Strong defense helps MIT shutout BU, 2-0

By Peter Dunn

The MIT women's hockey team paid a visit to Boston University last Friday and left the BU Terriers in their dust as, by evening's end, they rode off with a 2-0 victory. Despite missing several key players, the Engineers dominated the entire game and, if not for some excellent BU goaltending, would have tallied a more lopsided score.

The Engineers dominated the first 15 minutes of play with strong forechecking and hard play along the boards in the BU zone. This pressure resulted in several good scoring opportunities as MIT was able to set up plays from behind the BU goal and from along the boards. Unfortunately, the BU goaltender kept MIT scoreless during the opening minutes of the first period, but the Engineers played with added gusto.

Darlene DolWida '88 goes for a lay-up during last nights game against Suffolk. MIT won the game 55-36.

The key to MIT's game, how-ever, was their defense. In an ostensibly no
defensive drive in the neutral zone, but the Engineers played with added gusto. It looks as if the Engineers would head to the lockers with a one goal lead, but with less than two minutes left in the period all hell broke loose. With 1:41 left, a Suffolk defensive man dapped a shot from the blue line off a faceoff in the MIT zone to beat goaltender Peter Gaepaartsi '88 past his glove hand. Five seconds later, a Ram beat the entire MIT squad off the faceloff at center ice to give Suffolk the 2-1 lead. Frustrated, the MIT defense continued to lose composure and allowed a third goal 22 seconds later: a pass from the right boards found a Ram breaking up center ice and he beat Gaepaartsi to end the period at 3-1.

The Engineers seemed to settle down after the disorganization and confusion of the last two minutes of the first period, but Suffolk continued applying pressure and extended its lead to 4-1 at the 2:29 mark with a strong drive up the left wing from center Victor iau. The MIT defense stood strong over the next five minutes as the Engineers played short-handed on high sticking and interference calls.

Halfway through the period, the Engineers cut the lead to 4-2 on a power play. Alec Jannotia '88 put the puck on the crease from behind the Suffolk net and Henry Dotzeren '91 lifted it over the sprawled netminder for the consolation match tonight. The Engineers instead suffered composure and allowed a third goal 22 seconds later: a pass from the left boards found a Ram breaking up center ice and he beat Gaepaartsi to end the period at 3-1.

One frustrating loss where the breaks just wouldn't fall their way and will be facing the Uni-

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