Women's Soccer Rises to 8–1 with Nichols Victory

By Gwendolyn Watanabe

The women's soccer team kept its seven-game winning streak alive by beating Nichols College 5-0, bringing the team's record to 8-1.

Playing at Nichols Saturday, the Beavers baffled the Lady Bisons in all aspects of play. Within 19 seconds, Theresa Chalm '94 scored MIT's first goal off a cross kicked by forward Becky Ho '95. All five goals were scored in the game's first half. Halfback Chantal Wright '95 scored three goals, bringing her season total to 14 and proving her superior ball-handling skills and composure in front of the net. Striper Gwendolyn Watanabe '93 scored her first goal of the season by heading the ball past the goalkeeper off a perfect cross kicked by co-captain Celia Fleming '93. Co-Captain Sue Scroggs '93 appeared in just her second game this season. She was injured in the Beavers' first match and victory against New England College.

Wright's consistent ability to put the ball past goalkeepers has become the power behind the Beavers' scoring machine. Working the ball around with Chantal, Hill and Fleming have dominated the middle of the field with their excellent passing, crossing, and controlling of the ball. They possessed the ball for the majority of Saturday's game. MIT has scored 40 goals to their opponents' 12, and Wright has scored in every game. Even though the Beavers are having their best offensive season ever, the team is held together by the strength of the defense, led by sweeper Emily Brown '96 and Watanabe. The Lady Bisons fell to the strength, getting only seven shots on goal during the entire game. Goalkeepers Brown and Christie Wong '96 had their first shutout of the season.

MIT's victory over Nichols follows last Thursday's match against Regis College, which the Beavers won decisively, 9–1. Fleming scored three goals in a hat trick, Hill and Wright each had two, and Chantal and Sheila Jhawar '95 each scored one goal. The Beavers' next game is today against rival Wellesley College in Stoicbrenner Stadium.

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