Defense dominates in homecoming win

Wang, Teeple come up with clutch interceptions in fourth quarter to shut down Assumption

Mark Naugle '90 left) and Darby Prather '91 force Assumption fullback Mike Teichera to fumble the ball.

But the MIT secondary, shored up by the return of co-captain Rick Biafore and Mark Naugle '90, held up when the game was on the line. A strong rush from the front line surely helped, but the coverage was there to hold back the last just for a second in the second half, and none in the fourth quarter. The Beaver secondary actually caught more of none other than, not be connected, completing five passes to the wide receiver in the first half. The Beaver cornerbacks were slowly going over the top, and Wang and Sunny Ahn '92 took part interference calls after getting heat by Kinney.

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The defense, however, rose to the occasion. On Assumption's next drive, Ahrens rounded up a sack, Frazier brought Daddona down behind the line, and Dusharr and Frazier shared another sack.

Shane LaHousse '90 leaves the Greyhounds behind as he puts MIT in front for good.

The sparkling defensive play brought some life back to the Beaver sideline. LaHousse broke into the open field on one run, but the defense held fast to a 44-yard gain. A few plays later, LaHousse solid blocks downhill from Dobrilov and Day to give MIT the lead for good.

Despite the big runs from Assumption's backfield, MIT was just unable to maintain any kind of emotion, and they continued to be sluggish in the second half. This uninspired play gave the Greyhounds several more opportunities to tie the score, chances they were unable to take advantage of.

Chip Smith, Assumption's star inside linebacker, blocked an option play superbly, pitching off to LaHousse or keeping the ball himself and thoroughly befuddling the usually solid Assumption line backers. Garrett Moos '92, who scored in the first half, ended up with a cast on his thumb, and not only managed to not fumble but came up with big runs of 28 yards in the third quarter, giving MIT's victory.

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