Soccer's spring workouts show encouraging signs

By Tom Stagliano

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A varsity athlete's team commitment may extend beyond the regular season. For an MIT soccer player that commitment includes completing spring training schedule. The Beavers have compiled a 5-1-1 spring record, losing only to defending Division III national champion, Brandeis, and tying Bentley. The victories have included upset over Babson (Division III national champion two years ago) and Division I powerhouse University of Massachusetts. Coaches Walter Alessi and Charles Battenstein are extremely pleased with this spring record after a disappointing 4-7-1 fall season.

The Beavers will graduate five starters and will be fielding a team next fall with many new faces. This young squad will face the task of showing up a defense which had no depth last year and which lost three senior starters. Coach Allesi will be looking to pass along the bulk of the offensive formation around juniors Tom Theriault '80 and Mike Okine '77.

The eighth and ninth losses in conference play were a result of two Tufts goals in the first half. The only bright spot for MIT was a goal scored by Steve Garverick '79 in the fourth as he scored on two Tufts shots.

The comprehensive report in last week's issue was continued this week with the game against Babson. The Beavers committed eight errors during the game last week and are showing signs that it will be sufficient for them to play in the Division III tournament. The Beavers will try to make their way through the path to our success is the fast that most of our competitors recruit heavily and the situation is worsening each season. MIT is limited in its contacts with young athletes; I have almost a hundred inquiries about a dozen from families to the class of 1981; I review these and correspond with their coaches for more information. However, out of my top ten prospects at least eight have decided to go elsewhere for a variety of reasons, and I can do nothing to stop them and convince them otherwise. We have to make do with those who wish to attend MIT through the normal application process. Fortunately, in soccer, the number of quality players attending MIT is sufficient to give us an outside chance at a victorious season.

Baseball loses 10 in a row

By Tom Curtis

The troubles of the MIT baseball team continued into their third week as the Beavers dropped a doubleheader against Tufts, 6-0, and Bentley, 7-5, and lost 10 straight games in a row. The losing streak is the longest the team has suffered since dropping thirteen in a row in 1984.

The eight and ninth losses came over the weekend as the Beavers lost decisions to Brandeis and Bates. Brandeis, the second-ranked Division III team in New England, snapped the Beavers' 20-1 Friday in Waltham. Saturday, sixth-ranked Bentley ended MIT's 15-game winning streak over MIT. In both games, the team had to rely on JV pitching as several of the varsity hurlers had sore arms.

Wednesday in Briggs Field, the Beavers played sloppily and sluggishly as Tufts rapped MIT 8-1. The Beavers committed eight errors, missed a routine fly ball, and allowed a home run. Tufts pounded MIT pitching.