Offense shines as women's hockey triumphs

By Peter Dusan
The MIT women's hockey team put on an impressive display of offensive power as it triumphed over the University of Connecticut last Thursday at the New Athletic Center by a score of 6-0. Just eight seconds later Catharine Smith '89 was jammed ill by Smith, who scored a hat trick and Kelly Grant '86, who was unsung in goal with a shutout.

In the early moments of the first period, the Engineers dominated play in the UConn zone. They continually intercepted UConn passes off the boards, producing many turnovers in the UConn zone and neutral zones. The MIT players seemed to be choosing their shots carefully; the few shots they got on goal were often excellent scoring opportunities.

The first half of the period seemed a stalemate despite the Engineers' control of the play. They kept UConn out of the MIT zone but found trouble at the other end of the rink, redirecting passes from the corners into the net. The dam then suddenly broke open with two quick goals halfway through the period. At the 9:14 mark a deflected shot from close in by Alice Biber '89 was jammed in by Smith. Just eight seconds later Catharine Smith '86 was jammed ill by Smith. The crowd cheered with excitement as per right of the net. The last five minutes of play saw tempers be-}

UConn's hopes of reducing the lead were finally dashed when with five minutes left in the period, Smith finished off her hat trick. With another fine display of stick handling, she won her way rim-long around several UConn players to finally beat the goaltender with a shot to the upper right of the net. The last five minutes of play saw tempers begin to rise — offering penalties were assessed for roughing and several fights threatened to break out.

MIT controlled the puck well in the corners of the UConn zone in the third period, setting up good scoring opportunities with passes to the slot. This control paid off. With 8:34 left Michelle Bourelli '89 took the puck into the UConn zone but was pushed wide of the net to the left. After fighting for control behind the net, she finally emerged around the right hand side to stuff the puck in.

The last goal of the game was scored by Alice Biber '89. With two and a half minutes left in the game as the stoffed a rebound into the right of the net after the UConn goaltender failed to smother the puck.