**SPORTS**

**Booters beaten by HC despite new game plan**

By Nikis Minazion

Despite some good new talent and a revamped style of play, the Tech booters flagged in their season's opener, losing an overtime game to Boston College, 35-28.

The Tech attack was based on a new, controlled short passing game using a short pass, deep defense and a four-man line, one of whom serves as a trailer. In the first half, this worked for the Techmen's favor as they controlled the ball especially well in the middle of the field. Midway through the first quarter, Marc Canevasi scored out of a scramble in front of the net to give the booters an early 1-0 lead.

Throughout the first half, Holy Cross had a few good scoring opportunities all squelched by goalie Tom Aden ('73) and the Techmen's in-the-goal save by fullback Eric Backlin ('72). The second half was less organized with the Techmen not passing and working together as well. The Holy Cross center half cut through the defense and tied the score, from twenty yards out, in the third period. But about one minute later, Samuel Drakeau ('75) put in a rebound of a shot off of a corner kick to put Tech back on top 2-1. Holy Cross stormed back and carried the play for the rest of the third and most of the fourth period. Just as the victory appeared to be within reach, with about two minutes remaining, a crossing pass to the Holy Cross left wing was headed out of a cross and over the head of goalie Aden, to put the game into overtime. Holy Cross scored in the second overtime and sewed up what should have been a Tech victory.

With a little more work together, the team should improve. As Coach Bill Morison has more depth than in past years. The team record doesn't look too bad, though the Techmen should be investing in a 2-3-2, which, if the score was looking up last year's NCAA final. Techmen were at Harvard on Wednesday, at Harvard.

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**Mariners first in Danmark**

In their first event of the season, the MIT varsity sailors dominated the biggest victories the men's team has had in recent years. The warriors won the Denmark Trophy Regatta at the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut, and by doing so established themselves as one of the top squads in the country.

It was the first time since 1969 that the MIT team had won the event, and Tom Bergmann ('72) and Alwin ('72) accomplished the feat by sailing impressively well throughout the two days. The 16-school championship caliber field included teams from all over the United States, as well as schools from Great Britain and Europe.

Especially significant is the fact that the top three finishers in last year's National Inter-Collegiate Regatta, Southern California, Harvard, and the University of Rhode Island, all fell by 30 points to the fleet. USC and URI each returned worse than fifth place sailing, as did King's Point.

Spoon, with Dean Kris ('73) catching, low-pointed easiest in Brown, defeated smiling with Steve Cucchiario ('74 as crew captain, to win Division A. By winning the first race, Bergman took Tech's only first place. The Betas' effort was bright and lucky both Saturday and Sunday, and the lead changed hands several times.

MIT went into the last race with a lead over Tufts, followed closely by the Betas, and back-leaded by the Techs. MIT had twelve points, providing the final mark of victory. Imperial College placed second with Tufts third. The rest of the fleet, in order of their finish, consisted of King's Point, Yale, URI, USC, Harvard, Coast Guard, Brown, and a Techmen's team placed third in the Captain's Cup regatta at Tufts on Saturday. Very

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**BENCHWARMER**

By Brad Billdeaux

The following is a plea, pure and simple, to 'A' league football teams to remember: pay-for-fair attitude from their game plans. With the exception of the Delts-Beta game, 'A' league action against Yale last Saturday was marred by poor sportsmanship and excessive hard-hitting.

Example: In the PGD-SAE game, five Fijis ended up with injuries that required hospitalization. One Fiji was knocked out with a leg injury on the first play from scrimmage, another dropped out of the game because his helmet was hit so hard that the ambulance was required. Competitive spirit is inherent to every MIT student, but such cheap shots and gruesome play should never be associated with this institution.

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