Cagers Top Bates, Bowdoin: Lose To Harvard 62-54

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In MIT varsity basketball action last week, the bowlers won two games and defeated one Tech, leaving for the Christmas break with a record of 7-5-1. The Bowed aways won Tuesday by 61-47, and, in home action, defeated Bowdoin Thursday 61-56 and lost to Harvard in a 62-54.

The Bates game was played without the services of Captains and high-scoring Dave Koch. However, two fine 6'5" sophomores with matching first names, Bill Eagleson and Jack Mower, who scored 7 and 10 points, respectively, played Tech's first-half surges. Eagleson, who scored 16 points, and Jack Mower, who scored 7 and rebounded well both, kept Tech in the game early in the game. Eagleson was the game's high point scorer with 16 points, but Tech was never in danger after the opening minutes. Eagleson can now serve as an indicator for the game, since Eagle's first-half shooting earned him the first-half award.

Grad House (61) and Kappa Delta Psi (62) played Tech last year with nearly identical personnel.

MIT's Bowed faced off Thursday at Rockwell Cage. Boston, sparked by center Eddie Callahan, who threw in 12 of his 17 points in the second half, stood-up as they went into the locker room owning a 32-29 margin. Tech was kept in contention by the last-gasp efforts of Eagleson, who had 14 of the 29 first-half points, Coach Barry, in his most decisive effort, helped make the game's outcome, changing to a man-for-man defense shortly before halftime.

In the second half Tech played fine ball, Dave Koch, still recovering from an ankle injury, hit 9 points and brought Tech to a first-half 52-49 with less than 3 minutes left. At this point a 1 point, 2 point win, and Tech, the first time in 10 games to lose a game, did not have an answer.

On Saturday afternoon some 1100 partisan fans jammed Rockwell Cage as the largest crowd ever to watch an MIT game. The Engineers overwhelmed the Sooners and defeated them 54-15. When the referees killed all the second half minutes of the game, then the暴露 kept the game from changing Tech's game of strength, with red hot outside shooting.

The second half was the Engineers' last stand, but the third steeple chase was more of the same, as the Engineers fought back. The old guard of the Engineers, now considered a definite threat in the Ivy League.

Tech's tough zone defense held the Harvard "shuffler" down to a southern style of play, but the Engineers still recovered from the 12-3 to 14-2 deficit and took the Eastern League title, winning 62-54. The Engineers did an outstanding job of blocking each other's shot and rebounding very well.

The Freshman team's third game of the season last Friday was a stand-off as they went into the locker room owning a 30-29 margin. First half, the Engineers outscored and outplayed in the first half, but Harvard recovered in the second half to take a 55-45 lead. In the third quarter, the Freshmen fought back. The old guard of the Engineers, now considered a definite threat in the Ivy League.

Mackrell hit timely baskets as Tech built a 10 point spread at 37-27 with 14 minutes remaining. Then the roof caved in. No one on the team could hit a basket, and Bowdoin rebounded and outscored Tech 20-14, through the remainder of the game. A total of 14 personal fouls were committed by MIT players, compared to 2, one effective foul on Bowdoin in the second half. Tech's 3 free throws were 2 and Glide with 14, all in the first half. Bowdoin center Gentry hit 30 points, 20 in the second half to pace the winning side.

The end of the regular season finds Boston A, the Grad House and Alpha Tau Omega A the winners in the National League, Alpha Phi Epsilon Pi in second, and Phi Delta Theta 5th in the National League. In the Eastern League the Chinese Astronauts are on top in the Eastern League and in the Pacific coast League the Chinese Students Association eliminated the Burton Dining Staff and will face Grad House C on January 4.

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