Men's water polo wins 2 of 5

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The MIT men's water polo team faced off last weekend in Providence with the New England Water Polo Tournament. The team, rebounding from a mediocre performance at Annapolis, fought hard and was able to compile two wins at the tournament.

The first game was against the boys from the University of Massachusetts. MIT went out fighting, scoring within the first 30 seconds of the game. However, Harvard, unfazed, came right back and tied the game after only one minute. Both teams played aggressively; however, Harvard, with more experience, quickly came out on top 14-10. B. J. Bergovic '89 was the Beavers' high scorer with three goals. Other MIT goals were scored by Schnorr '91, Lygo '91, and Max P. Ochoa '91 (1).

The Beavers faced Yale in the second game. MIT, fired from the Harvard game, looked sluggish in the first half. Yale held MIT to a 7-7 halftime tie. MIT goals were scored by Schnorr (4), Bergovic (1), Uran (1), and Jon Von Collefuni (1). But the Beavers were out for blood in the second half. Schnorr sparked the team with three second half goals. MIT completely shut Yale's offense down, holding them scoreless in the half. Bergovic added one more to the scoreboard for MIT, making the final score 11-7.

The third game was against Boston College. This was a game that MIT had to completely dominate in order to be seeded well in the upcoming New England Championships. The Beavers handily defeated the Eagles 12-5 with superior, hard-pressing defense and heads-up offense. MIT goals were scored by Schnorr (4), Uran (3), Reoki Jackson (2), Mark K. Ederline '90 (1), and Duncan C. McCullam G (2).

In the fourth game, MIT suffered a heartbreaking loss to the University of Massachusetts. The Beavers put up a good fight, but a few tough breaks gave UMass the edge. MIT dominated most of the game with tough play, but the Beavers had three players in foul trouble after the third quarter, as well as having six shots deflected off the goal posts. It was rough, but MIT lost 9-5. Beaver goals were scored by Schnorr (5), Bergovic (2), and Uran (1).

The last game of the tournament was against Brown. Brown, presently ranked twelfth in the nation, was simply too tough a team for the Beavers to match. MIT lost 16-5. Goals were scored by Uran (2), Bergovic (1), Jon Von Collefuni (1), and McCullam (1). The MIT team is seeded fourth in the New England Championship Tournament which will take place on Nov. 7 & 8 at Harvard. The first game will be against third-seeded UMass. The team's present record is 8-9 going into the last stretch of the season.

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