Sports

Finishing the race

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"I've just shot away his arm. As he started down the stretch, he quickened his stride into a sprint. To him, that last fifty-five meters seemed like fifty-five miles as the finish line vanished into infinity.

As he approached the end of the race, his competitor overtook the lead and beat him to the finish. In his mind's eye, he watched himself pick up the starting pistol lying on the ground near the finish line, shoot, and kill his Competitor. The lifeless form collapsed onto the ground like a deflated doll, and the crowd cheered excitedly. But the silence was deafening as the cheering suddenly stopped. He saw in his horror that the Competitor was slowly rising to its feet, still wearing that impossible-wide grin. In his last fading thoughts, he imagined that he had cheated and won, but, as in countless races before this, Death had triumphed again.

Weekend Preview

Once again the weekend is full of opportunities for you to go out and support your favorite (or least detested) team. Here are the highlights:

Today there is absolutely nothing scheduled here at MIT. Why not pay a visit to the home of the Crimson?

Tomorrow, on the other hand, will be rather busy.

At 2pm you will have to make a choice. You racquet buffs may take a swat at Columbia. Those of you who are stuck on loop can see the improved (5-3 last month after an 0-6 start) men's basketball team try to dunk Amherst. The rest of you can catch the hockey team checking in against WPI -- the "other" Engineers.

Finally, in the evening, the powers that be have graciously scheduled nothing in order to give everyone time to go out and celebrate the day's victories.

Sunday is given as a day of rest from Saturday's activities. Any diehard sports fans or anyone who didn't go out celebrating the night before can witness the women's fencing squad as they carve up Brandes and Farleigh-Dickinson at 11am.

Monday you can see more exciting action as squash returns to the courts against Harvard at 4pm. At 7pm, men's basketball returns to a different kind of court to take on Gordon.

So, get out there. Some of these teams would appreciate having more home fans show up than visiting fans.

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