Two teams take weekend tournaments

Volleyball snare sixth MAIAW Class A crown

By Victor J. Diniaik

The women's volleyball team added the Massachusetts Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (MAIAW) Class A championship to its list of achievements, with 30 sweeps of Wellesley, Eastern Nazarene College, the University of Lowell, and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst Saturday, raising the Engineers' record to 36-0 on the season. Saturday's victory in Rockwell Cage marks the sixth time MIT has held the MAIAW Class A title in the past nine years.

MIT put down the fired up Wellesley squad 15-2, 15-4 in the 9 a.m. match. The first game started off slow for both teams. Lori Curity '85, however, stepped up to the serving line at 4-3 and, with help at the net from Amy Smith '84, Janette Kauth '85, and Anna Munro '85, broke the game open, traveling up ten points on hard, low serves. Michelle Heng '84 served the final point with Wellesley hitting the net on the return.

MIT controlled the second game, never falling behind the younger, smaller Wellesley team. The serving of Munro, Kauth, and Jennifer Smith '86, and the strong net performances of Kauth, Julie Koster '85, and Rachel Chin '87 quickly brought the best-of-three match home, 3-0.

The MIT defeated Eastern Nazarene College in the second match, sweeping the Lady Crusaders 15-9, 15-3. The Engineers got off to a shaky start, their opponents finding many defensive holes. Her team behind 3-1, Munro turned the game around, serving six straight points. Jennifer Smith, Kauth, and Barbara Winstead '84 served the final six, while the Engineer defense led at the net by Cantu, Amy Smith, and Koster allowed only one point from Eastern Nazarene.

The wind taken out of the Lady Crusaders' sails, MIT put its opponent away in the style that has placed the Engineers number four in the nation in the CAAC Division III coaches poll. Kauth, Jennifer Smith, and Winstead served well, while Koster, Cantu, Munro, and Amy Smith fired powerful spikes off of Heng's sets. The Engineers again took the match 2-0.

The University of Lowell proved to be no contest for MIT, the Engineers downing the Cardinals 15-6, 15-0. Game one started off slow, characteristic of MIT's style. Finding themselves behind 3-5, the Engineers responded with a total team effort that stopped Lowell cold. Winstead and Heng led the serving with six and four points, respectively, while Munro, Koster, Cantu, and Amy Smith contributed at the net.

The second game was an MIT volleyball clinic with Munro the main instructor, serving for eight points before being pushed out of the game. Akiko Kodaka '85 came in for Munro, serving for four more points, while Heng added three. The MIT defense, meanwhile, did not allow a single Lowell point, holding the Chiefs to just two serving attempts in the 15-0 romancing.

MIT defeated the University of Massachusetts Amherst Minutewomen in the deciding contest, 15-6. The contest began with an exchange of serves, blocks, and spikes. Munro managed to gain a 6-0 lead, prompting MIT to take a time out. Jennifer Smith came out of the break to serve six points, tying the score. Heng then received help from the entire team, as she served nine well earned points.

Game two saw the Engineers systematically dismantle the Minutewoman defense. The Engineers scored eleven points on the serving of Jennifer Smith and Cantu and net performances of Koster, Cantu, and Amy Smith. With the score 15-1, Kauth came in to serve the last four with the help of some well placed tips by Koster.

A pleased Engineer head coach Karyn Altman '78 attributed the team's success to "tough serving, passing, and blocking, as well as [Please turn to page 15].

Rugby wins in a 4-3 mudbath

By George Walbord

Saturday marked the first time the MIT rugby football club won its own annual tournament. The victory did not come easily, however, as the Beavers had to battle both the elements and some snappy competition.

An MIT club of a mix of A- and B-side players took on Framingham State in the first game of the day. Though MIT dominated the play, the rainy conditions combined with the determined play of Framingham to make the game sloppy. MIT managed only one try in its 6-0 victory.

MIT's strategy going into the tournament was to see the footing in the preliminary games, utilizing everyone in the (Please turn to page 15).

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