Track loses championship heartbreaker 89-88

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LEWISTON, MAINE — The MIT men's outdoor track team suffered another heartbreaking loss, 89-88 to Brandeis University at the New England Division III Outdoor Track Championships last Saturday at Bowdoin College. The Engineers finished second overall out of 20 teams.

As with the indoor championships, when MIT lost to the Brandeis Judges by two points, the meet was decided in the final relays. "Brandeis just happened to get more of the lucky breaks this time," head track coach Gordon Kelly said. MIT finished the season with a perfect 13-0 record in league. The Engineers finished second overall in both the outdoor track and cross-country in England Division III "triple-crown" titles in cross-country (in which they are the national Division III champions), indoor, and outdoor track.

On Thursday and Friday, Ross Dwyer '86 and Ed Manis '85 turned in steady performances in the greeting decimals with fourth and fifth place finishes of 50.01 and 45.06 points.

The remaining events were held Saturday. The most significant factor in MIT's loss was the low scoring from the field team, which had anticipated a poor performance against tough competition.

Pat Parris '85 and Greg Proco '81, both of whom have already qualified for the National Division III Championships, were the prime performers in the hammer throw as they captured second and fifth place with throws of 178' 7" and 161' 11". Parris also took third place in the discus throw with 145' 1", edging the throw of the sixth-place finisher by only eight inches. The Engineers were completely shut out in the other seven field events.

The Engineers turned much better in the ranking events as they raced nip-and-tuck with the Judges. Bill Bruno '85 had an extraordinary race in a tough 10,000-meter run as he led the pack most of the way only to be outkicked in the final mile. Bruno finished second with 31:25.87.

The 400-meter relay team of Ed Arenberg '85, John DeRubeis G. '86, David Richards '86 and John Taylor '84 also turned in a good effort, finishing second with 45.49 seconds.

The sprinters also scored some crucial points for the Engineers. Co-captain Joe Presing '84 took second place in the 110-meter high hurdles with 15.07. Presing lost to WPI's Dan Proun, who had set a meet record of 14.88 seconds. Bruno continued to have a good day, capturing fifth place in both the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes in 11.28 (a personal record) and 22.34 seconds respectively. DeRubeis followed in fifth place in the 200-meter in 21.16 seconds.

Gordon Holtemann '71, co-receiver of MIT's Freshman Athlete of the Year award, turned in some tough clutch finishes in the 1000-meter and 800-meter runs. Holtemann steered with the leader for most of the 1000-meter race but faltered in the end to finish third with a strong 3:08.85. He returned 45 minutes later to take fourth in a very tight 800-meter run with 1:56.40.

MIT's hope of victory was unexpectedly revived by the Judges' poor showing in the 800-meter run coupled with MIT's powerful finishes in the 400-meter intermediates. Co-captain Taylor snared the Engineers' individual first place finish in the hurdles with 54.71 seconds, closely followed by Presing and DeRubeis in third with 55.32 seconds and Presing in sixth with 57.11.

This, coupled with Brandeis' 12-point performance in the 5000-meter run (first and fifth), put the Engineers within striking distance as they trailed by only seven points.

The stage was set for the final showdown in the mile relay, with MIT the favorite to win. All MIT needed was to finish four places ahead of Brandeis, and the outdoor title would once again belong to the Engineers. MIT's relay team of Smith, Andrew Peddie '86, Dan Lin '86 and Taylor won in 3:24.21. This meant Brandeis had to finish fifth or lower in order for MIT to win.

Unfortunately, the Judges needed one more place finish to win the team title by one point.

Although the meet concluded the season for most of the team, some of the top individual performers and relays will compete next weekend at the All New England Championships at Dartmouth and after the end of the term at the National Division III Championships at Northfield, Minnesota.  

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