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Good, bad times for softball: routs Emmanuel, falls to SMU

By Eric R. Fleming

Emmanuel was no match for the Engineer bats last Thursday as the women's softball team registered a 14-3 romp on a wet and cold Briggs Field. However, true to the nature of its up-and-down season, Coach Jean Honey's four was dispatched of by Southeastern Mass. University, by the same 14-3 score Monday afternoon at North Dartmouth.

Thursday's game, Emmanuel hurler Peggy Pease was tough on Tech early, as she gave up only one run in the first two innings, including a one-two-three job in the second where she had a hard in all three outs (strikeout, popup, and a bunt). Meanwhile, MIT's Cindy Robinson '84 was able to the task, yielding only one run (unearned in the first) on four singles through four innings of work. The home squad broke through with two runs in the third inning, and a five-run outburst in the fourth. The big play in that inning was an error by the Emmanuel third baseman on a grounder by Lisa Richardson '82, which scored Laurel Carney '83 and Nancy DeFeo '84, who led off the inning with back-to-back singles. MIT had another five-run inning, this one in the sixth. After Cindy Strong '82 struck out (one of seven by Pease, who also helped herself with line fielding and a base hit), Liz Anderson '84 tripled up the gap in right center. Anita Flynn '84 singled to score Anderson. After Jean Raymond '84 fanned, Andrea Kress '82 walked, Carney singled to lock in Flynn, and DeFeo walked and moved to third on a stolen base and an error. Before this, Kress and Carney scored on wild pitches. Robinson doubled in DeFeo to end the Tech scoring. In the seventh, Robinson shook off a leadoff error by DeFeo to set Emmanuel down for the win.

MIT opens its last homestand during Thursday's game, Emmanuel down for the win.

Men's Tennis — Coach Ed Cracker closed out his 25th season with a 6-3 loss to Amherst on the duPont Court. Number two singles player Alex Hamza '81 won his match, 7-6, 6-1, while number four George Hohn needed three sets to win his match, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2. The doubles crew of Charlie Calkins and Hamza (both playing their final matches for MIT) provided good tennis in winning 7-5, 2-6, 6-4. In that third and deciding set, Calkins and Hamza came back from a 3-3 defect to take a 5-3 lead going into the tenth game. The Calkins survived three break points to win the match. The eighth game saw excellent rallies by both sides, and MIT picked up a key service break in the seventh.

Lacrosse — Monday, MIT lost more than just the game to Massachutes Maritime, 8-5. Giulia Adam Sapirstein '81 injured his knee during the third period, with MIT leading 4-1. After the naive of Lemoyne, Pa. left the game, the roof fell in on the Engineers, as Mass. Maritime scored seven goals in the last two quarters to pull out the win. Sapirstein's status for the rest of the season is questionable. Brandeis visits MIT at 10am Saturday.

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Lacrosse vs. Brandeis, 10am, Steinbrenner Stadium
Men's Sailing, Greater Bostons at Harvard, 9:30am
Softball vs. Brandeis, Briggs Field, 1pm

Sunday, May 3
Men's Sailing, Yale Invitational, 9:30am

Saturday and Sunday, May 2-3
Women's Sailing, Nickerson Trophy, Dinghy Championships,
Charles River Lower Basin, 9:30am