Pete Jackson returns as British hoop star

By Glenn Brownstein

One of MIT's finest basketball players returned to Cambridge Tuesday night in uniform — but not this one. Peter Jackson '76, the Engineers' all-time leading career rebounder, came to Harvard with his new teammates from Team Fiat of Coventry, England, a British professional basketball club, and helped lead them to an 88-85 win over the Crimson. Jackson, one of two Americans signed by the English pro team over the summer, scored 17 points and garnered 11 rebounds in the contest, while countryman Darnell Harrell, from Southwestern Missouri College, starred with 38 points for Fiat.

Although the number on his back was different (he wears number 8 for Team Fiat, not the 13 he wore at MIT), and the uniform was red instead of maroon, Jackson showed the pot- tition crowd of 200 his many basketball talents, including his celebrated leaping ability. Only 6'4", he nonetheless blocked four shots and kept Harvard center Bob Hooff away from the basket for most of the game.

Jackson and the rest of Team Fiat appeared tight in the con-
test's opening minutes, falling behind 16-6 before the hot shooting of Harrell and Jackson's rebounding pulled the English pros ahead late in the half, an edge they maintained the rest of the way.

Other standouts for Fiat in-
cluded forward Phil Hied, who scored five consecutive layups in the second half to open up a nine-
point Fiat lead at one juncture, and playmaker Robin Hall. Har-
vard's Jonas Honeck and Steve Iron led a balanced Crimson scoring attack with 19 points each. Jeff Hied tallied 14 and center Roosevelt Cox added 13 for the losers.

Jackson, long appreciated by MIT basketball fans, is receiving the same kind of acclaim overseas. "They love the way he jumps," said Team Fiat's manager, Terry Donovon. "We send him up to jump center against players six inches taller and we know he's going to win the tap, although his opponents don't. The crowd really ap-
preciates him in England." In Harvard, impressively enough, MIT's leading rebounder is currently the English National League's leading rebounder as well. Jackson is averaging over 12 rebounds for Fiat, 4-3 in the ten-
team league thus far.

The English basketballers started off a two-week tour of the East Coast with the Harvard vic-
tory, and will face several college squads on the junket, including URI, Lafayette, Towson State (Md.), Morgan State, William & Mary, and Vermont.

But while Team Fiat will play in a lot of gyms in places like Kingston, R.I. and Williamsburg, Va., Tuesday night was Peter Jackson's homecoming, a chance to show the rest of Cambridge the kind of talent MIT fans knew about all along. The fact that he left few doubters made it a very good night for all concerned, es-
pecially Jackson.

Sailors sink in sectional: take 8th in Atlantic Coast

By Chris Donnelly

The varsity sailing team closed its fall season with an eighth place finish in the Atlantic Coast Dinghy Championship for the Fiat of Coventry, England Trophy last weekend at King's Point. The regatta attracted the top six schools from each of the New England and the Middle Atlantic regions. MIT qualified for the championship by finishing second in the New England Cham-
ionships at the end of October. Twelve races were sailed during the three-day event, six races in Interclubs and six in 420s.

Gary Smith '79 and Elliot Rosen '79 skippered in A-division, while Bill Critch '77 and Lenny Dobson '79 were B-division skip-
ners. Crews included Jordan Kriechberg '79, Sally Huested '78, and Diana Healy '78.

The Engineers had a few bright moments, but were never really in the running for the champi-
nship. New York Maritime won their 12-school field, fol-

owed by Yale and Harvard. Despite their final perfor-
mance, the team had a relatively successful fall season. Highlights include a second in the New England Hamman-Shepp Trophy, a record in the New England Dinghy Championships, and several invitational regatta vic-
tories.

With the experience of the fall season behind them, the sailors have an excellent shot at being among the top schools in the more important spring season.