Rugby team loses 3-0 to Wild Roses

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Editor's note: Cliff Table is the coach of the MIT Women's Rugby Football Club.

The women's rugby team lost a tough defensive battle to the Hartford Wild Roses last Saturday, 3-0.

In many ways, however, the game was a success. The MIT club has gone through a frustrating period in the last few weeks. After a promising start, in which the club defeated the defending New England College champion, Springfield College, 20-3, the team has had trouble pulling together. Minor injuries and team defections necessitated playing inexperienced women in key positions and experienced players in uncommonly positions. Partially because of this, the forwards failed to gel as a unit. They had no confidence in themselves, the backs had no confidence in them, and as a result, the team did not believe in itself. However, in Saturday's game the team, and especially the forwards, finally pulled together.

The Wild Roses followed their opening kickoff and quickly pushed the Engineers close to the goal line. The MIT forwards set the tone of the game by putting Hartford back repeatedly, keeping them from crossing the goal. Finally, the Roses settled for three points on a penalty kick for the game's only score.

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