Track tips WPI, ends 3-1

By Dave Dobos
The MIT outdoor track team topped Worcester Poly 84-70 Tuesday on Briggs Field, closing out their dual meet season at 3-1. The meet was characterized by improved performances from both squads, but those who competed well for MIT recorded commendable times and distances.

- American Frank Richer "77, MIT's sole double winner, captured the mile (4:19.3) and three-mile (14:0.8) runs. To improve the sweep of middle distance and distance events, co-captain Joe Egan '77 ran away with the 880-yard run in 1:59.2 and freshman Nord Toptopik took the 440 in 52.7.

Field event winners for MIT included co-captain John Lundberg '77 in the hammer throw (167'6"), Jason Tong '79 in the triple jump (42'10-3"), and high jumper Reid von Borstel '78 (8' 6") . Baske added a second in the hammer and Jim Turlo '80 earned second places in the long and high jumps. Darwin Flischhacker '78 tossed the javelin a fine 175' for second in that event.

Gaining additional second places for MIT were Chris Undhehr '78 in the mile, John Diller '78 in the 880, pole vaulter Ed Imperato '78, and high hurdler John Wozniak '79.

The mile relay team of Chris DeMarco '80, Dillon, Topolsky, and Egan easily bested WPI counterpart. The Beaver four had built up a 25 yard lead by the race's finish.

MIT's fourteen-point victory margins was not nearly as much as was expected. Had the Beavers competed comparably to their Bowdoin performances ten days earlier, last year's 100-54 blitz could have been repeated.

Outdoor track's 3-1 dual meet record, combined with indoor's 8-1 and cross country's 7-1, brings MIT's total 1976-77 running record to 16-3, certainly one of MIT's best marks ever.

This weekend the Beavers compete in the Greater Boston Championships at Boston College. This is the first of a series of weekly championship meets with which MIT will compete its outdoor season.

Lacrosse now 5-4, best record since '71

By Glenn Brownstein
MIT's varsity lacrosse team clinched its best record since 1971 by teaming overmatched Colby, 16-2, at Briggs Field on Wednesday.

The Beavers jumped to a 7-1 halftime lead, then scored seven unanswered goals in the third quarter, four within 89 seconds, to cement the triumph.

MIT's record now is 5-4 with three games remaining, which means that the Beavers will better the 5-9 slate posted in 1971, and that the 7-4 mark attained in 1970 is also surpassable.

Co-captain Roger Rennew '77 had the team's first "steak dinner" of offensive game, scoring two goals and adding four assists for six points (MIT grad student Tom Stagliano has put a steak on the line for any five point show by a Beaver player, or for a 75 percent save performance by MIT goalie Jeff Singer '77). With one more he now boasts a perfect 10-0 record.

On the other end a studious Al O'Connor '79 scored four times, Phil MacNeil '79 had a hot trick and three assists, and part attacker-part midfielder Steve Hyand '79 scored twice and passed off for two other goals.

Rick Valenti '80, outrebounding his promotion to starting attack after a fine performance in a scrimmage against Commonwealth Lacrosse Club Monday, scored twice, as did middle Gordie Zurndorfer '78, who ran his scoring string to 12 games, in the Beavers' 14-2 win over the Indians.

It was another fine day for the defense, which permitted Colby to get just 12 shots on Beaver goalies Singer and Wes Harper '79. Singer, who battled before the game that his concentration was off, had very little to concentrate on, as he faced just eight shots, making seven saves with little difficulty.

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