Volleyball spikes Division I Eagles, 3-0

By Victor J. Dinik

The women's volleyball team sent visiting Boston College back to Chestnut Hill in defeat Wednesday night, sweeping the NCAA Division I Eagles 3-0. The Engineers raised their record to 9-6.

The Engineers, coming off their victory in the Salem State Invitational Tournament last weekend, jumped to a quick 6-2 lead, with Lori Cantu '85 showing a strong net game against the wall created by the Boston College front line. The Eagles matched MIT's next four points, bringing the score to 10-6. Janette Kauth '85 then brought the game home, serving five straight points with the help of some booming spikes by Anella Munro '85, and the Engineers won, 15-4.

MIT dominated game one, holding its opponents to just three points. While the taller Boston College front line managed to stop many of the Engineers' spikes, many penetrated, leaving the Eagles' back line to handle the rocket shots of Munro and tri-captain Barbara Westlund '84.

With the score at a commanding 9-3, Akiko Kodaka '83 came on to serve six straight points, one an ace, to win the game 15-3. The third game of the best-of-five match started off slowly with the Eagles handling strong hits by Westlund and Cantu. Boston College then jumped out to a 7-2 lead, prompting MIT head coach Karen Altman '78 to call a timeout.

Altman attributed the slow start to "a combination of lost concentration and the anticipation of finishing the match." The Engineers' "game was a little out of focus, and the girls were a little tense," she continued. The results were lost serves, sets too close to the net, and blocks by the menacing Boston College trio of Cathy Dougherty, Michelle Hanson, and Cathy Rieder.

Altman said she told her team to "calm down and go back to the basic plan: concentrating on making authority. In the air, and on the ground, you have management responsibility from the beginning. And your responsibility grows as you gain experience.

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