**Roundup**

**W BB in state tournament**

By Glenn Brownstein and Wendy Irving

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Jim Paulsen scored a hat trick to lead the Engineers, tying the game in the third period and then notching the game-winner midway through sudden-death overtime. Twenty-year-old “Wheels” Mortensen ’76 tallied MIT’s first goal. The team will now face Tufts today at 4:30 at the rink. Last week, the hockey squad swept Framingham State, 4-2, and dropped to “club” status at the beginning of the season.

**IM hockey standings**

By Paul Bayer

The MIT men’s gymnastics team edged Vermont 143.65 to 141.85 in a meet held last Tuesday. Boan Petek ’79, the last man in the last event, scored a 6.56 on the bar to give the win. The narrow victory raised the team’s record to 3-5.

The meet probably seemed like a runaway to the spectators as MIT built up a lead of 9.75 on the first four events. Wes Taylor ’76 led the home team with 7.1 and John Felman ’79 took second. The Tech gymnasts also took 1-2 on rings with Jon Johnson ’76 scoring 8.1 and Jack Smith ’76 scoring 6.7.

The next event, vaulting, illustrated the difference between the teams. UVM was big on tricks as evidenced by the Skaarhus vault by Bliven which scored 8.45, the high score of the meet. MIT was able to win the event, though, with less spectacular but better executed vaults. This stick versus execution contest showed up in all events.

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**Hockey madness** begins this week. For the uninstructed that don’t know what I’m talking about, it’s time for the annual Eastern Massachusetts schoolboy hockey tournament, involving the top 50 high school hockey teams in this part of the state.

There will be 19 Division 1 (larger enrollments) and 32 Division 2 (smaller schools) competitors in the meet’s last routine.

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**Gymnastics edge UVM on meet’s last routine**

A sprawling save by FIJI/Baker goalie Dave August ’76 fails to bother LCA’s Paul Thompson ’79, who is about to push in the rebound and down LaCrosse to a 10-A league win over FIJI/Baker. The goalie was apparently tied to the final minute, but the goal was disallowed, preserving LCA’s win.

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