MIT track star Neves bumped from victory

By Eric R. Fleming

The start was bright, but the end was disappointing for MIT's Paul Neves at the NCAA indoor track championships Friday in Pontiac, Michigan.

Neves, a new England champion in the 1000-year run who finished sixth in the event at the NCAA's last year, came into this year's 1000 with the strategy of moving in front early, thus avoiding a fight through traffic at the end of the race. The Brockton native did just that, setting the pace with Virginia's Ray Brown holding on to second position. The pair ran this way until the end of the fourth lap, when Neves was tripped and tumbled to the track surface. When he recovered, it was too late to make up the lost ground. Villanova's John Hunter won the heat, the second of three to determine the eight finalists.

After the heat, Brown was disqualified for running into Neves, therefore causing the fall. In addition, MIT assistant track coach Christopher Lane appealed the result of the heat, saying that Neves was denied a "fair and equal opportunity" to compete. The appeal was denied by both the referee and the jury of appeals. The appeal was denied by both the referee and the jury of appeals and equal opportunity rule was maintained.

Both Neves and Lane were disappointed by Friday's events. Lane said Neves perfectly followed his strategy, and that he would certainly have finished first or second in his heat, thus guaranteeing him a spot in the finals. Neves stated he felt fine physically up to the time of the fall, and that he could have kept up the pace, which was approximately 55 seconds at the quarter-mile. Lane, in explaining why he appealed, noted that Brown had not attempted to go around Neves (which if contact had been made, would have been legal), but ran up directly behind him.

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