By Connie Cotton
The MIT Women's Rugby Club claimed an impressive third victory of the season Sunday afternoon at Briggs Field by annihilating the visiting club from Dartmouth, 48-0. Tech dominated the game from start to finish, but Dartmouth became tougher the more they fell behind, and the match was a rough one.

MIT maintained possession of the ball throughout most of the game, but on the few occasions that Dartmouth managed to get the ball, Tech's defense prevented all attempts at a score. With a halftime lead of 28-0, MIT came back in the second half determined to achieve their second shutout of the season.

While the entire team played well, the spotlight for achievement must shine on the MIT backs. The backs executed quick, well-timed passes offensively, and they covered the field so well in their defensive effort that there were no gaps through which Dartmouth might score. Wing-forward Katherine Thomas '79 played a particularly good game, gaining valuable yardage every time she carried the ball.

Tech's backs provided the eleven scores of the game, with Nancy Breen '80 leading the field, with seven out of the eleven tries. Moved from her usual center position to the wing, Breen spent the afternoon dazzling her fans and teammates and demolishing the opposition. An excellent runner and a determined player, Breen scored 28 of MIT's 48 points in the game. Outside center Sue Stulz '80 contributed two goals, and fly-half Connie Cepko and scrum-half Barbara Kasting each scored once. The remaining four points were the result of two successful conversion attempts by fullback Laurie Spielman.

The Women's Rugby Club has made great progress in the eighteen months it has existed at MIT. As Captain Connie Cepko stated, "We have gone from not even being able to field a full team a year ago to being the equal of any women's rugby team in the area."

Coach David Hanrahan '81, when asked if he thought the women's club had improved in both their understanding and playing of the game, smiled and responded, "When's the last time the club won 48-0?"

The women ruggers travel to Yale and Hartford for their next two weekends where they hope to add two more victories to their 3-0 record. The next home game for the women's club is Nov. 4 when they host friendly rival Portland Women's Rugby Club.

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By Tom Bryant

(Editor's Note: Tom Bryant G is the MIT Rugby Football Club Coach.)

Last Saturday, the MIT Rugby Club had its best victory in years. They defeated the Boston Gentlemen 30-6. Unlike former matches, including the New England Championship of 1974, this game featured a surfeit of tries. The Beaver Ruckers put together six of them, the highest total for an MIT RFC A-Side in at least four years.

On a rainy day, with several glorious puddles available, MIT displayed a remarkably open and fast-paced style. Several good gains were made by the backs, particularly by Jim Barber '81 in his first game on the left wing. After a miserable first half which saw several knock-ons, full-back Tom Bryant G and fly-half Dan Seigal '81 began to set up the forwards with well-placed kicks and quick counter-attacks. For their part, the forwards had the best day of the season by far. A strong, well-balanced pack consistently outmauled and outshoved a larger group of Gentlemen.

The six points for the Gentlemen came from penalty goals, the first time in quite a while that the MIT side has refused to yield a single try. In fact, the Gentlemen were within ten meters of MIT's line only once in the match.

Ruggers upset Dartmouth

Women ruggers jump for a lineout during their game against Dartmouth. (Photo by Gordon R. Haff.)

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