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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 featured Captain 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 63-60 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 soundly beaten by an 81-56 count. 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 was more than fortunate with guys like Alex Wilson and Dave Jansson lending their talents. This year, there was no Wilson or Jansson, and Coach Barry 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 two more years of eligibility left. This year's lack of height will more than be made up for with the additions from the freshman team. Ben Wilson, the "little" brother of Alex, is a rugged six-foot-six athlete who was personally trained by, big Alex. On this year's freshman team, he scored at a 14.8 per cent per game rate, while pulling down 215 rebounds in 18 games. Rod Reigier 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 freshmen period is Steve Gass, a six-foot-three forward, who was forced to play guard most of the season. Steve hit for 13.4 points per game, mostly on a strong outside shot.

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