Football team victorious for first time since 1900

By Bob Host

For the first time in 79 years, MIT won an intercollegiate football game. The Engineers defeated Norwalk Community College 18-0, last Saturday in Steinhauer Stadium.

Jeff Olson '83 provided most of the team's points with two first quarter touchdown runs of one and six yards. Olson later had to leave the game with a sprained ankle. The rest of MIT's scoring came on a 10-yard pass from Bruce Wrobel G to Barry Jordan '83, which put the team up 18-0. Pictured above is the trophy presentation to the captains of MIT and Norwalk. The first opportunity came when MIT picked up the ball on the Norwalk 52 yard line. 18 plays later, Wrobel found Jordan in the end zone for the third touchdown. Highlights of the scoring drive were runs of 23 and 12 yards by Olson and Mike Barrett '81, who led the team in rushing yardage with 43 yards on ten carries. Leading off the second half, Norwalk marched 66 yards in 12 plays, culminating in Wrobel's run. After the game was mostly sluggish, with neither team threatening except for two series by MIT in the third quarter, The first opportunity came when MIT took the ball on the Norwalk 22 after a weak 11-yard punt. The team got to the Norwalk three, but a holding penalty set the ball back to the 15. A field goal attempt by Willy Schwartz '82 was blocked.

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