**SPORTS**

Men's Tennis Defeats Tufts in Five Hour Match

By Ann Ames

The men's tennis team played an intense match on Wednesday, edging Tufts University 5-4 to win its first match of the season. Playing in the Division III format, with singles first, the match was broken up into two-out-of-three set matches, the competition lasting until 8 p.m.

The match outcome was uncertain until the last point of the final match was played. In singles, Alan Walpole '93, second seed, and Jay Muchofer '94, third seed, picked up wins for the Engineers, while Manish Bhattacharya '94, first seed, and Mauricio Lomelin '94, fourth seed, lost their tough matches, evening the overall score at 2-2.

Mark Erickson '94, fifth seed, and Nick Tsai '94, sixth seed, playing side by side, battled through very similar matches. Tsai won his first set and stopped their second, and went on to gain early service breaks in their third sets. Tsai played aggressively to capture this set and his match, but Erickson, plagued by a blaster on the bottom seed, lost his match, again leaving the schools evenly split at three matches apiece.

The pressure was on as the doubles teams took the courts. Walpole and Muchofer, the first seeded team, won their first set, which they lost in a tie-breaker, but Bhattacharya and Lomelin, second seeds, were strong, working together and playing the net skilfully to win their first set.

The tables turned, however, when Tsai repeated his comeback to take the second set, and Walpole and Muchofer settled in to win them. As both teams battled into the third set, Erickson and Tsai, third seed, closed out their own doubles match with a win for the Engineers, giving MIT its 4-3 head.

Soon, however, Bhattacharya and Lomelin were overpowered by Tufts and the score was settled again at 4-4, leaving all the pressure of the day on the first-seeded pair. With strong serves by Muchofer and the chasing of their teammates, the two captured the final set and the match, clinching a victory for MIT.

Last year saw a similar meeting between MIT and Tufts, with the score 4-4 and only the first set left to finish. On that day, however, Tufts was superior, and went away with a 5-4 win. Wednesday's women's tennis match was rescheduled for April 20, because of the conflict with the men's match.

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**Crew Wins Against Coast Guard; Freshman Boat Tacks To Victory**

By Michael K. Chung

The men's lightweight crew team traveled to New London, Conn. last Saturday to battle the U.S. Coast Guard Academy at the 2,000-meter sprint. The first varsity and first and second freshmen boats succeeded, giving the second varsity boat ability to complete the sweep.

Because of the rough water conditions and moderate fog, the race was shortened from the traditional 2,000-meter length, which typically lasts between six and seven minutes depending on the strength of the boat and conditions, to a straight 6-minute race.

The races commenced with the first varsity boat racing, along with Coast Guard's second varsity heavyweight boat. As the race began, MIT began to pull away from the Coast Guard crew, gaining seats at a steady rate, and then making a charge after the 4-minute mark.

At this point, the crew accelerated from its base cadence of 33 strokes-per-minute to 39 strokes-per-minute. This was the high point in the race for the Engineers, according to Coxswain Otway Louie '93. He said that "although we didn't sprint very well at the end, it didn't matter for this race, as we were substantially ahead of the other crews."

Steve Wiggins '93, captain of this year's varsity lightweight squad, said that "considering the amount of water time we've had this year and the conditions, it was a good race, and we hope to continue to win."

The second varsity was the next to compete. Despite a sudden warning by the U.S. Navy base for a strong front, which later required the attention of a trainer, the second varsity matches were consistent, the competition lasting until 8 p.m. with the score tied 4-4 and only the first and second set left to finish. On that day, however, Tufts was superior, and went away with a 5-4 win. Wednesday's women's tennis match was rescheduled for April 20, because of the conflict with the men's match.

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**Receiver Tranman Is Peach of An Athlete**

By Roger Cronley

Red Tranman, MIT's record-setting football wide receiver, has received yet another award.

The Athlete of the Week is Peter Hinterreger '93, who pitched 11 innings in the Engineers' 4-2 win over Babson College last Tuesday. Both of Babson's runs were unearned, and only seven hits were given up during the entire game. One dozen pitches were thrown, meaning that Hinterreger averaged only four pitches for each batter. In recognition of this achievement, Tranman will give the soon-to-be Roger Clemens a free banana split.

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**UPCOMING HOME EVENTS**

Tuesday, April 13
Baseball vs. Boston College, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 14
Lightweight Crew vs. Harvard University, 7 a.m.
Men's Tennis vs. Dartmouth College, 4 p.m.

Thursday, April 15
Baseball vs. Boston University, 3:30 p.m.
Women's Lacrosse vs. New England College, 5 p.m.
Softball vs. Suffolk University, 6 p.m.

Friday, April 16
Basketball vs. Albertus Magnus College, 3:30 p.m.
Men's Tennis vs. Connecticut College, 3 p.m.

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