The MIT gymnastics team closed their dual meet season Saturday with a win against Queens College and a loss to the Coast Guard Academy in a double dual meet at Coast Guard.

This brought the final team record to 8-2, the most wins in a season ever by the team. Queens is a club team but well developed, so the MIT win by 40-26, 25.5-16.1 was a victory. Coast Guard was the best team the Techmen have met this year, and the Coasties were a surprise of a meet down to the last event. It was the last meet of the regular season. Next meet, done meet of the year as MIT's strongest effort fell short of toppling the potent Coasties.

Coast Guard opened up the meet with the 4x100 meter relay. Door exercise team MIT has met all season. Their 23.2 was overall solid. In the floor exercise the door team won 20.1 vs 17.1 despite captain Dave Beck's (72) record 8.5 for first place. GC, though, pulled in places two through four, so were unbeatable.

The second event, pommel horse, was the Coasties' weakest, but the team did not capitalize on that as much as they should have. Junior Dennis Dubro did come through, though, with a 5.5 for second place. (Dubro's score countess against Queens brought him a first place for the first time.) Mitch was able only to clip .15 away from GC's lead. The third event, rings, was the highlight for MIT. Jarvis Middleton '74, Dave Millham '72, and Larry Bell '74, were second, third, and fifth to beat by more than a point. Jarvis' 7.85 for first place was a personal high. The Coasties were not bad on rings. The Tech ring men were just superior in physical strength, the key to rings. This put MIT into the lead for the only time of the meet, 60.30 to 65.15.

After the break the visitors had to watch another fantastic performance by Coast Guard. Their vaulters scored the highest score MIT has seen this year, 25.3. The Tech vaulters did a fine job to get 23.8, but another 1.5 event margin put GC back in the lead. John Justina's (74) 8.35 was good enough for third place.

Parallel bar was much the same happy story as rings. Coast Guard had a good team up, in fact they were the best opposition all year, but the MIT four men put on a truly great performance to score their highest of the year. Andy Rehak '74, Bell and Alan Razak '75 scored 22.75 and 22.55 to win by 8.75. (Again, Andy's score against Queens gave him a first place for the first time.) So with one event left, the great ring and pummel horse, and with the point solid scores on the other pieces the Tech gymmen only .6 behind.

It couldn't last. GC pulled out another fantastic set of gymnasts to clean up on high bar. The MIT high bar men did about all that could be expected, with 7.75 against GC's 21.55. The net result of the meet was that Coast Guard put up the best team that MIT has met all year, yet MIT was able to keep within a point up to the last event, but lose anyway 129.05 to 124.9.

Riding an upward trend of improving performances the team this week prepares for the big one. They host the New England Championships Saturday to finish the year.

Aquaman swim away with GBCAA triumph

By Sandy Valks

Last week, while most people were carrying the ice and snow, the MIT swimming team had little trouble in winning their battle over the element water, and retaining their title at the second Greater Boston Collegiate Swimming and Diving Championships. The meet was highlighted by the breaking of two MIT vanity and two Alumni Pool records. In the 100-yard freestyle, Ed Kavanajian '73 broke 11 minutes, with a clocking of 10:59.5, two seconds faster than the old MIT and pool record. His win was followed by three members of the BSU 'A' team members, as Bell, Murrell and Bell set up 9 seconds left on the clock.

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