Volleyball spikes ECSU

By Victor J. Dickie

MIT defeated the Warriors of Eastern Connecticut State University (ECSU) Saturday afternoon in the first round of the 1984 NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball Championships. The Engineers' 3-0 victory advances them to the quarterfinals, where they will face the second-seeded team.

MIT put ECSU in the first game of the best-of-five match, winning 25-19. The Engineers were ahead only once, a two-point lead at 11-9. All-American Lori Canti '85 put the Engineers on the scoreboard, serving for two points, with co-captain Anella Munro '85 and Jennifer Smith '86 providing support at the net. ECSU answered with three points of its own, including two straight aces, but MIT came back with a vengeance, taking the game 25-19.

In the second game, ECSU put in what was to be the key to the Engineers' success. Peter Gasparini '88 split the run on for a 27-yard field goal, giving MIT a 3-0 lead. The teams traded points over the next two sets, but then Chin served for four with ECSU still down 10-7. The Engineers continued to capitalize on opportunities, and ECSU put in two more before Chin served for the final five. ECSU put in what was to be its last point of the season before Chin served for the final five.

Alman, who was pleased with her team's "defense against ECSU's unconvincing offensive attack," added, "Our defense scrambled well, picking up a lot of random balls," she said. "We made some good saves, showing that we are not engaging the court." Alman attributes the MIT victory to strong hitting and key digs at the net when the Engineers needed them.

The MIT women's volleyball team spiked its way to victory over the Warriors of Eastern Connecticut State University during the first round of the 1984 NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball Championships.

Football falls to Carthage

By Marlin Dickau

On Sunday afternoon, the Carthage Stags defeated MIT 23-16, giving MIT its first loss of the season and its first in MIT history. The game was played in DuPont Gymnasium in the first round of the NCAA Division III football playoffs.

The game took place on the 56th birthday of the team's head coach, Kevin Altman '76, who had the best wrestling record of the Stags. The Engineers were leading 16-9 at halftime, but Carthage came back to take the lead in the second half.

Despite rumors that the course would be very hilly, the Engineers found the course was very similar to Boston's Franklin Park — the team's home course — when they took their pre-season preview. Although Coach Taylor described Saturday's race conditions as "40 degrees and no wind," Eugene Tung '85 reported from the course that it was "windy and colder than Boston." Both Taylor and his team agreed, however, that MIT had a "pretty good race."

Bill Bruno '84 maintained a steady performance to place first for the Engineers, 66th overall, with a time of 26:14. Sophomore Terry McNeil's parents provided MIT with fan support, and were rewarded when their son finished second for MIT in a time of 26:14. Mike Mahoney '84 was down at McM confident, finishing second in 26:17. Bill Bruno '84 placed fourth for the Engineers, 66th overall, with a time of 26:20.

The IM men's cross-country team finished 19th in the nation, and the IM women's cross-country team finished 97th place.

The Engineers have been ranked first in the NCAA Division III New England College Conference for the past two years. They expect stiff competition in some demanding tournaments as they try to raise their team's standard.

MIT kicked off its season Friday with a match at Plymouth State College. The men's team made their history the first victims on the road to another winning season with a 29-17 victory.

On Dec. 1 the Engineers will face the Rhode Island College and Bridgewater State College at home.

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