Track Meet To Juniors; '58 Second In Interclass

Sweeping to seven firsts and a majority of seconds and thirds, the junior class ran off with first place in the Outdoor Interclass Track Meet last Saturday at Briggs Field. The juniors compiled a total of 107 points, compared with 56 for the class of '56, 32 for the class of '55, and 30 for the class of '54. The freshmen failed to come out a first but showed more depth and piled up their points with seconds and thirds in the dashes.

The 440 yard dash saw Merrifield gain most of his points in the field. He took the win in the javelin, hammer, discus, and shotput. Rolf Wiggers gained the cleanest points as he cleared the bar at 12 feet 10 inches to take the pole vault. John Hoffmann was another triple winner for the victors.

Winless Tech Nine
Play 6-6 Tie, Lose

Bill after their initial victory of the season, the Beaver bottoms took the field against Brandeis and Worcester Poly on consecutive afternoons last weekend. The Merritten were unanimously as their quest as they played a nine limited 4 to 3 tie with Brandeis in a game which was called due to darkness, and came out on the short end of a 3 to 1 score in the game with WPI.

In the Brandeis encounter, played in Waltham on Friday afternoon, the Engineers were constantly playing under pressure as they fought back to overcome 2 to 0, 3 to 1, and 6 to 1 scores at various stages of the game. As has generally been the case thus far this spring, the Techmen hit the opposing pitching well as they garnered 16 hits as opposed to 9 for Brandeis. Both teams were shifty and committed ten errors apiece. The Merritten took advantage of two of the home team’s errors in their only two run inning. The seventh, in which second baseman John Sullivan ’56, and outfielder Ed Newhall ’55, combined back-to-back singles with two Brandeis miscues. Newhall continued to earn himself the title of "surprise of the year", bestowed upon him by Coach Roy Mer- ritten, as he got 3 hits for 4 times at bat to raise his batting average to a healthy .350.

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RPI Tops Tech
In Tennis, 6-3

Last weekend the MIT varsity tennis team lost a close contest to Rens- selear and was thoroughly trounced by Harvard. The RPI match was con- cluded under conditions resembling total darkness, as Gil Strang ‘55 and Rick McLaughlin ‘57 lost their double match in the third set. It might be added that it was so dark that Lenin- men were used to determine whether serves were good or not, and even they had difficulty in seeing the ball. Once RPI had clinched the match, Buck Bledsoe and Frank Januska ’55 stepped playing bases, according to their coach. Tech’s victo- ries were recorded by Burt Griffin, John Sullivan ’56, and Joe St. John ’55 playing in the number three and six singles spots, and by Menden de Leon and Captain Al Blake ’55 in the number one doubles match. It was a tough defeat for the Techmen, especially against such a strong team, and Strang were all beaten in their three and fifth singles spots.

The team plays Bowdoin on Saturday and Williams next Tuesday, both on Tech’s home court.

The Tech

Sailors Cop Three
But Lose In Oberg

Alois deJere ’56 and Nick Newman ’56 shipped MIT to a successful de- feate of the Sharpe Trophy at Brown last Sunday. It was Tech’s fourth straight strawy win. With Jim Sym- mons ’55, and Steve Freedman ’56, crewing, the Engineers placed first in both divisions to win by 10 points over U.E.L., Brown, Princeton, and Harvard.

Tech and Harvard fought a close match race Saturday on the windy Charles with the Engineers winning 3 to 2. MIT jumped to the lead by winning 35-30 and 56-54. Har- vard came back winning the next 2 races 50-54 and 60-54. The Tech sailors talked it over and won the last race 75-58 by taking 1st place in a 12 boat fleet.

Harvard came back on Sunday to defeat MIT, B.C., Northeastern, Tufts and B.U. by 4 points to win the Oberg Trophy. Meanwhile at Balzers, Dick Matless ’56, Ernie Blake ’55, John Marsh ‘57 and Steve Freedman ’56 took 4 firsts and 2 seconds to defeat Harvard and Balzer.

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