**Football drops 30-24 heartbreaker in OT**

By Martin Dickau

Numerous fumbles and scoring opportunities went by the board as the football club lost in sudden-death overtime to the Worcester State Lancers in Worcester Saturday. Despite the loss, the Engineers had a big claim to victory: They beat The Average.

Prior to Saturday’s contest, the Lancers had allowed their opponents a meager 6.2 rushing yards per game. MIT, meanwhile, led the league in offense with 315 yards per outing. The stage for the battle of strengths was set.

The engines took the fight to their hosts, using two Worcester fumbles to gain 62 yards on the ground in the first quarter, including a 40-yard touchdown run by quarterback Dave Broecker. The Average was at zero.

The MIT offense stalled after a 27-yard Tom Hastings G field goal early in the second quarter, and the Lancers came storming back, piling up 13 yards in regulation and two touchdowns to take a 14-10 lead at the half.

The Engineers were not about to die: Coach Dwight Smith once again pitted his team’s strength against that of Worcester State, with MIT showing exactly why its rushing offense is tops in the league. The visitors piled up another 52 yards rushing — 20 of them on a scoring run by Broecker — to regain the lead.

Worcester responded with a blistering aerial and ground attack that produced 10 fourth-quarter points and a 24-17 lead with three minutes left in regulation. Jim Bittman ’85 contributed a 50-yard run that resulted in Carlson’s third try and a final score of 26-7. Boston’s Phil Dicristo scored on a penalty kick to make the score 22-3. Boston’s Phil Dicristo on a penalty kick to make the game.

The Gentlemen managed to keep most of the second-half play in the MIT end of the field, but repeated drives at the Beaver goal were thwarted. MIT’s flankers Reg Gott and George Walron shut down Boston’s running game.

The Gentlemen finally scored on a penalty kick to make the score 22-3. Boston’s Phil Dicristo added another four points on a short run for a try, but MIT’s Mike Whitelaw broke the long dash later in the half for the period’s final try, and the Beavers had a 22-3 lead.

Boston collected itself during halftime and came out with a stiff defense in the second stanza. A good defensive play and a missed opportunity when Worcester running back Ian Nickerson fumbled at midfield and MIT linebacker Erik Gilbert ’84 recovered on the Engineer 48. Broecker brought the visitors to the doorstep, launching a 38-yard strike to Allen. MIT lost its chance when Allen fumbled away on the next play.

A good defensive play and some bad luck proved to be the deciding factors. Lancer quarterback Sean Mahoney started a drive from the 15 with a pass to the sideline, where he had Nickerson waiting. MIT linebacker Nick Nowak ’86 was also

**Scoring binge lifts rugby, 26-7**

By George Walrond

All season long the MIT rugby club’s “A” side has been scoring blitz Mr 22 points against their hosts, using two Worcester fullbacks to take the lead. The Average was no more. Led by Bill Mallet ’86 and Mike Lyons ’85, the team had scored a 22-0 lead.

Minutes later forward John Polsari fed Casey a pass which gave the flyhalf an open-field run to the try zone. Tom Hastings broke off a scrimmage to score the fourth Beaver try. Mike Hunter kicked the conversion, taking the score 16-0 with only 10 minutes gone. MIT fullback Robert Whitelaw broke another long dash later in the half for the period’s final try, and the Beavers had a 22-3 lead.

Boston collected itself during halftime and came out with a stiff defense in the second stanza. A good defensive play and a missed opportunity when Worcester running back Ian Nickerson fumbled at midfield and MIT linebacker Erik Gilbert ’84 recovered on the Engineer 48. Broecker brought the visitors to the doorstep, launching a 38-yard strike to Allen. MIT lost its chance when Allen fumbled away on the next play.

A good defensive play and some bad luck proved to be the deciding factors. Lancer quarterback Sean Mahoney started a drive from the 15 with a pass to the sideline, where he had Nickerson waiting. MIT linebacker Nick Nowak ’86 was also

**Cross country splits with Williams, Tufts**

By Christopher Y. Kim

The men’s cross country team ended its dual-meet season on a mixed note, defeating Tufts and losing to Williams Saturday at Franklin Park. The Bears from Williams spoiled MIT’s perfect record with a close 25-30 victory, leaving the Engineers at 4-1 in dual-meet competition.

The Bears’ last-mile surge proved to be the deciding factor, despite stellar performances from MIT’s top five runners. The Engineers held the second through fifth positions and led the scoring at the three-mile mark, but Williams overtook MIT’s third and fourth runners with a mile left and hung on to preserve the victory.

Although the loss was a disappointing one, there were a few bright spots in MIT’s performance. Led by Bill Mallet ’86 (25:14), who knocked off 34 seconds off his personal best, the first five harriers set all their course records. Mallet, Mike Lyons ’85, Bill Bruno ’85 and Ron Sym ’83 finished within a close 28 seconds of each other, but MIT’s fifth runner Greg Harrison ’86 finished 30 seconds behind Smith.

Engineers’ coach Halston Taylor.

(Please turn to page 11)