Wrestling takes to mats

By Robert E. Malchman

Coming off a strong 14-5 year, the varsity wrestling team opens its season tomorrow against Plymouth State. Despite retaining 11 lettermen out of 24 wrestlers, third-year coach Tim Walsh is not overly optimistic about the team's future. "We've had a couple of off-season injuries," he said. "Our 144-pounder has asthma. He's been so sick he hasn't been able to practice. Our 135-pounder, however, injured his leg playing IM football and won't be back until January. Our 177-pounder also injured himself playing IM football, separating his shoulder."

Adding to the team's woes, the Engineers lost to graduation Tom Fawcett '82, who placed fourth in the New England Division III championships last year, and their freshman 118-pounder transferred to a Japanese university three weeks into the term.

The outlook is not wholly bleak, however. Among the returning lettermen is co-captain and New England Division II 142-pound champion Ken Schull '84. Schull has not lost a dual meet in his two years at the Institute.

Walsh also looks to strong performances from freshmen Tim Skelton '85 at 126 pounds, a "good, proven wrestler," according to the coach; Steve Beda '85 at 150 pounds, who is "coming off a really good season of 18-5-1"; Frank Montenegro '85 at 158 pounds, who finished third in the New Englands last year; and co-captain Sven Leibiger '83 at 177 pounds, who placed sixth in that tournament.

"We're hoping some of our new people are good, too," Walsh said. The freshmen to watch are Steve Fernandez at 118 pounds, Jim Maisonnay at 150, Jim Rolle at 190, and Big Dave Bailey, the team's lone heavyweight. Up ahead is coming out for the first time are 158-pounder Tom Tiller '83 and 167-pounder Bud Maston '84.

Walsh looks ahead to the New England championships in February, saying the team's goal this year is to finish higher than last season's seventh place. "That's the most important part of the season," he said. "All of the dual meets and tournaments prior to that are just build-ups to the New England championships."

Tomorrow's opener against Plymouth State gives the team the chance to start the season by breaking two-year dual meet jinx against the south-state rivals. "We haven't beaten them in a dual meet while I've been here," Walsh said. "Although we did beat them at their own Northern New England Tournament last year, the season begins at noon, tomorrow, and MIT wrestles at home for the first time this week."

Men's Cross Country coach Chris Lane and team captain Paul Neves '83.

Sports update

Men's Rugby — The rugby football club’s "A" team handed Worcester State 7-6 Saturday, while, in the battle of the "B" squads, Worcester State edged MIT 7-6.

Women's Cross Country — Sloggin' through snow, slush and mud, the women's cross country team finished twelfth in the New England Division III regionals at Franklin Park Saturday. Sarah Cohen, 7th, and Danielle Zajac, 8th, paced the Engineers with a time of 20:35 to come in thirty-ninth overall.

Football — Defensive back Doug Ganghoe '83 was named to the New England Collegiate Conference's all-star first team. Scott Besch '85, John Fintion '84, and Jon Bradsiek '84 were all named to the second team.

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