Volleyball second-team rolls over Wentworth

By Jerome G. Braunstein

The second-string men's volleyball team beat the Wentworth Institute of Technology Wednesday three games to zero, 16-14, 15-6, 15-7. Coach Kay Jay Altman-Veluquez '78 batted her top six players and played six substitutes for the whole match.

The reserves played well, mimicking the starters' offense and defense, Veluquez said. Captain Tim Iacu '86 set a close-to-perfect game for spikers Bruce Kristal '86, Edwin-Marin '86, Mike Resler '86, Frederick Ryan '87, and Sean Tierney '87.

The first game was very close. Wentworth was leading 12-9 at one point in the game, but MIT came back for a 16-14 win. MIT took a quick lead of the second game 6-1. Wentworth fought hard to catch up at 6-6, and then MIT servers Iacu and Marin led a nine-point MIT spurt to take the game.

The victory gives the Engineers a 4-1 record in the Northeastern League, clinching a playoff berth. The Engineers have only two more games in the Eastern League, and they will be playing them in the tri-meet, hosting Brown and Yale on April 2. MIT will qualify for the NCAA playoffs if they win both games.

Women's crew ready to row

Feature

By Anh Thu Vo

For the last two months, the MIT women's crew team spent countless hours rowing in the indoor tank at Pierce Boat House. But now the teams bid farewell to the long and torturous winter season.

The varsity team is looking forward to an improved spring season. Last year, Coach Megan Earle led the varsity team to their first spring race against arch-rival Dartmouth Regatta. This year Earle predicts that the team will win more than half of its meets.

The Engineers won a pre-season skirmish against arch-rival Yale, 40 boats at the Foot of the Charles regatta. But in November, the team finished a strong 12th place out of 40 boats at the Foot of the Charles regatta.

"The biggest challenge for the novices is learning to pull hard beyond the belief of their capability — and that means pushing through the wall of pain and discomfort," Finney said.

"There is more power and more balance in a boat now," said coxswain Leslies DeMarch '89. "We also have much better skilled rowers."

The varsity team is hoping to win its first spring race against the University of Rhode Island and Connecticut College tomorrow. Mary Ellen Finney, coach of the novice team, was a gold medalist rower in the 1984 Federation Internationale Societe d'Aviron World Championship.

"This year, our crew has rowed very well, technically-wise," Finney explained. "But they have to learn to push themselves harder."

"The novices have a good chance but they have to put in a lot of work," agreed Wendy Cothran '89.

The novice team has improved since last fall. In October, they placed last at the Mount Holyoke Regatta and the Dartmouth Regatta. But in November, the team finished a strong 12th place out of 40 boats at the Foot of the Charles.

"Seat racing" in which the rowers pull at full pressure for 1000 meters, finesse, flexibility and gut determination and will power," according to novice Jessica Martin '89.

"And personally, not being an athlete, I wanted to join a sport that uses my coordination, finesse, flexibility and gut strength."

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