The Tech

Sports

Dopfel paces varsity diamond squad in win

With the bases loaded and one out in the third, Al Dopfel "72 stepped to the plate. On the first pitch, a walk-off HR -- a 3-run home run -- was hit, and the BC fans were left confused and disappointed.

The victory was gratifying to the team in a number of ways. First of all, they mapped a five game losing streak. Secondly, the infield made only two errors and did an excellent overall job.

Finals going to the attack only included eight hits, many a ball was caught deep in the outfield.

But the real reason for the win was "Big Al." Not only did he strike out eleven to raise his season total to 59 in fifty-two innings, but also he lowered his own-ERA to 2.25 (1.75 in GBL play). Other stand-outs were Joe DeAngelo '74 and Dave Tirrell '74. Joe raised his average for three hits, and Dave's performance raised his GBL average to .385.

The team's record now is 3-5 in New England and 2-3 in GBL play. Saturday the club plays a doubleheader at the Coast Guard Academy. The Regatta is regarded as a team of comparable ability, with weaker pitching.

The ragtag race won a win in the Intramural series. A double win there would put the club record at a respectable level and prepare them for next week's tough games.

Ruggers score win, draw

By Ali Khedou

The MIT Rugby Club rebounded strongly from last week's disaster by Mystic Rugby Football Club to gain a win and a draw from slippery Harvard Business School sides. The ruggers' record now stands at 4-3-1.

The first side dribbled their opponents throughout the game with hand-shaping, sue-tackling play. The forwards consistently delivered the ball to the back-line, but the high winds resulted in many breakdowns in the back-line, keeping the game score low.

The Business School squad was unable to advance the ball over the mid-line, except for occasional long kicks which were promptly returned by fullback Steve LeMott and wing Pat Bailey and Jim Hunt. Every running play mounted by the B-school back-line was promptly dragged down by the Tech back-line.

The game was decided quite late in the second half by kicker Ed Walker, who finally was able to convert a penalty, having missed a good opportunity in earlier attempts -- including one forty-yarder which struck the upright. The long ball proved to be the margin of the match, and the game ended 3-4.

The second match was another kicking contest which resulted in a 9-9 draw at the full-time whistle. After several minutes, second-half forward A.N. Other appeared to ice the game for Tech with his third successful penalty goal late in the match. But a penalty in front of the MIT goal allowed the B-school to take a tie with about 30 seconds before time finally ran out.

This Saturday, MIT will send two sides to the seven-side tournament sponsored by Harvard Business School. Last spring's entry tied for third-place in the fast-moving version of the game. A regular side will travel to Portland, Maine, for a match against a recently-formed Portland RFC side.

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