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MIT's "Faces in the Crowd"

As stated in previous columns, sports at MIT are not for "losers." Behind many teams overall victories are individuals who stand out and make important contributions to their teams. Many of these athletes have had their performances documented in the pages of The Tech, but others haven't. Here are a few "faces in the crowd" for this winter:

Basketball — In addition to Mark Brand's fine year (by the way, Branch was featured in Monday's New York Times sports section), guard Mike Weiss finished his Tech career in outstanding fashion. Weiss, stepping in when Steve Williams was injured, averaged 8.3 points a game and provided leadership on and off the court.

Fencing — The class of '83 gives Eric Sollie three reasons to smile, in the form of Yu-Pei Chong, Oscar Estell and Eric DeBuss. Chong became the first Tech junior to qualify for the National AIAW fencing championships, which will be held April 2-3. DeBuss and Estell won second and third place honors in foil at the intercollegiate Fencing Associates championships, helping MIT to win the Iron Man Trophy.

Gymnastics — Here, a story of brother-in-brother plus one. Mark and Barry McQuaid along with Jiro Makauchi '83 led MIT to an 8-2 mark in 8-2, its best performance in a decade.

Hockey — Tom Mickelke gets all kinds of MIT scoring records, but he was not alone. Also contributing to the 12-4 season, including eight wins in a row were Dale Malone, Paul (Damage) D'Amico, Harvey Stenger, and a host of others.

Pistol and Rifle — Again, it's the junior class showing its stuff. CHF Eley and Duncan Hughes have been models of consistency throughout the season, helping the Tech shooters to stay among the best in the nation.

Swimming — "A case of the record breaking the true talent. The men feature Andy Rymes, who twice set records in the butterfly, Bob Schoenstein, a national-class performer in the breaststroke, and John Schmitz, tough in the individual medley. On the women's side, "Double K" is the word. Karen Kinczewicz ended her four years at MIT by earning All-American honors in five events at last weekend's AIAW championships. Kinczewicz leaves as one of the top female athletes in MIT history.

Track — Would take a week to list all those responsible for giving the Engineers a 10-0 week and their second straight New England Division III championships. Another junior (what a class!), Martin Taylor, is one athlete who deserves notice. Taylor set Tech records in the long jump and triple jump, and took first, second and third in the triple, high, and long jumps respectively in the New England Division III meet. He was also named the team's Most Valuable Performer.

Wrestling — Ken Shull again led a resurgent MIT team to a fine season. Shull, a sophomore, lost only three times in a year. Shull, a sophomore, lost only one match this year, and won the New England Collegiates Conference title at 134 pounds. Shull has lost just three times in two years at MIT.

There are many others who could be mentioned here, not for outstanding numbers, but for spirit, loyalty, and dedication to their sports. These individuals, as well as the "stars," make MIT athletics something special.

IM Indoor Track to BSU

The IM indoor track was held last week in the Athletic Center. The following is a summary of the winners in each event.

Men

Shot Put: Pat (Pikka), 46.4; Long Jump: Walker (PTK), 30.5; High Jump: Curcambor (PDT), 6-0; 3000 meters: Bear (BSU), 10:00.8; 5000 meters: Hendon (Ind), 15:30.5; Mile: Jayaraman (PDT), 4:50.7; 400 meters: Pittas (Ind), 54.0; 880 meter dash: Allen (BSU), 2:08.0; 1500 meters: Nahum (BSU), 4:03.9; 2000 meter relay: BSU, 1:39.4; 4400 meter relay: BSU, 4:00.9

Women

Shot Put: Muni (Pikka), 36-3; Long Jump: Farmer (BSU), 5-7; High Jump: Donohue (McCormick), 4-3; 800 meters: Sutton (McCormick), 2:04.8; Mile: Sutton (McCormick), 5:49.8; 400 meters: Ericsson (BSU), 48.6; 880 meter dash: Washington (BSU), 2:15.9; 1500 meter: Muri (Pikka), 5:35; 55-meter hurdles: Muri (Pikka), 9.1; 800 meter relay: BSU, 2:05.8

IM Weightlifting Results

Weight Class 

Winner 

0-132 
Larry Rosen 
135-142 
Sang Hoob Jun 
143-154 
John Zaywobzki 
155-168 
Ed Kutin 
169-180 
Kevin Mayer 
181-202 
Bill Kelly

Heavyweight 
Steve Kosowski

Team Scores — Men

BSU 37
Pikka 28
McKernick 24
Baker 12
WILG 5

Team Scores — Women

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Pikka 34
McKernick 28
Baker 12
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