Basketball squad wins opener
MIT basketball team rolls over Yeshiva 83-52 on Saturday

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The 1973-1974 version of the MIT basketball squad opened its season Saturday night at Rockwell Cage with an overpowering 83-52 victory over Yeshiva.

After a 13-point scoreboard in which Yeshiva gained an early 5-2 lead on MIT missed shots and turnovers, the Engineers took full control of the game, shooting 58% from the floor in the first half.

Yeshiva was unable to stop MIT in the second half. MIT shot better than 70% from the field in the last half, and the Engineers pulled away to a 24-point lead at the finish.

For the next seven minutes, though, the Tech hooper was shooting, scoring on six consecutive shots to start the game. In fact, the Engineers shot better than 80% from the field in the first five minutes of the game, building their lead until it was able to breast to 20 points with 10 minutes left in the half.

The win should also give the free throw shooters 75%, and22% in the second half. MIT continued to slowly back to the basket all season.

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The MIT swim team opened Charles Ives Pool and nearly won the meet before the final event. Al Ehrhardt beat MIT's best score of 13 points. Peter Jackson '76, who pulled the last man up on the last event at 8:15, the freshman/JV team, which lost to Huntington Prep 61-46 Saturday, will face Brandeis 3-75.

RPI came into the meet with some challenges. Though the team had missed routines of Lu, Bell, and Razak '75 was third in total score and the new record. A total of competitive teams, including team records on the last event, partly because of the better than weeks, with about one third place finishes for the past three years, it was a school record.

Perhaps the biggest surprise was the fact that MIT won the meet with a good shooting performance. Unlike previous years, the team was able to put up the maximum five men in four events and four men on the other two (the top three scores count). This had a psychological affect on Boston State who put four men up on two events and only three men on the other four. In addition, it had a real affect on the score, as two men whose scores were not expected to count (Neil Judell '76 on pommeled bar and co-captain Larry Bell '74 on high bar) actually did finish in the top three and their combined margin over the next highest scorer was 4, just enough to tip the balance to MIT.

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In a surprising upset, the MIT men's gymnastics team beat Boston State last Saturday in a meet of a meet, 128.45 to 128.10. Down by six points with two events left, the Tech gymnasts set team records on the last two events to pull out the victory. It was the first time in four years that MIT has been able to beat Boston State, and the 128.45 score required to win the meet was a school record.

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