Women's Soccer Remains Unbeaten

By Thomas Kettler

The women's soccer team defeated Nichols College Saturday for its seventh win, making its record 1-0-1 in the league. The Engineers won by a score of 4-1 on four goals by Becky Hill '95 in the match at Steinbrenner Stadium.

During the first half, MIT kept the ball on the Nichols' side of the field but was only able to score once. That goal by Hill occurred halfway through the half on an assist from Chantal Wright '95. In the second half, MIT's superior speed resulted in three goals. Hill's second goal came nine minutes into the half on an assist by Dionne Chapman '94. Ten minutes later, Kendra Cestone scored the only Nichols goal of the match. However, at the midway point of the half, and again four minutes later, Hill scored the final goals of the game on assists by Wright. After that, MIT kept the ball in Nichols' end of the field but was unable to score again.

Hill's performance was even more memorable since her family had come up for the weekend and was watching the game. The goals gave her 14 for the year, with 12 points overall since she has also made four assists. She indicated that although she and Wright form an impressive combination, they "don't practice with each other outside of practice. We're just good friends."

Head coach Suzan Rowe was extremely pleased with the team's performance on Saturday. "It's great to have a go-to person for scoring," she said. She also felt that the team was well-prepared for the forthcoming conference play.

The soccer team continues league play this week: Tuesday at Wellesley College and here Saturday versus Smith College.

Muelhoefer Wins Third Title

By Dan Wang

Jay Muelhoefer '94 hones for a volley during the singles semifinals of the Rolex New England Small College Championships.

Victory! The 1993 Rolex champion, Jay Muelhoefer, was the first MIT man to win a title at the regional tournament since 1983. The 1994 his doubles partner, Coby Tsai, helped him win the singles final. Muelhoefer has also won the third doubles title at the championships.

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In the second round, Muelhoefer defeated brothers Dave and Tom Cooper of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in the final, 3-6, 6-2, 6-0. In last year's final, Muelhoefer defeated the same pair, with then-partner Alan Walpole '93. This year, Muelhoefer and Tsai will be heading to Oklahoma City in late October to compete in the Rolex National Small College Championships. There, Muelhoefer will try to defend the Division III title that he and Walpole captured last year. Muelhoefer has won each of his regional titles with a different doubles partner. Two years ago, as a sophomore, he won the doubles title with Manish Bhattacharyya '95. The win was well-deserved for Muelhoefer, who played a total of twenty-one sets in eight matches of singles and doubles play over the weekend. In both tournaments, he faced elimination many times.

In singles play, Tom Reichenheiner of Wesleyan University defeated the title he won last year, defeating Jeff Poleshek of Bates College in the final, 6-2, 6-2. The best MIT showing was by Muelhoefer, who fell to the second-seeded Poleshek in the semifinals, 6-3, 7-5.

MIT had other representatives in both the singles and doubles tournaments, but they were all eliminated in the first round. Second-seeded singles player Mauricio Lomelin '94 was beaten by Poleshek, 6-3, 6-0. Dave Cooper defeated Mark Erickson '94, 6-2, 6-2. Tsai lost to fourth-seeded Adam Gerstein of Brandeis University, 6-2, 6-3. In doubles play, Dan Wang '97 and Jason Sheffer '97, the other MIT team, fell in three sets to Poleshek and his partner, Dylan Stearns, 6-4, 6-7 (7-4), 6-1. The MIT men's team has enjoyed success in the regional tournament in recent years. MIT has produced the past three doubles champions, as well as the singles champion two years ago and a singles finalist last year.

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