Cagers lack height

Frosh stars brighten future

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breaking his hand. This left the MIT experience quotient at zero. Fortunately, Steve missed only five games. His return to the team was a welcome break, as he scored almost twelve points per game for the remainder of the season. Against Tufts, in the Colonial Tournament, he almost single-handedly led MIT to a comeback which fell short. The remainder of the squad, featuring Captains Bob Listfield ‘69, and a bulk of sophomores led by Dennis Flaherty, John Bell, and Frank Taylor. After the amazing 92-90 win over Trinity, MIT stood at 3-2, and many people didn’t expect Tech to win that many games all season. They were almost right. Tech lost their next seven games, one of which was a 63-40 double overtime loss to Colby, and it took the yearly New York trip to halt the slide. In the Big City, Tech soundly defeated Yeshiva and Brooklyn Polytech, two teams in the Knickerbocker Conference. Tech returned to Cambridge to play in the Colonial Tournament against a strong Northeastern team. The squad was usually beaten by an 85-76 margin. After losing the consolation game to Tufts, Tech picked up its final victory in Rockwell Cage by defeating Lowell Tech 85-76. Two more losses completed the 6-15 season.

While the records indicate otherwise, this was probably a successful season for MIT. When a college does not attempt to recruit athletes, it often finds itself with a team that just doesn’t have the skills needed to be competitive with the teams it plays against. For many years, Tech basketball ball was more than fantastic with guys like Alex Wilson and Dave Jameson finding their talents. This year, there was no Wilson or Jameson, and Coach Dairy worked harder. Prospects for next year’s team are bright. All of this year’s starters will return, as will Bruce Wheeler, who will have more two years of eligibility left. This year’s lack of height will more than he made up for with the additions from the freshman team. Ben Wilson, the “little” brother of Alex is a rugged frontcourt athlete who was personally trained by his Alex. On the year’s freshman team, he scored at a 14-8 per cent per game rate, while pulling down 11.5 rebounds in 18 games. Rod Reinberg stands at six-foot-seven, and he was good for nine rebounds a game, while scoring at a 12.1 rate. A third valuable addition from the freshman squad is Steve Gas, a six-foot-three forward, who was forced to play guard most of the season. Steve hit for 12.4 points per game, mostly on a strong outside shot. If one would consider this year a “year of rebuilding”, then watch out for next year’s rebuilt squad.

Andree to wrestle in NCAA tournament next week in Calif.

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"I really enjoy wrestling," he says, "and I do what I like. For instance, I’m in math. It’s really interesting to me. At times, I’m totally absorbed by that." At other times, he is absorbed by wrestling.

"It’s very basic," he explained. "It’s all right there. Strength against strength. Conditioning and endurance, you’re matching very basic athleticism." MIT ends its wrestling season this afternoon at the University of Massachusetts. (Ed. Note: -- a match already played. Andree won.) This wasn’t the end for Andree. He was beaten twice in a pre-season invitational meet at the Coast Guard Academy. He hopes to have a chance to arrange those defeats in post-season tournaments.

He will compete in the National Collegiate Athletic Association college division tournament at San Luis Obispo, California, March 13-15. If he finishes among the top four there, he will go on to the NCAA university division tournament at Britain West University, March 27-29. Last year, he finished fourth in the university division, losing two matches.

Andree tries to lose matches in style. It’s easy.

"I tell myself I have a bad day," he says philosophically, "but I don’t know.

He’ll soon find out.