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Mornings and intramural sports

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It seemed that my head had just touched the pillow, when the knocking penetrated my sleep-shrouded mind. The sound was joined by a familiar voice. "Let's go! Soccer in five minutes!" Our illustrious captain was shouting. My eyes opened. I was confronted with total darkness. I raised my voice in a hoarse rasp, acknowledging the call.

As the fog cleared from my brain, I realized that my room was not as dark as I had supposed. Opening the blinds, I was greeted by sunlight reflecting off the windows across the courtyard. Surprised, I picked up the alarm clock and tried to make some sense of the numbers displayed. Five minutes to eight on a Sunday morning! Why would anyone want to get out of bed that early to play some silly game? Swearing under my breath, I donned clothes and left. In the hall I found my neighbors, bleary-eyed, but ready to go. Together we scrambled down the stairs and shuffled out the front door.

We trudged onto Briggs Field and were greeted by a breathing sigh. There was not a soul to be seen anywhere. Even that early in the morning gulls do not look like a soccer team. Our captain began to worry when cries of "River!" started being bandied about. If we had gotten out of bed for no reason, someone would pay dearly! Our captain was saved when an equally bleary-eyed crew emerged from a nearby dorm.

It seemed that my head had been closing in on itself. The sound was lost. As the figures drew nearer, we noticed that one carried a clipboard. These two people looked official enough to be referees. At last we could start.

Our captain met the two men and spoke with them for a few minutes. He returned to inform us that he had just spoken to the field supervisor, who was only checking to make sure that we had enough people to play a game. We were assured that a referee would be along any minute.

Twenty minutes later, the two teams mutually agreed to start the game without officials. The goals were to call offsides, a bystander would keep a running time, and the rest of the players would call the really obvious fouls. After forty minutes of good, fast-moving play, resulting in a 1-1 tie, the two teams cheered each other and headed off the field under the gaze of the two teams waiting to play. With them stood their referee.

I stumbled up the stairs and flopped down onto my bed. In a moment of silent meditation, I reflected that anyone getting up so early on a weekend to play soccer for an hour must be crazy. I suppose anyone getting up that early on a weekend to play soccer for an hour must be crazy. We trudged onto Briggs Field with a time of 19:51.

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New England Collegiate Football Conference Team Standings

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Last Week's Results

Assumption 15, Providence 15
MIT 14, Fitchburg State 7
Stonehill 21, Harvard 14
Worcester State 47, Roger Williams 6

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Men's Sailing - Peter Quigley '84 qualified for the Single-Handed Championships later this fall by winning his heat in the elimination rounds that were held at MIT and Harvard last Saturday. Last weekend the team itself finished second of ten in both the URI and MIT Invitational and fourth in the Tufts Team Race Invitational.

Women's Cross Country - The women's cross country team defeated Coast Guard 37-20 last Saturday. Sarah de Leon '85 led the MIT with a time of 19:51.

Gulf - The golf team finished its first unbeaten season (6-0), edging out Assumption by three strokes on Friday and Bowdoin by four strokes on Saturday.

Baseball - The baseball team defeated Division I Northeastern 8-2 and Tuesday defeated Suffolk 5-3.

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