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**Theta Chi triumphant in IM hockey playoffs**

By Rick Henning

Theta Chi successfully defended their intermural hockey championship this weekend, defeating Lambda Chi Alpha, 2-1, in the finals.

The 1972 Intramural Hockey Championships suffered through temperatures as high as 60 degrees, which gave the ice a consistency not usual to that of an old time washboard; a blown fuse which forced ATC and FSK to play their last period in semi-darkness; a thick fog during the finals which almost let the geeks see each other, and a protest over eligibility in the semifinals which thereby allowed the host of the semi-finals to go on and win the championship.

In the first qualifying game, a close-checking job by the SAE defenders gave them an impressive 6-2 victory over a flat Baker House squad. SAE led at the end of a relatively even first period 2-1 after goals by Rich Feiberg at 8:27 and Dave Davis "72 at 17 seconds later. Baker's goal came late in the period by John Lange "73.

By 1:12 in the third period, SAE had stretched their lead to 6-1 on goals by Bill Farrow "73, Davis, and Tim Stampa. In the final score SAE came as Feiberg scored at 1:21.

In the other qualifying game, Alpha Tau Omega defeated Sigma Nu 5-2. ATG broke out a commanding 4-0 lead by the mid-point of the opening period to put away a pair of goals by Carpenter and goals by Mike Ford "73 and Howdy. In the third period a goal by Stampa at 6:22 for FSK and a goal by Bill Park "72 at 9:11 made the final score 5-1.

For the first-quarterfinal game, strong defense by Braxley in the second period and a series of quick shots by FSK put away a disputed goal and a goal which came a second after the goal. SAE was winner of the Independent Student Association 5-3 victory.

NRSA defeated Lambda Chi Alpha in the first period, NRSA breaking on top with a goal by Salinas at 1:10 and adding a goal by Stampa setting it up for Braxley at 10:39.

In the second period NRSA scored three goals, two by Warner and one by Braxley. In the third period FSK was able to complete a bit trick with goals at 2:49 and 6:32, but Braxley felt short and a final NRSA goal by Demski gave them a 5-1 victory.

In action, Theta Chi completed a pair of games in the final two periods to win 2-1, in the opening stanza, TC scored only 21 seconds into the game on a goal by Jones. The Geeks tied it up on a goal by Viggers at 2:26 but TC went ahead to stay on a goal by Shin at 10:42. In the second period, TC scored three, with goals by Kass, Shin, and Krstofaro.

In the other quarter-finals, Burton's lack of scoring continued with close checking by SAE gave the SA 6-2 victory. A goal by Farrow at 4:42 of the first period gave SAE the lead, but Burton tied it up on a power play goal at :16 of the second period. The winning goal for SAE came as Feiberg scored at 1:21.

In the other quarterfinal, LCA bombed ATC 5-0, as the Green completely dominated the action, scoring twice in the first period, and once in the second, and by Snell and Hendricks in the third.

In the final semi-final game, TC was beaten 5-4 by NRSA as their third period was the play in the first period and built up a three goal lead as Snell and Cronberg once more.

After a final goal by NRSA at 54 of the second period, Theta Chi came back, but could not ouster the boys by Shin, Kass and Kristofaro. Excellent goal work by NRSA, won them the game and later lost to them as it turn out that their goalie was not eligible to play. The resulting omission and TC went on to the finals.

In the semifinals, LCA handled SAE quite evenly, shutting them out 3-0.

In the finals, Theta Chi withstood third period efforts to hold on for 2-1. With the win, Dave Geiger G put TC ahead at 3-1 of the first period with a goal from in close. In the second, after a TC penalty for interference, Dave Geiger G tied the game with a power play goal at 7:31 of the second period, at 5:03, Joel Rumble G scored the winning goal on a deflected shot.

In the second half of the game, the momentum shifted to LCA, but they were unable to score. Great work by TC goalie Val Laver G had lots for LCA including an innumerable number of shots which hit the ice and the cross bar. Steve LCA javelin and gave Theta Chi the IM trophy again this year.

Larry Bell begins his press-handstand on parallel bars as he takes first place in the New Englands.

**Bell, Beck NE champions**

Larry Bell does his press handstand on floor exercise where he took first place. Photos by Dave Trenholm.

With a host of first individual performances the MIT gymnasts placed second in the New England Championships here on Saturday.

The New England Championships is the big meet that concludes the dual meet season in gymnastics. It is both the best meet and the worst meet of the season. The preliminaries drag on for five hours. It's long and tough and dull. A team champ is crowned, but no one pays too much attention. Nevertheless, the finals bring all the excitement, fear, thrill, fun, and satisfaction that any individual can hope for in a sport. Saturday at MIT was the culmination of a season's work for MIT's team members. MIT brought in three of the seven first places in the meet, and placed five other gymnasts in the finals.

For Captain Dave Beck '72 it was the culmination of a career that began when he won the floor exercise event. His anxiety was readily evident. His preliminary routine was marked by a couple of errors, but he pulled it out a certain bit of latest class in his performance and a fitting performance and a fitting presentation of the only New England gymnast to make it to the finals.

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The other MIT trophy went to Austin for his third place on parallel bars. Austin was the big winner of this year's meet, being third man on some pieces all year, while being the backbone of the team, was partially made up by his taking the all-around, the toughest and most prized championship. At night he was able to show his single piece forte by winning the parallel bars. It was a great performance and a fitting conclusion to his second year as a junior.

Two more of MIT's sophomore stars were able to shine in the top 100. Both of these individuals were able to make the finals. Neither had done any gymnastics experience. Saturday brought the season to an end. Austin placed fourth and fifth on floor and double bars and pulled it out a certain bit of latest class in his performance and a fitting presentation of the only New England gymnast to make it to the finals.

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Three other Techmen, also sophomores, were able to place in the top five and make it to the finals. Neil Daniel and John Austin placed fourth and fifth on high bar. They weren't quite able to repeat their performance, but they did fine jobs and, clearly, better things will come in the future. Bob Barrett was able to make finals on floor exercise. He too did well enough for fifth place. Special mention should also go to Dan and Dennis Dobycz '73 who has been a great competitor all season and missed getting into the finals on pommel horse by just .05.

The meet showed the work of the three other individuals. Saturday's paid attendance of about 1000 was one of the largest totals ever to watch a sporting event at MIT. This was due almost entirely to the efforts of Coach Bob Lelly and Marshall Burns '75, the meet announcer. The large amount of work necessary to plan and put on a meet of this magnitude was handled by Conshy Lelly and Burns. They bought for months with the problems of publicity, people, and equipment. Scoring of the meet was ticked by Paul Baker '73 and a PDP-10 computer. Hours were spent getting the time from Interactive Sciences Corporation, programming the machine, and testing the programs. Enormous problems were encountered when it came to actually running the meet, but all in all, the computerized scoring was a success. Saturday these people had the greatest satisfaction of presenting the only New England's not to lose money.

So as not to completely ignore the team aspect, let it be known that Lambda Chi Alpha took first place with 119.5 to Boston State's 133.3 and ahead of Dartmouth's 114.5. It was a day for individuals, though, as all MIT gymnastics team members worked hard to bring off this tough meet to finish the season. Of course next season begins immediately, as practice continues this week for the next year.