IM basketball results

By Glenn Brownstein

The Age of Lange and Jackson is over. The Age of Maimonides has begun.

With 12 points, a game-high eight rebounds, seven steals, and ten assists, MIT's senior captain Peter Maimonides brilliantly led the Engineers to a season-opening 78-61 victory over Brooklyn College at Rodwell Cage Saturday night.

A tough Maimonides' superb performance was the catalyst, the Engineers' head coach the kind of team performance they will need this year to win, especially with the graduation of all-time leading scorer Cam Levine '76 and rebuilder Peter Jackson '76.

Senior John Cavolowsky hit six of nine field goal attempts and scored 11 points to lead Brooklyn scorers with 14 points, while sophomore guard Tom Berman added 12 points, and Ray Nagem, an unheralded 6'3" freshman from San Diego who will be starting at center for MIT, tallied 11 and pulled down 16 points to lead Brooklyn scorers with 14 points.

In Brooklyn, MIT had an opponent with comparable height, sure to be a luxury for the Engineers in the rest of the year. Taking advantage of the shorter Kingsmen, MIT scored more than half of its field goals from five feet or closer, and compensated for atrocious foul shooting (46-58, 79%) by out-rebounding Brooklyn 34-40 and hitting half of its field goal attempts.

MIT jumped out to an 8-0 lead in the game and never trailed. A 24-4 run in the first ten minutes of the second half, including one streak of 17 consecutive points, gave the Engineers a 32-point lead, more than enough to coast home with the victory.

The remainder of the season promises to be much tougher for MIT, though, as the Engineers face the 1976-77 season with a relatively inexperienced squad.

Three starters, Cavolowsky, Maimonides, and Berman return, and junior Rick Van Etten and Nagem are expected to round out the starting five. The key to MIT's success, though, rests with the bench, consisting of one veteran, senior John Doyle, three junior varsity players, and another San Diego-bred freshman, Geoff Holman, a six-foot guard.

Former JV regulars Kenny Stephens '75, Emerson Yearwood '78, and Howard Rung '78 will give MIT's forwards some rest, but their lack of experience will be a difficult problem for MIT coaches Fran O'Brien to overcome.

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