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Rifle blasts its way to 30-0 year, takes first in league

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The rifle team capped off its outstanding 30-0 season with a first-place finish in the league finals on Friday and Sunday, and with two new MIT rifle records in the sectionals held on Saturday.

Cliff Eskey '85 shot a 557 out of a possible 600, captain Greg Bulivac '83 and Pam Sullivan '86 tied at 555 apiece, and Robert Cooley '85 fired a career-high 548 to give MIT its winning 2225 (out of a possible 2400). Other Tech shooters participating in the match were Felix Goldenberg '83, Dan Kulp '86, Robert Engels '85, and Gary Drift '83.

Dartmouth ended its year at 24-6, finishing in second place in 2167. Norwich (15-15) was third with 2135. Coast Guard (14-16) checked into fourth with 2119. Maine (6-24) took fifth at 2100. And Wentworth (0-30), well off the pace, brought up the rear with a miserable 1994.

Saturday's sectionals saw the team of Eskey, Bulivac, Sullivan, and Cooley again combine their efforts, setting a new range record of 4430 points out of a possible 4800. Eskey again led the way, firing an 1155 — another range record. Bulivac followed with a 1110, and Sullivan was right behind him at 1104. Cooley rounded out the score with a 1081.

Despite an undefeated finish, the marksmen are now awaited on whether or not they will be among the eight teams invited by the NCAA to the nationals at Xavier in Cincinnati March 18 and 19. Invitations to the tournament are issued according to rankings based on qualifying totals sent in from one of the season's matches.

MIT Riflemen Cliff Eskey '85, Greg Bulivac '83, and Robert Cooley '85 fire away. To go to Ohio, their prospects look very good. Captain Bulivac will be the only person leaving, and there are quite a few people ready to fill the void.

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