Basketball In IM Spotlight

The intramural basketball season got off to a fast start this week with first round games on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday nights. The fifty-five teams participating have been split into three divisions. This is the result of two major changes in this year's basketball program. The first change is the creation of a Major division composed of two leagues of eight teams each. It is hoped that this will give the more powerful teams more competition and allow the smaller teams to compete against teams of their own caliber. The second change is the creation of the AAA division, will be for teams slightly under the caliber of Major division play and slightly over the caliber of competition in the A division. The purpose of the different divisions is to provide more even competition between the teams and is being tried this year on an experimental basis.

With the results of the first few games not yet reported, it appears as though perennial champion Grad house must be given the favorite's role in the Major division. Due to the overall strength of the division, a number of teams must be tabbed as dark horses and may well spring an upset.

Strengths of individual teams in the other divisions are even more unpredictable in view of the large number of freshmen of unpredictable quality on the roster. All indications are for an extremely active and successful intramural basketball season. The divisions and their breakaways are as follows:

I. Major Division

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Jack Davis P. 1
Graduate House "A"

Tom Davis M. 1
Graduate House "B"

Bill Sigma Phi Epsilon 2nd
Pi Lambda Phi 2nd

Mike Chi Omega 1
Graduate House "A"

II. AAA Division

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Baker House "A"
McKee House "A"
Dean Y's Denon
Student House "B"

III. A Division

EASTERN LEAGUE

Army-Navy "A"
Army-Navy "B"

Western League

Brown House "A"
Brown House "B"

Southern Leagues

Army-Navy "A"
Army-Navy "B"

In addition to the regular interclass athletic events on the Institute campus, there will be eleven teams, the Classes of 1966, 1965, 1964, 1963, and the Graduate, vying for the Interclass Trophy. The Graduate team is composed of MIT Alumni, graduate students, faculty, and staff.

In the past five years, the All-Institute Swimming Championships has become one of the top non-professional swimming shows in New England. This year's event will have, as special attractions, water ballet and diving exhibitions as well as the regular interclass competition.

For those who are interested in entering, there will be eleven competitive events, including eight individual swimming races, two relay races, and diving. The swimming events are the 50, 100, 220, and 440 yard freestyle; 100 yard butterfly; 200 yard individual medley; 200 yard breaststroke, and the 200 yard backstroke.

Watch for posters from which application blanks may be obtained. Posters are located on all the Institute bulletin boards and at the Swimming pool. Trials will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, November 18th; and finals that night at 8:00 p.m.

Sports Event Of The Week

Soccer With Army

The Sports Event of the Week is designed to highlight outstanding athletic events on the MIT campus. The Army-MIT soccer game this Saturday afternoon will be the year's first Sports Event of the Week. Led by All-America Dirk Bergsagler, the MIT team has lost only one game to date and has a fine chance to take the New England Championship. This Saturday's home game against Army will be the last chance to see this fine team in action at home. The game has been rescheduled from the normal 2 p.m. time and will be played at noon so as not to conflict with the JP Weekend activities.