Water polo is again optimistic

By Mary Petrosky

About to begin another season, the varsity water polo team is once again optimistic about their chances of going to the Eastern championship. According to Coach John Benedick, "The season comes down to one game. The game against Harvard on Nov. 7 determines whether we go to the Eastern championship." The team has battled its way to the Eastern championship in each of the past few years.

The Easterns are not the first concern of the squad, however. The season opener is a game against Slippery Rock, one of four teams they will play on a road trip to Virginia this weekend. Slippery Rock is the only team the squad will face on Friday night, but tournament play on Saturday will consist of games against Washington and Lee University, Kentucky, and Johns Hopkins. Sunday morning, MIT will face Caltech in the final game of the tournament, which is expected to be a very competitive one, with all the teams fairly equal.

The team this year is a very young one with only one returning starter, captain John Friedman '83. Although experience may be lacking, enthusiasm is not. Benedick describes his team as a "very enthusiastic and very aggressive group." Although Benedick predicts no problems, if any do arise they will probably be the result of the type of training the team has been getting. Benedick has been concentrating on the fundamentals, primarily offense. The defense may be a little weak, but not for long. Benedick feels the team will do fine if it continues to get strong and adjusts to playing as a unit. In the past few weeks the team has improved greatly, primarily due to its ability to adapt to new techniques. Although the team is young, there are several players with experience. Players returning from last year include John Inadomi '84, John Belzer '83, and goalie Brett Hildreth '84. Freshman George Jaquette is a welcome addition to the team.

The MIT water polo team has been practicing rigorously in preparation for the upcoming season. (Photo by Bill Coderre)

Soccer opens with 3-0 loss to Harvard

By Martin Dickau

Despite some untimely work at goal by Bob Schaefer '83 for the MIT Engineers, the soccer team dropped its season opener to the Harvard Crimson 3-0 Wednesday afternoon.

Engineers' head coach Walter Aluetti said after the game that Harvard "created more opportunities. They were just better than we were." The first half of the game was evenly played, with MIT seeming to have a slight edge. A minute and a half into the second half, however, Lance Ayrealek passed to Alberto Villar, who put the ball into the MIT goal.

Four minutes later, it was Ayrealek's turn, taking a pass from Pete Surfengen and putting it past a diving Schaefer to give the Crimson a 2-0 lead. Schaefer was then forced to save a shot with two clutch saves, which kept MIT in the game.

MIT had what appeared to be a golden opportunity to score with four of its men in front of the Harvard goal. Joe Pemberton '84 knocked in a shot only to have the goal nullified by MIT's lone offsides penalty of the game. Harvard's last goal came with less than four minutes to play in the game, when Chris Harvey drew Schaefer from the net and passed the ball to Richard Berkman, who put it in.

The Engineers, according to Coach Aluetti, still have problems with their offense. MIT was out-shot by Harvard 14-9, and it seemed that the Engineers were unable to put a lot of pressure on the Harvard goal. MIT will have had only two days to work on its problems before going up against the defending national champs at Babson College tomorrow at 2pm.

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- Room W20-401
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- Room 7-121

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