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Freshman Tim Day runs for the ball in Saturday's doubleheader against UMass Boston. MIT lost the first game 4-2, then regained its form for a decisive 8-0 win.
Tech photo by Paul Sajda

Baseball splits a pair with UMass

By Paul Paternoster

If you've ever seen Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, then you know how one person can be completely transformed into someone totally different. Judging from Saturday afternoon's doubleheader against UMass Boston, it is also possible for MIT's baseball team to show two different sides.

The opening game was a forum for mistakes by the Engineers, who committed four costly errors. These miscues led to three unearned runs, and a 4-2 victory for the visiting UMass squad.

MIT had many chances to get back into the game, but some poor base running and questionable officiating quickly eliminated any rally the Engineers had started.

With two outs in MIT's fourth inning, Rich Zermani '87 singled. After he stole second base, Mark Friend '86 got a base hit, putting runners at the corners. The next batter hit a ground ball which was mishandled by the shortstop. After gaining control of the ball, he threw to second base in an at-

tempt to force Friend. The field umpire called Friend out, even though everybody else watching the game felt he was safe by a mile.

In MIT's fifth, trailing 4-0, the Engineers picked up their first run. Mike Mountz '87 walked to lead off the inning and was able to reach third because of a couple of wild pitches by the UMass starter. Steve Stoller '89 reached first on an infield error. Tim Day '89 drove Mountz home with a groundout to short. With two outs, Craig Poole '86 singled to put runners on the corners for MIT's number five hitter Henry Hoeh '86. Hoeh struck out to end the inning.

The Engineers loaded the bases with nobody out in the sixth on a walk to Zermani and consecutive singles by Friend and Jim Casamento '88. Mike Mountz then singled to right to drive home Zermani, but in doing so rounded the bag too far and was picked off. With men at second and third, a suicide squeeze play

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MIT ruggers overcome Worcester team by 2

By Mike Murphy

MIT rugby's A team opened its league season with a 9-7 defeat of Worcester RFC at Worcester Saturday. The win raised the team's record to 2-0. The match, played in temperatures approaching the 90s, was marred by sloppy play and frequent penalties.

MIT opened scoring in the first half with a penalty kick by Rich Selesnick G to go up 3-0. Despite spending the remainder of the first half in the Worcester zone, MIT could not sustain the attack long enough to score.

Worcester opened the second half with their backs running aggressively and soon broke through for an unconverted try and a 3-4 lead. It did not last as

MIT came back to score on two of three penalty kicks by Selesnick and take a 9-4 lead. A penalty kick by Worcester led to the final score.

MIT's B side was not as fortunate in its season opener, falling 0-27 to the larger, more experienced Worcester side. Despite spirited play in the back line by John Tandler G, John Suber '87, Nader Fotouhi G and Chris Wolfe '87, inexperience in the forwards prevented MIT from sustaining an offense.

Both MIT sides play at home this Saturday.

(Editor's note: Murphy is president of the MIT Rugby Football Club.)



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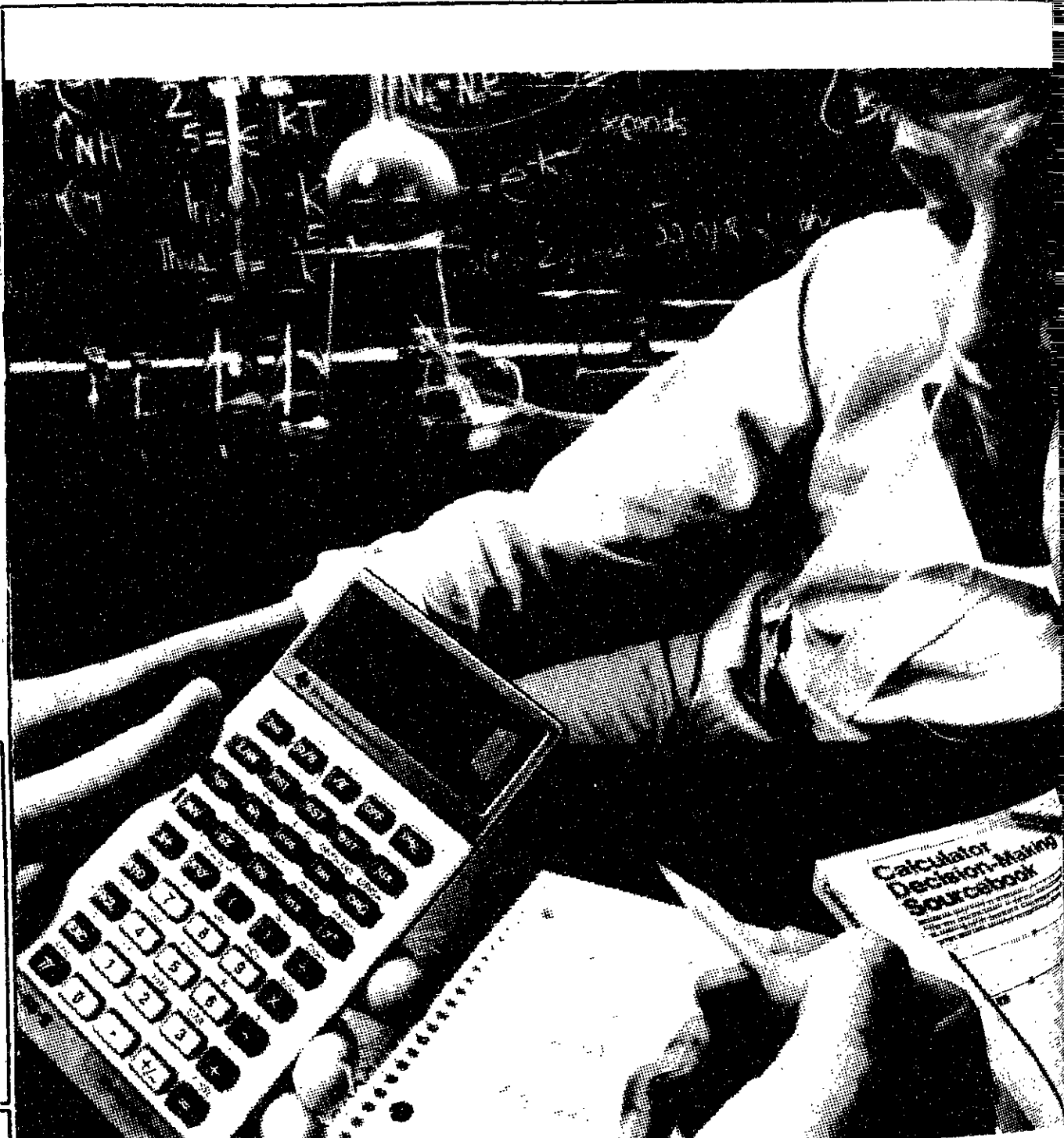
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