Participation, Competition are Keynotes of School's Top-Notch Sports Program

The many contributions made to the lives and industry by the Institute and its traditionally high academic standards have all but obscured the part it plays in pioneer in interscholastic sports. Few people realize that MIT introduced interscholastic competition or was one of the first to recognize the fast growing and little known sport of weightlifting.

Because of the lack of big-time sports at Tech, the athletic program is relatively small. Never has a big-time sport been offered. The program includes every sport, major or minor, with the exception of football. Participation is perhaps the most complete to be found anywhere. Almost one-third of the student body plays in the sports program.

At the Institute you will find no all-sports team, although every sport, major or minor, is offered. In this way the student body is diversified. This is probably the most complete athletic program in the country.

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