Vorlicek to swim in Nationals as team breaks five records

By Greg Bose

The MIT swim team qualified the eleventh place finish that it attained last year at the NCAA Division III Championships at Springfield College on March 12. Captain Preston Vorlicek '79 again qualified for the Nationals. Vorlicek, who placed second in the three-day competition won by the University of Maine.

American Preston Vorlicek earned the right to return to the NCAA Division III National Championships as a result of his performance at Springfield. Vorlicek placed fourth in the 200 yard breaststroke with a 2:18.65 clocking. He also won the 400 yard individual medley. By a margin of seven-tenths of a second Vorlicek broke his own school record set in the Thursday night, recording a 4:24.56. For the 100 yard breaststroke he was awarded second place when he completed the four laps in 1:02. This will be Vorlicek's third time when he travels to Springfield. This year he plans to compete from March 14 through MIT's only representative in the Nationals.

MIT's 400 yard medley relay failed to qualify by less than one second. The quartet of Dick Baker '80 (stroke), Brian Fleer '81 (splitter), Greg Flora '80 (butterfly) and Mark Hunszinger ('freestyle') was not chosen. Vorlicek broke his own school record set in the Thursday night, recording a 4:24.56. For the 100 yard breaststroke he was awarded second place when he completed the four laps in 1:02. This will be Vorlicek's third time when he travels to Springfield. This year he plans to compete from March 14 through MIT's only representative in the Nationals.

Vorlicek set a varsity and freshman record in the 200 yard breaststroke event. He completed the eight laps in 2:06.3, and shattered the night's time record by one and one-half seconds. Vorlicek also led off the record-setting 800 yard freestyle relay team. The relay team consisted of Vorlicek (1:51), Dielen (1:48.9), Flora (1:50), and Tim Ramsey (1:53). Ramsey was primarily a breaststroke specialist last season. Like Greg Flora, so was a freestyler who swam butterfly in last year's Greater Boston Relays. Ramsey showed himself when he swam a 54.5 in the 100 yard freestyle in this year's BCRA Championships.

On the diving board, Ken Brady '79 finished in sixth place overall from the three-meter height carrying on MIT's tradition of excellence in this event. Brady, who finished second in six podiums, got the team's best possible score this season. Brady finished sixth on the one-meter board.

Fossil record was set by George Donald '81 in the 200 yard breaststroke. Donald's 2:27.11 performance missed the varsity record by one-tenth of a second. Kent Flora '81 recorded a remarkable 26.3 in the 100 yard butterfly race ensuring that MIT will have a strong butterfly contingent for second season.

In the freestyle sprint Ken Calvert '80 just missed picking up points for the 100 yard freestyle. Calvert even amazed himself when he clocked in with a spectacular 49.44 from a flat start. In the 50 yard freestyle he completed the two laps in 22.9. Later in the meet he swam the second leg of the 400 yard freestyle relay.

The 400 yard freestyle relay team of Flora (51.9), Calvert (49.7), Mike Alves '80 (51.3) and Al Morris '80 (51.7) swam the fastest relay of any MIT team in the past two seasons. Alves should continue improving this season. Morris, who anchored the relay, swam a personal best time by several seconds.

MIT averaged 56.57 last season, earlier this season to Amherst College. In that meet, the team's performance in the first 100 yard event, the 400 yard freestyle relay, was the best of the season. The Lord JefTs finished fifth in this year's BCRA Championships. The meet was held over three days in Western Massachusetts. As a result of the Lord Jeff's finish, the MIT's men's swimming and diving team is still ranked fifth in the nation.

After dedication and effort have resulted in these excellent performances. Each member has logged hundreds of thousands of yards this season. The team's performance, at this year's New England Championships proved that the sacrifices required are necessary for improvement in swimming.

Rifle team places second in New England finals

By Bob Host

In the New England Collegiate Rifle League finals held last Saturday at the Rhode Island State Armory, the MIT rifle team finished second in a seven-team field with a total of 2,187 points, behind the University of Maine, which won the first Massachusetts and Connecticut Rifle League finals.

Maine also finished first in the overall league standings, with MIT third overall. Second in the league was Trinity, which took third place in Saturday's competition. Rounding out the field were the United States Coast Guard Academy, Dartmouth, the University of Rhode Island, and Providence.

The match was an "all course," consisting of two targets in each of three positions: standing, kneeling, and prone. Each target consists of ten shots, worth a total of one hundred points. Thus, the maximum individual total was 600, and team scores were calculated by the sum of the top four individual scores.

Maine was bolstered by All-American Candidate Tom Tobin, who finished the season with a healthy lead in the league. His 571 on Saturday was the high score for the match. MIT's top scorer was Fred Zelt '81, who shot a 560 to place fourth in the finals, and who is described by his teammates as having "good promise." Zelt was the highest-scoring freshman on Saturday. Co-captain Alan Mac- cum '78, turned in a good performance and finished in fourth overall in the league with an average of 551.5. The team combined to win the season Sunday in New England sectionals.

Foul Shots

New facilities: maybe yes, maybe no

By Tom Curtis

Recently, many rumors about plans to begin construction of the proposed athletic complex have been circulating throughout the school. According to Director of Athletics Ross Smith, the facts of the matter are:

1. Campus architects Howard Pomroy have been given the green light to work on the final drawings for the complex.

2. The architect has definite plans to begin construction of the indoor ice rink and indoor track complex in the near future. Pomroy's work on the drawings indicates that construction may start soon, nevertheless. If adequate funds can be raised, the architect plans to begin construction as soon as the drawings are finished, perhaps this summer.

3. Pomroy has been studying construction of the facility since plans were announced in 1973. Funds have been coming in at a trickle since then.

In the meantime, the projected cost of the building was recently estimated. The current estimate lists the cost at $1.8 million, one million dollars above the previous estimate.

Money for the athletic center is to come from alumni contributions through the Leadership Campaign. So far, less than three million dollars in contributions have been earmarked for the center. However, a portion of the Leadership Campaign determination contributions might be used to initiate construction.

After a decade of planning for the facility, any way such as the final architectural drawings are now complete. By giving Pomroy the green light, the administration has implied construction might start in the near future. Still, no definite plans have been made. Let's keep our fingers crossed.

Sports

Baker, PDT tie for first in IM swimming meet

By Tom Curtis

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