Football loses to Worcester despite highest scoring yet

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The MIT Engineers produced their highest scoring game of the season Saturday afternoon but turnovers early in the game gave the visiting Worcester State Lancers a 49-28 victory.

On MIT's first play of the game, Worcester's Tom Hendrickson intercepted a Harvey Stenger pass on the MIT 35. Four plays later, Lancers' quarterback Mike Guenette connected with tight end Jim Murphy for a seventeen yard touchdown pass. Only one minute had elapsed in the game.

MIT then fumbled away the ball on its first play of the next series, giving Worcester the ball on the MIT eight. MIT's defense was unable to get out of the hole.

Worcester added another touchdown with a minute and a half gone in the second period before MIT could put any points on the board, making the score 9-0.

The second half was the same story. Again Worcester recovered on the MIT offense was unable to get back on the board.

MIT Head Coach Dwight Smith was not pleased with the outcome of the game. "We beat ourselves with the turnovers in the first quarter," he explained. "They weren't that much better than we were." Part of MIT's turnovers can be blamed on the new "Beaver Gun." For the first time this season MIT employed the shotgun. While the play succeeded in confusing the Lancers, it also caused a lot of fumbles and jumbled balls. MIT should have good success with it in the future, however.

The Engineers have next weekend off. They then go to Bentley for a 1pm game the following weekend. The Engineers' next home game will be the homecoming game on October 25.

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