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MIT's highly-regarded golf team completed its first unbeaten season ever with a 6-0 record this fall.

The Engineers, under coach Jack Barry, defeated Division I rivals Boston College and Northeastern, Assumption, Bentley, Bowdoin, and Merrimack. The distribution of ability among players one through seven was the major reason the squad compiled its finest fall season ever.

The team's quality of play, however, declined during postseason competition. The Engineers posted an adequate showing in the New England tournament, finishing 19th in a field of 44. MIT placed ahead of such Division I schools as Providence, Fairfield and Northeastern. Chris Furlong '83 (79 -- 83 -- 162) and team captain Pat Fowler '83 (88 -- 77 -- 165) led the squad of linksmen.

MIT fell further in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament last week. The Engineers posted 14th in a field of 19, eliminating them from further post-season competition.

Because of the post-season decline, two goals have been set up for the spring half of the 1982-83 season. The team will try to achieve its tenth consecutive winning season and will try to improve its quality of play in tournaments.

Although the play in the two tournaments was not in keeping with the beginning of the season, the undefeated match record was the result of a great deal of work by all of the players. Furlong, Foy, Morris Kesler '83, Ed Colgate '83, and Brent Foy '85 all made solid contributions to the team's effort. Other strong contributors were Rich Stens '84, Rob Irion '83, and promising freshman Alex Romeo.

The bulk of the team's schedule remains to be played in the spring, and if the golfers are to attain their goals, the promise they have shown this fall will have to manifest itself more fully.