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Football club opens at home tomorrow

By Martin Dickn

The football club will feature many new faces — 14 of its 36 players are freshmen — as it takes to the field tomorrow afternoon in the team’s home opener against the Stonehill Chieftains. The game will be a rematch of last year’s contest, where Stonehill edged MIT 14-10.

Dave Broacker G will take over the reins as the Engineers’ starting quarterback, and Frank Griffith ’87, also a split end, will be the back-up. Head coach Dwight Smith believes that the new quarterbacks will help the team’s throwing game. “Both [Broacker and Griffith] pass well,” he commented, adding that, overall, he expects the offense to be “improved” over last year.

Smith will have five running backs to use in his running game, and while his men may not have a size advantage, they will show some speed on the ground. In all, the Engineers hope to put together and maintain a well-balanced attack. Last weekend’s game in which MIT had three 70-yard scoring drives leads the coach to believe that they will succeed.

“I don’t know how we are going to do until we are out there,” said Smith, admitted, “With so many new people it’s like having a whole new team.”

The secondary will feature all new players. “They’re untested,” the coach said, “but with pretty good possibilities.”

Smith’s main worry is lack of depth, especially along the offensive and defensive lines. “The defense is going to be strong with everybody healthy. We just don’t have substitutes for the linemen.”

An added worry is the addition of UMass-Boston to the league, which means the Engineers will play nine games this fall instead of the usual eight.

Only one man, halfback Dave Polk ’84 (practiced ankle), will miss the opener, however, so the contest should be a close one. The kick-off is scheduled for tomorrow at 1:30pm, but in the event of rain, the game will be postponed until Sunday afternoon.

The MIT Engineers will face the other Engineers from Worcester Tuesday afternoon in Steinbrenner Stadium.

weekend preview

The start of another school year brings with it the start of another athletic season. Here are this weekend’s home events for anyone inclined to take some time out and go watch:

Saturday — The water polo team will launch its season at 8am in the Alumni Pool, where the squad will host its annual MIT Open Tournament. The women’s sailing team will be on the water at 9:30am for the first day of the Man-Labs Trophy competition. Later in the day, both the men’s and women’s cross country teams will take on RPI and WPI in the Engineer’s Cup. That event starts at 1pm. At 3:30pm, the football club will meet Stonehill in Steinbrenner Stadium for the Engineers’ home opener.

Sunday — The women’s sailing team will once again be out on the Charles at 9:30am for the second and final day of the Man-Labs Trophy.

Monday — The field hockey team will open its home season at 4pm when it takes a run at Pire Manor. The game will be played in Steinbrenner Stadium.

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