Men's fencing team dominant in New York meets

By Brian Wibecan

The men's fencing team rebounded off an opening loss to Harvard by winning two meets in New York and narrowly losing to NYU.

The opener against Harvard, November 29, was a disappointing 15-12 loss. "The team choked," said coach Eric de Beus.

"Sabre and epee did not force up to par." The score was tied at 9-9 after the second round, but the team could not pull it through. Highlighting MIT's performance were the efforts of captain Johan Harmenberg '81 in foil and Jim Schoenberger '81 in epee and Jim Fridh '81 in foil, both of whom won all three bouts. Eric de Beus '82 took two bouts, helping the foil team to a 6-3 victory. Harmenberg's victories were the only epee wins of the meet.

The team bounced back on the trip to New York last weekend, losing a close meet to New York University, 14-13. MIT took the meet to the last bout against one of the top three teams in the nation. Harmenberg again led the charge, defeating all three opponents, including Lennard Dervinsky, defending ECAC Champion and former National Amateur Champion. Rob Schoenberger '81 was two bouts, losing only to Dervinsky. Deller Heller '79 also won a bout to bring the epee score to a 6-3 upset. In foil, MIT took four bouts, two by de Beus and one each by Freidah and Rich Hemphill. In sabre, George Gonzales-Rivas '80, Dalbooz Chum '80, and Brad Nager '82 each defeated NYU's third luber.

At Brooklyn College, the Tech fencers went into the winning track, defeating St. Johns 14-13. Starting off cold, the team held on to win foil 6-3 and lose 4-5 in the other two weapons. Harmenberg went at the forefront for a third time, remaining undefeated. The foil squad, Freidah, de Beus and Hemphill, all lost to St. John's greater foilists, but won the rest. Gonzales-Rivas contributed two sabre bouts to the win.

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