Alessi named soccer coach

By Glenn Brownstein

Walter Alessi, who led MIT's varsity lacrosse team to a 9-8 record last year, snipping a 16-game Engineers losing streak in the process has been named varsity soccer coach at MIT. He replaces Bill Morrison, who was fired last spring after nine seasons at the Engineer helm.

Coach Alessi started on Massachutes' lacrosse team from 1965 to 1969, achieving All-New England and All-America honors in 1969. That same year, he was named to the North team that defeated the South 9-8 in the annual collegiate all-star game.

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