

Gymnastic record now 1-1 Burton 'A' ties LCA in A-league hockey

The MIT gymnastics team opened its season this past weekend with a tough loss to Boston State and an easy victory over the University of Pennsylvania. Saturday's meet was a display of a very strong Boston State team and poor judging. Sunday's was a display of more reasonable judging, but a weak Penn team. And both days' meets showed good performances from the MIT team, but not quite as much improvement over last year's team as had been hoped for.

Saturday's meet was all Boston State, as they took first in every event but one, and won by 15 points. The one bright spot for the Tech men was the ring team, which took first, second, and fourth. Fifth-year student

Dave Millman's 7.5 edged out juniors Jarvis Middleton's 7.05, as Dave's strength and good form beat Jarvis' double back dismount. Junior Larry Bell's 5.65 just missed beating a Boston State score of 5.75 for fourth.

MIT's highest-scoring event was high bar. Neil Davies '74, John Austin '74, Bell, and Scott Foster '75 battled each other to get a combined 21.05, but mysteriously, the judges gave the top three places to the opposition. The only other event where the judges did not seem to have a bias against MIT was on pommel horse, where Dennis Dubro '73 and Paul Bayer '73 took second and third. Two other points of note for MIT were junior Andy Rubel's parallel bar

routine and Bell's fine all around performance.

Sunday brought better judging and a weakened Penn team. It was essentially a confidence booster for the Tech gymnasts, as they produced a performance similar to Saturday's, but were scored eight points higher.

MIT got all six firsts. Bob Barrett '74 led a 1-2-3 sweep on floor exercise. Dubro led a 1-2 finish on horse. Millman and Middleton again battled it out on rings, with Dave winning by only .2 this time. Austin took two firsts, doing a Hecht vault over the long horse and finishing a fine high bar set with a front somersault and a half twist dismount. Rubel earned a fine 7.6 for first place on parallel bars.

The gymnasts learned this weekend that they are not quite in a class with Boston State, and this does not generate optimism for the season ahead. There will have to be some improvement on all events before the meets with Dartmouth, Yale, and U. of NH. Even this week's meet against an improved Lowell Tech team figures to be close, though MIT has never lost to the Lowell varsity

Final results:
 Boston State 127.9
 MIT 112.05
 MIT 120.9
 U. of Penn 81.8

By Bert Halstead
 A-league newcomer Burton 'A' tied established IM hockey power LCA 'A' in a hard-fought game last Wednesday evening.

As the game began, the play seemed to be fairly even, but defensive mix-ups by the Burton House team took their toll. An early LCA score was disallowed because the puck was kicked into the net, but with less than four minutes gone in the game, Jim Ogletree put the puck in the net for LCA. Shortly afterward, Bob Mann was sent to the penalty box for elbowing, the first of four LCA penalties. Burton failed to capitalize on the power play, however, and even lost ground as Mike Hendricks of LCA scored shorthanded to make it 2-0.

A long interval of scoreless but action-packed hockey followed, until at 6:43 of the second period Mann was again sent to the penalty box, this time for cross-checking. Burton House took advantage this time, however, and needed only 22 seconds on the power play to get onto the scoreboard. The goal came on a shot from behind the net by Phil "Waldo" Herman.

The LCA goalie tried to intercept it in front of the net, but succeeded only in deflecting it into the goal with his glove.

Early in the last period, Burton tied it up at 2-2 as Steve Pfister found the rebound from a shot by Ken Kempson and poked it across the goal line. Burton had a chance to go ahead when Mark Abkowitz of LCA was called for cross-checking, but the tired Burton team was unable to score. With 45 seconds left in the game, Hendricks of LCA went out for hooking. Burton House had several good chances on this final power play, including one just before the buzzer but could not get the winning goal and the game ended in a 2-2 tie.

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