Basketball Team Cops Two On Midterm Trip South

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The MIT varsity basketball team hosts Case tomorrow night in Rockwell Cage, hoping to continue the fine play that carried them to a successful 2-1 road trip between terms.

During that trip, the Engineers routed Stevens Tech, 84-46, and Johns Hopkins, 77-59, after being nipped by Hartford, 70-68.

Although surging to a 12-2 lead in the opening minutes, Tech could not contain the sharp-shooting Hartford cagers. Hartford connected on 46% of its floor shots compared to MIT's 37%. The Engineers' often-erratic foul shooting dipped to a low 64%. Center Dave Koch '62 contributed 32 points to the Tech effort.

Tech Bounces Back

What a change against Stevens! It was MIT all the way. Never in danger, the Engineers scored on 56% of their floor shots. Leading the squad were Koch with 31 points (73% shooting average) and Tom Burns '62 with 18 (70%).

Hitting on five of his first six long jump shots, sophomore Jeff Paarz led MIT to its victory over Johns Hopkins. He ended up with 19 points, five fewer than high-scorer Dave Koch.

HOOP HAPPENINGS...

Dave Koch is now the leading scorer and rebounder in the Greater Boston Area. He is averaging 23.9 points per game. Koch was named to this past week's All-New England basketball team.

Although it doesn't show in the box score, Phil Robinson '62 has been doing great work on defense for Tech. With a 7-6 record, MIT is heading for its best season in quite a while. This Saturday's game will be carried by WTBS starting at 8:15.

Shooters Divide Six Matches, And Set Team Record

The Rifle Team split even in six matches during midterm. The teams encountered were the strongest opposition in the eastern half of the country and three of them have suffered their first defeats of the season from the MIT squad.

The first match on Monday, January 30, resulted in a close victory over the Coast Guard Academy, 1423 to 1419. Tuesday the first loss of the trip occurred, 1421 to 1436, against St. John's University, dominant team in the New York City Metropolitan League.

The Tech team topped 1430 for the first time this season at Annapolis on Wednesday and the Midshipmen lost their first match 1434 to 1429. A loss to CCNY on Thursday, 1426 to 1428, was the only real disappointment of the trip. At Merchant Marine Academy the new team record was set. Bob Clark '63 and Richard Ludeman '63 had 290's, Bill Leffler '61 and Steve Smith '62 had 289's, and Ron Pellar '61 fired a 283 for a team score of 1441 to 1416.

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