Winter Sports Season Opens Tomorrow
Hoopsters Open At Trinity; MIT Hockey Team Opens At Dartmouth
Lack Height, Experience

The MIT basketball team gets its first chance to work under recently appointed Coach Dean Burke in the season's first tilt tomorrow night at Trinity. Mr. Burke, who coached basketball and baseball at Waseca before joining the Institute, expects to have his 13 returning lettermen in action on the court tomorrow against the Owls. The team, which lost only two men returning and if McCabe can fill graduated Lovely Atkin's place in the nets, the team could have a very successful season.

A potentially strong Tech hockey team will face one of their toughest opponents of the year in tomorrow night's opener against Dartmouth at Hanover, N. H. Hindered by lack of ice on the rink, the "Hartmenn" have come a long way in their five weeks of practice, but are novice in the farm will be test in need of practice to improve on last year's record of four wins in thirteen games. Last year's opener, placed on the Harvard risk due to rainy weather, went to Dartmouth by an 11-4 margin.

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