By Bob Hunt

Three blocked punts proved important for the football team as it raised its record to 3-1 with a 37-14 victory over New York Maritime before a large homecoming crowd Saturday at Steinbrenner Stadium.

The blocks, which resulted in touchdowns, safety and possession on the Maritime 1, served to offset an almost nonexistent running game for the Engineers. In all, the team had only 22 net yards on 12 rushes, with the leading rusher, Barry Jordon '83 and Jeff Olson '81, only gaining 11 yards apiece.

However, quarterback Bruce Wrobel was an effective day passer, hitting on 9 of 14 passes for 109 yards and two touchdowns. His replacements, Jay Japin '81, was for three for five for a total of 47 yards, giving the team 156 passing yards in 12 for 19 with no interceptions.

Japin started off ominously for MIT when on the first play from scrimmage, Kurey Maly '80 ran for a six-yard loss. On the next play, Wrobel lost two yards on a pass play. Then, with 1:15 remaining in the first quarter, Japin completed two passes for 17 yards, but was injured. Wrobel could not advance in the time for a safety. On the kick, Japin failed to place the ball within and eight yards from his own right, and Art Aaron '80 recovered the punt in the end zone, with Kirsch's kick giving the Engineers a 3-0 lead. This held up for the rest of the quarter, but early in the fourth quarter, after an MIT punt, the Engineers' fourth, Maritime gained four yards on first down and Larry Calame went 45 yards downfield to the left side to score on the team's first touchdown. Calame also carried the ball across the Maritime 20. 

As time expired, the Engineers had scored 16 points in 95 seconds. A Kirsch G kicked the extra point to close the game. The win was all but over when MIT's conversion attempt to stop him failed. (Photo by Jim Mihori)

By Rich Anchen

The MIT football club's 37-14 victory over New York Maritime was attributed to the Engineers' ability to capitalize on New York Maritime's mistakes and weaknesses, particularly their punting game. Tech gained momentum after a successful gambles and key conversions, but the blocked punt resulted from their seizing the opportunity to run up the score late in the contest.

The first quarter was a tightly played contest, with neither team showing their decided advantage. MIT was unable to run through Maritime's line, so Bruce Wrobel went to the air. Wrobel had good protection and completed several passes, but he couldn't march in for a score. Wily Schwartz's only field goal attempt would have been good, on a windless day.

In contrast, Maritime's offense got out yardage through Tech's line, but couldn't generate a successful passing game. MIT's defense was able to force a punt and stop Maritime's deepest penetration on a fourth-and short. MIT's gauging on fourth and seven in their own territory was a key play in their first scoring drive. Wrobel hit Barry Jordon '83 for a first down, and on the next play, Steve Kowosky '83 broke through the line for Tech's first big running gain. From then on, Tech's offense was in high gear although the defense would provide most of the scoring.

The following set of downs was the turning point of the game. Tech stopped Maritime's ground game and forced them to punt in their own territory. The Engineers' fierce rush took advantage of a bad snap and set up for a blocked punt. Tech's defense did not let up; they stymied Maritime's offensive plays and two blocked punts, which resulted in 16 points. The game was all but over when MIT's team early in the game over took over in the third period.

The 16 points in the third period were the result of a successful field goal and a safety. The women's crew, along with the heavyweight and lightweight, will be competing in the Head of the Charles Regatta on Sunday, Oct. 21.

Mike Barret '80 (42) struggles to pick up ground the hard way as Maritime defenders attempt to stop him. (Photo by Jan Mihori)

By Debbie Urko

Editor's note: Debbie Urko is a member of the women's crew team.

While the rest of MIT was watching the Engineers on the gridiron, the women's crew team was racing amongst some 30 colleges at the National Invitational Women's Regatta in South Hadley, MA. The squad entered a women's four, a varsity eight and a junior varsity eight.

In the morning, each boat had to row 2,000 meters in a head-type race against the clock, rowing single-file down the race course approximately 20 seconds apart. Times in these heats determined seedings for the afternoon's 2,000 meter races, with the fastest boats qualifying for the grand final, the second four for the petite final, and the last four for the third level final.

The crew entered in the varsity event finished sixth in the head race, placing it in the petit finals, which it went on to win with an open-water margin over the first of the trailing boats. The women's four were out to defend their title from last year's regattas. They finished first in the morning race, and took first place again in the grand final over Queens University of Ontario, Boston University, and Connecticut College. The women's crew, along with the heavyweight and lightweight, will be competing in the Head of the Charles Regatta on Sunday, Oct. 21.