Track Triumphs Over Bates

By Eric R. Fleming

The 1980 edition of MIT outdoor track got off to a roaring start Saturday as the University of New Hampshire, Bates, and the Engineers came together at wind-blowen Steinbrenner Stadium. Though UNH edged the home team 45-42 with Bates scoring 35, it was a very good meet for MIT, with numerous fine individual performances.

The field events were split about evenly between UNH and MIT, with numerous fine individual performances. The 1980 edition of MIT outdistanced the Bates situation in the winter indoor season, per-

both the 1500 and 800 meters, setting new school marks. Lukas, who is only a sophomore, set the pole vault, soaring 12 feet, 6 inches. Brian Michon '82 finished second in the shot put, while Martin Taylor '81 took another second in the triple jump.

The field events were split about evenly between UNH and MIT. Low Bender '81 easily captured the pole vault, soaring 12 feet, 6 inches. Brian Michon '82 finished second in the shot put, while Martin Taylor '81 took another second in the triple jump.

The track events provided the most excitement, as MIT's Jeff Lukas '82, Paul Neves '83 and Colin Kerwin '82 came through with shining efforts. Neves won both the 1500 and 800 meters, setting a school record of 4:01.5 in the "metric mile." Lukas came from behind to win the 400 meter hurdles, and Kerwin finished second in the 1000 meter run. In addition, freshman Nkere Udofia took the 200 meter dash, and senior Bruce Chung won the 100 meter dash.

The meet was close from start to finish. Going into the last two events (1500 meters and 1600 meter relay), UNH held a one-half point lead over MIT. UNH star Dave Kinshall easily won the 1500, which meant that MIT would have to win the relay and hope for Bates to take second in order to win the premier meet of the season. The Engineers coasted to victory behind the strength of Kerwin, Lukas and Neves, but UNH overtook Bates in the last 100 meters to capture the event in first overall. Much discussion of the outcome was raised afterwards due to the fact that Bates did not enter its best 400 meter man in the 1600 relay.

Both Coach Gordon Kelly and his assistant Chris Lane were pleased by Tech's showing in the meet, despite the narrow loss. Kerwin, who did not run during the winter indoor season, performed well, and Lane noted that despite the presence of Neves, people should not forget about Lukas, who is only a sophomore.

As for the Bates situation in the 1600 relay, Lane commented that it hurt MIT, but other times Bates helped Tech stay close to UNH.

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