Women's crew: In depth

Crew on an upswing

By Jim Van Dusen

MIT's women's crew program has been growing very rapidly, both in participation by students, and through an increase in quality of facilities and equipment.

Established as a varsity sport in 1973, the women's team has since fielded consistently better and larger teams. Now that MIT competes against men's crews, they have been shown that their performances are being tested to the limit.

The varsity boat, composed of eight athletes, is practically a full crew. Although once again outsized, will be in there fighting. Northeastern, Saturday. Miller and Looze know that their crews, although not of the top-notch category, are very competitive. They've still done really well.

The depths of the varsity and junior varsity squads show up in the races of the second boat. Competitions coming as close as one second. The expected effort by the varsity is far better than records show, as MIT competes against teams that are larger than itself.

"Generally, other schools' crews outweigh ours by some 10-15 pounds per oarswoman," claims coach John Miller '74 a former MIT heavyweight. "Northeastern's rowing hasn't grown to the point where schools can afford to race both heavyweight and lightweight crews as most do in men's rowing, so our crews end up racing really tough, heavy crews. They've still done really well."

The novice records this season show that their performance isn't far behind. This year's second novices' 4-1 record, said Loozeo 3-3 record this season. Their most do in men's rowing, so our crews end up racing really tough, heavy crews. They've still done really well."

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Track preview

MIT hosts GB track meet

By Tom Curtis

This Sunday, the Greater Boston Collegiate Athletic Association Track and Field Championships will be held at MIT in the new Steinbrenner Stadium. This will be the biggest sporting event at MIT in years, to make this even more of a special occasion, Steinbrenner Stadium will be officially dedicated at 1:30pm before the finish.

The field for the meet includes four NCAA Division I teams, Boston College, Boston College University, Harvard, and Northeastern, and three NCAA Division III teams, Brandeis, Tufts, and host MIT.

The MIT track team will post the second-best record of any team in this meet. Turlo and MacCauley, who are currently 3-1. Their most recent victory came last weekend when they nipped WPI, 79-71, at Worcester. In that meet, Jim Turlo '80 set a new MIT high jump record of 6'9".

Week before, MIT barely shaded Bowdoin, 82-81, at Brunswick, Maine. Swaps in the long jump, stephenchase, and 120-yard hurdles led to the victory. In a tri-meet at the beginning of the season, MIT beat Bates and lost to UNH in the hurdles.

In the Greater Bostons, MIT's best chances for points are in the high jump where Turlo should finish near the top and in the 100-meter hurdles where Tufts, Rich Okie '78, and John Wozniak '79 all could place among the top five. Barry Bayus '79 could place in the stephenchase and Steve Stifelen '78 could score in the discus.

The overwhelming favorite to win the meet is Northeastern. Northeastern is rated as the best team in New England Championships. He is just getting back to speed after a winter layoff and could upset the favorites.

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(Editors' note: David Wilson G is the assistant track coach)

This Saturday, WPI took the first eight events Saturday and built up a 47-2 lead before MIT came back to win event by event and the crucial mile relay, to be held this year. The win was the sixth straight against WPI, and extended this year's record to 7-2.

Outstanding performances were given by Jim Turlo '80, and Rich Okie '78, each scoring 13 points. Turlo boomed his own school record to 6'9" to win the high jump over an impressive 6'8" by Reid von Borstel '78, a former holder of the record at 6'8". Jim also led a sweep of the 120 yard hurdles, running 15.2 seconds and placing second in the 220 yard hurdles. Turlo and Okie in the hurdles, Stifelen in the hurdles and discus, and Dwayne Sifferlen in the hurdles, Sifferlen in the hurdles. Turlo has the best outdoor height in the New England Championships. He is just getting back to speed after a winter layoff and could upset the favorites.

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