By Martin Dickau

A 347-yard punt by Greg Cassens set the football club to a 35-24 homecoming victory over the Assumption College Knights Saturday afternoon.

The win was MIT's third in a row and marked the first time the Engineers have beaten a team from Worcester.

MIT set the offensive tone for the game early, taking the opening kickoff at 26 and relentlessly marching 45 yards downfield. Facing fourth down and four yards to go from the Assumption 35 yard line, the Engineers elected to try for the first down instead of punting. Fred Allen '84 (45 yards in 10 carries) got the call and ran wide for a gain of nine, keeping the drive alive.

Two plays later halfback Jim Buitman '85 became the first of five different Engineers to score, carrying the ball in from the Greyhound seven. Tom Hastings '90 put the kick through the uprights, and MIT led, 3-0.

The visitors, meanwhile, managed but 17 yards on their first series, and MIT took over on its own 15. Allen and Broecker provided most of the offensive firepower for the ensuing drive—Allen with a 22-yard run, Broecker with a 12-yard run, and Broecker with a 24-yard pass to Allen.

The Engineers needed only seven plays in all to move the ball to the Assumption one, where Allen took the hand-off from Broecker and crashed through the line to score. Hastings' kick was good, and MIT led, 10-0 with three and a half minutes left in the first quarter.

Assumption managed to cut into MIT's lead two minutes into the second quarter on what has been the Engineers' all-time most important play—the "big" play. Greyhound running back Tom Weserberg was given the ball on the Assumption 2-yard line and broke through the middle of the line to go to the 86-yard line for a touchdown. MIT came up with a "big" play of its own on the extra point try when linebacker Jon Opaliski '84 blocked the kick.

The Engineers wasted no time in squashing the potential rally. Just four minutes after the Assumption tally, halfback Chris Adams '87 (114 yards in 11 carries) capped a 45-yard drive with a 31-yard touchdown run up the right side of the field. Hastings converted his third extra point, and MIT led, 17-0.

The game went into a pattern of the two teams trading touchdowns. Assumption scored again late in the second quarter, but the try for the two-point conversion was thwarted with Mike Thompson '85 tackling quarterback Bob Wilson before he could get rid of the ball.

Thompson, who had seven tackles, including three for losses, also contributed to the Engineers' third-quarter touchdown when he stopped a Knight in Assumption's driving opening the second half. The visitors found themselves forced fourth down and 17 from their own 15, and were forced to kick. The 10-yard punt by John Fahey gave MIT the ball on the Greyhound 25, and Broecker covered the entire distance himself with a nice cut to the inside on the next play. Again Hastings made his kick good for a 26-12 lead.

Assumption tallied early in the fourth quarter, but Opaliski again made a fine play, interrupting the conversion pass from Wilson, to hold the visitors to six points.

Broecker's 70-yard run to the Assumption 1-foot line set up the final MIT touchdown. Broecker bulled loose at his own 21 and raced to the Assumption 26. The ball was fumbled on the one, only to be brought down by. the goal line by defensive back Ken Harmon. Dave Petkus '84 was called upon after a one-yard loss, and chalked up the final tally.

Assumption scored one more time with two minutes left in the game, but the try for an on-side kick failed. A minute later Dave Curran '85 (51 yards in 6 carries) had a 45-yard touchdown run nullified by a penalty. Even without the additional points, MIT had its third straight win, 35-24.

The Engineers will be on the road this weekend, taking on perennial power Worcester State at 1 p.m. Saturday. The club will return the following weekend to host league-leading Bentley College at 2 p.m.