Men's gymnastics lifts season record to 4-0

(Continued from page 24) out. This turning point made the Tufts win inevitable -- the MIT balloon had been deflated. As the period progressed, the Jumbos scored five goals while the Beavers only managed one powerplay goal from Brian Balut '87. There was no way MIT could recover from four goals behind.

The same style of play from the first period continued. But while Tufts still had MIT's strategy, the Beavers could not slow down the Jumbos forwards. The Jumbos continued dumping and chasing and continued to outmaneuver the Beavers to the puck. MIT's faultless hard checking seemed to have disappeared and Tufts took advantage of its own speed to outmaneuver the Beavers.

In the third period, MIT continued to check deep but this strategy, which had worked well in the beginning of the first period, worked to the Beavers' detriment. Instead of keeping the puck in the Tufts zone, MIT's defense -- often trying to stop the Jumbos at the Tufts blue line -- was more often than not caught too far up the ice, creating too many two-on-one and three-on-two situations.

The third period began well for the Beavers as they put on a good show of powerplay, but failed to do later. The Beavers were evenly matched and Tufts were agony as MIT, now short-handed, could not even put on a last desperate attempt. But despite the final score of 6-3, the game was not a blowout. MIT and Tufts were evenly matched during the first and third periods -- it was only during the second period that the Beavers lost the game get away.

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MIT had more shots on goal for the third period than the Jumbos, proof of their resolve to get back into the game. This persistence resulted in two goals, one from Jackson, the other from Brian Fabes G as he took no time putting in a slapshot when the Beavers won a faceoff in the Tufts zone. Unfortunately, Tufts also scored twice, both ugly displays of poor defense under pressure as MIT players put the puck right onto Tufts sticks for open net goals.

With a slashing penalty assessed with just over two minutes left in the game, the final minutes were agony as MIT now short-handed, could not even put on a last desperate attempt. But despite the final score of 5-2, Tufts were evenly matched during the first and third periods -- it was only during the second period that the Beavers lost the game get away.

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