The Sports Year in Review

Athletes at MIT during the school year 1958-59 were highlighted by a few outstanding varsity teams and others that showed great improvement. Intramural competition was marked by enthusiasm and large participation as well as successful completion of virtually all contests.

Fall at MIT saw the soccer team get off to a slow start and then come back to tie WPI and Army before whipping Tufts and Coast Guard 4-1. The bastions' backyard game was a triumph over Dartmouth that gave them a 5-2 record. As the invets the bill, the winning team placed consistently among the top squads. They won the Obing Bigcat and were second in the Hoyt competition. The third and final autumn intercollegiate aggregation was the cross-country team that opened with wins over Brandeis and Williams but faded to finish with a 3-5 slate.

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Lacrossemen Win Ten, Drop One; Second Great Year for Ben Martin

The varsity lacrosse team of 1959 displayed one of the strongest aggregations ever to wear MIT colors. They compiled ten wins, suffered only one loss, and in so doing rolled up 44 goals against those foes in the 1958 aggregation that was rated as one of the best in the College.

This spring’s stickmen were not only a dozen of repeating stars which will probably go on to bigger things, their opponents, although MIT defeated such schools as Harvard, Harvard, and Tufts.

Both their success was a team and the varsity lacrosse team was highlighted by several outstanding contributors to the squad’s victories. Russell won the Most Valuable Player Award, and had some trouble fixing it.

Coach Martin Praised their team, stating that they were better than any squad they faced.

The second midfield of Dix Michael ’59, Joe Skendarian ’60, and Phil Robinson ’59, and midfielders Bob Williams ’59, Larry Boyd ’59, and George Pritchard ’59 added much to the MIT fortunes. Attacker Don deReynier ’59 and Chuck Conn ’59, and forwards Phil Robinson ’59, Herb Pritchard ’59, and Norvis Smith ’59 were other stalwarts.

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