Sports

Last-match effort wins meet, rescues wrestlers' win streak

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MIT Varsity Wrestling Coach Will Chassey received a few additional gray hairs Saturday as he watched his mostly young and unpolished team upset Wesleyan University to grab a come-from-behind victory in the last of the last matches of a triangular meet held in Rockwell Cage at MIT.

MIT defeated Wesleyan 23-22 and overpowered Bowdoin College 32-15, while Wesleyan easily triumphed over Brown University to grab a perfect 3-0 record which it takes both teams, MIT attained a come-from-behind victory in the triangular meet held in Rockwell Cage at MIT.

Will Chassey received a few points for his perfect record, pinning Vose of Wesleyan and accepting a decision, but beat him by at least eight points. He won 10-1.

At 150 pounds the junior team of John Thain and Steve Brown showed great strength with Thain pinning Wingood of Bowdoin and Brown defeating co-captain Hard of Wesleyan 5-4. 142-pound Joe Scire '77 had tougher luck, losing both his matches, as did Werner Haag '77 at 134 pounds.

Sophomore Steve Brigham pinned Kurch of Wesleyan and picked up a forfeit from Bowdoin, while freshman Mort Issacson pinned Renjalli of Bowdoin and lost to Escalera of Wesleyan 0-10.

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