Beavers sunk by BC in water polo tourney

By Gordon Haff

Playing before possibly the largest crowd to watch MIT water polo in at least four years, the varsity squad fell to a disappointing fourth in the MIT Invitational Water Polo Tournament held last weekend.

On Friday night, MIT led off the weekend with a 12-4 loss to Army, the eventual winner of the tournament, and the number one team in the Mid-Atlantic conference last year. Throughout the course of the game, MIT failed to pressure the Army attack and thus permitted the Cadets to get off shot after shot. At the same time, consistent pressure by the Army defense all but shut down the MIT attack.

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MIT came right back, however, and ran up an 11-3 lead in the second game. The women showed superb teamwork, both physically and verbally, by executing fine set-ups and by capitalizing on Salem mistakes. With victory in sight, Tech suddenly began to get very sloppy and Salem rallied.

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ace with a shot by Barbara Hoerz '82. With Smith serving, Chrien drilled home the winning spike.

Salem jumped to a 5-0 lead in the final game, but Tech battled and took the lead, 6-5. The score progressed to 8-4, then 12-4 with a serve ace by Jean Mitchell '82 and embarrassing "dinks" by Samuleson which caught Salem out of position. Salem registered three quick points, however, and won the last game and the match, 15-12.

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