**Football club drops season opener 20-7**

By Martin Dickau

Two long touchdown passes—one a 44-yarder, the other a 32-yarder— and a ball-spotting judgment that left the Engineers one inch short of a crucial first down combined to give the visiting Stonehill Chieftains a 20-7 victory over MIT Saturday afternoon.

The two football clubs hosted to a standstill in the opening quarter, with the offensive edge going to MIT. The Engineers had an opportunity to get on the board first when Mike Thompson G recovered a Stonehill fumble on the Chieftains' 18-yard line. A fumble, however, cost the visitors facing fourth and nine on the 43. This punt was a fake, and Day threw a 37-yard touchdown pass to Kisthardt. The extra point was good, and the home team was down 7-0.

The Chieftains appeared to take control, powering out to their own 42. MIT’s defense toughened, however, and a Richard Rice 57-yard kick that had the visitors facing fourth and nine on the 43. This punt was a fake, and Day threw a 37-yard touchdown pass to Kisthardt. The extra point was good, and the home team was down 7-7.

The Engineers seemed to have another golden opportunity handed to them in the fourth quarter when Mike Anshberg G poosed on a fumble on the Stonehill 36. MIT advanced to the five and, going on fourth and one, had the ball spotted one inch short of a first down, giving Stonehill possession.

MIT’s only scoring came late in the final period. The Engineers began the drive on their own 40 and received some assistance when Stonehill’s Bill Potts was called for defensive pass interference when Engineer quarterback Dave Broecker G tried a long bomb to Chris Adams G. The play brought the ball to the Chieftains’ 16, and Broecker carried the final yards on the final play.

The Engineers will be at Providence Saturday and at Hartford the following weekend before returning home October 8 to host UMass-Boston, the league’s new entry.

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**Soccer**

*Halfback Bill Magawyer ‘86, with an assist from co-captain Mark Jennings ‘86, scored with only 19 seconds remaining to give MIT a 1-0 victory at Nichols Saturday afternoon. Mike Schoen ‘87, in his first collegiate game, posted the shutout.*

**Tennis**

*The men’s tennis team defeated Clark 6-3 Sunday to win the Engineers’ first dual meet of the season. Mike Thompson G, under pressure, managed to release a pass puring the second half of the game.*

**Field Hockey**

*The field hockey team opened its season with a 5-0 blanking of Wheelock College Thursday afternoon. Teresa Cichello ‘86 had two goals and Martha Berger ‘87 added one to give the Engineers a 3-0 halftime lead. Nancy Schuster ‘87 and Terry Fowke ‘84 provided the other two tallies in the final stanza. The team went to Western New England Saturday morning and played to a scoreless tie, bringing MIT’s record to 1-0-1.*

**Sailing**

*The women’s sailing team was busy this weekend, Marian Ecutt ‘87, with crew Carol Mobley ‘87, and Alan Finkmaier ‘86, with crew Jollie Gesner ‘87, were low-point skippers in their respective divisions as MIT easily won the Wrenson Invitational Saturday. The Engineers also hosted the Man Labs Trophy last weekend and finished fifth in the 13-team field. Michelle Bagdasar ‘84 and her crew Tamal Mote ‘83 were fourth in their division for MIT.*

**Wrestling**

*Dave Broecker G, under heavy pressure, manages to release a pass puring the second half of the game.*

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**Cross Country**

*The men’s cross country team hosted RPI and WPI in the Engineer’s Cup Saturday and came away with a 25-38-16 victory, marking the fourth time in six years that MIT has won the event. Terry McNatt ‘87 and Bill Mallett ‘86 finished second and third overall with times of 25:44 and 25:48, respectively. Ren Smith ‘85 was also among the top finishers, placing fifth in 26:26.*

**Field Hockey**

*The women’s team hosted RPI at Franklin Park Saturday and lost 16-24 despite a first-place finish by Sarah deLeon ‘85 and a third-place showing by Ruth Hellman ‘85.*

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