By Lawrence David

The first week of the 1973-74 MIT basketball season saw MIT sandwich two poor games around a good one, losing to opener Eckerd, 55-48, beating Norwich, 64-48, and getting bounced by Brandeis, 90-65.

In the Eckerd game, MIT led the St. Petersburg, Florida, team, 29-28 at the half. The game had been a seesaw battle until there were about ten minutes left in the game. At this point, MIT had a 40-36 lead when Eckerd nailed off twelve straight points and coasted to victory. 

In the Norwich game, the game was rebounds. MIT had only nine offensive rebounds in the entire contest to Eckerd's 29. Captain Jerry Judson '75, off to a slow start, had one of the best games of his varsity career, scoring on ten of eleven points, grabbing only six rebounds, and fouling out. MIT's one bright spot was freshman Cam Lange, who had 17 points and ten rebounds, the only double figures in either category for an MIT player.

On Saturday, December 2, MIT's team drove 190 miles to Northfield, Vermont, to play Norwich. At first, Norwich picked MIT's defense apart with the last break and sharp outside shooting. However, MIT quickly regained its offensive and defensive point to take a six-point lead at about the ten minute mark of the first half that they would never relinquish.

Hudson came back from the Eckerd game to score 20 points and haul down 16 rebounds, both game highs. Sarge tore the nets, 17, and John Cavolowsky, another freshman, contributed ten points and nine rebounds, eight of them in a strong second half.

MIT out-rebounded Norwich, 50-38, and in addition to playing good defense, cashed 20 of 26 free throws to Norwich's six for eleven. The big factor was the improved defense that led to the final 64-48 margin.

The team stumbled back to its Eckerd-game form in taking a 90-65 shellacking on December 5 from Brandeis. The Waltham crew was without backcourt ace Mike Fahey, but the only effect this had was Brandes didn't score 100 points.

MIT quickly fell behind 10-2, regained the lead briefly and then fell permanently behind. MIT's backcourt failed to run the offense and time and again passed to Brandes' point man, the 6'8" guard. The only Brandes that were quickly turned into Brandes' scores by their run-and-gun offense.

Brandeis had four men in double figures, forward Mauer Williams had 22. The Judges also outboarded MIT, 62-43, and took 92 shots from the floor to MIT's 62. MIT turned the ball over 25 times to Brandes' 13. Not one MIT player hit double figures; forward Major Williams, 14 (only seven rebounds), and Cavolowsky, 11, were the double-figure men. But it was Brandes' ability to penetrate the leaky MIT defense and to outrebound them that resulted in the 25-point whitewash.

The team lost to Trinity 89-77 in Hartford on Saturday and had a home meet against Bowdoin last night. The team travels to Georgia in January for IAP action.

Women's basketball

December 4, in the first game of the season, the MIT women's basketball team gained a 45-22 victory over Emmanuel College. Although MIT held the lead throughout the match, the game was not as impressive as it might have been. The "dead eye" of Doris Lawson '73, was out of focus during all but the third quarter, and some of the passing was poor. The spirit of the game was reflected by the ball ceiling, including "three touchdowns and a safety -- let's go!" of Captain Ronnie Appel '74.

On the other hand, it was a good start for the team, which will be improved as the players get more used of themselves. Also promised in the future, are MIT's first male games, which are rumored to be practicing for the girls' next match.

Hangmen win second; Wesleyan falls victim

By Mike McNamee

The MIT wrestling team moved their record to two wins and one loss last Saturday as they wrestled Wesleyan. This was Coach Will Chesney's 101st lifetime victory.

The Tech grapplers got a quick 12 point advantage as Wesleyan took early points in all wrestling categories at 170 lbs., 185 lbs., 197 lbs., 220 lbs., 285 lbs., 113 lbs., 126 lbs., 132 lbs., 142 lbs., 158 lbs., 165 lbs., and 174 lbs.

The first week of the 1973-74 hockey season, November 27. IM play will continue through Saturday, and will start again January 11, and continue throughout IAP.

A League

AHL '4 - TEP/FTF 1
Ashdown 'A' 6 - Baker 'A' 0
Ashdown 'A' 2 - LCA 'A' 1
LCA 'A' 5 - Baker 'A' 1
Ashdown 'A' 4 - UC 'A' 1

B League

SAE 'A' 11 - TEP/BCP 2
B 17T 1 - EC/Senior House 1
PLF 3 - SAM/ATO 1

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