MIT rugby team defeats West Roxbury, 13 – 7

By Mike Murphy

The rugby club's A side returned to winning Saturday with a 13-7 defeat of West Roxbury RFC on Briggs Field. The victory leaves the side with a 2-1 league record (1-0, 1-1, 1-0) and a chance to make the championship bracket of the league playoffs.

Early play saw MIT's forwards, led by Lee Carey G, dominating the action but unable to score. A tries lap led to a West Roxbury penalty kick and put the home side down 3-0. MIT roared back after the kickoff with a penalty kick of its own to tie and continued to apply heavy pressure. The pressure paid off near the end of the first half as Richard Reneti '90 fell on the ball in the try zone. Rich Selenick '89 converted to give MIT a 9-3 lead at the half.

The second half brought rain, making ball handling difficult for both sides, but Steve Tuole '89 and Reneti were able to combine for a second try early in the half. MIT continued to dominate the game, except for one defensive lapse leading to a West Roxbury try and the final score.

MIT's B-side continued to improve. They fell to a West Roxbury side with several A-side players by a 24-0 score. The first try of the season was scored by Dave Douglas '89, after the referee deemed an earlier one. The entire game was dominated by defense as the weather made passing difficult.

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