Women's Lacrosse Starts Strong in First Season

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The women's lacrosse team is off to a good start in its first-ever varsity season. They upset their rivals, 1-2 with a dramatic 10-8 victory over Colby Sawyer College on Monday. The result came on the second day of the season.

Colby Sawyer came out strong early in the game, scoring three quick goals. But MIT came back, tying the score with a combination of quick passes and accurate shooting. From then on, it was a battle of goals, with each team attempting to capitalize on the other's faults.

MIT goalie Roopa Mehendale '92 had 15 saves, including multiple foul shots. Defensive efforts were led by two of the three team captains, Kimberly Williams '92 and Leslie Barnett '92. At the end of the first half, Colby Sawyer led the scoring, but the game was far from over.

The Engineers came back strong in the second half, playing tight defense and taking advantage of shooting opportunities. The score was tied at 9-9 with just over a minute left to play in regulation time when Helen Azrin '94 scored on a penalty shot. MIT maintained possession for most of the last minute, but Colby Sawyer managed to come up with the ball and launch a last-ditch effort to tie the score. But the Tech defense shut down Colby Sawyer and regained possession, running out the clock.

On the offensive end, Azrin led all scorers with four goals, including the game winner. Ana Rosado '92 had two, and captain Suzie Ward '92, Alison Lee '92, Alison Marino '93, and Mary Beth Rhodes '94 each contributed one. In their earlier games, MIT defeated Elms College 17-2, and Boston College Club by a score of 19-8. The team lost their matches with Mount Holyoke and Babson.

Despite being officially designated a varsity team, the MIT women's lacrosse team is not competing in an officially designated league this year. The New England Women's League will likely sponsor a lacrosse league next year.

The Engineers face Smith College today on the orniturf at 3:30 p.m.