Volleyball tops Wellesley for twelfth straight win

By Tom Curtis

The members of women's varsity volleyball team continued to dominate, set, and spike their way towards an undefeated season Tuesday night when they defeated a good team from Wellesley 15-3, 15-7, 15-1. Good team play by regulars Lisa Schweg '78, Kaye Altman '78, Sue Coppe'rsmith '78, Liz Cluett '78, and Janie Atwood '78, and Kathy Menzler '77 was the key factor in MIT's twelfth straight win. Prior to the latter leading the offense, MIT had a breather in the first game as a coordinated effort by the Engineers capitalized on Wellesley's score of 12 in the easy win. In the second game, Wellesley took an early 5-1 lead. MIT recovered briefly, closing the gap to 8-7. However, the Engineers then lost their poise -- and the game -- as Wellesley reeled off seven straight points to become only the third team in the nation to defeat MIT in a game this season.

In the third game (the 12th straight win), the Engineers regained their confidence and demonstrated top form by picking apart the Wellesley defense with great serves, awesome spikes, and beautiful blocks. The rejuvenated MIT team worked too much for Wellesley's attackers. Engineers easily won the game and the match.

The JV match followed a nearly identical pattern as the team overwhelmed Wellesley in the first game 15-1, stumped to a 14-16 loss in the second, and came back with a convincing 15-3 victory in the final game.

The Engineers continue their quest for a perfect season with a match Tuesday against Wheaton, followed by the Metropolitan tournament at Barnard Nonesuch College on Oct. 30, and two home matches Nov. 2 against Holy Cross and Southeastern Massachusetts. On Saturday Nov. 6, the team will receive its toughest test of the season as it competes in the URI tournament against the finest teams in the Northeast. First place here would almost certainly guarantee the Engineers a berth in the national championships.

Sailors capture Yale Trophy

By Donnelly

The A-boat scored an easy win again last weekend, topping seven schools for the second time in Regatta. The women have now won three out of four major regattas since the season started, and their team finished a close second in the skull regatta, a team-racing regatta at MIT.

The women raced 420s in the two-team event, outperforming in both divisions gave NESCAC a chance for a Division, Barbara Belt '77 finished second, only three points outside of first place. Debbie Meyers '79 was low point skipper, and the team, sailing consistently through sixteen races, crossed first in Audrey Greenhill '79, Allara Comer '78, and Barb Biber '79. Overall, MIT, with nine entries, was on top, and clearly outdistanced the remainder of the teams.

The men sailed for team race trophies, the Stauke Trophy and the Fowle Trophy. In the team race format, two teams of three boats compete against each other. The combined point totals of the three boats on each team determines the winners of the event.

In the Stauke Trophy, MIT finished with a 5-2 record, second only to Harvard's 5-0. The MIT team was composed of Steven Ryan '77 with crew Sue Verbu '80, Bruce Gage '78, and Bryn Critch, Elliot Rossen '79, and Jordan Kriedberg '79 with crew Sully Huntley '78. MIT failed to make the finals in the Fowle Trophy at Coast Guard. In eight races, MIT sailed 5-3, while Stauke finished 6-2. The two races on protests, dropping their result to 3-5, Gary Smith '78, Chris Flick, Flick's Resem '79, and Lenny Dolberg '79 skipped with crews Gary Swain '79, John York '79, and Diana Healy '78. The men will host two events this weekend, a Four Crew Singlehanded Team Race tomorrow and the MIT Open Invitational on Sunday.

Car club third at Lime Rock

By David Schaller

For the second time in two attempts, the MIT Auto Club had a car finish in the top three at the Car and Driver Challenge, although a major accident at the end of this year's race nearly took out the MIT entry.

Car and Driver magazine's national championship drew a large field of seventy-five teams from the US, Canada, and Europe. Of these seventy-five cars, only thirty-four would make it to the finish, and get a chance for the prize money.

This year the MIT team was running a Volkswagen Scirocco, sponsored by Volkswagen of Brookline, and the team had great depth with driver Joel Bradley and team members Gordon Huff '79, Carl Hayssen G, Bob Humphrey '77, and David Schaffer '78. As the practice session on Friday unfolded, it became clear that the car to beat would be the Saab 99. With horsepower nearly half again as much as the average, and a price tag to match, the Saab had a speed advantage which the rest of the field found hard to make up. The race was not clearly going to go to the Saab, however, since it was unclear whether the tires on the Saabs would last for the whole race.

Qualifying on the pole was Saab's factory driver Stig Blumqvist from Sweden, and second was Car and Driver editor Pat Bedard, also in a Saab. Willie Rodriguez and Car and Driver's Don Sherman in Audi Foxes, Jon McKnight (VW Rabbit), Joel Bradley, Paul Hacker (Daico), and Don Knowles (Opel) made up the rest of the front four rows for the finale.

At the start the two Saabs took off, with Sherman, Rodriguez, McKnight, and Bradley in pursuit. After two laps the MIT entry had worked up to fifth behind the two Saabs and two Foxes. While the Saabs battled for the lead, Bradley slowly worked toward the front. He first got by Rodriguez, and then Sherman made a daring attempt to pass at the end of the straight and caused a four-car pile-up, Bradley moved the MIT Scirocco into third, where he remained to the finish.

The intramural cycling race will be held on Saturday, Oct. 30, at 11am, beginning at noon from Kneiss Auditorium. Living group teams must return entry cards to the IM cycling mailbox by Tuesday, Oct. 26. Individual entries will be accepted until 9am on the day of the race. Additional information is available from IM cycling manager Tom Hopkins, 267-4283.

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