Lacrossmen win opener, lose four

By Neal Glenn

The MIT varsity lacrosse team, coached by Ben Martin, finished a rather disappointing spring trip, winning the first and losing the next four. In the first game, MIT, clearly superior to Franklin and Marshall, trounced them 10-2. But the lacrosers proceeded to lose to U. of Penn, and Hofstra by scores of 65 and 212. With the next two schools, C.W. Post and Adelphi, the games could have gone either way. Unfortunately MIT was on the short end twice, losing 9-10 to C.W. Post and 5-2 to Adelphi.

Kirkwood scored 6 points. In the first game of the season, Pete Kirkwood '66 gave an outstanding performance, scoring 5 goals and 3 assists, for a total of 6 points. Kirkwood's performance set a new scoring record, surpassing the record performance of the former All-American, who scored 4 goals and one assist in a game.

Sophomore Steve Schroeder in the first varsity game also performed well, scoring 5 goals and one assist. In the U. of Penn. game, MIT was clearly outplayed by Penn's stockback. Penn controlled the ball the majority of the time, causing MIT's scoring punch to suffer severely.

Against Hofstra MIT was also outscored. The Engineers were held scoreless until late in the second period when Wood guided a pass from Mandle past the Hofstra goalie. Wood later scored twice in the third quarter and one from Kirkwood. The final MIT score was in the fourth quarter by Schroeder, assisted by Wood.

Score 10-8 C.W. Post

The C.W. Post game was the most satisfying game to date. The first half was all Post's while the second half was MIT's. Post was bolting on fast breaks which caught the MIT defense off guard. In the second half, MIT scored a total of 8 goals in the final 10 minutes, winning 10-9 C.W. Post. This was the only MIT player to score in this half. At half time, with the score 1-1, the game seemed lost. In the second half, however, MIT outmatched, outscored, and outplayed the Post team, outsourcing the ball the majority of the time.

With the score 9-4 at the third quarter, the game was far from over. MIT outscored C.W. Post by about 86% of the last quarter, the team scored 5 goals to Post's one.

Coming into the Adelphi game, the team had high hopes. MIT, however, quickly fell behind as Adelphi caught the MIT goalie unawares.

The difference in the game was determined by players' ability to score in man-up situations. Several times during the game, MIT was up two or even three men, but failed to drive past the Adelphi defense.

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