Soccer drops two, now at 4-5-1

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This past week the MIT soccer team lost two games to New England's fourth and sixth-ranked teams, Springfield and Tufts, by scores of 5-0 and 3-1, respectively. In both games MIT's superior teamwork and skills of the previous season were simply outplayed by the ranked teams, Springfield and Tufts, by scores of 5-0 and 3-1. The game was played at 2:00 on Springfield's Poly-Turf field.

The combination of the very fast field and Springfield's superior speed proved to be unbeatable, as most of the game was played in MIT's half of the field. The Engineers returned home instead deflected the ball directly to Shin Yokoda '76, who finished it with a left wing shot along with it. Spotting Lampros Fatsis '77 rolling down the middle, he sent a high cross in front of the goal that Fatsis headed past the helpless Tufts goalie. Tufts came back to tie it up at 46:04 on a deflected corner kick, ending the first half at 1-1.

This second half MIT seemed very disinterested in their play of the previous game. Tufts scored twice in the second half, on a shot that just eluded the goalie and on a one-on-one half-field effort by Gabriel Gomez. In the 2nd half, MIT was only able to get off two shots on goal to Tufts' eleven as Tufts completely dominated the half offensively.

As a result of their defeat, the Engineers' Greater Boston League championship hopes were exhausted, and their season became 4-5-1 with only three games remaining.

The Tech will attempt to even their record Saturday afternoon against Colby. The game will begin at Briggs Field at 2:00.