By Victor J. Dials

The men's ice hockey team was led by Suffolk University, 7-2, Tuesday night in the MIT Athletic Center. The loss dropped the Engineer's record to 9-8 on the season.

Suffolk drew first blood, scoring just ten seconds into the game with a shot by forward Greg Adams. Adams took the shot from the right hand side of the ice, just inside the blue line. MIT came back with tough defense and superb goal tending by Pet Gaspsarin '88.

Seven minutes into the game, Engineer forward Pat Foley '87 stole the puck in front of Suffolk's net and put MIT on the scoreboard with an unassisted shorthanded goal to tie the score at 1.

Suffolk fired up with quick skating and aggressive checking. The Rams' offense managed to keep the puck in MIT's zone. Gaspsarin had a solid game, turning aside 28 shots. Suffolk's goalie also played well with 26 saves.

A late goal by forward John Tringale for a 3-2 Suffolk lead in the second period. They finally added another goal on a similar play with Hambleton finishing off a pass from John Tringale for a final score of 7-2.

Despite the 7-2 loss, goateender Gaspsarin had a solid game, turning away 28 shots. Suffolk's goalie also played well with 26 saves. MIT's fifth-year head coach Joe Quinn was pleased with his team's defense and goal tending, commenting that the team "didn't quit." Quinn attributed the loss to "lack of depth and Suffolk's quickness."

"The team is down to 16 players," he noted. This shortage of players prevented the squad from having three lines complete. "Suffolk was too quick — they didn't allow us to move the puck well," Quinn said.

The hockey team will play at home Saturday against Assumption College Game time is 3 pm.