Football falls in 2nd half

Quarterback Bruce Wrobel '79 waits for the snap as a crowd of about 2000 looks on. (Photo by Steven Solnick)

By Tom Curtis

Before a standing-room-only crowd of 2000 Saturday in Stoebner Stadium, the Football Club played and lost—MIT's first modern homecoming game. Sienna College spoiled the occasion with a 35-14 victory spurred by 17 unanswered points in the last 17 minutes of the game. MIT's record is now 0-5.

MIT drove the ball within the Sienna 30 yard line four times, but only one of the drives resulted in a score. Sienna, on the other hand, scored the last five times it had the ball within the MIT 30 yard line.

In the first quarter, the two teams cautiously sized up each other. Sienna used its running attack almost exclusively in taking the opening kickoff to the MIT 7 before being stopped by good defensive plays by Mike Barrett '81 and Art Aaron '80. MIT had a drive of its own stopped when Sienna recovered a fumble on the 20 yard line.

MIT exploded immediately at the beginning of the second quarter. On the first play of the quarter, Keith Therrien '81 intercepted a Sienna pass on the Sienna 30. A pass interference call on Sienna on a fourth-and-fifteen pass attempt put MIT on the one-yard line. Jim Dunlay '79 charged up the middle for a touchdown on the next play. Jim Hagadus's extra point kick was good and MIT led 7-0.

Late in the quarter, MIT's Beavers tried to slow down the game and allow time to run out in the half. The plan fell short by ten seconds. Sienna recovered a fumble on the MIT 44 and put together an 18-yard scoring drive. Sienna quarterback Tom Lamb hit five first receivers open on a down field frequently. Finally, with 10 seconds left in the half, Lamb connected with his former high school teammate Tom Fawcett on a three yard touchdown pass. This time Fawcett blocked the extra point.

Foul Shots

Of fans and football

By Tom Curtis

"Standing room only" are words familiar to Fenway Park and Boston Garden. Until Saturday, however, they had not been heard at MIT, but the return of intercollegiate football to the MIT campus brought out a crowd which overflowed Stoebner Stadium's 1600-seat capacity.

Can this be the same MIT where two years ago the women's volleyball team won the Eastern Championship in near obscurity? Can this be the same MIT where the visiting team's fans almost always outnumber the MIT fans?

Yes, this is the same MIT. Despite critics' claims that football would rule Tech, admission to all sporting events is still free, MIT still leads the nation in number of varsity sports, the school's already expansive intramural sports program is still growing, grass is green, and the sun still shines.

And engineers still cannot spell. The crowd attempted the infamous "Gimmie an M, gimmie an A, gimmie an S..." cheer before the game, but alas, the cheer leader stumbled on "Technology" (Technology?) and the effort fizzled.

Despite detractors' claims that the whole thing was a "hack," the performance was very serious. The football team put in a strong, determined effort for nearly three quarters, the band enthusiastically played rousing tunes, and the cheerleaders gave whatever effort was necessary to pep up an otherwise rowdy crowd.

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