MUSIC: MIT sports: another banner year

By Tom Curtis

From the women’s team’s upset of Brandeis in October to the Greater Boston Track and Field Championships held here in April, it was another banner year for MIT sports. As the year winds down, it is time to look back at the top MIT wins and accomplishments.

Here is my list of this year’s top sports triumphs:
1. The accomplishments of Mark Smith ’77 and John Rodrigues ’80 at the NCAA Gymnastics Championships. Having won the Massachusetts State All-Around Championship, Smith won the National Championships and Harris on the list of AAU National Championships and Division I All-American honors. Having won the New England Championships held here in October to the Spring Meet, Smith became the first native-Bostonian American to win All-American honors.
2. Another outstanding All-American performance was given bystuemmate Leila Harris at the NCAA Small College Gymnastics Championships. Having won the Massachusetts State All-Around Championship, Harris went to the National Championships and captured fifth place on the uneven parallel bars.
3. The year’s greatest team effort was women’s soccer. MIT, 2-2-0 overall, overcame the sting of losing national champions Boston College, 0-1, off Brandeis’ high scorer to Smith and Harris on the list of AAU National Championships and Division I All-American honors. Having won the New England Championships held here in October to the Spring Meet, Smith became the first native-Bostonian American to win All-American honors.
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6. For the second consecutive year, the women’s volleyball team took the Massachusetts State Championship. Having won Division II State titles the previous two years, the team moved up to Division I and successfully chal-lenged the big schools.
7. In four outdoor collegiate records at the Massachusetts State Outdoor Track Championships.폈 that no longer exists. Despite the handicap of run-ning with two men instead of three, the team still captured 10th place at the meet. The team scored an individual record in the center fire event.
8. The surprise of the year was the water polo team’s third place finish at the New England Championship. Having not had a win-ning season in several years, the team fell over its opponents this year. Only Brown and Yale finished higher than the MIT water polo team.

This was the first time MIT had hosted the meet; the event also marked the official opening of the new stands.

10. The soccer team followed itself of the stigma of being perennial losers by beating Coast Guard 4-2 in the last game of the season. The team thus finished with a 7-4 record, its first winning season in two years.

Program recruiting

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sisters. They will be recruiting more people to the fall when they will have a booth at the Activities Midway. In the meantime, however, if anyone is interested in becoming involved in the NCAAVolkswagen Fund Program, the following people can be contacted:
Sheila Novack, Director, 39-79; Co-directors for Big Brothers are Ken Bowers ’79 and Gary Spliter ’79; and Co-directors for Big Sisters are Ellen Koczka ’80 and "sum Singer."