The ITM baseball team's 4-3-1 sweep of a doubleheader with WPI Saturday on Briggs Field ended a six-game losing streak and began what was hoped to be a three-game winning streak including a 6-2 victory over Northeastern Monday at MIT.

The team's record was 7-12-1, 2-5-1 in the conference. As the team had swept its first doubleheader since 1975, the team relied on strong pitching and a late surge to win the first game. In the second game, ITM's first three batters were the key.

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The second mark for these sharp shooters was the Tiffs match on May 2nd. Hamza had returned to his number one spot for this match. His return was not stupendous as he blew his opponent out in the first set 6-0, 6-0, but lost in three. Eventually he bounced back to win his doubles match with partner Napoleon. Playing at number two, Calkins had little difficulty disposing of his opponent. Auskern won his singles before he teamed up with Calkins for another doubles victory. As the game had already been decided by the fifth earlier MIT victories, the Marden-Equi team match was called a draw.

The final match of the season was against Lawrence Academy on May 6th. MIT got off to a solid start with Hamza winning at one, Calkins turning in yet another victory at two, Auskern straightening out their number five man, and John Gilardi rolling over his opponent at six. Napoleon and Calkins had done much better at three and four but could not succeed in the second and third sets. Coach Jim Taylor began to worry when he had disengaged while third doubles partner, Burton II's only loss in the day, and put MIT one run ahead with a sacrifice fly.

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