Softball splits twin bill 1-10, 4-1

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Two entirely different games were played at the softball field last Saturday, as MIT and Brandeis squared off for a twin bill. In the first game, the Judges could do no wrong, and the Engineers could do no right, as Brandeis pounded Tech 10-1. Thirty minutes later, the roles were reversed, with MIT posting a 4-0 shutout.

The first game was a nightmare for the women from Cambridge. Even the warm winds blowing across Briggs Field could do nothing to thaw the ice-cold bats the team carried. Stacy Thompson's run in the sixth inning broke a string of 13 consecutive scoreless frames for MIT, which managed just four hits in the game. As with all slumps, a number of sparkling defensive plays aggravated the misery — the best being a diving catch by Brandeis centerfielder Joan Matsumoto in the seventh inning.

MIT's defense, meanwhile, had all kinds of problems. Six errors, including five in Brandeis' five-run seventh, muddled up field balls, throwing to the wrong base — it all happened in the first game. The Engineers were given the chance to redeem themselves for that forgettable showing. They did, jumping on Brandeis for three runs in the first inning of the second game. The tallies were scored without benefit of a hit, as the second game, performing flawlessly in the field. Cindy Robin-son '94, who had trouble with the Brandeis hitters in the first game, tore down and checked the visitors on four hits. She also managed to pitch her way out of several jams. Robinson was much more effective due to her change-up, which coach Jean Heiney instructed her to throw in game two. A number of Brandeis hitters were way out in front of the pitches, and could only pop up on weak grounders.

MIT plays Harvard tomorrow on Briggs Field at 3:30pm.

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