Men's hockey ices Suffolk 6-4

By Martin Dickes

Ron Brisco '86 scored a hat trick, and Pat Foley '83 added two more goals as the men's hockey club defeated the Suffolk University Rams 6-4 Wednesday night in the Athletic Center.

Suffolk began the game as if it were going to make up for the 9-0 thrashing suffered at the hands of MIT last year. Less than two minutes had run off the clock when Steve Modica rammed a shot past goalie Randy Grace '83, giving the visitors a quick 1-0 lead.

The two teams then played evenly until. just under four minutes to go in the period, Foley took a pass from Brisco, faked a shot, and lifted the puck over the fallen Jack Davies to knot the score at one.

MIT took advantage of Suffolk mistakes in the second stanza, racking up three power-play goals. The first tally came at 5:42 when Brisco teamed up with Foley and captain Dale Malone '83 to overwhelm the short-handed Ram defense.

Opportunity virtually broke the Engineers' door down five minutes later when two Suffolk players drew penalties, giving MIT two minutes of five-on-three power play.

It took Brisco only twenty seconds to notch his second goal of the evening, as he tipped a Wayne Townsend '83 shot past Davis, making the score 3-1.

With only fifteen seconds left in the remaining penalty, defense-man Dave Pehlke '86 let loose a blistering shot from the point that deflected off of Davies into the crook of and down in front of the goal mouth. Malone, perched on the doorstep, shoveled the puck across the line, boosting MIT's lead to 4-1.

Suffolk finally got back on the board when Steve Calautti intercepted a clearing pass and sped in alone on Grace, lofting the puck over the MIT goaltender to cut the margin to two. The Rams got to within one point early in the third period when a Jeff Draper slap shot sailed over Grace's shoulder.

Brisco, however, effectively squelched any threat with his third power-play goal three minutes later, deflecting a centering pass from Foley in on net. The Suffolk rebound did not see the puck, and it trickled between his skates, making the score 5-3.

Ron Peto brought the visitors back to within one, but Foley's goal — the team's fifth on a power-play — with four and a half minutes remaining iced the victory.

The club, now 9-3, will be in action again tomorrow afternoon in a 2pm game against Connecticut College in the Athletic Center.

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