Key interception dashes hopes as football drops opener 14-9

By Martin Dickens

In a closely played game before packed stands, the football club dropped its home opener 14-9 to the Chieftains of Stonehill College.

The outcome of the game was up for grabs until Stonehill's Mark MacNeil intercepted a pass from Engineers' quarterback Vincent Martiniell '85 in the end zone with five seconds remaining, ending any chance at victory for the home team.

MIT opened the scoring with just under two minutes left in the first quarter. Halfback Dave Peakes '84 brought the ball in from the two yard line, giving the Engineers a 6-0 lead.

Stonehill knotted the game halfway through the second quarter when running back Paul Ferreira scampered seventy yards for a touchdown. Roy Ochs' kick put the Chieftains ahead 7-6.

With just twenty-three seconds left in the half, Tom Hastings' 31-yard field goal. The kick barely cleared the crossbar, but gave the Engineers a 9-7 lead at the half.

After a scoreless third period, the Chieftains took the lead for good on a sixty-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Scott O'Malley to Matt Monahan. With Peach's kick, the score stood 14-9.

Next weekend the Engineers will be on the road, traveling to Roger Williams for a 1:30 game. MIT took last year's meeting between the two schools 7-0, pegging its record against the Rhode Island-based school to 3-0.

Jim MacNeil intercepted a pass in last Saturday's game.

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