Hockey hits January skid

By Tom Staggion
The Hockey club enters Saturday's game against Bates posting a 3-4-1 record.

This is the milestone showing by the Beavers in several years, but it is a let-down from pre-Christmas expectations. The skaters broke for vacation with a 4-1 record racking up wins against R.C. Law School, Tufts, Bunker Hill and Gordon and a lone defeat at the hands of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. Then, with a late IAP practice schedule, delayed by the January snow storms, the Beavers surrendered two goals in three periods, resulting in six penalties against the two teams, ending the game with the Beavers down 3-2. The Beavers then entered a three game slump, losing to Plymouth State 4-3 and to Tufts 3-2 and tying Fitchburg State 2-2. Against Plymouth State, the Beavers came from behind to knot the game at 3-3, but a newly formed penalty killing team surrendered the last minute game-winner. A highlight of this game was the return of forward Frank Scarabino G to the Beaver ranks. Scarabino scored the winning goal against Clark.

Venturing north after the Clark Christmas vacation, the Beavers went 3-3-1 during a sixteen day period, culminating in a 3-2 loss in a rematch against Tufts last Tuesday.

The IAP matches started with a wild 4-1, free-for-all victory against B.C. Law School, Tufts. The Beavers surrendered two goals in the first period, allowing the Jumbos to come from behind and win at 18:43 of the third period. With five seconds remaining, Tech defenseman Craig Crofts '77 scored his second goal of the season to tie the game at 3-3, but a newly formed penalty killing team surrendered the last minute game-winner. At home against Fitchburg the Beavers allowed the Falcons to slip through their defense. With two goals in nine seconds to give Fitchburg State the tie, Beaver goalie Estey found himself uncovered in the deep slot, but the Jumbo goalie thwarted his last second attempts with a fine glove save. MIT had pulled goalie Estey with 45 seconds remaining on the clock, but the Beavers could only win one of six face-offs as the Jumbos successfully protected their lead.

The MIT team is presently being led by center Tohir with nine goals and seven assists, defensemen Al Strong '80 with six goals and seven assists, and left wing Montgomery with six goals and his assist. In the nets, goalies Estey and Costa have teamed for a sizzling 3.0 goals-against average, one of the best in Division III hockey. The team has the talent available as they prepare to overcome their third-period lapses in order to capture a winning season, the first in over ten years.

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Anyone who is interested should come to try out at the team's Thursday night practices (Rockwell Cage, 7:30pm).

For further information, contact Robin Reenstra at 646-7754 or Connie Cottam at 523-4784.

The team will be playing against other Boston area women's teams this spring.

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