Track dominates meet as Holy Cross falls 84-43

By David Rothstein

It is the time of year when winter stumbles and end-of-term exams can weigh heavily on a team. More, sometimes, than its opponent.

But all is well in MIT track, as the Engineers handily disposed of the Holy Cross Crusaders last night at the Johnson Athletics Center, 84-43. Towels and uniforms can be traded now for study, perchance sleep, as MIT has only the Alumni Meet (Dec. 16) between now and the end of the term.

The Engineers dominated scorewise in most every event, although Holy Cross did bring out some good performances.

All eyes were on the showdown of sorts between sprinters Boniface Makatiani ’90 of MIT and Holy Cross junior Maury Bonner. Makatiani set two school records in the 55-meter and 200-meter dashes, last week, breaking Bonner’s Athletics Center facility record in the 200 by .10 seconds. Last night the two met in the sprints.

Bonner walked away with the 55, winning in a flighty 6.44 to Makatiani’s 6.53, although the latter was yet another school record. But when Makatiani-Bonner II came around 20 minutes later, it was all Makatiani. The senior led early and held Bonner off on the curve before pulling away at the end to win, 22.52 to 22.70. No más for Bonner.

Makatiani warmed down from the day’s action by anchoring the 1600-meter relay team with a 50.3 leg, making up a 30-meter deficit... and then some.

MIT’s other big scorer on the evening was senior Bill Singhose, who won the triple jump with a leap of 43 feet, 71/2 inches, and led an Engineers sweep of the 55-meter high hurdles, with an 8.14 first-place time. Singhose also took second in the long jump (21-8”), high jump (6-0”), pole vault—a rare second—(14-0”), and pulled out of his tired body an anchor leg for the winning 3200-meter relay team.

The weightmen outscored Holy Cross, 14-6, behind junior John-Paul Clarke’s 35-pound weight throw of 52’8-1/2” and Chris Masalsky’s hefty 45’11-1/2” toss in the shot put. Masalsky also recorded a second in the weight throw, and Clarke a third in the shot.

Rounding out MIT’s continued domination—albeit early in the season—of the sprints was junior Mark Dunzo’s 50.26 400 meters. Dunzo made up two seconds in the first 80 meters on his way to an uncontested win.

Kevin Scannell ’92, coming off of a foot injury, went 22’-3” in the long jump, in addition to his second-place in the 400 meters and third in the triple jump.

Indoor Track vs. Holy Cross
at the Johnson Athletics Center, December 7, 1989

Weight throw — 1, Clarke, MIT, 52’8-1/2”; 2, Mulfahy, HC, 50’-9 1/4”.
High jump — 1, Washington, MIT, 6’-9”; 2, Singhose, MIT, 6’-7”; 3, MacLaren, HC, 6’-0”.
Pole vault — 1, McKnerd, HC, 14’-6”; 2, Singhose, MIT, 14’-0”; 3, McKnerd, HC, 13’-0”.
Long jump — 1, Scannell, MIT, 22’-3”; 2, Singhose, MIT, 21’-8”; 3, Moses, HC, 20’-10”.
Triple jump — 1, Singhose, MIT, 43’-7”; 2, Costello, HC, 42’-3 1/2”; 3, Scannell, MIT, 42’-3 1/2”.
Shot put — 1, Masalsky, MIT, 45’-11”; 2, Foster, HC, 44’-6”; 3, Clarke, MIT, 41’-9”.
55 meters — 1, Bonner, HC, 6’-4; 2, Makatiani, MIT, 6’-5.3; 3, Rubenstein, MIT, 6’-8.4.
55 meter hurdles — 1, Singhose, MIT, 6’-14; 2, Tewolde, HC, 6’-8.2; 3, China, MIT, 6’-9.99.
300 meters — 1, Makatiani, MIT, 32’-2”; 2, Foster, HC, 32’-7”; 3, Dunzo, MIT, 32’-9.
400 meters — 1, Dunzo, MIT, 50’-26; 2, Scannell, MIT, 52’-4.6; 3, Costello, HC, 53’-0.4.
800 meters — 1, Lawlor, HC, 1:59.39; 2, Makatiani, HC, 2:01.59; 3, White, HC, 2:03.63.
1500 meters — 1, Lawlor, HC, 4:05.1; 2, Piepergerdes, HC, 4:07.7; 3, Garcia, MIT, 4:11.52.
3000 meters — 1, O’Hanlon, HC, 8:51.4; 2, Manning, MIT, 9:01.12; 3, Deehan, HC, 9:22.53.
1600 meter relay — 1, MIT (Tang, Rupasz, Binswanger, Singhose), 3:34.80; 2, HC, 3:38.70.
3200 meter relay — 1, MIT (Masalsky, Piepergerdes, Claman, Singhose), 8:23.26; 2, HC, 8:33.92.
1, MIT, 84’-2; Holy Cross, 43.

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Boniface Makatiani ’90 takes the baton from Doug Smith ’93 on his way to anchoring the 1600-meter relay last night. The Engineers won both the relay and the meet.

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Jonathan Clarian ’93 carries the baton on the third leg of the 3200-meter relay.