Softball takes its licks

By Helen Miyasaki

With only three returning players, women's varsity softball has begun its first year as a varsity sport, more than a year after being awarded competitive softball. Though still looking for their first win, the team's defense has come far, stated coach Debbie Clum. Consistency in the infield has proven to be their strongest asset. Led by captain Mary McNally '78 at shortstop, the defense has been committing fewer errors as the season progresses.

The shortstop's relay arrived at base at the end of the fourth. Centerfield Chris Vogan '78 made a shooing catch and catcher Laynaya Sweeney '81 made a good play on a drag hit. Pitcher Terry Byrne '78 was very effective in forcing the opposing players to pop up or to keep the ball in the infield. The team as a whole bunted well and kept AIC on their toes with good base running.

Half an hour after this very exciting play of the game - a double steal with a Brandeis runner, the committee to hit Framingham's pitching.

With four games left in the season, MIT will be looking forward to their rematch against AIC. In the meantime, they will look for their first win against either Gordon College or Brandeis. They will close their season with a home game against Endicott Junior College next Thursday.

Baseball learns the hard way

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shutting out the force. The shortstop's relay arrived at first just behind Sainsheng and the first base line were still alive as Noll crossed the plate for the eighth run.

Again the tying run came to the plate. It was Carl Nowiszewski. The 6'5" rightfielder lifted a pop fly to the second baseman, who gathered it in for the final out of the game.

Second baseman Mike Hanlon has been bringing in men who had gotten on base. In all, the Beavers stranded 13 baserunners to Tally's nine while out hustling their opponents 16 to 11.

Monday's game against Brandeis was played on Briggs Field which was blue wifd in forty-degree weather. Starting pitcher George Noll was in trouble with the first batter. A couple of walks and a sharp single to left set up the only exciting play of the game - a double steal with a Brandeis runner thrown out at home by shortstop Tim Garvecsk. Two pitches later, the ball was faked to right for two runs.

In the top of the second, Brandeis third baseman Dave Perdomo lashed a home run over the fence in left, and the judges were up by three before the Beavers got on base. MIT reached Brandei's starter Steve Louther in the bottom of the third for four runs and the team's only run of the day. It was the fourth inning before the Beavers managed a basehit, and by then the Judges were on top, 5-1. They added two more runs in their half of the fifth, and that was all for Noll. Armond Friend took the mound in the sixth, with Noll taking Friend's place at third. Friend had an easy task, the only runner being thrown out stealing by catcher Joe Koczanski.

In the seventh, Friend got nobody out, but gave up three walks and a single. Jim Dutes '78 came in and gave up two singles but managed to get the side out after four runs had come across. The score was up to 11-1, and remained there for the rest of the three-hour contest. Clougher gave up four hits in the seven innings he worked, and Brandeis batters allowed only six in all. The Judges, however, had a tough time against the Beavers lineup. After the first three races and many races later, the committee decided to cancel the day's racing. Although adverse conditions prevailed, all weekend for the men's team, the gusting winds did not prevent the women's team from sailing in this year's New England championships, a two day event held at Harvard. Competition for the top three spots at this regatta was very heavy. The Tufts, Boston University, and Yale women's sailing teams who captured these positions now look forward to the trip to San Diego for the National Championships. Although MIT did not qualify for the nationals, the team did finish sixth in the competitive field. Skipper Sally Hosted '78 and crewmember Marianne Salamone '79 placed fifth in the A-Division, while Audrey Greenhill '79 and crew Barbara Miller '79 sailed sixth in place in B-Division. Hopefully, conditions should be a little more pleasant this weekend to both the men's varisty and freshman sailors sail in their New England championships.