Football club shuts out Assumption, 14-0

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A record-breaking performance from Christopher J. Adams '87 led the MIT football club to a convincing 14-0 homecoming victory over Assumption College.

As usual, it was the Beaver rushing attack, averaging 275 yards per game this season, that proved MIT's offense. The Greenbough's inability to stop the MIT rush became evident early in the first half.

Midway through the first quarter, Mark Naugle '90 interception set up MIT's first score. Adams finished the day with 204 ground yards on 24 carries, an MIT record. His performance brought his season total to 728 yards, breaking his own MIT single-season rushing mark set last year.

Five minutes after Adams' touchdown scamper, Assumption gave the ball back to MIT. Quarterback Peter J. Gazdritis '88 handed off to Hugh Ekberg '88, who saw daylight down the right side, and raced 70 yards for MIT's second touchdown.

Herman Reyes '87, MIT's first-year placekicker, converted both touchdowns, improving his season record to 14 of 17.

The game settled down after MIT's two quick scores. Assumption was unable to mount a sustained drive, as the MIT defense dominated the line of scrimmage, shutting down both the rush and pass. Assumption's offense moved the ball 89 net yards on the afternoon; Beaver penalties moved it 112. The tandem of Richard Rice '87, Chris Moreno '88, and Paul Anderson '90 recorded a total of six sacks, and broke up countless other plays.

But the Beaver offense was awakened by its own errors - fumbles, interceptions, and penalties broke up several promising drives.

Assumption had several scoring opportunities in the second quarter, only to be thwarted by the nimble MIT defense. Midway through the second quarter, Assumption marched into MIT territory. On fourth down at the MIT 9-yard line, Assumption faked a field goal attempt. Mitchell, who faked a free performance on the day (two sacks, five tackles) stopped the ball carrier short of the first down.

With 1:12 left to play in the half, the MIT punt gave Assumption a chance to close the 14-point gap before the half. But pressure from the defensive line forced the Assumption quarterback to hurry a pass, intercepted by Shane Arnold '88.

The offense was not entirely blame for the large number of MIT penalties; the defense had its share as well. An apparent interception by Rick Buellesbach '87 was called back in the third quarter, when the left side of the defensive line punched offside.

MIT squandered a number of chances to add to its lead in the fourth quarter. With first-and-