Sullivan's ('10) goal with 2:25 left brought the Panthers back and forced overtime. After numerous chances to end the drama for both teams, an Oswego breakaway goal at the 12:55 mark of overtime dealt the Panthers their first loss in a national title game in nine chances. Middlebury ended the season with a 20-8-2 record, its 13th straight season of 20-plus wins.

Leading the Panthers in goals for the third straight season was junior forward Mickey Gilchrist, whose 19 tallies on the year ranked second in the NESCAC. Junior defenseman Tom Maldonado was right behind Gilchrist for the team lead in points scored, assisting on 24 scores to go along with his three goals. Gilchrist's and Maldonado's efforts did not go unnoticed, earning them places on the All-NESCAC Second Team while Maldonado was named a First Team All-American by the American Hockey Coaches Association.

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The women's hockey team got off to a disappointing start at the season-opening Plattsburgh tournament, dropping a 4-2 decision to Plattsburgh in a match-up of the top two teams in the nation. Middlebury quickly found its winning form, running off a 22-game unbeaten streak by going 20-0-2 until a regular-season rematch against Plattsburgh.

After falling behind 4-1 to the Cardinals in the second period, the Panthers forced the game into overtime, thanks to two goals by Annmarie Cellino '09 and a shorthanded tally by junior Karen Levin, before Plattsburgh ended the game just 44 seconds into the extra frame to escape with a 5-4 win.

Entering the NESCAC tournament as the number-one seed after a 14-0-2 conference record, Middlebury dispatched of Hamilton in the semifinals by a score of 7-2, to earn a place in the finals to take on Amherst. In the longest game in Division III women's hockey, Amherst took home a 2-1 triple-overtime victory despite being outshot 66-24 by the Panthers.

A 3-1 victory over Manhattanville in the NCAA quarterfinals and a 5-1 defeat of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in the semifinals earned the Panthers a place in their fourth consecutive NCAA finals.

Facing off against Plattsburgh for the third time for the season, the Panthers fell behind 2-0 early in the second period but remained tough throughout the game. Despite out-shooting the Cardinals 14-7 in the second period, the Panthers could only cut the Cardinals' lead in half before the end of the second period. In the final frame, Middlebury's offense could not solve the strong play of the Cardinals' defense, and Plattsburgh came away with a 2-1 victory, to earn its first-ever national title. Middlebury finished the season with a 23-4-2 record, with three of the team's losses coming at the hands of the Cardinals.

Guiding the Panthers was NESCAC Player of the Year Abby Kurtz-Phelan '07, who tallied 16 goals and 23 assists, despite missing the season's first six games because of the women's soccer team's NCAA play-off run. Joining Kurtz-Phelan on the NESCAC First Team was senior defender Shannon Tarrant, her fourth straight year garnering All-NESCAC honors. Kurtz-Phelan and Tarrant were also named as First Team All-Americans following the NCAA Finals. Forwards Shannon Sylvester '07 and Cellino and first-year goalie Lani Wright were honored with spots on the All-NESCAC Second Team.

2007 Spring Sports Recap

Sport	Record	NESCACs	NE Division Standings	D III New Englands	NCAAs	National Title
MEN						
Baseball	19-11					
Softball	21-12					
Lacrosse	11-7	Champions			2nd Round	
Tennis	22-2	Champions			3rd place	
Rugby						National Champions
Track & Field		5th place		20th place		
Golf					NCAA Appearance	
WOMEN						
Lacrosse	16-2	Champions			Semi-Finals	
Tennis	13-5	Semi-Finals			Quarterfinals	
Track & Field		2nd place		7th place		
Golf					8th place	
Water Polo			2nd place			

ALUMNI PROFILES

JOE POWERS '06

I pulled an all-nighter. The plan was to go out, take a few shots, and be home before late. Leave enough time to get charged back up before the next day's full schedule. Needless to say, there were far too many shots taken, I never made it home, and the energy level was at an all time low. Like my days as an undergraduate at Middlebury, I definitely considered this escapade a success. But unlike those cherished days in Vermont, I wasn't partying; I was working for Tesla Motors, a Silicon Valley start-up in the thick of the "clean tech boom" that will bring a high-performance, fully electric (zero emissions) Roadster to market later this year. This particular evening I was helping to conduct a late-night photography session in New York City, as part of a three-week East Coast tour that included a swing through Capitol Hill for a show-and-tell with key policy-makers.

