Bootees swamp Crimson tide

By Bob Host

In a major upset, the soccer team opened its season by defeating Harvard Wednesday, 3-1, before one of the largest and most vocal MIT soccer crowds in recent history.

The main factor in the MIT attack was sophomore Jay Walsh, who participated in all three MIT goals. In addition to an open-net goal late in the second half, he assisted on scores by Zanda Ilii '79 and Mike Raphael '79, the latter with just seven seconds left in the game.

Walsh, who was playing in only his second varsity game, commented, "If we keep up this pace, we'll go a long way." This optimism was echoed by coach Walt Alessi, who said this game "beats Brandeis last year," referring to the victory over the then-defending Division III champions.

Alessi characterized the contest as a "hard, well-played game," and noted that although injuries were frequent throughout the game, none was serious. This game marked the return of the soccer team to its usual playing field in what is now Steinbrunner Stadium after using a faster field last year. However, the field's condition was not a major factor, as the team adjusted to it during the game, according to the coach.

The soccer field was yielding more good news as the graduate soccer club entered the second half of its season. The club hopes to practice through Labor Day weekend and Rockwell Cage.

The club is waiting to find a few more players before arranging a schedule. McDaniels would like to see the club playing games with teams from Tufts, Harvard, and Wesleyan in October and November.

McDaniel gives three reasons why women should join the club: "It [soccer] is very easy to pick up. "It doesn't take much time," and, most importantly, "It is fun." For more information, contact Patty McDaniels at x3-5009 or drop by the New England Soccer League, a summer league. During R.O.W Week, she circulated posters and spoke to women athletes in order to generate interest in the team.

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Nominations Committee Hearing for Seats on NomComm

Monday, September 25
7:00 p.m.
Room 400 of the Student Center