Gymnasts beaten by UNH

The MIT gymnastics team finished its dual meet season on Saturday with a 140.65 to 127.15 loss to New Hampshire. It has to be noted a good performance for the gymnasts, who just did not stand a chance against the powerful visitors. MIT was able to pull out two seconds and a third, while UNH won every event, both individually and as a team.

The rings continued to be the Tech gymnasts' best event. Jarvis Middleton '74 scored an 8.2 to take one of the MIT second places, leading Dave Millman '72 and Larry Bell '74 to a combined 23.15, only 1.5 behind UNH.

The high bar event was the second best for MIT, as they just by only .55, Neil Davies '74 scored 7.85 for second, while John Austin '74, Scott Foster '75 and Bell scored 7.4, 7.3, and 7.25 for fourth through sixth places.

The pommel horse produced a somewhat close battle for first. A UNH horseman took first with 7.1. Captain Paul Bayer '73 was second with 7.0, while Dennis Dubro '73 scored 7.0 for third. UNH gymnasts followed with scores of 6.95, 6.85, and 6.8. It was the first time in their four years at MIT that Dubro and Bayer both scored seven in the same meet. The other third place earned by a Tech gymnast in the meet was on parallel bars, where Bell's fine performance earned him 7.65.

One event that produced encouraging results which were not well reflected in the score was floor exercise. One of the weakest spots all year, much effort and concentration has been put into improving the floor exercise routines all year. Bell's 7.85 along with Junior Bob Barnet's 7.7 and Austin's 5.4 combined for 21.0, their highest total of the season. Unfortunately, they were outclassified by UNH's four scores in the eighth. And as always, the vaulters did about as well as could be expected with 23.3.

Looking back, the dual meet season has been pretty rough for the Tech gymnasts. The team had high expectations at the end of last year of being a better team, in the same league with teams like UNH, instead of 13.5 points behind.

The losses from last year's graduation were worse than expected and injuries have plagued the team, most important of course, is the fact that those that have been competing and not injured just have not improved as much as they had hoped. In the meet the team was demoralized by having tougher judges than it was accustomed to, and so lower scores.

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