Sports

Beavers smash Bowdoin after Bates, Tufts losses

By Lawrence D. David

The MIT baseball Beavers extended their losing streak to three games with uninspired losses to Bates, 8-4, and to Tufts, 13-0, then rebounded Saturday to roast the Bowdoin Polar Bears on their own field, 20-3. The Beavers will take a 7-4 mark into their biggest game of the season versus Harvard on Tuesday.

On Tuesday April 8th the Tufts Jumbos stampeded the Beavers, 8-4, as the Beaver bats could not produce any key hits with men on base. MIT had hammered out a 3-1 lead at the end of three innings on the strength of Dan Sandburg's single, which scored Mike Drakan '76 and Mark Kummer '75. The Tufts catcher heaved the ball into right field trying to get the sophomore greeter going back to first, and Sandburg legended it around the bases for a triple error to put the Beavers up by two. Then the roof fell in.

Tufts catcher Mike Russo blasted a three-run homer in the fourth to put Tufts up, 5-3. GBL All-Star Bill Norton then had his chance to get Tufts up to stay, blasting a three-run homer in the fifth. The Beavers' bats could not produce any key hits with men on base.

After two Amherst goals in the first quarter, the Lord Jeffs regained the lead on a penalty stroke goal by Brian Harvey. The Beavers then had a chance to tie the game at 1-1, but Barry Silverman's shot was saved by Beavers goalie Kevin Kneeland '77, who had staked the Lord Jeffs to an early 2-0 lead. Bob Kenley '75, who made 24 saves in his best single-game performance of the year, also had his chance to get Tufts up to stay, but the Beavers' bats could not produce any key hits with men on base. The catcher had done none of the things Tufts could not do in this situation. The catcher must tag the batter-runner with the ball or throw the ball to third, second, or preferably first base for a force-out in order to put the batter out in this situation. The catcher had done none of these and all three runners came around to score.

The match was highlighted by the return of two sudden death playoffs with the outcome of the meet in doubt. MIT's number seven golfer Leo Bonnell '77 won a 19th hole, Captain Peter Wolverson '76, MIT's number one golfer, downed his Wesleyan opponent on the 19th hole. Number two for MIT, Mark Sweenson '76, defeated Wesleyan's number one, 4-3. GBL All-Star Bill Norton made it 5-3 with a run-scoring double in the fifth. The Beavers' bats could not produce any key hits with men on base.

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Amherst rallies to top lacrosse

By Glenn Brownstein

Using six goals in the final quarter, Amherst's varsity lacrosse team broke open a close game to defeat MIT, 13-8. The Engineers led three times in the game (2-0, 3-2, 6-5), but had their problems with Amherst in the final period as the Lord Jeffs scored four straight goals midway in the game to gain the victory.

For the first time this year, MIT scored the first goal of the game as Bob Connor '75 took a pass from George Braun '75 at the :28 mark to put the Engineers in front. Edelson lost 5 and 4 to MIT with up 2-0. After two Amherst goals in the first quarter, the Lords Jeffs regained the lead on a penalty stroke goal by Brian Harvey. The Beavers then had their chance to get Tufts up to stay, blasting a three-run homer in the fifth. The Beavers' bats could not produce any key hits with men on base.


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