Lacrosse trounces Rochester 12-8 to break 28-game losing streak

By Glenn Brownstein

After riding up on a 3-2 deficit midway through the second period, the MIT varsity lacrosse team held on to defeat Rochester, 12-8, at Briggs Field Saturday, snapping the Engineers' 28-game losing streak, longest of its kind in the country.

MIT's last win prior to Sunday was on April 29, 1972, when the Engineers defeated Trinity, 13-4.

The major reason for MIT's victory were balanced scoring and consistent ballhandling. In contrast to last year's meager offense, which usually consisted of giving the ball to co-captain George Braun '75 and waiting for him to shoot, the Engineers totally dominated first-half play, opening 4-1 and 9-4 leads at the end of the first and second periods, respectively. Although MIT looked a bit sluggish late in the game, allowing Rochester to make the score relatively close, the Engineers generally played a solid all-around game in handing Rochester a loss in the first game of its Boston spring trip.

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The strongest factor in the Engineers' recent winning efforts has been good coaching, as first-year coach Walter Abeli and assistants George Garabedian G and Bob Schulte '72 have molded a well-disciplined and well-conditioned squad that should improve greatly over last year's 0-11 mark.

MIT took on Connecticut at the Huskies' Gilmore in Storrs today before returning home to meet a talented Boston College squad Saturday at 2:30.

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