Women's basketball comes from behind to defeat Wheaton, 53-43

By Marcie Smith

The women's basketball team had a tough fight, but managed to pull through to beat Wheaton College 53-43. This win raises the Engineers' record to 2-1 in the New 6 Conference and 11-5 overall. Wheaton's loss lowers its New 6 Conference record to 1-2 and its overall record to 9-7.

Wheaton's Carla Guderyn opened up the game with a goal just seconds into the game. Within a minute, MIT's Maureen Fahey '89 answered with a two-pointer of her own. But Wheaton's defense was strong in the first quarter holding the Engineers to only 12 points. Martha Beverage '87 started the MIT attack by making a three-pointer shot from the left side. Wheaton took the ball to its side only to have MIT co-captain Ble Williamson G break the play and get the ball to Fahey who made the basket along with the extra point for being use of the endline when bringing the ball in. Hiranot Hirano won the all-around championships. Fahey who made the basket along with Fahey's '81 kept making maximums for scores of 7.95, 8.3, 8.35 and cult moves. the Division 2-3 National Champions' captain Biz Williamson G break MIT didn't lose any of its energy in the first half, Nash, and Norman Chen won the team's highest score on each event (7.75 on parallel bars, 6.85 on high bar) because of his near-perfect dismounts, Hirano had the team's younger gymnasts.

MIT didn't let up for the rest of the half, with Fahey getting many of her game-high nine defensive rebounds. The last points of the half came from two foul shots by Beverage, who had a perfect eight for eight from the line that night. The Engineers ended the first half with a lead of 27-19.

MIT didn't lose any of its energy in the second half. Athena Co- mokan '99 keep making maximums use of the sideline when bringing the ball back in play. Coomokan made a three-pointer shot halfway across the court to cover to the ball is shooting range. Coomokan also made a three-pointer shot five minutes into the game. "I love the three pointer shot," Haley said. "I'm so glad they added it to women's basketball. And we're not afraid to use it." The defense kept Wheaton away from the basket, not letting it get any closer than seven points behind.

With only one minute left, Wheaton began to get dopey, committing many fouls. Beverage made four foul shots, to make her the game's high scorer with 19 points. The final score was 53-43.

"Usually if someone is a little down, there will be someone else to cover them," Fahey commented. "But tonight, everyone was really up and together.

The next home game for the women is Friday at 2 pm against New 6 foe Brandeis.

Men's gymnastics team improves chances of qualifying for NCAA championships

(Malnnon '89, Eric Reifschesnider '89, Nash, and Norman Chen '89 all did high, clean hand springs for scores of 8.0, 8.3, 8.35 and 8.35, respectively, and Hirano nailed his piked Tsukabakaaru on cartwheel onto the horse followed by a straight-back flip to the ground for an 8.7. MIT then sealed the victory on parallel bars and high bar. Reifschesnider stuck a full-reverse back flip off parallel bars for a 7.2, and Chen nailed a double backward flip off high bar for a 6.6. Despite having trouble with his dismounts, Hirano had the team's highest score on each event (7.75 on parallel bars, 6.85 on high bar) because of his near-perfect execution of many difficult moves. Hirano was the all-around American competition with a total score of 44.17. Lowell's Vining and Bloom were second and third at 41.1 and 40.6, respectively. Reifschesnider's 38.5 was fourth.

MIT coach Fran Molesso was scheduled to begin at 1 pm in DuPaul Gymnasium. (Editor's note: Reifschesnider is a member of the men's gymnastics team.)

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