MIT women dominate regatta

By Audre Greenhill

MIT women sailors took four of the top ten places in the New England Women's Single-Hander Championship held at MIT last weekend. The men's varsity team finished fourth in the Nevin Trophy, International held at Kings Point, N. Y.

Fifty-two women races Toot dinghies in the two day single-handed event Saturday, the women were divided into four divisions and the top four finishers from each would compete in the finals on Sunday. Unfortunately, only one race in each division could be completed because of winds which varied from zero to five knots during the miles hour.

Sunday, everybody reported early to make sure two more qualifying races could be held and still leave enough time for the finals. In the morning there was more wind, so all eight races were finished quickly. Sally Hustvedt '78 and captain Deborah Meyerson '79 each won their divisions and Diane Healy '79, Barbara Biber '79 and Audrey Greenhill '78 also qualified.

The seven races were plagued by light and shifty winds and the 16 skippers could only complete five races. Hustvedt finished second overall, only two points behind Sandy Ray of Boston University. Healy, Biber, Greenhill and Meyerson finished fourth, fifth, sixth and twelfth respectively.

In the Nevis Trophy, the varsity team finished fourth in a field of eleven of the top teams on the East Coast. The team was close to second place at the end of the regatta, but the usual Long Island Sound light and shifty wind conditions prevailed and one bad shift cost them second and third place.

Team captain Lenny Dalber '79 finished third in the single-handed division which was sailed in the high-performance Laser. One of his competitors was URI's Ed Adams who is the 1977 North American Laser champion. Two other divisions sailed alternately in 420 sloops and Interclub dinghies. Gary Smith '78 and crew Steve Dallan '81 finished seventh in 4-2s division. In B-division, Elliot Rossen '79 with crew Martin Prone '79 placed fourth. The team's stiffest New England competitors, Tufts and URI were also third, finishing second and third behind first place Navy.

Because of the large number of regattas that were held last weekend there was an unusually large demand for team members. Therefore, four freshmen were sent to a varsity invitational at Bates College in Maine. The team topped a field of five schools by winning both divisions. Keith Rohine and Royce Barones skippered with crew Chuck Callkins and Harry E. Newman in Vegas. Sailors were sent to three other regattas last week: the New England high-performance Laser and Interclub dinghy races. Garv Smith '78 and the two other regattas, a varsity invitational which was cancelled due to lack of wind and a freshman meet which was hosted by the same conditions on Saturday.

The weekend will bring better sailing conditions. Both the men's and women's teams have full schedules with the bulk of the regattas being held at Boston area schools.

Oakland given nod over Steelers, 31-28

By Drew Rickman

Last week there were a couple of major upsets, but in general the favorites prevailed. The Atlanta Falcons may be in sole possession of first place now, but don't count on them being there at the end of the season.

Kassin City, San Diego 13 - The Chiefs looked mighty good in their close loss to the Patriots and could prove to be a more viable force than was thought earlier.

Minneapolis, Tampa Bay 6 - Ricky Bell has a chipped anklebone. Goodbye Tampa Bay offense. The Vikes should rebound smartly from their over-time loss to Dallas.

Baltimore, New York Jets 7 - The Jets did not score at all last week but someday they may. The Vikes do much against the Colts, though.

Cincinnati, Seattle 17 - The Bengals were almost totally shut down by the Browns in a mild upset, but should be able to score against the defensively weak Seahawks.

Denver, Buffalo 13 - Ifo J. Simpson has a good day, the Bills might get close. The Broncos should prove too tough at Mile High Stadium; they can already play the playoffs.

Chicago, St. Louis 27 - Both these clubs have high-powered offenses and will score the ball. If Walter Payton repeats his fantastic performance against the Lions, the Bears should win.

New Orleans, Detroit 23 - When the Saints are thrown into the Lions', den, on Sunday they should be able to squash just a tough Detroit squad.

Sports

Water polo break out defense

By Bob Crane

The MIT water polo team ex- hibited excellent passing and teamwork against a weak Boston University (BU) defense in a 9-3 victory over BU's 'A' team on Monday evening.

After going down 1-0 early in the first quarter, MIT began getting passes in the hole and ran off eight straight goals by the end of the first half.

BU's inexperienced and under- manned squad were no match for MIT. Several BU players were not sure about the rules of the game. Short on players, BU used some of MIT's men producing something like a scrimmage.

Outstanding performances were turned in by MIT's Dick Henz '79 and Ken Calvert '79, who each scored two goals. BU's Dan Frank accounted for all three goals, scoring on three fast breaks.

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