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Sports

Rally falls short for men's basketball

By Eric R. Fleming

Monday night, an era in the history of MIT basketball ended, as seniors Mark Branch and Robert Joseph played their final game in a Tech uniform. Unfortunately, the Engineers lost to Brandeis 88-84, but the team's spirited comeback from a 19-point deficit yielded five minutes. He ends his four career high), 14 in those furious rally which saw the deficit cut to the game with ' 13 seconds left, he an air ball.

Jim Hicks earned his journeyman card, going oh-for-four, including free throws; junior forward going outdistancing the closest competitor by almost four feet. Joe Prent ' 84 left his usual 5.72 race. John Taylor ran a 7:57.94 race to john hradansky '83, Andrew F. Peddie '86, and manager Erik Altman '83 ran a 7:57.94 race to third place, both left out in the cold with 58 points.

The weakening of MIT's dominance over the New England Division III track & field community can be directly attributed to the loss of several key performers. Middle-distance runners such as Paul Neves '83 and Bob Walrath '84 did not participate this season due to various personal reasons. Dave McMullen '83, another fine middle-distance runner, also stepped away from the last meet against Tufts, again due to personal reasons.

The loss of these performers was sorely felt throughout the season in both the middle distance events and the track relays.

Finally, the weakness of the Engineers showed itself last weekend among a large field of competitors, culminating in the loss of the indoor crews held for two years by MIT.

In spite of such gloom, there were still many bright spots that highlighted the championship meet. Outstanding personal performances included the first place win by Pat 'Big Man' Parris '83 in the 35-lb weight throw. He hurled the weight for 57.8", easily outdistancing the closest competitor by almost four feet. Joe Prent ' 84 left his usual 5.72 race.

Chris Kurker '84, who was originally slated to run the anchor leg of the two-mile relay, hurt and replaced at the very last moment by Altman, who had to borrow a uniform and a pair of spikes. Mr. Altman came through in flying colors, setting a personal-best time of 2:01.0 over the last half mile.

Other fine showings in the meet included Hradansky's and Kovach's performances in the 800. They took fourth and fifth place respectively.

Thus, the MIT Engineers closed out their indoor season with a 33-37 loss to the championship meet, and relinquishing the much-envisioned indoor title.

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Track gives up New England NCAA Div. III indoor title

By Arthur Lee

The 1983 New England Division III Indoor Track & Field Championships were held last weekend at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut. As expected, Tufts University came out as the strongest team in a field of seventeen, wresting the title away from MIT, the two-time defending champions.

Tufts garnered a grand total of 83 points, beating out Bates College's 43-1/3. MIT and Williams College tied for third place, both left out in the cold with 58 points.

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