X-country tops Coast Guard

By Dave Dobles

Running his second consecutive record-breaking race, junior captain Frank Richardson '77 led the MIT cross country team to another pair of impressive victories last Saturday. The Engineers' 25 points helped Coast Guard's 40. Wesleyan (86) never figured significantly in the meet.

Richardson, running alone most of the way, turned in a phenomenal 25:46 over the 4.9-mile race. He broke the course record of MIT's Al Carlson '75 (25:31 in 1973) and was nearly a quarter-mile ahead of the second place finisher.

Once again, MIT put all five of its scorers among the top ten finishers. Chris Svendsgaard '78 led the meet with a third place finish (third for MIT). His performance, completely unexpected, indicates that he can be a significant scoring factor for the Engineers this season.

In close pursuit of Nasser was Barry Bayus '79. Placing seventh overall, Bayus clocked in at 25:26. John Kowesky '77 rounded out the scoring for MIT with his tenth place finish in 25:51. Steve Keith '77 and Frank Kenney '78 also ran fine races for the Engineers, coming in 17th (26:35) and 18th (26:37), respectively.

MIT is off to its best start in eight years. The Engineers stand undefeated after facing four of their schools on their dual meet schedule. Fourth year coach Pete Bayus clocked in at 25:26. He showed his runners' victory margins have been impressive. He was extremely pleased with Nasser's performance because of the additional depth the freshman can give to the top of the squad.

Tomorrow, MIT faces Lowell University and Boston College at Franklin Park. The Engineers must be at their best to host a highly-routed Lowell squad. That team includes Vin Fleming, last year's Division III national champion, and Bob Hodge, who attained All-American honors in the 5000-meter race last spring.

Richardson will put his two year dual meet win streak on the line in what should be the most exciting individual match-up in New England this season.

The MIT junior varsity split against Coast Guard and Wesleyan. The Engineers (43) were handily defeated by the Coast Guard five (18), but trounced hapless Wesleyan (85). Sophomore Randy Bellinger (27:05) and Tom Clark (27:13) led the MIT effort over the identical 4.9-mile course. The JV, currently 3-1, also takes on Lowell and B.C. tomorrow.

UMass sweeps ruggers

By Charles Cox

The MIT rugby football club bowed to UMass in their game last weekend.

The Engineers' A team surrendered a goal from a penalty kick that was tapped and then run across the 15 yard line midway through the first half and added on another goal from a five-yard scrum to end the period 15 points in the lead.

John Kavazanjian scored the only MIT points when he put a penalty kick through the uprights from thirty yards out at the start of the second half.

The Engineers suffered still further when Los Piuza '78 was sidelined with a broken nose and the

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Engineer goalie Pete Griffin '79 saves a shot by an Exeter attacker in MIT's water polo victory Tuesday at Alumni Pool.

Polo 5th in tourney

By John Hengeveld

The MIT varsity water polo team hosted the six-team MIT tournament last weekend. Southern Connecticut took both honors. MIT finished fifth, but managed to hold the winning team to their lowest score in the tournament. The water polo team will open its regular league season this Saturday in a three-way tournament against Brown and Yale at Brown.

The varsity baseball team suffered a heartbreaking loss to Brandeis last Tuesday by the score of 7-6. MIT led the ballgame most of the way, supported by fine pitching from Ken Smith '77, and hitting from catcher Joe Maresca '78. After building up a 3-2 lead over undefeated Brandeis, the Engineers ran into trouble. Brandeis scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh, and two in the bottom of the ninth, to make the final score 7-6.

The women's varsity tennis team travelled to Jackson last Tuesday. The women came away disappointed as one of the best squads they will face all year. Score of the match was 6-1. MIT will host the Metropolitan Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tennis tournament tomorrow and Sunday.

The men's varsity tennis team competed in the ECAC Division I tournament at Princeton last weekend. Despite a determined effort, the Engineers were eliminated in the first round. Captain Pete Moss '77 was defeated 6-0, 4-6. The tournament's third seeded player. MIT's number one player, Neil Rockowitz '78 lost in this set, 6-1, 6-4, by the tournament's third seeded doubles team from U Penn, 7-5, 6-4.