

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 Newport 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 3-0.

Although Newport did not score again for awhile, Tech's play was fairly lacklustre, and most of the play was in Tech's end of the field. The inevitable eventually occurred and Newport was awarded a penalty kick from dead center, 30 yards away, and their kick upped the score to 6-0. The half ended after several more minutes of inconclusive play.

The first hint of a good season 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 errant 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 maul 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 roll play succeeded 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 to the backs. Three quick passes got the ball to wing Don Arkin outside the Newport defenders and a quick slant across the goal line tied the score. Then Walker's conversion made the score 8-6. With ten minutes left in the game Frank Gaughan scored Tech's third try of the game and Walker's second conversion provided the final margin of victory.

Although Tech's red team is missing five starters from last year's highly successful (11-3-2) seasons, the team has excellent potential. If Saturday was any indication, the season will be a fantastic success, in terms of parties as well as victories.

Tech returns to action this Saturday when they host Mystic RFC.

Booters win in opener 3-1

By Nakir Minazian

The varsity soccer team opened the season in fine form on Saturday, trouncing 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 improvement in teamwork from last year was obvious. Play and control at midfield was erratic but on the whole, the Tech halfbacks, led by centerhalf Rich Eskin '72, managed to hold control most of the time.

The Engineers hit 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 Maskiewics '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 at just 25 seconds of the second period, after a beautiful pass from Maskiewics, with Stone taking a shot from very close. In a brief scramble, Co-captain Dave Peterson '71 put in the rebound.

This year's effort should be bolstered by some benefits of



Dave Peterson '71 goes high in the air to challenge the Holy Cross goalie for a head ball in Saturday's action. The Techmen took Holy Cross 3-1.

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 Saturday, 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-go down the left sideline. With Straff and Aden in last year's freshman goalie, Karl Landrag '73, giving the Engineers excellent depth in the goal. As usual, the play on offense

was dominated by All-New England outside right Maskiewics. Using his incredible dribbling skill and his rare ability to run as fast with the ball as without, Maskiewics set up 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 Peterson to score his second rebound goal.

On next Saturday, the booters travel to Trinity, a perpetually tough team for an 11:30 am game.

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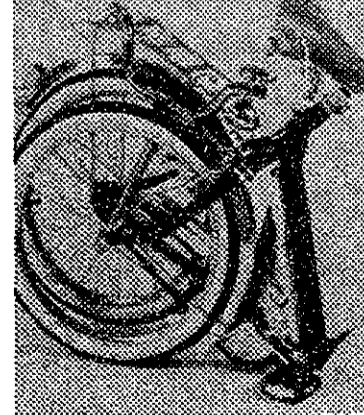
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