BTP offense shines; aerial attack dominant

By Rick Henning

Beta Theta Pi 'A' averaged their season record at 74 with a 21-12 victory over Phi Gamma Delta 'A' (0-2) Sunday. The Beis started in the first half with four points and entered the game with a 13-0 lead. The Beis' offense dominated the first half, scoring points on a 21-yard pass to Pinkston and a 20-yard pass to John Wargo. The Beis led the game in the first half, holding the Beta offense scoreless. The Beta's first offensive threat came in the early moments of the second half, only to score on a 10-yard pass to Bill Fiskon '71 but the play was nullified by a clipping penalty. When the Beis took possession, the Beis rushed for a series of mistakes in the Fijl backfield which set up a safety in the closing moments of the half.

In the second half the Beta offense came alive. After trying a long passing game unsuccessfully in the first half, quarterback Bill O'Brien '73 wasted no time in switching to a shorter passing game, forcing the Fijis to use a tighter pass coverage. The result of this strategy was a series of successful drives. The first Beta touchdown came on a one-yard QB keeper by O'Brien. This drive opened the longer passing game for the Beis and they scored more two more touchdowns on a 20-yard pass to Pinkston and a 40-yard pass to John Wargo. The Beis showed life in the fourth quarter by scoring a touchdown on a 22-yard pass from Fiskon to Tom Weigert.

Benchwarmer

By Brad Billikedeaux

On the injury situation in IM 'A' league football, here are some additional personal opinions. Victor Garman and Mike Goldman '71, speaking about the SAE-PGD game: "In all my years of officiating, I've never seen three such freak injuries." Ken Weindahl '72, SAE starting quarterback who suffered a shoulder separation: "No one jumped on me."

Weindahl believes he was tagged in the act of throwing the ball and played through the injury. He felt on his shoulder with all his weight, thus causing the injury. Rafael Fernandez '73, Fiji captain, feels that the injuries incurred by his teammates were primarily due to the fact that the Fijis were over-pyched and under-conditioned for the game. "We rushed against SAE," he says, explaining the inter-fraternity rivalry. The game, in other words, was friendly competition and not a grudge match.

The injury situation is a real concern. Manager Steve Cosh '73 believe that the number of injuries (excluding the freak falls) was not excessive, especially when you consider the type of football being played. Essentially these are ex-high school athletes playing a rough and tumble game without being in proper condition, and with no bodily protection.

The injuries were not exceptional. The most serious type of injury was a broken finger. One player was out for the season because of a broken finger. The broken finger is only a minimal cause of injury in the IM games. To any SAE-Fiji or Fiji that feels he was undersued of foul pay, let me say that this was not the point of my previous article. In point of fact, last week this column indicted the play-of-foul attitude. While the foul play admittedly prevails in the 'A' league, it is not constructive to criticize it because you just can't tell players to care less about the game and win a matter of points.

In the future, The Tech will pursue arguments pro and con with regard to the 'games' blocking rules and penalties for the players, and whether or not this may contribute to safer play.

SPORTS

MIT wins Engineers Cup

By Mike Charette

The MIT men's crew team regained the body-long-continued Engineers Cup last Saturday in a meet against the Harvard. The cup represents competition between MIT, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Worcester Tech. MIT lost the cup in 1969 and last year was barely thwarted (by one point) in an attempt to regain it.

This year MIT trounced the rest of the field, 23-49-54, taking five out of the first five places. The blundered their record to 50, again demonstrating the good depth which last week masterminded Bates, a strong Eastern squad.

The race started with RPI sending five men into a quick lead. However, the Beis beat rapidly took its toll, and by the second mile the lead group formed a tight group of eight. Bill O'Brien '73 and Swierzycke of RPI, Al Sproul '72, and V. McKenna '72, were the leaders. The twoMIT men then took the lead from O'Brien and McKenna in the final leg, and won with on wings. Bill O'Brien '73 and Swierzycke of MIT outgrew the RPI crew, 25-42-65. Lee Stevens '75 finished first in the three-mile race with a time of 17:40. Lynn Davison '75 also displayed a fine effort in taking fourth, finishing in 19:40, second to RPI.

The team will compete against Coast Guard and Wesleyan at Coast Guard next Saturday at 1 p.m.

Lanne, Wood top sailing slate

All of MIT's sailing teams saw action this weekend, as the varsity competed in two regattas, a dinghy invitational, and slop eliminations, while the women's teams participated in two invitational and the freshman squad sailed in regatta at Yale.

Larry Bacow '73 represented MIT in the women's race, called the New England Sloop Championships. Sailing in Ravens at the 10th annual regatta, Bacow sailed on the Academy on Saturday, Bacow with Frank Miller '72, Alan Sproul '73, and Brendan Hynes '74 crowning, placed second of queens of class pairs. This result, thus qualifying for the finals to be held October 16 and 17, Bacow preserved two first places in the four-race-category event.

On Saturday at Tufts, Steve Shantz and John Lacy, both seniors, sailed MIT to a second place finish in a dinghy invitational. The Tech mariners bested Boston State by one point to take the runner-up slot in the teen-schoals fleet. Lacy tied for first place in B-division, while Shantz placed fourth in A, Bacow placed second in the Connecticut College Invitational at the Coast Guard Academy, and Matti Rossetto '73 sailed in Division A, and Dave Bowerman '74 crowning, and Lynn Royalance '72 and Gail Baxter '74 co-skipped in B.

The Franklin J. Lane Trophy and the Jack Wood Trophy highlighted the action on Sunday. Sproul and Tom Bergin '72 sailed the Engineers to a two-point victory over the eleven schoal fleet at the Lane regatta. Harvard finished second, followed by Tufts and Yale. However, MIT's victory was later averted, as a protest, as a rule dispute will be settled at a later date.

The protest, if upheld, disqualify MIT from one race, and would drop the squad back in the fleet. MIT entered its fifth race as a protest. The freshman team sailed to a fourth place finish out of nine teams, and a disqualification at Yale on Sunday. David Aldrich and Jim Ballantine co-skipped the women's team to a victory in a five-boat fleet. The pair took fourth place in the five race series.

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