Hockey Team Loses 9-4, 10-4
Aitken Stops 51 Army Shots

The Williams hockey team suffered its fifth and sixth losses of the season at the hands of Williams and Army.

The Williams hockey team jumped out to a first period load of 1-0 and then matched goals with the Engineers to capture a 1-0 victory. This was the first game played on the new Tech rink. The Beavers had only five practice sessions before the game and this lack of conditioning was a difference between the teams. The visitors’ passing and shooting was more accurate and they had that little extra to beat the Beavers to the puck.

Coach Jack Martin started Sandy Aitken, Ellis, Wells, and Burchett in the line. Two other Beaver lines of Peterson, Sullivan and Goodison, and Culick, Wells and Schwartz gave more effectiveness to team play but the combination of weak defense and Williams hustle at the visitors’ end of a commanding 4-0 lead at the end of the first period.

Aitken played well for the first half of the second period. Harold Wells ’56 scored at 1:14 on a perfect pass from Nick DiBona ’55. Minutes later Fred Culick ’56 with some tricky stick handling got off a pass to Ted Schwartz but Gus’s score was nullified because Schwartz was in the crease. Then Williams scored three times in four minutes to take a 7-1 lead. At 10:52 John Sullivan ’56, outstanding Lineman, scored, the assist going to Burchett again.

Replaced by 5 goals a determined Engineer sextet opened the last period by scoring at 2:10. Fred Culick got his second goal of the game at 19:34. The Engineers really looked like a new team in the last period. Sullivan and Williams’ hustle gave the visitors the initiative and with better determination they could have kept the score closer.

Army Wins 10-4
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