Benchwarmer

By John Kawazjlan

In case you haven’t noticed, MIT has one of the finest water polo teams in the country. The reason for this is simple: it is a well-structured, though, water polo is not a varsity sport but a club sport, one in which not only underclassmen, but also upperclassmen with the increasing quality of water polo competition, in the increasing number of teams and the number of good players available, to be a way to win. With the dominant sport there has been a concerted effort towards making it a varsity sport.

The first bad break was when the beginning of water polo’s rise was its current popularity at MIT. In the 1963-64 season, the club team had moved to personal winner Springfield to the New England Tournament, finishing the season 12-2 record. Last year the club finished third behind Springfield and Amherst.

Credit for the success of the team must basically go to the players themselves. The nucleus of the starting team was Bill Pertell, senior at MIT, and is continued up to the present with guidance from co-captains Dave James ’71 and Pete Sanders ’72. Last year, freshman swim coach Jack Mosley helped out with coaching but this year the team has a regular coach, varsity swim coach Charles Battersman. Right now, the team practices 6 days a week 10 hours a day.

It seems that the major reason for holding up the installation of varsity status has been the fact that no other school in New England has gone varsity yet. They all seem to be waiting for someone else to do it first and MIT with just about all undergrads in the club and one of the strongest teams, seems to be a logical candidate to take the initiative.

Varsity status would mean a start on better organization for a broader potential membership in the New England League. Right now, the referees are students at the competing schools or coaches at some of the other schools in the area. Starting the New England League would mean professionalization and standardization of officiating, something that sorely lacks at this point. It would also mean 8 game night scheduled games versus Dartmouth, Harvard, etc. to NCAA and national standards.

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Tech ruggers topped by strong Dartmouth

By John Mangold

The MIT rugby team moved several of their defense problems from last week, but a strong, experienced Dartmouth squad and several unfortunate breaks sent them to their second straight loss.

The first bad break was when the game scheduled at Dartmouth for October 3rd, as a result of the annual Dartmouth-Princeton homecoming game, was postponed. This was one of these traffic was much worse than expected and the team arrived about two hours late for the game (about 1 pm). Thus most of Dartmouth was at the football game and the rugby game had been postponed until the following Saturday.

According to the Dartmouth captain told the Tech ruggers they could stay in a fraternity house where there was a free-flowing keg of beer. Fortunately, the Techmen wisely turned down the offer and simply saw through the subtle plot and went off to see the football game instead.

The second was when, after a 6 yard gain to the 2 yard line, when he was tackled. A Dartmouth back went downfield with the ball, picked up and sent a low shot into the middle to the insides.

The play stayed relatively well up until midway through the first half when Tech scored its first touchdown at the upper hand. Finally at the eighteenth minute mark, Dartmouth back halfback Rich Eskin '72 and untangled a bunch of traffic in the Tech backfield area. Left inside Glen Glendinning '72 picked it up and sent a low shot straight at the goal line. Now was the time to put MIT in front. 1-0.

The remainder of the period and most of the second period was clawing off play of both with the occasional TechMEN a powerful defense, but a few bad plays by the Tech backs halfback Eskin, Kavazanjian, and Petrow. Right halfback Ken Ashmore and Ed Walker were the insides.

Midfielder walked 50 yard from a 45 yard bomb. Snell put the ball across with Herman scoring the touchdown. SAE took a 7-0 lead when LCA’s 25. Then a scrum roll brought 50 yard s downfield on a long combined run by Paul Kir--

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Middlebury ralliy tops Tech booters; mark even at 2-2

By Nikh Miraznian

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