Soccer defeated by Harvard

By Glenn Brownstein

The 1973 MIT soccer team opened its season play Wednesday with a heart-breaking 1-0 loss to nationally-ranked Harvard on a fluke goal in the second half.

The game's only score came at 52:50 when Harvard halfback Ralph Booth attempted a low shot to the right of MIT goalie Eric Ackerman, and the ball deflected off of an MIT defender and into the net.

Despite losing, the MIT booters proved that they could play with the best as they fought Harvard even for ninety minutes.

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