Gymnasts top UP, Harvard

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Take Harvard, U. of Penn

By Jarvis Middleton

After losing its season opener to Boston State Saturday by four points of a point, the MIT gymnastics team rallied to crush Harvard and win easily over the University of Pennsylvania on Sunday.

Saturday, the Techmen found themselves behind Boston in scoring only after floor exercise, the first event. From then until the high-bar event, MIT held the lead. However, the team is now feeling the blow of the loss of Don Wahl has delivered. Wahl is suffering from a broken bone in his neck. The final score was MIT 109.65 and Boston State 110.05.

In the meet, several team members took first places. Dave Beck, in floor exercise, won first with a score of 8.1 which qualifies him for the N.C.A.A. Ken Gerber, the captain and one of the all-around men, placed first on the still rings, and qualified for N.C.A.A. He also placed on side horse and parallel bars. Rich Dubs placed second in vaulting while also scoring on floor exercise.

Coach Lilly says the team did well and if it hadn't been for a few bad breaks the team might have won but by a still close margin.

Sunday, with the heartbreak- ing defeat still fresh in their minds, the gymnasts hit every event with determination. Even with the tougher scoring, MIT led Penn throughout the meet. Harvard never presented a threat in the scoring, while suffering from a very small team and not enough men to put in each event. The final score was MIT 97.95, Penn 94.7, and Harvard 42.7.

Larry Bell was the most outstanding performer of the day. Bell, after placing on parallel bars Saturday, came back and placed again Sunday while working every event. Now the team is preparing for one of its roughest tests. Wednesday night at 7 pm, MIT will meet powerful New Hampshire. Coach Lilly paints a gloomy picture of the meet for whichever team is not prepared.

From the meet Wednesday, the team will participate in its first away meet. Friday, it takes a trip to Lowell Tech. Lowell Tech is also not expected to be an easy meet, but Coach Lilly feels the MIT team is ready now for any team in the league. He is looking now to the New England Championships where the team will have another shot at Boston State.

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