Bbball has tough week on road

By Eric R. Fleming

The road was not kind to the men's basketball team as it dropped four games in Florida and Massachusetts.

MIT participated in the High Tech Invitational on November 21 at the Florida Institute of Technology. The Engineers fell at the hands of tournament winner New Jersey Tech 109-69. After falling behind early, MIT could never get close to the game and was outscored 57-32 in the second half. The team is 2-0 and 0-1 in conference play.

Tuesday's consolation game pit MIT against Division II school Nichols Tech, which had lost to host FFT in overtime the previous night. MIT again fell behind at the outset, but managed to pull within three (25-22 at 9:54 of the first half). At this point, Nichols Tech took control of the game, leading 52-42 at the half-time lead and a 98-73 win.

Young rifle team improves

By Martin Dickau

MIT's rifle team competes in a league made up of seven schools during the winter season. The league is at a slight disadvantage because seven of the eight people on the team are freshmen, and only one of the seven, Cliff Eskey, has ever shot before.

The team has a 3-7 league record, its first two wins coming with the team on November 14 against UConn and Wentworth. Even so, MIT is presently in fifth place in the league, and Cliff Eskey is showing great promise. In a meet against Norwich on November 21, he swept the tournament with the highest individual score and the highest overall score and the highest score shooting from the standing position.

On December 5, MIT attended the USAFA Invitational Rifle Match. Eskey led the team with a score of 1120 out of a possible 1200 points. Other qualifiers were Greg Bulvacz '83, the team's only upperclassman, with a 1088; Bob Conley '85, who had a total score of 1073 and was the first freshman besides Eskey to break 500 out of 600; and Peter Ning '85, who scored 980. Other shooters at the match were Adrian Wang '85, Danny Orange '85, and Gary Dills '85.

Despite a last place finish at the tournament, coach Terry Perry was pleased. "The match went very well," he commented. "The team is learning how to shoot for the spring and should be a serious threat next year."

On December 12, MIT hosted the last match before the Christmas break. The shooters lost to Dartmouth and Maine, but managed to defeat UConn for the second time in a row. Once again Eskey had the highest score at the match; he now seems destined to capture the league scoring title.

The rifle team will not compete until five weeks in November. Taber Academy will pay a visit.

Adams called time-out with 14 seconds remaining. After working the ball for a few seconds, Bates, Fred Kirby took a shot from the corner which fell short. The rebound eventually came to guard Rich Taylor, who passed the ball up and in at the buzzer to give Bates the win.

Despite the loss, this was far MIT's best game of the trip and one of the best this season. Tech shot almost 30 percent from the floor, as opposed to a 40 percent clip this season, and outrebounded Bates. Coach Frank O'Brien termed the game "an example of what we can do."

At 2-8, MIT will be hard-pressed to come up with a .500 season, as teams such as Division I Harvard (last night's opponent), Amherst, Clark, and Connecticut College stand in the way. Games such as Saturday's, however, will make the quest for a third straight .500 season a worthwhile goal.

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