**Soccer**

**Volleyball bidding for Easterns**

By Tom Curtis

A goal by Coast Guard's Mark Blanchard with less than ten minutes left in Saturday's soccer match at MIT gave the Coders a 2-1 victory over the Engineers.

Despite defensive lapses by both sides in the early minutes of the game, neither team was able to score in the first thirty-one minutes. Finally, with 14:40 left in the half, Cadets goalkeeper Ron民主党 capitalized on sloppy MIT defense to score the game's first goal, giving Coast Guard a 1-0 edge at halftime.

MIT, aided by a favorable wind, managed to keep the ball consistently near the Coast Guard goal in the opening minutes of the second half. The offensive pressure paid off nine minutes into the second half when MIT was given a direct kick thirty yards from the goal. On the kick, Mike Raffael 79 placed a beautiful shot into the right upper corner of the goal for the equalizing score.

Both teams then fought fiercely up and down the field, hoping to score and take the lead. Coast Guard finally succeeded, penetrating the Engineer defense and scoring on Blanchard's goal with 0:22 left. The score seemed to start the Engineers, who failed to threaten thereafter.

The loss ended the Engineers' hopes for the Eastern bid. In the losing record, Coach Walter Alesi noted that MIT was not as cohesive as in previous seasons, even against very strong opponents.

Baker cyclists win

The IM bicycle race was run last Saturday on a course stretching thirty-three miles from MIT to Wellesley College. The five participants took part in this year's event. The team title was won by Baker's "Team California," composed of Steve Gaskin '77, Dave Gaskin '79, and Carl Duda '78, who finished second, third, and fourth, respectively. Steve Ryan '77 of MIT, however, bested all competitors across the finish line with a time of 1:41:30, five seconds ahead of Steve Gaskin.

Last Sunday, 113 competitors and 17 teams took part in the 50-mile course surrounding Fresh Pond. Joe Kagan '77 finished first with a time of 13:10 to lead the FIJI team to the Living Group title. Craig Barbein of the Nuclear Engineering second was 15:28, and Tom Cotter '78 took third to carry his team, Biology, to the Independent championship.

In the women's division, Helen Sher '77, an independent runner, took the individual title with the time of 16:17.

**Happiness**

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