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**Tech Soccer Team Loses First Game To Amherst Eleven**

In the opening soccer game of the 1968 season, the internationally-flaunted MIT eleven fell to a strong Amherst team, 5-1. With only six lettermen back from last year's fine team, the Techmen face a major rebuilding job. One of these lettermen, Fouad Fars, has been unable to see action thus far in the 1968 season because of an injury. The others are John Conner, Captains; Ernesto Machaya, Ken Evans, Manoel Perna, and Dale Rhode.

Soccer coach Charles Batterman commented that the opening game was not as successful as he hoped, but he pointed out that nine starters are relating from last year's team including the backbone of any soccer team, the halfback line. In addition, only twenty-five men reported for the soccer team this year compared to a much higher number last year.

Coach Batterman did have special praise for the “wonderful performance” of Dale Rhode and the “tremendous” job turned in by goalie Phil Robinson in last Saturday’s game. Robinson, who entered the game in the second half, allowed just one Amherst goal.

In conclusion, Coach Batterman said that “the team learned a great deal and should do much better in the future.”

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**Yearling Harriers Yield To Andover In Season’s Opener**

MIT’s freshman cross country team was edged by Andover Academy Friday, 15-35. The meet, first of the season for both squads was held at Andover’s rugged, hilly, 6.5 mile race. The Prepsters took five of the first eight places to insure their victory.

Art Harper led the Beaver men, finishing in second spot in 15:30. It was followed closely by Steve Buol who was third in 15:34. Bill Litt was also in the top ten, taking fourth, position in 16 minutes flat. Jeff Litt and, in thirteenth place, and Steve Litt, in fourteenth, rounded out the song for the Cardinal and Gray.

Art Harper’s second place finish heading all the MIT runners, prove a pleasant surprise for Coach Art Harper. Harvard, Boston, Brown and will be expected to provide a standing strong punch as the season progresses but a fifth team is still looking to complete the unit.

The contest now have a tonned of people before their next contest at Harvard University of New Hampshire on October 18. The varsity hill and riders will inaugurate a busy day this afternoon against Brandeis at Franklin Park in Boston at 4:00 P.M. They will follow up with a triangular meet Saturday against Williams and Springfield, also at Franklin Park.