Hockey beats Conn, WPI

By Martin Heiken

The men's hockey club continued to demolish all opposition this weekend, as it returned from 8-3 win at Connecticut College Saturday to rout the visiting WPI Engineers 7-2 Monday night in a game rescheduled from one cancelled due to snow earlier this month. MIT's record now stands at 12-4-0 on the year.

Tom Michelk, who had five goals and an assist in Sunday night's game at Connecticut College, continued his torrid scoring pace with two assists and four goals, setting a new MIT single-season scoring record with forty-three goals. Harvey Steiner, G, Michelk's left wing, also had a hat trick in the contest.

MIT opened the scoring four and a half minutes into the first period when Paul Dinnage fired a pass around a WPI defender to Michelk, who was all alone at the center ice. The Engineer's co-captain wasted no time drawing the goalie from the net and lofting the puck past him.

A minute later, Michelk executed a perfect pass across the crease to the waiting Steiner, who joined the puck home. Steiner made the score 3-0 on a good individual effort with less than a minute left in the first, and Michelk rounded home a pass from John Laflerty '82 up on the lead to four points at the end of the period.

The only goal of the second period was again scored by Steiner on good set-up work by Dinnage and Michelk midway through the session.

With five and a half minutes gone in the third period, WPI finally got on the board when Jon Monahan's shot trickled by both of MIT's fallen defenders and goalie Larry Wagner '82. A penalty on MIT's Joe Minihan '82 thirty seconds later gave the visitors a chance to get back into the game, but once again Tom Michelk came through for MIT, slipping a shot in on the WPI net and then pushing the puck past the netminder when he tried to sit back while the puck around the advancing center.

Michelk scored MIT's last goal with a little less than six minutes left on the clock when he tipped in a shot from the point by defenseman Wayne "Wayne" "Wayne" "Wayne" Storm '80, making the score 7-1.

WPI's George Alban finished out the scoring four minutes later with a shorthand goal off of a pass across the crease from Sean O'Reily, beating Wagner to his stick side. Wagner played an outstanding game in goal for the engineers once again, stopping twenty-three of WPI's shots.

The club will travel to Nichols tomorrow for a 7pm game before returning home Saturday to close out the season against Rensselear at 7pm in the New Athletic Center.

As an additional note, the woman's hockey club will open its home season tomorrow against St. Georges of Rhode Island. The game is scheduled to begin at 4pm in the New Athletic Center.