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Coach Battenman expects his squad to continue its winning ways, reversing the demoralizing trend of last season.

Tennis women extend streak

The MIT women's tennis team defeated Boston College 3-2, Friday, October 4 on the duPont courts, extending its winning streak to eight matches (including last spring). MIT gained the triumph on the combination of the singles wins of Chris Vogdes '78 (6-2, 6-4) and two doubles match victories. MIT's number two pair of Anne Averbach '77 and Stella Perone '78 handily defeated opponents 6-2, 6-3 while Pat Schettig '76 and Linda Young '76, teaming up at number one doubles, came from behind to win the decisive match 5-7, 6-2, 6-4.

The BC win was MIT's fourth of the fall season, following victories over Clark, Lowell Tech, and Southeastern Massachusetts University. MIT ousting Clark and Lowell Tech by scores of 5-0 before winning a hard-fought 6-1 match against SMU. Number one singles player Liz Kendall '78 lost to a very strong Southern Mass. adversary (6-2, 6-1) while Vogdes (6-2, 6-3) and Averbach (6-2, 6-7, 6-3) respectively won their number two and three singles matches. Both doubles teams defeated their opponents by identical scores (7-5, 6-1) with Schettig and Young at number one and Perone and Sheila Luster '78 at number two.

The MIT women's tennis team holds the longest current winning streak of any Institute intercollegiate varsity sports team. All previous fall matches will be held at the duPont courts and spectators are welcome to watch the tennis team attempt to extend its streak.

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After dropping a close 11-9 decision in their first encounter to the eventual tournament winner, Boston College, the Engineers then broke a 15-game losing streak dating back to the 1973 campaign with a 13-7 romp over Dartmouth. A 12-7 decision in the third and final round over Trinity clinched second place.

MIT easily swept the three game set as the Boston College contest was very hard fought, marked by a dubious Engineer goal on a belated call.

Dave Ross '75 was outstanding for MIT, leading the team in scoring with 15 goals for the season, while Steve Oblath '77 was solid in goal, allowing only 22 scores. Also performing well for the Engineers were Mark Thorne-Thomsen '76, second in goal-scoring, and freshman Steve Melnikoff, a starter who contributed four goals.

With a strong nucleus of returning lettermen in Oblath, Middlebury attack after ten minutes of the second half. At that time, a Middlebury attacker received a throw-in deep in the Engineer zone, dribbled around one man, and fired a shallow line drive across the goalmouth that caught the right side of the goal, cleanly beating the surprised Engineer goalkeeper.

Middlebury had many more opportunities to score, but Sommer continued to play well, as he has in the last three games, and stopped all other Panther efforts.

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**Sports**

**1-0 loss to Middlebury is soccer's sixth**

Edward Shiang '78 (17) waits in position after a Middlebury head lob, while Greg Hunter '76 attempts to elude a Middlebury attacker and pass the ball back to teammate at that point. Dave Fett '77 tries to retain possession despite the sliding effort of his Middlebury counterpart in Saturday's 1-0 loss at Briggs Field. It was the sixth consecutive loss for the struggling Engineers who have dropped four contests this year by one goal.

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