Barquin computerizes World Judo scoring

By Brad Biddlebeaux

Second degree black belt Judoka and practitioner of the art of Judo) Ramon Barquin, a graduate student in computer science, is becoming an important figure in international Judo competition. Ramon recently returned from the World Judo Championships held in Ludwigshafen, West Germany from August 23-September 5, where he wrote tabulated all the statistics for the championship competition. Ramon's program did all the scoring and record keeping, as well as set the initial pairing of competitors.

Ramon is quite experienced in applying a computer to athletic competition, as he also in applying a computer to athletic competition, as he also

The second part of the program actually monitors the competition in progress, compiling statistics on winners, losers, number of combats, time of combat and method of accomplishing victory. Ramon has just finished refining and documenting the program, working with Professor David Ness of the Sloan School. He plans to present a paper to the Fall Joint Computer Conference in Las Vegas this month, at a special session on computer applications in sports.

Ramon's interest in Judo began in Puerto Rico, where he was promoted to black belt by his teacher, Takahama, a seventh degree black belt (tenth is the absolute highest degree) in Kukukan, the central Japanese school of Judo. Competitively, Ramon became Caribbean champion in the 154 lb. class. Currently he teaches at MIT Judo Club meetings during the week, along with Mike Portnoff '71 and Ron Viavattanee G.

Ramon's latest project is a scoring system which he bases on his idea of "performance points," which are awarded on the number of combats and quality of performance in the system. The system is used instead of the medal system in determining the overall national victor in the world championships. The system often produces ties when scoring out the entire country with the most medals, as golds, silvers and bronzes are awarded in each weight class in Judo, and one weight class is equivalent to all others. The system is used in Judo worldwide and was included in the original 358 matches between the world's top teams during the championship.

Carr tennis dome dedicated

By Randy Young

On Friday, MIT's newest building, the J.B. Carr Indoor Tennis Center, was dedicated in a ceremony attended by Mr. and Mrs. Carr, their son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. David Carr, and a class of 1916, MIT officials, and other members of the MIT Community that have been close to the indoor tennis project.

Chairman of the Corporation Howard Johnson opened the program, welcoming those present and introducing J. B. Carr '16. Johnson spoke about the passion of physical fitness in his life and expressed his hope that today's dedication would bring the same value in athletics.

President Cienfuegos accepted the gift of the Center on behalf of MIT, and thanked the Carr family, Smith, and Ron Viavattanee G. Johnson then introduced Professor Ron Smith, Director of Athletics, who represented the Athletic Department in thanking the Carr family. Smith praised the Carr's efforts in persevering through the delays and hardships inherent in the planning of a large-scale building project.

Following the speaking program, Carr and his son David played exhibition singles and doubles matches with R. Victor Seixas, Jr., a former United States and Wimbledon Singles (1971) and Davis Cup captain and player; Straight Clark, another former United States tennis player; Straight Clark, another former United States tennis player, featured at the J.B. Carr Indoor Tennis Center dedication were (from left): Mitchell Gornto, Victor Seixas, Jr., J.B. Carr, Professor Ron Smith, Howard Johnson, Straight Clark, James Shapensky.

The new facility is a state-of-the-art, enclosed, three-story structure with an indoor tennis court. The new court is the first of its kind in the country and will be an important addition to the MIT community. The dedication ceremony was followed by a reception and tour of the new facility.

Trophies top sailing events

Two trophies regatta dominated this weekend's sailing activity, as the MIT mariners participated in the Schell Trophy and Priddy Trophy events. The Tech women's varsity squad sailed in a regatta at Wellesley. In the school Regatta, a major New England intercollegiate event, MIT finished fourth, as Yale outdistanced Tufts on Sunday to take the trophy. Tom Bergan '72, Paddy O'Keefe '71 and Steve Cucchiarelli '74 crewed, sailing for MIT in Division IV and placed second in the fourteen-sailboat fleet.

Alan Spoon '73, with Dean Cross '73 as crew, sailed in the B-Division, but unfortunately was the victim of several bad breaks. Competing schools, with their scores, were: Yale 89, Tufts 93, Rhode Island 108, MIT 151, Harvard 124, Boston University 161, Coast Guard 175, Brown 191, Clemson 193, Maine Maritime 194, Dartmouth 199, Royal Military Institute of Canada 201, Rennselaer 244, and Fordham 253. The regatta was sailed at MIT.

Rob Parker, with Chuck Tucker as crew, represented MIT in the New England Freshman Crews Championships. Sailed at the Coast Guard Academy, Parker placed second in the eleven skippers entered, finishing third behind Tim Black of Harvard. Dartmouth's entry placed third. The event, sailed for the Priddy Trophy, is held annually.

In a six-school regatta at Wellesley College, Maria Borrutta '73 and Shelley Bernstein '74 sailed to a third place. Wellesley and Newton College tied on points with the win going to Wellesley on the tiebreaker. MIT finished one point back.

This weekend saw the end of major regatta action for MIT, with the exception of the Angsten Regatta, which will be sailed in Chicago on Thanksgiving weekend.

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