Malone's goals do it

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I confess Dale Malone's two goals led the hockey team to a 7-4 upset victory over Plymouth State Wednesday night in New Hampshire. Malone added two assists for four points on the night, one more than defenseman Al Stone '70 (two goals, one assist) and Matt Neville G (one goal and two assists).

Plymouth State is ranked in the best in Division 3 this year and has dominated MIT in the past. It looked as if it would continue the trend Thursday, holding MIT scoreless for the first half of the game while building a two-goal lead. Malone's first goal, late in the second period, was answered by Plymouth State with four scores in the last four seconds of the period, starting the final period down 3-7.

Seven minutes into the third period, MIT narrowed the gap on a power play goal by Joe Minihan '11, assisted by Malone. Just over a minute later, Malone again assisted in Strong tied the game at three. Notre Dame put on an unsuspected goal with ten minutes to go, and assisted as Strong sent MIT a two-goal bulge on a shot from the point.

The sudden improvement in MIT's fortunes didn't sit well with the Plymouth State fans, with the bodychecking escalating in what was already a chippy game. Plymouth State used its sticks on MIT goaltender Larry Wagner '82 as much as it did on the puck, while MIT defenders Roger Stephey G countered with his usual slamming.

A penalty on MIT gave Plymouth State the opportunity to close the gap, which it did with six minutes left to play, but MIT kept digging.

Dave Dumery '80 hustled the puck out of the corner and fed Chris Johannesen '82, who put it on the net. MIT's second goal of the game was an unexpected one, as it came with 18:10 left on the clock. "It's a good win for us," said DePuy. "We have lost a lot of experience this year, but we continued the trend Wednesday night, and we will not compete again until January."