

SPORTS



Brian T. Pendleton '94 darts around the Newbury College shortstop on his way to third base during MIT's 15-4 win Wednesday.

Baseball Opens Home Season with 4-2 Win

By Brooks Mendell
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Ten days after returning from its spring trip, the varsity baseball team played its first game in New England, which turned out to be an 11 inning victory over Boston College. Starting pitcher Peter Hinterreger '93 went the distance, allowing no earned runs and no walks in the 4-2 win.

MIT scored two runs in the top of the sixth on Brooks Mendell's '93 two out single, driving in John Gass '94 and Brian Christensen '94. In the eleventh, Mendell put the Engineers ahead with a two out double, scoring Christensen a second time. Dan Sabanosh '94 followed up with another double, his second hit of the day, to drive in Mendell for the final run. Mendell and Christensen both ended the day with three hits.

On Wednesday, MIT fell to Brandeis 6-1. Starter Will Nielson '96 pitched well against a tough team, yielding only five hits and no walks in six and two-thirds innings. Mate Ritter '93 finished

the seventh. Aaron Loutsch '96 and Rob Lepard '93 closed the eighth and ninth innings respectively.

Offensively, the Engineers could only muster five hits, the lone run coming on a two out single by Mendell in the sixth to send Christensen home. Mendell finished with two hits.

The Engineers ended the week with a 10-7 loss to the Wentworth Institute of Technology. After scoring four runs in the first, Wentworth's hits were slowed by Nate Ritter through the fifth inning, when he was replaced.

MIT climbed back into the game after a two run double in the third by Sabanosh, closing the deficit to one. In the fourth, Ian Somerville '93 scored on a Sabanosh single to tie the game at six. The score stayed the same until the ninth, when Wentworth scored four runs on four hits. MIT managed to load the bases and score one run in the bottom of the ninth before the game ended.

If You Missed It, a Scorecard on Key NFL Player Deals

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For those of you who are baffled about all the player transitions in the NFL this year, here is a scorecard listing the key players and their new teams: Pierce Holt (Atlanta), Craig "Ironhead" Heyward (Chicago), Houston Hoover (Cleveland), Rod "Montgomery" Bernstine (Denver), Bill Fralic (Detroit), Bill "No" Maas (Green Bay), Reggie "Vanna" White (Green Bay), Kirk Lowdermilk (Indianapolis), Jeff Hostetler (Raiders), Jim "Vince" McMahon (Minnesota), Ronnie "Parking" Lott (Jets), Gary Clark (Phoenix), and Tim "Old" McDonald (San Francisco)...

Besides being the odds-on

favorite to win the NBA MVP contest this year, Charles Barkley is doing everything he can to prove his critics back in Philadelphia dead wrong. Sir Charles had been derided in the Cream Cheese City ever since he arrived from Auburn, after being left off of the 1984 Olympic team by Bobby Knight. 76er owner Harold Katz never wanted to pay him and publicly called him fat and self-centered. When Dr. J, Mo Cheeks, Mark Ivoroni, and the other Sixers from the glory days left, Barkley was left the only star on a terrible team. The "Round Mound of Rebound" complained that Katz and the front office were not committed to winning, and that if there were good players around him, he could lead them to a cham-

ampionship. The Philly press, however, put the blame for losing on Barkley (not, of course, on the "wisdom" of trading away Brad Dougherty and acquiring Jeff Ruland). Out in Phoenix, surrounded by great players like Kevin Johnson, Danny Ainge, and Dan Majerle, and with the commitment of owner Jerry Colangelo, Barkley is carrying a team with mediocre coaching and no real center to the best record in the NBA, while the prospects for the Broad Street Babies are as slim as Manute Bol's forearms...

The introduction of free agency into the NFL, if the owners can't keep it in check, looks like it will put pro football in the proverbial hole, much the same way it has done for baseball. Free agency

seems like a fair, All-American system, and it is for most industries. After all, how many people would become engineers if, after four years at MIT, you couldn't choose the company you worked for and earned only however much that company was willing to pay you, or else not work as an engineer at all? However, pro sports are entertainment industries which rely on a whole league of teams (not one business by itself) to generate revenue. One of the factors killing major league baseball is that players don't stay with one team for very long, let alone a whole career. If the frantic movement of players throughout the league continues, fans soon won't be able to tell whether they are watching Reggie

White, Danny White, or Billie "White Shoes" Johnson. Pro football also can not afford to pay the likes of Rickey Proehl \$1.1 million per year or Pierce Holt \$2 million. The Lords of the Gridiron should follow the lead of David Stern and the Lords of the Hardwood by imposing a salary cap on each of the teams and finding a way (that won't get overturned in court) of restricting the movement of big-name players (Michael, Dominique, and Patrick have all been with only one team). Just like the NBA, the NFL teams will always find creative ways around the cap, but it just may save the sport...

As the NHL season nears playoff

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