Many Major Sports Successes Highlight Recent Years

The MIT lightweight crew did not have much trouble with the Thames Challenge Cup at Henley, England for the second year in a row. Above they are leading the Royal Naval in the final race.

The pressures caused by World War II hit almost every area of endeavor in the early '40s, and MIT athletics were no exception. The campus was invaded by men in the Navy program, attending classes and all other activities in their bell-bottom trousers. The midshipmen contributed significantly to intercollegiate sports, especially crew and lacrosse.

Not all of Tech's athletic program benefited from the influx of the military, however. Troops were not only housed in East Campus, but also on the basketball court in Walker Memorial and in the improbable location of the squash courts. Such quarters as those provided by the latter seem to be comparable to solitary confinement—the but the military stayed and the squash enthusiasts patriotically gave up their practice area and played where and where they could find room.

Squash, Track, Lacrosse

The exigencies presented by the situation certainly did not seem to daunt the sturdy racquetsmen, however, for they proceeded to produce a few teams which met with unprecedented success, playing outstanding ball in 1943, going undefeated in 1944 and carrying the championship of New England in 1945 and 1946.

The track team had amazing seasons in the war years. Bolted by the navy men and helped by the draft board which carried off the team members of less fortunate colleges, the thrashers dominated New England throughout the War, taking laurels for the area in 1944 and 1945.

Lacrosse, initially unsuccessful after its establishment in 1939, started off in fine style, winning the Greater Boston championship in '40 and coming in second in New England in 1945 and 1946.

Such outstanding success of the varsity teams was not universal throughout the athletic program, however. The war probably blunted for the cessation of competition in baseball and soccer, which were not resumed until 1949.

Sailing Successes Surge

Under Sailing Master Jack Wood, MIT sailors traveled from Los Angeles to Larchmont, N.Y. in the English and back to their home grounds almost every year, gaining the Mid-Atlantic championship many times and coming away with the national team trophy with equal frequency. In 1948 Ralph Evans represented the U.S. in the Olympics at London, winning a silver second place medal in the Firefly competition. 1952 saw Ed Melnick go to the Helsinki Games, although he failed his final appearance in the Finn sailing class. Also sailing Finns, John Marvin traveled to Melbourn in 1956 where he won a bronze medal for third place. The track team, both indoor and outdoor, had large turnouts by today's standards, and managed significant success at the turn of the decade, finishing up third in New England in 1949. In 1956 Tech produced a field man of national prominence. Team captain John McFarland '56 dominated New England in most of the weight events, and scored highly in every major meet he entered. In the '56 IC4A meet he came in second in the 35 lb. weight throw, fourth in the hammer, and fifth in the discus. At the NCAA championships in June he broke the existing national hammer record and was named to the All-American track team for that year.

Front Frenzy Successes Coach

In the fall of 1941 young freshmen appeared at the boat-house, along with the droves of green candidates who greeted the season each September. The coach then had to especially look at him, that he would be one of the outstanding names in recent crew history. Jack Frailey went on to captain the lightweight squad for two years, later returned to coach the Henley champions of 1954-55, and is now the dynamic and popular leader of the Varisty crews in his position of Head Coach.

1931 saw the first victory in a national regatta for the Tech crew in a good many years. The heavyweight boys had won Harvard on the Severn River at Annapolis and were crowned national champions.

Peace, and the absence of the athletes to the other colleges diminished briefly the high stature that MIT sports had achieved in New England and throughout the country.

Sailing, Still International

One of the strongest squads ever to put out in the last ten years has been the sailing team, the most consistently powerful group ever seen on campus. Throughout the Fifties Tech sailing won almost every national trophy several times, participating in the Olympics, and held meets with teams representing Oxford University in England. In the event of the contests were staged on the Charles and in the historic country of the Omonians.

Win Henley Challenge Cup

In 1944 Jack Frailey retained the Thames Challenge Cup. In 1954 Jack Frailey returned to the boat-house after ten years absence and put out an amazing lightweight crew which beat everyone all year, and won on to take the Henley Royal Regatta Championship for the second time, becoming the first MIT crew to win the Cup. The next season the national and international championship was denied Tech on a rare occasion, but a strong showing at the Olympic Regatta in London, the Princeton convinced Frailey that the crew deserved another chance at Henley. The crew went on to beat everyone at Henley, bringing the Cup home. The next season the national and international championships were not won, but Tech was never outclassed, usually several big teams looking for the same individual or more victories than in the previous years combined (31). The basketball team, however, while they did not disband, was hurt significantly by the loss of players and especially by the above-mentioned quartet of soldiers on their field of action.

Basketball Growing Strong

MIT's basketball team, after a long time as one of the weaker teams in the area, this season had the New England's history at Tech, led at the half in every game but one, and was never outclassed, usually several big teams looking for the same individual or more victories than in the previous years combined (31). The basketball team, however, while they did not disband, was hurt significantly by the loss of players and especially by the above-mentioned quartet of soldiers on their field of action.

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