A Winning Ingredient

During the past few weeks, practices have begun for the spring interscholastic teams at MIT. Some of these squads will have winning seasons, while others will endure mediocrity or even failure.

The reason for their successes or lack of them will be the material available, experienced strength, luck, etc. In this last mentioned catchall category lies something more indefinable—the desire to win.

This strong desire is shown in regular attendance at practices, and haughty attitudes at all meets. Whether in practice or competition. Every individual who comes out for a varsity or freshmen squad should possess the competitive spirit, otherwise he is a detriment to the team of which he is a part. If his other extra-curricular activities are going to interfere with interscholastic sports, he should not even try out, knowing he can’t give his best.

It is not in the ten of MIT athletics to recruit great talent or interest the nation’s top coaches, but the student athlete should feel the attitude of the varsity stickmen this spring will be victorious.

Led by the nucleus of last year’s Class C co-championship team, the MIT varsity lacrosse squad is taking forward to a highly successful campaign. A key ingredient in the midfield for the Engineers are co-captains Charles Fitzgerald ‘59 and Larry Boyd ‘59, Jim Russel ‘59, John Converse ‘60, Bob Williamson ‘60, Danny Michelle ‘60, and Nat Fleischman ‘60. Last year, Fitzgerald won All-American honors, and in his senior season, looking forward to a highly successful spring’s Class C co-championship.

The varsity will scrimmage West Point plate March 30, play Adelphi on April 3, and a regular season game, and then travel to Stevens College for another scrimmage.

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The success of the club was even more evident in the conference. For street fighting, he wears a rambler suit. He totes his burger tools in dufflebag. The only honest thing about him is the Luckies in his pocket. (Like snuffchewing folk, he enjoys the honest taste of tobacco!) In the old days, he’d be called a robbin’ hood. Today, this churlish but altruistic chap is a genuine article.

The association with the Institute promises to be of extra- maker, USAF, assistant professor of aeronautical engineering.

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