Fielding, hitting suffer difficulties

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The team's pitching troubles seemed to be gone in their next contest, a game with Babson. However, as their pitching problems ended, their hitting problems began. The Beavers could gather only three hits, all singles, as Babson shut them out 2-0. George Noll '81 gave up seven hits, but in a losing cause.

Hitting difficulties continued into the Harvard game in which Harvard's Peter Brown pitched a one-hitter. Senior Jeff Felton's leadoff single in the first inning was MIT's only hit. Harvard won 5-0.

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The Beavers played to their full potential in a doubleheader with the University of Lowell, the seventh-ranked Division II team in New England. In the first game, Peter Steinhagen '79 pitched his first good game of the year as he led the team to a 5-4 victory. MIT's first win over Lowell in two years. The Beavers pounded out 12 hits, all singles. Once again, the winning pitcher led the hitting attack as Steinhagen rapped out three hits.

All but two MIT batters made hits. Even the Beaver fielding, which is usually responsible for those errors a game, perked up for this contest. In the final inning with two outs and Lowell man on second and third, second baseman Phil Bugnacki '78 leaped high into the air to snag a line drive that would otherwise have been a hit. The Beavers poor fielding is the box of shortstop Phil Bugnacki '78, who will miss the entire season, was injured when a runner slid into him in the Tufts game.

The baseball team's next game is tomorrow at 1pm on Briggs Field. The Beavers will be playing two games with Coast Guard.

Joseph Kraunus '78 takes a swing at a pitch during the late innings of last Saturday's Varsity Baseball game against Lowell. (Photo by Gordon R. Haff)

MIT's hitting difficulties continued. The team hit .138 against Babson and Lowell, batting .442 against Boston University. The team stopped Boston State 5-0.

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