Crowd Pulls Hockey Team to Playoffs

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Only a day after having been defeated by the MIT men's hockey team, the Southern Connecticut State University Owls got their revenge Saturday night with a 3-2 victory behind a brick wall by Bill Bogenrath. The win left the Engineers 6-1-3 overall for the season.

The Engineers had defeated SCSU, 7-6, the previous evening to make the Eastern Collegiate Hockey Association playoffs.

Saturday's game started quickly with the first period leaving SCSU ahead, 2-1. The first score came on a breakaway by SCSU 7 minutes and 18 minutes into the game. MIT answered five minutes later on a goal by Chad Mikkleston '94 with assists by Josh Feddery '94 and Daryl Hemingway '94. The Owls scored their second goal off a power play with four minutes left in the period.

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