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In their final tournament game, MIT challenged Brown University. Stymied by the Brown fast break and its 15 for five shooting in the first half, Tech fell behind by over 20 points. Coach Ross Hunter then abandoned his equal playing time strategy and went with his best personnel. Guards Maura Sullivan '76, Schettig, and Herbert poured on the speed and fed the Brown break. They pressed Brown in their own backcourt and stole the ball repeatedly. Sullivan single-handedly got top Brown guard Laurie Raymond into foul trouble while Yester got Brown center Karen Joyce into foul trouble. It had not been that close for 11 foul shooting in the first half, the women might have pulled ahead.

They did close the gap to three points, but with the speed resting on the MIT bench for the half's final moments. Brown shot 3 for 5 and lead at intermission.

MIT rallied to within three in the second half, but again poor foul shooting, especially in one-on-one situations, hurt the Engineers' chances for an upset victory. Forward Lyne Richardson '76 returned to her early season form, scoring ten points and playing excellent defense. Yester, team high scorer for the tournament, was good for fourteen time this, and starting guards Sullivan and Herbert contributed six points apiece, Richardson ended, however, with Brown the victors, 53-47.

The MIT women finished the tournament at 2-2, and took third place behind Chicago and Brown. Although hampered by the loss of two players, MIT obtained clutch performances from the nine that did play. Guard Schettig played for the first time in over a week and returned to her old form. Schettig had a pulled muscle which had been slowing her down, and when that healed, she returned an ankle. Yester came through at center in the absence of Ozelius, and her stand-in Jenny McFarland '78 played hard, hitting the boards for key rebounds.

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