Tech ruggers bounce back for 13-6 triumph

By Don Arkin

The MIT rugby football club opened its fall season Saturday with a thrilling come-from-behind victory over The New- port R.I. club. The final score of 13-6 was comprised of Newport's 6 first half points and Tech's 13 second half points.

Newport opened the scoring moments after they kicked off. After Tech's runback was halted, a bad Tech pass led to a blocked kick near Tech's goal line. An alert Newport player picked up the loose ball and scooted across the line for a try. After the missed conversion, Newport led 5-0.

Although Newport did not score again for awhile, Tech's play was fairly lackluster, and most of the play was in Tech's end of the field. The inevitable eventually occurred and Newport was awarded a penalty kick for a missed conversion, Newport led 5 min- utes later for a try. After the back for 13-6 triumph.

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The first hint of a good sea- son for MIT came with 5 minutes of the second half gone and Newport in control of the ball. Then strong pursuit by the Tech scrum forced on earnest pass and Tech's Jerry Toman grabbed the loose ball and carried it deep into Newport territory before being stopped. Tech won the following scrum but a weak side attack was stopped initially on the five yard line. However play continued with Tech winning the mail and edging closer and closer to a score. Paydirt was hit when Newport was called for a penalty on their two yard line. Tech elected to run the ball and the scrum play followed and Ed Walker touched the ball down closely supported by the rest of the forwards. The missed conversion left Tech three points down.

Several minutes later, the fired up Tech ruggers were threatening again. A Tech runner was downed at the five yard line but a ferocious ruck quickly recovered the ball, and this time the ball went out to the backs. Three quick passes got the ball to Don Arkin outside center, 30 yards away, and their kick upped the score to 6-0. The half ended after several more minutes of inconclusive play.

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By Nicki Minnatas

The varsity soccer team opened the season in fine form on Saturday, routing Holy Cross by a score of 3-1. In a game which was obviously slowed by the hot humid weather, the Tech booters showed their supremacy in conditioning, passing and shooting.

Last year, MIT took the opener from Holy Cross by a score of 6-1; this year the score was only 3-1 but the improve- ment in teamwork from last year was obvious. Play and control was pretty even but on the whole, the Tech booters, led by centerback Rich Baker '72, managed to hold control most of the time.

The Engineers bit for the first goal of the game about midway through the first period. After some strong, close-in pressure in front of the visitors' goal, Jerry Toman '71 took a pass and, not having any shooting angle, passed back to Ken Stone '72 at the left corner of the penalty area. Stone shot from about 20 yards out and hit the underside of the crossbar with a hard shot for a goal. The second goal came just 23 seconds after the second period, after a beautiful pass from Mastiekowski, with Stone taking a shot from very close. In a brief scramble, Co-captain Dave Peterson '71 managed to get the rebound.

This year's effort should be bolstered by some benefits of the new freshman eligibility rule. Under this rule, the team now has Rich Straff '74 working along with Tom Aden '72, last year's regular goalie. Straff played an excellent game Sat- urday, coming up with key saves and helping many an attack with his long punts and throws. He was only beaten one time, this on a semi-breakaway after the visitors executed a fine give-and- take down the left sideline. With Straff and Aden in last year's freshman goalie, Karl Langkau '73, giving the Engineers excel- lent depth in the goal. As usual, the play on offense was dominated by All-New Eng- land outside right Mastiekowski. Using his incredible dribbling skill and his rare ability to run as fast as the ball at without, Mastiekowski set the third goal in the third quarter by beating the Holy Cross Defense on the left side and hammering a hard shot, knocking down the Holy Cross goalie and allowing Peters- en to score his second rebound goal.

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