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Fencers' record now 9-4

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The men's fencing team racked up two wins against Stevens Tech and Brandeis over the four day weekend. This raises its record to 9-4 going into its final dual meet of the season.

The 17-10 victory against Stevens Tech on Saturday was a reversal of last year's defeat. All three weapons won. Foil completed its excellent season with a strong 6-3 victory. Jim Freidah '82, Everett Lafferty '83 and Brad Nager '82 each contributed two bouts. Sabre also won 6-3, with George Gonzalez-Rivas '80, Dalhoun Chun '80, and Brad Nager '82 each winning two. Epee did not fare as well, pulling in five bouts. Captain John Rodrigues '80 paced the squad with two strong wins, and Bob Schoenberger '81 also won two.

The team started off cold against Brandeis on Tuesday. After dropping five bouts in the first round, coach Eric Solle called the team together for a pep talk. Things improved immediately. Sabre took two out of three, foil fenced its strongest round and epee picked up its only two wins of the night.

In the third round, Gonzalez-Rivas grabbed his second win for the fourth sabre victory. The foil squad hadn't dropped a bout yet, and started off with a tough 5-4 victory. The pennant's foil bout first found de Beus behind 4-0, but he made a tremendous comeback to win the bout and the meet. Rich Hemphill '79 kept the squad's perfect record intact with a 5-2 victory.

IM referee abuse a major problem

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Talking with Asst. Coach Eric Solle, Lowell, and Tom Potter '79 (assistant basketball manager), after the meeting, we discussed another aspect of the referee abuse problem. Even ignoring the physical and verbal attacks on referees, many players, in all leagues, constantly give them a hard time. Many officials don't know enough to issue a technical foul as soon as a player starts giving them problems.

Lemme and Petito also discussed a possible solution to a different although related area of the referee problem - the lack of qualified refs. Both felt that a class should be initiated. However, Lemme noted that "there are problems with the [Athletic] Department doing it and students won't be allowed to run them."

Other problems discussed included injuries and attendance at IM Council meetings. Lemme said that "there is a problem with football injuries. A possible solution is a more non-contact type of football." There was a great deal of discussion as to whether the IM Council constitution (which states that a team whose representation is two unexcused abseotions will be disaffiliated) should be followed. It has not been enforced in the recent past.

Three managers were also elected - by white ballots. Charles Braun '80 was elected chess manager, Sally Huested G was reelected sailing manager, and Cindy Reedy was elected Cross Country manager. Reedy said that she wants to "make it more interesting. I'll think of something, you guys!"

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Baltic Chromo '80 confronts a Fuji opponent as Conner smashed Fuji 11 to 1. (Photo by John O. Borland)

The end result - MIT won 15-12. Foil supported most of the weight with its 9-0 slaughter, Hemphill and de Beus each winning three. Freidah took two, and his replacement Dave Russo '80, took one. Sabre won four as Nager and Chun each added a bout to Gonzalez-Rivas' pair. Epee did poorly, dropping seven. The only wins there were one each by Rodrigues and Chris Braun '82.

The team travels to Dartmouth this Saturday for its last dual meet. This should be an exciting meet - MIT shared the New England Championship with Dartmouth last year. The following Saturday is the New England Championship meet, followed by the Eastern Championships a week later.

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