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The performance of the squad, which qualified for the nationals and was financed, was considerably better than that of recent MIT water polo teams, in part because of team expenses, including entry fee, AAU registration fee, travel, meals, hotel, food, and lodging, were paid by team members. The cooperation of the MIT Athletic Department, which provided several hours per week of coaching and morning practice, was essential in making the trip possible.

The team's tournament record was 9-2, with two losses to NYAC, a 1-0 loss in the first round, and a 3-2 loss in the second place tournament final.

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