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Football defeats Merrimack

By Paul Pateraenter

Even Hurricane Gloria would have been no match for the tough MIT defense, as Merrimack painfully found out Sunday. The football team shut out the visiting Warriors 15-0. The stingy Engineer defense allowed the Warriors a mere 62 total offensive yards. Merrimack's ground game often ended up in the wrong direction, accounting for a net -17 yards.

Cross country defeats top ranked Brandeis

By Robert Zaks

The men's cross country team narrowly defeated long-time rival Brandeis University in the Brandeis Invitational Meet Saturday. The win spoiled MIT's first victory over defending New England Division III champion Brandeis since 1966. The Engineers also bettered teams from Bentley and Tufts.


Hurricane Gloria strewn debris ranging from acorns to oak trees on the course at Boston's Franklin Park. Members of the four competing teams periodically stopped to clear brush out of the way. The course ended up with a few minor detours and an occasional barrier, but none deterred any of the runners. The meet appeared to be a race between Brandeis and MIT from the outset. The Brandeis Judges looked strong at both the one and two-mile points of the five-mile race. They held first, fourth, sixth and seventh places after two miles. At that time, MIT's first runner was Sean Kelley '91 in fifth place, and the intermediate screw had the Judges ahead of the Engineers by more than ten points.

"Our guys just wanted it more than Brandeis did," said Coach Halton Taylor. Kelley's face clearly expressed this sentiment; by the third mile he moved into second place, passing runners from Bentley and Brandeis. A pack of determined MIT backs the Warriors' quarterback five times, with most of the sacks occurring on key third and fourth down plays. Linebacker Mark Hanson '89 led the team in tackles with 13 (five unassisted). Co-captains Nowak and Larry Mourou G together accounted for 15 tackles.

MIT's offense was less than overwhelming. The Warriors ground game accumulated for 167 yards. Chris Adams '87 was the star for MIT, cutting and dodging for 97 yards in 18 carries. Hugh Ekberg '88 drew for 34 hard-earned yards on nine carries.

Quarterback Peter Gasparrini '88 had a difficult game, completing only two of 13 passes, both to Kim Corless '88, for 65 yards. The Engineers opened the scoring in the first quarter, capitalizing on good field position. A 13-yard punt return by Shane Arnold '88 gave MIT the ball on Merrimack's 11-yard line. Goal line plays by Adams, Ekberg and Chris Maeda '89 moved the ball to the 1-yard line. An inaudible penalty pushed the ball ahead to the two-yard line. Chris Maeda '89 runs with the ball this Saturday against Merrimack college. MIT won the game 15-0.

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