Boothers split two games

By Bob Sultan
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Rugby team loses to Harvard, Holy Cross

The MIT Rugby Club lost one game to Harvard and two to Holy Cross over the past week. Against Harvard '77, on October 11, Tom Carroll '94 tied the game for MIT '"B"' late in the second half on a point try and conversion, but a Harvard single try in the final minute game them an 8-5 victory.

Captain Tom van Tienhoven '66 was Tech's only bright spot in the "V" and "B" losses to Holy Cross, as he scored on a drop kick and a penalty. His fine playing and sportsmanship were applauded as he left the field, but he leaves behind an even more weakened defense.

Problems for Offense

Due to all these injuries, much effort has been put into shoring up the defense. The team has been playing a diamond defense which is tight and flexible enough to do the job but leaves only four men on the offensive line. This means that effective passing and control of the ball has become much harder and many shots are taken on chance openings. Rest and recuperation seem to be at the top of the list for the remainder of the season. The Techmen defeated Amherst, 2-0, in a game which was a result of the last on the soccer training schedule.

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