FLYING THREE GAMES last week, the Beaver five edged Northeastern, 69-66, at home last Wednesday; lost in overtime to Pratt, 84-70, Friday evening in Brooklyn, and clobbered Stevens 56-40, to kickoff Saturday night.

Battling uphill all the way, the MIT hoopsters eked out a one point victory over Northeastern. Murray Maraskin '57 and Bob Polutchko '59 starred for the Beavers as they tallied 21 and 16 points respectively. Polutchko took the game's rebounding honors as he grabbed 16 off the boards. The visitors appeared to be headed for a win midway at the outset of the contest, as they scored 8 straight points. They maintained control of the game for the first 15 minutes until the Engineers fought back. The Beavers picked up some ground in the waning minutes of the first half and trailed 23-30 at the intermission.

The complexion of the game changed completely in the second half. With Polutchko and Maraskin pacing the attack, the Techmen finally overtook the visitors midway through the final session. Northeastern wasn't through at that point though, as they recovered to battle for the lead. With a minute and a half to go the Engineers were down 68-64. Then Maraskin sank a long one-hander and Marty Goldstein sank a pair of free throws to knot the score at 69-69.

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In the season's closest encounter the MIT five dropped an 84-79 overtime decision to Pratt Institute. The home squad led during most of the first half by a few points but the Beavers hung in there tenaciously. At the intermission, Pratt held a 37-28 lead. In the second half the local team held their own against the visitors. With only seconds remaining in the contest, Murray Maraskin hit a free throw to decide the game. With Polutchko and Muraskin pacing the attack the Techmen finally overtook the visitors midway through the final session. Northeastern wasn't through at that point though, as they recovered to battle for the lead. With a minute and a half to go the Engineers were down 68-64. Then Maraskin sank a long one-hander and Goldstein sank a pair of free throws to knot the score at 69-69.

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