Not every day that I spend at work is as exhilarating as this one, but getting the opportunity to work at Tesla Motors has been, in many respects, a dream come true. I graduated from Middlebury with an economics degree and an interest in the market as an instrument for social and environmental change. I was well marinated at school in the passion surrounding these issues, and I feel lucky to have graduated during a time when experiencing the corporate world can also include doing good. In my case, Tesla Motors is building a two-seater Roadster with a top speed of 130 mph, zero-to-sixty acceleration of about four seconds flat, and a fuel efficiency equivalent of roughly 135 miles per gallon, all while producing



The Tesla Roadster speeds down 7th Avenue in New York—April 2007

zero green-house gas emissions and using no gasoline. Even if all of the electricity used to charge the car comes from a "dirty" source (i.e. coal-fired power plant), the car still accounts for far fewer emissions than does the best hybrid on the road today. I view the objective as a shift towards a more sustainable form of transportation—currently the sector accounts for nearly half of all carbon emissions.

Not that every aspect of my job deserves such lofty musings, but I am happy doing what I am doing and I am invested in what I think is right. I do miss Middlebury, especially since I grew up there, but then again, of course I do—it's Middlebury. Please feel free to write to me anytime at jpowers@teslamotors.com. I'd love to hear from any and all!

Joya Taft-Dick '06

After having graduated from Middlebury last May, I decided to join my family in Sri Lanka for the year. My father is the country director for the U.N. World Food Program in Colombo, and my family has lived here for five years now, following previous posts in Pakistan, Italy, Philippines, and Central and Western Africa. From September through December of '06, I volunteered full time at a local women's NGO called the Women's Education and Research Centre, and then in January of '07, I started working for a small, public-health consultancy based out of Colombo that runs projects on preventative health and post-tsunami rehabilitation. My interests long term are in women's development and human rights. This interest, born while living in Pakistan for six years, was solidified at Middlebury, where I focused on women and sexuality in Islam as part of my religion major.

Currently, however, I am spending much of my time preparing for a fund-raising rally race, known as the Mongol Rally, which will take place this summer. Participants are dared to drive from London to Ulaan Bataar, Mongolia, in a car with an engine

that does not exceed 1 liter in size. Every car is also expected to raise 1,000 pounds for two of the five affiliated charitable organizations. My team (Ironsides), which consists of me, fellow Middlebury graduate Tommy Heitkamp ('06), and friend Alex Switzer, is raising money for Mercy Corps and Send a Cow. Essentially, we will be driving one quarter of the Earth's surface, on some of the world's worst roads, in some of the worst cars. Teams in previous races have been banned from Kazakhstan, chased by bandits, forced to bribe Russian police or trade their deceased cars for livestock. We look forward to it (our parents do not).

We encourage you to check out the official Web site at www.mongolrally.com for more information or stories from previous rallies, as well as our own team Web site, www.badcolonies.org/ironsides, which we will keep updated with our preparation progress. We are also still looking for sponsorship/donations and our Web site explains how to give easily online. Team Ironsides forces ahead; wish us luck!

News to Note



2007 Commencement Address: Bill Clinton speaks

By far the most exciting thing to hit campus this spring was President Clinton. His 20-minute Commencement Address before a crowd of 7,000 people on Voter Lawn was non-political and urged the graduates to focus on the things that make us similar, not different.

Click here to read more about his address or watch it on video.

http://www.middlebury.edu/about/newsevents/archive/2007/newsevents_633158738134202567.htm

Class of 2007 raises \$81,000

The Class of 2007 was able to raise \$81,000 to start funding its gift to the College—**The Green Fund**. While the amount raised is staggering, what is truly remarkable is that 93% of the senior class gave towards establishing this fund, reaching far beyond the participation of any previous classes. For more on The Green Fund, click the link below.

http://www.middlebury.edu/about/newsevents/archive/2007/newsevents_633161121355550242.htm

Spring Sports

Want to find out how Middlebury Athletics did this spring? Check scores, highlights, individual achievements and more by clicking the link below.

http://www.middlebury.edu/athletics/news/general/2006-2007/news_633173312757495413.htm



CSO OFFERINGS

UPDATES FROM JAYE ROSEBOROUGH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- The **Immediate Jobs Page** on the CSO home page. This is populated by listings from alumni, parents, and other employers interested in interviewing Middlebury alumni. Although, not extensive, there are often very good jobs listed here. The listings are kept on the IJP for one month.
- **MiddNet Online**. Please sign on, no matter what you're currently doing (with the exception of unemployment). Students like to inquire of alumni at all stages of their career and especially like to talk to young alumni about their experiences. Additionally, use this excellent networking resource for your own information gathering.
- CSO has incredible online resources, accessible through our Web page. Great information resources, job-hunting tools, etc. Please call **802-443-5100** or e-mail cso@middlebury.edu for further information or instruction in the use of these resources.
- We provide personal advice regarding career decision-making, job-hunting, and graduate study via telephone appointments. To schedule an appointment, call or e-mail the above.
- And last, we will be re-vamping the CSO Web page over the coming year. If you have suggestions about additions to the CSO Web pages for alumni, please e-mail us.

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