Sports

Men's rugby improving

By Tom Bryant
Editor's note: Tom Bryant is a member of the MIT Rugby Football Club.

Following a proposal made by MIT a year ago, the New England Rugby Football Union sponsored a collegiate tournament this year. Fifteen colleges showed last Saturday for two days of rugby at the Amberst campus of the University of Massachusetts. The four semifinalists were to earn places in the six-club tournament to decision the overall New England Champion. The other two entries are selected from the senior clubs in the region.

MIT's first match was against a side from the University of Connecticut. Due to several mental lapses in the MIT defense, UConn broke through late in the game to register a 13-0 victory. The match was well-played, with the power of MIT's forwards eventually outdone by the speed of UConn's backs.

Later in the day, MIT met a side from UMass which had bothered a few other players from other clubs. MIT came through in the second half to record an 8-0 shut-out. Again, the dominance of the Beavers' forward pack showed as they played a tough, cohesive game. Both tries were scored by forwards — the first by Buck Crowther '80, at open-side flanker, and the second by Tom Bryant G, playing second row when he crashed through on a short penalty play. Number 8 Marc LeManand G played his finest game of the season at the back of the scrum. Co-captain and scrum-half Mark Levenson G was clearly the most effective player on the field as he made repeated long attacking runs and kicks to move the ball into UMass territory.

Football prospects excellent

By Gordon R. Haff

Buoyed by an unexpected student interest last year, the MIT Football Club will begin its second year of existence next fall. Keith Therrien '80, the president of the club, is optimistic with a full schedule which will be continuing this coming fall.

Therrien says that he has written letters to many of last year's players who are returning. In addition, Therrien, the club's major problem last year was the coaching situation. Their coach was not on contract and did not always come to practices. Presently, the club has contracted two people, one of which is the assistant coach who will try to get two more. Dwight Stone, who was the assistant coach last year, will be working full-time at the club.

The MIT Football Club which, despite a winless record, attracted massive student interest last season, will be continuing this coming fall with a full schedule which includes four home games (Photo by Gordon R. Haff)

Half Time

Athletic Department this year and will act as the offensive line coach. Mark Shapiro has also received a final review from the Athletic Department and been hired as a defensive assistant. The Club is also looking for one or two student managers.

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