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Squash Routs Adelphi; Smashed By Harvard, Navy, U. Pennsylvania

By Bostwick Wyman '62

The MIT squash team beat Adelphi 3-1 in Garden City, New Jersey last Friday for their first win of the season.  Don Nelson '62 was outstanding in the number-eight spot, blanking his opponent to a total of five games.  Al Petittog '62 won the first match for Adelphi while MIT won all the rest in straight games.

After a victory celebration at Mama Leon's, the team went on to Philadelphia for a match with the University of Pennsylvania, Saturday at 8 p.m. The Penn match was very close, MIT winning 4-3. Six of the nine matches went the full five games. Monsieur Lafontaine '62, MIT captain, lost to Frank '62. Bill Mifsud '62 were the Tech winners. Each has the best individual record this season, with three wins out of six in intercollegiate play.

On Wednesday December 13, the Techmen lost to Harvard 9-0. Joe Rappaport '62, who lost 5-4, was the only MIT man to win a game from Harvard. Harvard had been ranked second (under Yale) in the intercollegiate squash circuit, and will be a strong contender for the title this season. The MIT freshmen lost their first match 9-0 also to Harvard. Marty Snyder was the only MIT freshman to break a reasonable showing, losing to Harvard's Hank Morris, nationally ranked number one man, in fairly close games.

Fencers Downed 18-9 In Duel With Harvard

In a close match that belied its lopsided score, the MIT cavaliers lost their first major challenge to Harvard 38 (6-9). The match began poorly as MIT lost the first three sabre bouts to a superior Harvard sabre team; however, MIT countered with strong foil and epee teams that took two bouts out of three for each weapon during the first round. The score for the first nine bouts was Harvard 5, MIT 4. It might be noted that there are twenty-seven bouts in a match, three rounds of nine bouts each; fourteen bouts are required to win a match.

The match was lost in the second round as MIT managed to win only two bouts to make the score at the end of the round 12 to 6 in favor of Harvard. Several critical bouts were lost in this round and MIT was unable to regain control of the match. John Levy '63, an excellent foil man, lost new to the epee, lost his epee bout with a very close score, although he won his bouts in the first and third rounds with no touch. Against him, Dave Juncker '63 lost his epee bout by one touch, and Barry Rosoff '63 lost his foil bout by the same score.

After two losses in sabre in the third round, one by Bob Mason '63 by one touch, Harvard had accumulated the required fourteen points to win. At this point, MIT expired its bench and its tactics allowed the lopsided final score.

Notable performances were given by Bob Mason and Steve Reznek '63 in sabre despite the excellence of Harvard's Kennedy and Fossey in this weapon. Dave Walterman '63 and Barry Rosoff were very good in foil, each with a total of three bouts. Levy, despite his one loss, was the outstanding man in epee, rarely giving Harvard a chance for a touch. Two of the sophomores that fenced in the third round, Ralph Zimmerman and Norm Cohen, both in foil, showed considerable promise for the future.

The cavalier's next match is with Brandeis, Saturday, January 6th, at 2:00 p.m. at Da Ponte.