**Skaters top WPI, 8-2**

By Ron Clane

Displaying an effective, well-rounded scoring punch, the Tech hockey team squared up as 8-2 victor over WPI in their season opener Saturday night. Mike Nechelsba '69 led the attack for the engineers, scoring three goals in the home victory.

The WPI team, trying to avenge a 4-2 and 5-1 loss to MIT last night, got the first goal of the night on the second goal of a forty-year first goal. Captain Scott Rhodes '69 then tied for the season with an assist by Bill Cudogan '69. Nechelsba scored his first of the evening, with the aid of Mike Talley '69, to put the engineers ahead and close out the first stanza.

Error of design

Second period tailers were comparatively sparse with the only goal scored by Nechelsba assisted by Cudogan. The Nechelsba-Talley combination clicked again in the third period, putting Tech ahead 4-1. Added goals by Rhodes (Nechelsba, Rich Pinnock '69), Cudogan (Talley, Bill Stensrud '71), Talley (Mara Smith '59), Gary Giam '71 and Talley (Pinnock) gave the game out of reach, with WPI managing no more than a couple of goals.

The engineers get their second taste of action when they journey to Trinity tonight. Tech last lost to Trinity last year by 6-5 in a decisive match.

**RPI falls to cagers temeramental match**

By Farel Powmsner

Saturday night, the MIT varsity basketball squad squared up against the 1968-69 season by placing its gamy defense and good rebounding with some fine lobs by the RPI guard in the Rockwell Cage.

Despite the heavy before the game, both Steve Chamberlain '70 and Bob Listfield '69 sustained injuries. Chamberlain was expected to start at guard but he broke his right wrist and will be out for some time. Listfield's swollen, painful ankle allowed him only limited action.

Before decisive

These injuries and RPI's height and weight advantage made the outcome unforeseeable for the Tech squad as the game got underway. However, good defense forced many early turnovers to set up some early hops by Tech's three taller starters: Fred Taylor '71, Monty Cleveland '71, and Dave Flaherty '71. After six minutes, the engineers were ahead 11-3, to keep their hopes high for the game. Coach Harrs sent his "second platoons" of players in coach Laffin '69, Larry Lee '71, and Rick Lefebvre '71. They extended the lead to its maximum, 26-17, with 4:00 left in the first half. However, RPI hit three in a row to end the half on the short end of a 37-29 score.

At the start of the second half, RPI continued their hot streak and closed the gap to 25-27. Here, the RPI offense slowed the ball, nibbled the length of the floor and built up to RPI's devastating ten consecutive point streak. They later closed to within 33-32 and 34-33 but steals and hoops continued to score goals.

The engineers had their score tie at 43-all with a basket by Taylor and Bob Vegeler '70 kept MIT on top.

Pressure breaks

In an attempt to force the engineers into mistakes, Kneese drove a green which didn't work, so Vegeler and Nick Musumford '70 helped break it and advance to a 43-36 lead. However, RPI...

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1. Scott Rhodes '69 vies for the face off as Rich Pinnock '69 comes up to cover in Saturday's match with WPI, Tech won the season opener by a comfortable margin, 8-2.