MIT's New England champion fencing team began its season Saturday with a solid 20-7 victory over Brandeis. The season opened at the annual New England Invitational because after the first round, leading 5-1, MIT replaced half of its team with freshmen fencers who went on to win the next two rounds 6-3, 6-3. This is the first time Brandeis has lost to MIT since the 1970 freshman fencers, and the added depth should lead to another victorious season.

The team has a new coach this year, Eric Sollee, a Harvard alumnus and well-known arena fencer. His emphasis on tactics should strengthen one of MIT's weak points and produce a more developed team.

In Saturday's Brandeis competition, Mike Asherman '72 led the foil team with a 3-0 record; Bill Parker '74, Nick Lazaris '72, and Greg Rothman '75 each picked up one victory. In sabre, Jon Abrahamson '72 went 2-0, with John Tang '73 and Mike Wong winning two each. Freshman Dong Park fenced very nicely to win his only bout. In epee, Marty Fansman '73 went 2-0, with Bill Rae also picking up two wins. Bob Lukens '73, Pete cooper '75, and Ed Delvers '72 all won one bout each.

Brandeis nips cagers; Hudson top rebounder

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Tomorrow
Pentathlon (J) at Coast Guard, 1:00 noon
Wrestling (J,F,P) Lowell Tech, 2:00 pm

Brandeis finally began to pull away as their hot-shooting guards got the best of their foul-laden opponents. With about six minutes remaining, MIT was down 77-66 when Hal Brown came up with an inspired steal which he converted into three points. By the two minute mark, MIT was in the lead, 79-78. Brandeis sent the Engineers to the charity-stripe several times during the next minute but the free throws wouldn't go in. With about twenty seconds remaining, Brandeis tied it 81-81. When MIT missed its chance for a last-second bucket the game went into overtime.

After both clubs failed to find the range early in OT, Brandeis took command as each of their guards canned Pops. The Brandeis zone contained the many Engineers who were able to muster only two fieldgoals in five minute overtime period. In the last minute Brandeis went Brandeis prevailing to the line as MIT failed in a desperate effort to get the ball and score.

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