Cross country 7th, Neves 14th in NE

By Rich Archas

Last Saturday, the MIT cross-country team placed seventh in the 1981 New England Championships at Franklin Park. Thirty-six schools sent representatives to the tournament, and 28 fielded complete teams.

Real News '81 poked Tech with a time of 24:25. Neves placed fourteenth overall and earned a spot on the All-New England team. Bob Wulmsley '84 completed the fivesecond team in 24:15, and co-captain Jeff Lukas '82 followed in 24:47. Wulmsley and Lukas placed 26 and 29 in the race, respectively. Colin Kerrin '82 and co-captain Bob Collins '82 were the fourth and fifth MIT runners to cross the finish line.

Coach Cliff West described the day as MIT's "best performance in recent history" at the New Englands. "A Division III school placing this high in a meet of this nature is quite an accomplishment," he added. Only one Division III squad, Colby, placed higher than MIT. In addition, the times which Neves, Wulmsley, and Lukas posted are the third, fourth, and fifth fastest in MIT history on the Franklin Park course.

The Engineers, 4-2 for the regular season, will race again this Saturday at Franklin Park. Saturday's race is the qualifying meet for the NCAA District II, Division III championships, to be held at Kinosha, Wisconsin, on the following Saturday. During the next two weeks, the 1981 team has an excellent opportunity to establish themselves as one of the best cross-country teams in MIT history.

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Water polo takes third

By Brian A. Schilz

Last weekend, the water polo team competed in the New England Championships with the hope of gaining a bid to the Atlantic Coast Championships. The top two teams in the New Englands receive a bid to the Atlantic Coast team. Unfortunately, MIT finished just out of the running in third place.

According to coach John Benedick, the team's goal was to defeat Harvard, which would have qualified the team for the Coastals. At the end of the first half, that goal seemed attainable, with the Engineers trailing 5-4. However, four of the MIT players smacked out, and the Crimson pulled away as a 15-8 victory. In other matches in the tournament, the team lost to Brown University 15-2, and edged out Yale University 14-13. The team hoped for a "back-door bid," since the Coastals are being held at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut. There was a possibility that not all of the teams that qualified would actually be there, thus creating an open spot for MIT, but this was not to be.

This ends the season for the team, who performed very well in what was "definitely a building year," according to Benedick. With only one starter, John Friedlander '83, and goalie Brett Hildebrand '84 returning from last year's squad, the prospects for a good season depended on improvement of the rest of the team. The team did an excellent job of pulling together, and were consistently ranked third in the New England coaches poll. With tremendous improvement from the entire team, especially Peter Kullish '83 and John Belzer '84, a spot in the Coastal Championships was almost achieved. Prospects for the team in '82 look good with plenty of experience gained in this season.

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