Beaver tourney hopes lessen

Last week was one of sharply conflicting moods for MIT's baseball team, as a feeling of great hopelessness evaporated into one of bitter disappointment.

Hopes for a post-season tournament bid were running high after a thrilling ninth-inning rally defeated a strong Northeastern club to push the Beavers' record to 12-5. However, a tough 5-2 defeat at the hands of Bates and a heart-breaking loss to Brandeis in extra innings greatly dimmed the chances for Coach Fran O'Brien's team to lengthen its season.

The possibility for a bid still does exist, should the team complete the remainder of its schedule without a loss, with tomorrow's game against Harvard the major stumbling block.

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No game has been more indicative of the fortunes of this year's squad than last Tuesday's 9-8 win over Northeastern. Trailing 8-6 after eight innings, the Beavers staged a beautiful rally to pull out the victory.

Mike Dziekan, with a triple home Roy Henrikson '76 in the third inning and later scored on a sacrifice fly by Dave Tirrell '74 to give MIT the early lead. After Northeastern had battled back to take the lead, Kevin Rowland '74 plated two runs with a bases loaded double, and the Beavers led 5-4 after four.

The Huskies in the home half of the sixth chased starter Dave Yauch '75 and, with assistance from MIT's fielders and some questionable umpiring, stormed into an 8-5 lead.

Still, the Beavers fought back. Two-out singles by Henrikson, Dziekan, and Tirrell produced a run in the eighth, setting the stage for MIT's ace reliever who walked all four Brandeis runners to load the bases. A walk forced in the tying run, and the Beavers led 5-4 after four.

With one out Rowland lashed a single and moved to second base, shot put 1-Everett (BIB); 2-Swanson (Baker); 3-Carle (Baker); 4-Hess (Baker).

High Jump: 1-Knoksk (SAE); 2-Jones (BSU); 3-Greenfield (SAE).

Relay: 1-Unatt. (SAE); 2-Unatt. (ATO); 3-Unatt. (BSU). 3 -Kendrick (BHB).

Mile: 1-Enders (Unatt.); 2-Enders (Unatt.); 3-Enders (Unatt.); 4-Enders (Unatt.).

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Two new records were established. John Austin '74 of SAE's 880-yard relay team also repeated. Two-out singles by Henrikson, Dziekan, and Tirrell produced a run in the eighth, setting the stage for the tie. With the bases loaded and the game going into extra innings, O'Brien's team completed the remainder of its schedule without a loss, with tomorrow's game against Harvard the major stumbling block.

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