Women's softball team wins regional championship series

By Terry Feils

The MIT softball team defeated Smith College and Regis College by scores of 3-2 and 14-1 to win the state championship at Smith last weekend.

Competing in the Massechusetts Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women tournament were Brandeis University, Regis, Smith and MIT.

MIT, the first seed, played fourth seeded Smith in the first round of the single-elimination tournament. MIT scored first in the third inning. Stacy Thompson '86 led off with a walk and advanced to second on a single off the bat of Julie Chalm '86. Two batters later, Liz Anderson '84 roped second to them both.

The opposition scored first in the fourth inning on MIT pitcher Cindy Robinson '84. The first two Smith batters reached first base alter being hit by pitches, but the first runner was shown out at the plate when the batter stepped down the first base line. Smith, however, soon scored its first run, making the score 2-1. A single and a triple tied the game in the top of the fifth inning. In the bottom of the seventh, Thompson again walked and Liz Anderson '84 drove her home.

MIT then faced Regis for the championship. MIT had already beaten Regis twice this year, by scores of 3-2 and 14-1.

MIT scored the only run of the game in the third inning. Thompson walked and then went for third on Chen's sacrifice bunt. Thompson scored on an overthrow ball on the play. Robinson, backed up by good defense, pitched a strong second game, striking out five and walking none. Christy Bellinger '84 also gave a noteworthy performance, playing her first games at first base.

Editor's note: Terry Feils '84 is a co-captain of the softball team.

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