Sports

Men's lacrosse scores drop season opener 9-5

By Mark Brine

The men's lacrosse team gave up five unanswered goals in the first quarter to lose its season opener at Tufts 9-5 Wednesday afternoon. MIT dominated most of the first three periods, but in the last, Tufts took full advantage of sloppy defense and two penalties to jump to a lead that was never challenged.

MIT started the day badly, forgetting to bring balls to the pre-game warm-up. Even so, the first quarter was clearly the Engineers', but only one goal was scored — the first of two by Earl Bartley '83 on extra man (the lacrosse equivalent of hockey's power play).

Greg Czuba '83, standing in the crease, received a brilliant pass from Mike Ambrogi '85 (two assists) and easily scored to put the crease, received a brillant pass from Mike Ambrogi '85 (two assists) and easily scored to put MIT ahead 2-0 early in the second period. Tufts quickly cut the lead to one as an attackman put a well-placed shot past tri-captain Bill Larkin '84. Larkin, who has been known to stop every shot, did not play to his potential but still made 19 saves, a very good day for many goalies.

Ted Germont '86 extended the lead with his first goal as a Beaver. He deftly quick-sticked a pass from tri-captain Mark Johnston (two assists) past the goalie. The visitors split the end of the second period chasing Tufts, who dominated possession by picking up 17 ground balls to MIT's six. Ground balls dictate lacrosse games much as rebounds do in basketball. The edge allowed the Jumbos to score twice on fast breaks, making the score at the half, 3-3.

MIT foiled everyone by dominating the third period. After Bartley's second goal, tri-captain Harry Lipschitz '85 took a pass on the fast break, rolled by a defenseman, and shot the ball between the goalie's legs. Down by two, Tufts was in trouble. MIT continued to control possession, but the offense did not take advantage of its scoring opportunities.

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Softball — Cindy Robinson '83 struck out eight, walked none, and allowed only one hit, and Lou Jandura went 4-4 at the plate, as the softball team opened its spring season with an 8-0 whitewash of the University of Connecticut. MIT started the day badly, for Tufts dominated possession by picking up 17 ground balls to MIT's six. Ground balls dictate lacrosse games much as rebounds do in basketball. The edge allowed the Jumbos to score twice on fast breaks, making the score at the half, 3-3.

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