WPI twinbill sweep ends Beaver slump

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Having dropped its last four games in a row, the Beaver baseball team battled back to sweep a doubleheader from WPI by scores of 8-7 and 13-7, upping its record to 16-7, the best mark in MIT history.

WPI was in control throughout-the opener and apparently had the game locked up with a 6-2 lead after 6 1/2 innings. (Games in collegiate doubleheaders last only seven innings.) However, a furious rally by the Beavers in the bottom half of the seventh erased the score at 6-6.

A single by Roy Hendrich '76, following a pair of walks, loaded the bases. Another walk, this to Mike Dieter '76, forced in a run, and Dave Tirel '74 then rode a 1-1 pitch into left to score two more Beavers. After an error kept the rally alive, Kevin Rowland '74 stroked a long fly to tie the contest.

MIT again fought back after WPI had gone ahead, 7-6, in the eighth. A hit batter and a walk set the stage for a run-producing single by Steve Reber '74 and a three-run triple by D. R. Dayton '74, and Bob Train's third inning grand slam homer, a long drive down the right field line, pretty much iced the game for the Beavers.

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