Cross country opens season

Men recapitulate Engineer's Cup

By Rich Achen

In their first meet of the season, the MIT men's cross country team recaptured the Engineer's Cup from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in a tri-meet with RPI and Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Tech defeated RPI, 26-30 and topped WPI, 26-73. This marks the third time in the past four years that MIT won the annual competition between the three engineering schools.

Colin Kerwin '82 and Paul Nevin '83 were the first two runners to cross the finish line, posting times of 20:35 and 20:33 respectively. Co-captains Jeff Lukas '82 and Bob Collins '82 traversed the five mile route in 26:21 and 26:25 respectively, earning fifth and sixth place finishes. Ed Hurley '84 rounded out the scoring for MIT, placing 11th.

The JV squad also defeated RPI, 36-48, and WPI, 30-65. Guriat Kenwood '83 paced the group of five MIT hurdlers who captured fourth through eighth places in under 17:30 apiece. Kenwood covered the three mile course in 17:15.

Looking forward to a successful season, the Engineers (5-0) face Coast Guard in their first home competition next Saturday.

Women's team in first meet ever

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MIT's newest varsity sport, the women's cross country team, fielded seven varsity and six JV runners in their debut performance this Saturday in the St. Anselm Invitational. The Engineers placed tenth in a field of eleven teams with 220 points.

Coach Chris Lane believes that more women at MIT might like to compete on the team, and he encourages them to try out for the team.

The aquad's next competition takes pace next Saturday at Franklin Park.

By Brian Scholl

Baseball — Wild pitching by the opposition and timing hitting by the Engineers combined for a 2-2 doubleheader victory over Cal Tech last Friday. MIT coach Fran O'Brien said that "they were a much better team than the score would indicate." Lowell was experimenting with new pitchers who loaded the bases with walks several times in the game. Rain forced the cancellation of the doubleheader against Brandeis last Saturday. The game was rescheduled as a single game on October 4. Thus, MIT's performance seems to indicate that next spring's team will be ready for the competition.

Soccer — What could be worse than losing to Harvard 3-0 at home in a steady rain? Having to come back three days later and face the defending national champion in Division III. That's what the MIT soccer team faced when they met Babson last Saturday at Babson. Without adequate preparation time, the Engineers were unable to keep up with the opposition and lost 8-0. The team is ready to put their losses behind them and look forward to the rest of the season.

Tennis — The men's team competed last weekend in the ECAC Division II Tournament at Rider College in Lawrence. The doubles team of Tom Ranschoof '84 and Will Slav '85 won in their first round, only to lose in the subsequent round. Other competitions for MIT included doubles team Ron Ribbenstein '84 and Chinwon Hahn and singles players John Chen '83 and George Hseh '83.

Meanwhile, the women's team earned their first victory for new coach Candy Royer by crushing Emmanuel College 8-1. The men's and women's teams combined on Sunday to compete at the Greater Boston Mixed Doubles Tournament at Harvard University. The team finished fifth out of seven teams.

Sailing — This past weekend was a busy one for the men's and women's sailing teams. The men competed in two major regattas, the Nevina Trophy at King's Points, and the Lane Trophy at Tufts. MIT finished eighth out of fourteen teams, scoring 325. Host team King's Points took the trophy with a score of 138. The squad then finished ninth out of fifteen in the Lane Trophy, which was won by Boston University.

The women sailors finished ninth out of eleven as hosts of the Manhatts trophy on the Charles River last Sunday.

Water Polo — Last Friday and Saturday, the water polo squad competed in the Fall Classic at Washington and Lee University. The Engineers dropped four out of five matches, defeating Johns Hopkins 13-7 in the semi-final, however, the tournament marked the first time that any sport team from MIT faced a team from Cal Tech. The Engineers lost this historic meeting by the score of 16-9.

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