Tronnier places in IC4A's

By Mike Charest

The MIT indoor track season has ended with the 6-2 record and has produced an extraordinary team effort on the championship level in recent years.

The highlight of the past few weeks has been high hurdler Bob Tronnier '73, who, in setting the New England record and taking sixth place at the IC4A's, has emerged as the team's top track athlete since Ben Wilson.

The extraordinary year started with the New England Indoor Track Championships at Colby. It was there that Tronnier defeated everyone, first in the trials (7.5 seconds), then the semi-finals (7.4), and then in the finals with a time of 7.3 seconds. This established a New England and MIT record in the 60-yard hurdles, as well as a personal best. A fast start enabled Tronnier to wipe out his personal best. A fast start 650-yard highs, as well as a 200-yard hurdles.

It was there, there that Tronnier ran into some very tough opposition. He took second in his trial heat, third in the semi, but stumbled at the start of the finals. By the time he reached the first hurdle, his timing was off and he finished in sixth place with a time of 7.6 seconds. The winning time was 7.3, but Tronnier felt that his best on that track could only be 7.4, due to the sponginess of the Farhan surface. In the weight throw, Moore placed eighth throwing 55'7", but did not return to the track. A pulled back muscle earlier in the week hampered his attempts. Dave Wilson cleared 16'0" in the pole vault, but problems involving picking the bar on the way down with his arms caused him to fall at 15'.

MIT's indoor season was exceptional, not only in the good showings at the end, but also in the records set. Besides Wilson's record in the 60-yard hurdles, Dave Wilson cleared 15'1 1/2" in the pole vault and Tom Akoto '74 tied/broke 45'1 11/16th in the triple jump to establish new records. Finally, Tom Hanson '73, Bill Leimkuhler '73, Chip Kimball '72 and Bob Myers '72 won the books with a 10:20.22 clocking in the distance relay.

A brief review of other events shows several bright lights. This outstanding team to the team was fresh from 1".8" Wilson, who cosmically led the team in the spinning department. It must be recalled that the team lost half of its spotters, since, the week of the co-captain Wilson, "Track is forever fighting a war of attrition with academics!"

In the middle distances, the dynamic duo of Hansen and Leimkuhler continued to dominate. In the long distances, Walt Hill '73 and Paul Pfiff '75 annexed MIT of some future capabilities after Myers and Craig Lewis '72 depart. Lewis lowered his time in the two-mile by over ten seconds this year and ranked high in the individual point scoring.

The MIT Rugger's season was a success. A finals trip to the Men's National Rugby Union Garden, including archival Harvard Bisho.

Rugger's start spring drills

The MIT Rugger's starting ladder for the beginning of the spring season. The schedule for this season is made up of school and club teams in the New England area, including archivial Harvard Business School. The icing on the cake of course is the New England Rugby Football Union Tournament in May. Tech's Rugger's have a crew to pick from last year's tournament. The Rugger's scheduling was forced to play three games in one day. The third match was dropped to a Tufts team that had played only one game.

The MITRFC is composed of a broad cross section of the MIT community — undergraduates, graduates, and foreign students, as well as faculty. It is in fact the only established MIT team which allows the some 4000 graduate students to compete athletically outside the MIT community. The team is run by its membership with the sanction and nominal cooperation from the Athletics Department. The common interest of rugger's is intense, considerable cordiality off the field, at the traditional after game party, at the local pub, or in the halls of the Tufts.

Although the club has been in existence since 1949, the large increase in interest and number of clubs is much more recent. Rugby is now an activity which one can continue to enjoy in most US cities of moderate size and to ripe old middle age (MIT's "Old Man" Walker is 32). Since the sport is expanding so rapidly, rank beginners have an opportunity to test their mettle against those who were weaned on the sport (mostly immigrant) and learn the game at the same time.

Anyone in the MIT community interested in the Simball '72 and Bob Myers '72 now hold the distance medly relay record. Selected All-New England track stars were, belove, Dave Wilson '73, Brian Moore '73 and Tronnier.

Photos by Dave Trenzahn (top left) and Jet

BENCHWARMER

By Rick Henning and Don Garuti

What a way to run a railroad!

The only real controversy to evolve at last Tuesday night's IAC Council Meeting concerned softball manager Mike Cucchissi's proposed rules changes which were discussed by the managers of March 14 candidates for the IM managers or their proxies presented their perfunctory reports. Cucchissi was called upon to present his plans for the upcoming softball season. Immediately thereafter, he was attacked by a number of the voting group representatives in attendance. Drawing upon his vast experience with IM softball this fall, his freshman year at MIT, Cucchissi claimed that the changes he proposed to the IM council would be the first time in the history of IM softball
during his senior year of high school. Heated debate then followed with threats that would be the first time on the table.

A vote to test Cucchissi's strength finally arose over the "controversial" "three-out swing," eliminating the foul ball on the third strike. A three-fifths vote of those present is necessary to override a manager's wishes. While the vote was decisively in Cucchissi's favor, a 14-2-3 to 10-1-2, a breakdown of the vote yields some interesting results. Of the 14 2/3 votes, eleven came from the IM managers. Perhaps voting only once managers opposed the change, while one diplomatically abstained. The living groups, i.e. Will play with unanimous votes, voted against the proposed change - a two-to-one majority. Obviously, due to the superior power wielded by the manager's club, the opposition to the rule changes failed.

After this defeat, Mr. Cucchissi said that he would be forced to resign. He explained that he opposed his rules were discouraged by the early results and mounted no other
considered effort. It appeared to us that the other managers would have backed Cucchissi even but he tried to add a fifth base to the playing field.

We have received many irate comments regarding these rules changes. Players from Baker, Burton, DTD, Senior House and others have expressed their opposition to the new rules. Several persons have even suggested the formation of an independent league. We urge those persons considering such moves to at least attempt to reason with Cucchissi before resigning.

We would like to express our sincere apologies to those who supported us in our unaccustomed attempt at reducing the IM Council to action. To our dismay, a knowledge of and interest in softball was not needed; a knowledge of every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 7:30 pm in Rockwell Cage. For any additional information, contact Wayne Book (captain) x7770, or Ron Prins (president) x4255.