MIT passes out against Stonehill, 14-20

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No longer will the most-discussed question among Boston sports fans be, "Why did McNa-anna leave Buckner Inn?" Rather, inquiring minds will want to know, "Why did Coach-Dwight Smith call for 22 passes?" The Beavers needing a victory against Stonehill to qualify for the National Club Football Association playoffs, MIT's 5-2 record going into the game was largely a tribute to the strength of its run-ning game - the Beavers, averaging a league-leading 274 yards per game on the ground, were last in the conference with 58 yards per game in passing.

Before the game, it was felt that the sloppy field conditions would work to the Beavers' advantage, since both teams would find it difficult to pass in the rain, and MIT's ground game was far superior to Stonehill's. Also, the Beaver defense had excelled at shutting down opponents' rushing attack, allowing the second-lowest yards per game on the ground.

But on MIT's first play from scrimmage, Peter J. Gasparini '88 dropped back to pass. The throw was wobbly - possibly due to the slick ball - and Stonehill intercepted.

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