Volleyball Finishes Off Season with 14-11 Record

By Mike Markmiller

With a third place finish at the Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association Division III champi-
onship last Saturday, the men’s var-
sity volleyball team capped off a successful 14-11 season. After being defeated by Eastern Maine-
no-lege in the first round, the Engineers

Crew Rows Past WPI,
Connecticut, Williams

By Jonathan Li

The lightweight crew team travelled to Lowell, Mass., last weekend to challenge Connecticut College, Williams College, and Worcester Polytechnic Institute in a battle of Open eights, with MIT triumphing over Colburn University the previous weekend. Both races were close, but MIT won both races successfully, convincingly defeating all opposition. The varsity first boat won its race with a formidable lead over the other three crews. After losing last year to Connecticut College in the final sprint, the Engineers looked for revenge. MIT pulled away in the first 500 meters and held off open water by the halfway point. It was all over by then for Connecticut, who managed to edge out the Engineers for second place. The second varsity defeated the same team that beat them last year, winning by a comfortable margin during a collision with the Middlebury College boat. As MIT approached the starting line, the Middlebury coxswain apparently did not see MIT’s bowman and inched in to the side of the path. Seconds later John Singer ’95 broke out his back across the heat of the Middlebury bowman. The MIT boat quickly returned to shore to repair the damage, a bent rigger and minor hull damage. By race time the conditions had done some damage, and the course was covered with very choppy water and a strong headwind. MIT moved early in the race to take a length lead by the 500-meter mark, which increased steadily over the course of the race. The other crews appeared to have trouble with the rough water but MIT, accustomed to the Charles River, took the waves in stride. Both freshmen lightweight men’s crews won on Saturday. The conditions were still calm as the first freshman boat came to the line. After the first 35 strokes, MIT already had a slight edge on Williams and WPI, and a longer lead on Connecticut College. Halfway through the race, MIT had about a three-length lead on the nearest competitor, Williams, and by the end of the race, MIT led by 23 seconds. The second freshmen also came away with a win. Just before the 1,000-meter mark, MIT had a half-length lead which was easily extended during the last 1,000 meters. The third boat raced on the Charles against Northeastern and Boston Universities. MIT started out close to the other boats, but quickly returned to shore to repair the damage, a bent rigger and minor hull damage, a bent rigger and minor hull damage. The team, infused with a new energy, pushed on to a 15-11 win. In the third game, EMU found its groove and pulled out to 15-6 lead. Coach Cindy Gregory ’96 saw a pattern developing in the team and the Engineers went on to win the match 15-12. Moving on to Juniata College, the Engineers faced a much tougher opponent in a match that saw both teams playing at their highest levels. The local fans, who expected an easy win instead witnessed a gruel-

Our Engineers Run Faster than Theirs

By Bo Light

The men’s team traveled to Worcester last Saturday to face Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Rochester Polytechnic Institute for the fabled Engineer’s Cup. The outcome could not determine the team’s spirit or its talent as the Engineers bear the Engineers and the winners to meet for the umpteenth year in a row. The final score was MIT 26, WPI 12.

John Wallberg ’96 started things off on the right foot by winning the hammer with a throw of 145 feet. Wallberg also won the discuss 127-11 and placed second in the shot 42-10 1/2. MIT did not fare as well in the pole vault, however, as no one placed. MIT was shut out again against the long jump; things also looked bleak in the pole vault, as top vaulter Robinson missed a few and did not clear any heights. Bill Arnold ’94 managed to salvage fourth place for the Engineers with a vault of 8-11. The team came back in the second game, however, as Andy Ugurov ’95, 6-6, and James Kitzey ’94, 6-2, took first and second in the high jump. Ugurov also won the triple jump with a stellar leap of 42-7 1/2.

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LAUREN GRACE - THE ARTS

Christine Y. Poley ’96 swings during the softball team’s win over Suffolk University yesterday.

By John Morrell

Racing in rainy conditions on both days this weekend, MIT cyclists took second place overall, behind the University of Massachusetts and ahead of the University of Vermont in its first meet of the sea-

our team and the Engineers went on to win the match 15-12. Moving on to Juniata College, the Engineers faced a much tougher opponent in a match that saw both teams playing at their highest levels. The local fans, who expected an easy win instead witnessed a grueling struggle that showed no sign of a victory until the final minutes. After ten minutes of back and forth sides, the first game score was 0-3. MIT, one of the best transition attack teams in the league, was keeping Juniata’s defense from scoring points. Strong serving pre-

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nailed, and MIT suffered a 13-4 loss. In the sec-

ond game, spark plug Juan Ramos ’93 came in and
immediately blasted a home run straight down
Juniata’s left. The team, infused with a new en-
ergy, pushed on to a 15-10 win. The Engineers
then sprinted out to an 8-6 lead against the

united home team. Chong and Brian Van-

denbosch ’93 executed picture-per-

fect solo blocks, sending Juniata’s best efforts
crashing to the floor. Ted Kim ’93, when receiving

servers turned thunderous jump serves into

loopy rainbows directed into Asarn’s

waiting hands. Digs by backrow player Michael Markmiller ’94 set up two more Engineer points, mak-

ing the game 2-1. The next three points

soon followed, and Juniata fans were

shaking their heads in dis-

belief. Juniata did turn around to win
the fourth game, putting the match into a

fifth, rally-scoring game. MIT held strong, but a few shanked pass-
ers and hitting errors left them down 11 at the change of sides. In addi-
tion, changes in Juniata’s lineup forced MIT’s blockers to adjust to
ew hitters, and the door was closed and MIT fell 15-11.

Overall, the Engineers’ sur-

passed the expectations of many, including perhaps themselves. Their
14-11 record is the best in several years, and Klemas, Alvarez, and
Asarn all won individual honors from the league.