Boaters drop to WPI 2-0

By Naski Minazian

The varsity soccer team dropped a 5-0 decision to WPI on Wednesday for its first loss of the season. It was the fourth year in a row that MIT has gone in with a stronger team and has failed to bring in a victory.

Basically, WPI used a sort of hit-and-run attack. The field at WPI was a small field, not well cared for and therefore rather bumpy. The Tech game of slow deliberate ball control was difficult to play on this sort of field. Worcester relied on quick give-and-go passing with long clear shots from the fullback line for most of the game.

The game opened with MIT and WPI basically each getting their share of the attack. The first break almost went to the Techmen. Inside right Dan Kavanjian blasted a shot on the right wing and put a shot past the goalie ""72 who headed it from about 10 feet out, narrowly missing the goal. With the ball at midfield, the Techmen pressed for the first goal. A scramble in front of the MIT net and an inability to clear the ball off the MIT lines was the result. All alone on the left side, he placed a shot into the lower far left. From that point on, WPI pulled into a four-goal lead with a fast break offense.

MIT struck back hard at times in the second and third periods, but most of the game consisted of stodgy up and down the field play and was characterized by an inability to control the game. With Ken Stone ""72 slammed a low hard shot from the right side and the WPI goalie came up with a great save. With the Techmen pressing hard in the fourth period, one WPI man managed to slip behind the defense and take a pass for a breakaway and a score. This turned an otherwise close game into a virtually finished one, taking the momentum out of the Tech boat.

On Saturday, the booters will be looking to avenge their 3-1 loss to WPI and get up some momentum when they meet Middlebury on Briggs field at 7:00 pm.

Water polo tops Tufts 10-3

The water polo team opened the season in fine style on Wednesday, soundly trouncing Tufts by a 10-3 score. Pete Sanders "72 again showed why he was all-New England at both goalie and defense by pounding in 7 goals and setting up most of the others. Dave James "71, Ed Minazian "74 and Peter Sullo "74 also scored.

The game opened with Tufts scoring a goal from Rosenblum, one of their forwards. But MIT came pounding back. Dave James came back with a goal on a fast break, then Sanders went to work. Playing center forward, he at times hung menacingly in front of the goal or roamed at will around mid-pool. His first goal came on a long pass that was a little long. A race with the goalie ensued in which Sanders managed to win the scramble and put a shot past the goalie. The period ended after Sanders' second goal, which came on a fast break from mid-pool and a finesse shot.

With the Tech squad dominating the play, Sanders took the ball up the right side and fed Ed Minazian who blasted a shot on the goalie, followed by Sanders scoring his seventh and last goal of this breakaway. Tufts added a goal on the Tech second team in the fourth and the game ended at 10-3.

The most relevant comment of the game came from a Tufts player, who, when asked what the margin in the game was, replied, ""The difference was obvious Sanders. He's the best underwater player in the city. He ties your legs up and you can't do a thing."

MIT takes on Northeastern at Alumni Pool next Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

Batsmen lose season finale

By Steve Goldstein

On Wednesday, the varsity baseball team ended its fall season with a return match against BU. With BU the host team, their goalie was played by Peter Sullo "74, all singles.

As baseball games go, this one was far from exciting. BU scored in the first inning on a single, a stolen base, a wild pitch, and a sacrifice fly. BU's second run came in the fifth on a single, a two-base error and a wild pitch. The scoring was wrapped up for BU in the sixth on an error letting a man on base, a walk, and a home run, hardly a very exciting series. The lone MIT run came in the seventh on a walk, an error, two walks and a fielder's choice. The most encouraging result of the season, though, was the performance of some of the freshmen and sophomores now eligible to play varsity.