Engineers cream Roger Williams

by Bob Host

The MIT football club assured itself of a winning season this year with an overwhelming 42-7 victory over Roger Williams (RW) College Saturday at Macdonald Stadium.

MIT dominated the game throughout, striking first on the game’s opening series, with Jeff Olson ’81 carrying the ball in from the RW 4-yard line. The conversions attempts by Willis Schwartz ’82 were good, putting the Engineers ahead 7-0, a lead that was never threatened.

Taking over after a Roger Williams punt was the MIT 15-quarterback Barry Jordan brought the team upfield, connecting on a 59-yard pass to Stu McKinnon ’81 to give the Engineers a 13-0 lead, with Schwartz failing to connect on the extra point. The Engineers struck again in the second quarter, with Dan Perry scoring on a 3-yard run. Craig Romness ’81 added the two-point conversion, and MIT led 21-0.

After a touchback on the ensuing kickoff, RW could not move the ball and was forced to punt. A clipping penalty put the ball on the MIT 16, and after three plays, Jay Napoleon ’81, taking over for Jordan, threw the ball into the hands of John Helenek of the Crusaders, who returned the interception 24 yards for Roger Williams’ only touchdown of the game. Mark Patterson’s extra point made the score 21-7.

A three-yard run by Fred Allen with slightly less than four minutes left in the half gave MIT a 28-7 advantage. RW came back to threaten just before the half, but an MIT interception in the end zone with just 11 seconds left killed the scoring drive.

In the second half, a Roger Williams field goal attempt was blocked by Kyle McKinney ’83. An interception of a Jordan pass gave the ball to RW, but after MIT regained possession, Jordan kept for a two-yard touchdown. The kick by Schwartz put MIT ahead 35-7. MIT’s final points were put on the board by Napoleon, who ran in from the three, with Schwartz splitting the uprights to bring the score to 42-7.

MIT’s next game is Saturday at home vs. Siena, a team that lost to Wilklians by a 21-7 score last year. The contest was MIT’s opening game. 2-0, and gave the Engineers a 7-0 lead.

Soccer — Friday’s 2-0 victory over Tufts was the team’s third win in its last four games, and gave the Engineers one more win than they had all of last year. The contest was predominantly MIT’s, as the Crusaders did not really test Bob Schaefer ’83 until late in the game. Guillermo Abaudio ’82 scored an assist from Chuck Donovan ’81 late in the game with Jay Walsh heading it in from John Kudlow. RW came back to make the score 2-1.

Field Hockey — It was a tough weekend for field hockey as it dropped a pair of 1-0 losses to WPI on Friday, and to Tufts at the MAIAA tournament at Westfield State Saturday. The team is now at 7-4-1, closes the season at home with Endicott Thursday at 3:30 pm.

Cross Country — Tech runners split a dual meet with Williams and Tufts on Saturday at Williams. MIT defeated the Jumbos 19-38 but lost to Williams by a 21-15 count.

Volleyball — This weekend’s action saw MIT at the University of New Hampshire invitational in Durham. Tech spikers defeated Maine-PI in its opening match 2-0, but lost in the semi-final match to Maine-Orono by the same 2-0 count.

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