Travel plans send frisbee team packing despite early wins

By Ali Azar

The frisbee club traveled to New York this weekend to compete in the Purchase Cup Tournament at the State University of New York at Purchase. Although MIT planned to attend only the first day of the tournament, they went undefeated in pool play on Saturday and qualified for the playoff rounds slated for Sunday. Unfortunately for the team, their travel plans were set, and they were unable to compete in the playoffs.

MIT stumbled past SUNY-Albany, 10-9, in its first match, The 40° temperature and gusting wind set the stage for sloppy offensive and loose defensive play from both teams. Each team scored only one goal in the upwind direction. The choice by captain Mark Griffith to start the game defending the upwind goal proved to be a crucial decision, providing the one point differential in MIT's favor.

MIT changed uniforms from white to black to challenge the other opponent in its three-team pool, Keene State. MIT easily marched to a 8-1 halftime lead in the Ultimate Players' Association championship the following weekend and won with a 2-0 record in pool play and first place in the pool.

In a game to determine seeding for the tournament playoff, MIT chalked up its third victory of the day, defeating Dartmouth, 15-11. In another wind dominated match, Dartmouth selected to start downwind, but MIT quickly stole the advantage by scoring the first goal upwind. They closed the half, leading 8-5, with their second upwind goal.

A third upwind goal by MIT in the second-half widened the gap to 13-7, but Dartmouth marched once into the wind themselves to close the gap. They could not complete the comeback, however, and MIT closed the door at 15-11.

MIT's undefeated effort earned it a high seed in the playoff, but unfortunately for the team, their second upwind goal. Unfortunately for the team, their second upwind goal.

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