By Dana Gantt

With two wins in three home contests, MIT's varsity baseball team pushed its record above the .500 mark, to 4-3-2, in action over the past week. The Batmen lost a tough, darkness-abbreviated decision to Norwich, 6-4, on April 14; fought back from an early deficit to defeat Middlebury the next day, 8-3; and, this past Tuesday, edged past WPI by the score of 4-3.

Against Norwich, MIT fell behind early as the lead-off hitter for Norwich cracked a single to right and came full circuit to score as the ball got past the right fielder and rolled to the fence. A walk, two singles, a double, and a costly error plated three more Norwich runs in the third. A single by Rich Roy '72 and a triple by Joe DeAngelo '74 got MIT into the scoring column in the fourth, but two wild pitches opened the gates for two more Norwich scores in the sixth and a 6-1 Norwich lead.

MIT tried to pull out the game in the late innings. A solo homer by Roy and a two-run double by Ken Weisshaar '72 an inning later, narrowed the gap to 6-4, but it was too little, too late as the game was called due to darkness after seven innings. MIT fell behind early in Saturday's contest with Middlebury as started Al Dopfel '72 had more control problems in the first inning. Five walks allowed Middlebury to tally three runs without a hit. Dopfel settled down thereafter pitching no-hit ball through the first seven innings.

In the meantime, MIT's offense was sputtering and did not score until, with two men on in the seventh, an error gave the Engineers a baserunner. Two walks, successive singles by Dopfel, Roy, DeAngelo and Rich Roy '72, and three more walks enabled Tech to plate seven tallies and pull out the contest.

Dave Yauch '75 came on in relief of Dopfel, pulled for a pinch runner, to pitch two innings of shooout relief and pick up the save. The two combined for a one-hitter.

On Tuesday MIT, led by Roy and Kevin Rowland '74 with three his apiece, edged WPI in a well-played affair. Starter Chuck Holcom '72 yielded but three runs over the six frames he worked, giving up one in the third run. After WPI's tying run, with two down in the fifth, Weisshaar singled, stole his second base of the game and rode home on Roy's third consecutive safety.

Struck on his pitching hand by a line drive in the sixth, Holcom yielded the pitching duties to Yauch and Dopfel who hurled perfect ball over the last three innings to nail down the 4-3 win.

The Intramural Council will meet on Tuesday, April 25, in the Varsity Club lounge at 7:30 pm. Agenda includes election of the following managers: cross country, cycling, football, and volleyball. The recipient of the Harold Pettigrove Award will also be elected. There will be discussion of rules revisions in the handbook, and constitutional changes proposed by the Executive Committee for next fall.

The 1st cycling race, open to all members of the MIT community, will be held this Saturday, April 23. There will be two divisions, one of 50 miles and the other featuring a 24 mile race. The longer race is recommended for 10-speed bikes, with 2-speeds running in the shorter event. Races start at 1:30 pm, on the Harvard-West Cambridge Highway. Info at W32-123, x2925.

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