**SPORTS**

**Women's Soccer**

By Thoren Ketter

The women's soccer team lost its first game Saturday to Smith College. Smith won by a score of 4-2 on four first-half goals in the match at Stoddard Stadium.

The first half had MIT on the defensive, as Smith's relentless pressure kept the Engineers on their heels. Eight minutes into the game, Keilah Ko '95 put the team up for the second time in six minutes, and Ada Frizelle scored for Smith.

In the second half, MIT got the ball on the board but was unable to score enough to get a tie or a win. The team's two goals both came on penalty kicks from Becky Hill '95. The first came with 20 minutes left on a penalty kick due to a handball in the penalty box. The other was made eight minutes later on a defensive foul. However, MIT could not score after that.

Coach Susan Rose said, "Smith was a very good team. We played a very good game in the second half with intensity. Intensity was down in the first half. They got four very good goals. We didn't react to that for some time."

The team continues league play this Saturday against Babson College, the defending league champion.

**Babson Falls Victim To Women's Tennis**

By Carol Matsuzaki

The women's tennis team traveled to Babson College Thursday Oct. 7, and demolished yet another victim to improve its overall record to 6-0.

MIT turned in a stellar performance by not giving up a set. The team's dominance was apparent on the court as they had total control of match play. Babson was overwhelmed by MIT's excellent focus, athleticism, poise, and team spirit.

Kevin Thompson '96 won his singles match and doubles with his partner, Bill Schilling '97, 6-4, 6-4. Kevin Fink '95 and Ron Guth '97 teamed up to defeat their doubles opponents, 6-3, 6-4. Ben Wilensky '94 and Todd Helgesen '97 defeated their opponents, 6-2, 6-3.

**Cross Country Finishes Fourthth**

By Agnieszka Reins

The women's cross country team returned from Connecticut on Saturday, Oct. 2, having finished fourth among nine teams at the Connecticut College Invitational.

Maryanne Delo '95 finished seventh in the very competitive field in 21 minutes, 28 seconds. Lauren Klaatsky '93 was 16th in 22:42. They were followed by Agnieszka Reins '95 in 21st, with Adrienne Prahler '97 in 22nd, and Elaine Yang '95 finishing 43rd.

Coach Joe Susa was encouraged by the meet. "The team that beat us were very good, and now that we've experienced running against them, we ought to be more competitive with them in the future," he said.

**Let's Argue Returns from West Coast Assignment**

By Mike Duffy and Andrew Heltnier

Your humble scribes were on assignment last weekend in the Bay City covering the Cal-Washington football game. The Pac-10 faced first class non-refundable plane tickets and made reservations for us at the Sheraton Grand Hotel on First and Market way back when August and when the Giants seemed to have a lock on the playoffs. With the onslaught of Atlanta and the performance of Mike "Pepperoni" Pizza, however, San Francisco did not make the playoffs. Since The Tech could not get rid of the tickets on the AFO Ride Wall, we were forced to tangle with those pig-walking without out in Tofu-land. Instead of the smell of charcoal and hickory smoke, the billetgars not here smoke their meat with poppyseed.

On the last leg of the journey hobnobbing over champagne and caviar with former lightweight and middleweight champion and 7- Up peddler, Sugar Ray Leonard. The Champ had been in New York to attend the infamous Friars' Club banquet, but switched his flight so that he could have the opportunity to address the MIT community. Although his detached retina made it difficult for him to see us, The Champ did say, "I like Bowl over Holyfield by decision. By the way, I always go with The Pickle."

On Saturday, the crowd at Memorial Stadium on the Berkeley campus was very subdued, but this was understandable considering that the entire student body was eagerly storming the field to address the MIT community. The team started strong with a win, 6-2, 6-1.

**Darley, Moyle Lead MIT to Victory**

By Rob Casadonte

Jess Darley '95 continued his dominance of the New England cross country scene by shattering the St. Anselm Invitational record by 18 seconds, winning the race with a time of 26 minutes, 8 seconds for the 5-mile course. Darley and David Moyle '94 broke away from the other 110 runners early in the race and completely destroyed the competition. Moyle finished second to Darley even though he had also tied the previous course record of 26:26 set by Ethan Crain last fall. Raj Surajdeva '94 (27:20), Arnold Soto '96 (27:34), and Dan Helgesen '97 (27:29), Josh Feldman '97 (27:30), and Rob Casadonte '94 (27:46) rounded out the varsity team, finishing 15th, 19th, 24th, 26th, and 32nd respectively.

Unfortunately, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy beat the Beavers 43-64 to 43 for the team title, with Tufts finishing third in the 17-team meet.

The course was narrow from the start and MIT started rather conservatively being in fourth or fifth place after the first mile. Then the Tech Harriers gradually moved past scores of other competitors, and eventually finished second-unable to overcome Coast Guard's advantage from the first mile.

In the junior varsity race, MIT runners dominated completely from start to finish. Gerardo Gonzalez '97 (27:55) battled in the lead with a Tufts runner for the entire five miles before losing in the final sprint. Carl Sepe '97 (28:14), Chuck Curtis '95 (29:35), Dave Bramm '94 (28:40) were all in the top 10. Also racing particularly well for the JV Beavers were Tim Defaus '97 and Zoltan Maliga '97.

Though the team ran well, the Engineers had expected more, and are eagerly awaiting the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference Championships (which the team has never lost at) on Oct. 23 on Coast Guard's home course.

**Rugby Crushes Harvard Business**

By Eric Oliver

On Saturday, the men's rugby team took on league rival Harvard Business School on Briggs Field. Dominating almost every aspect of the game, the Engineers fought a 51-10 win.

MIT drew first blood less than five minutes into the match. Following an illegal high tackle by Harvard Business School's Matthew Cutler '95 four yards away from the end zone, injuring his collarbone and removing him from the game, MIT scored a penalty on a play in which then Paul Gadow '96 powered through the Harvard defense.

The conversion kick was good, and MIT led 7-0. Soon after, Harvard was pushing back deep in its own territory and started to kick out. The kick was blocked by Joe de Poliasso '96 and the ball took one bounce and landed right back in Jack's hands, and he sprinted in for the second try. The kid made the score 14-0.

For the rest of the half the frustrated Harvard squad tried to drive into MIT territory, only to have field position returned to the Harvard end by long kicks or crashing runs. Two more tries by Paul and one more by de Poliasso, along with two successful conversion kicks and one penalty kick, gave MIT a 42-0 lead by half time.

The goal for the second half was to keep the ball in the end zone, which would result in a penalty kick to pound the ball into the weakening Harvard defense.

The strategy worked, as Paul scored his fourth try of the game, and his third off a penalty play.

The Crimson, down 36-0, mounted a small comeback, scoring a try and penalty kick, but the Engineers came back on a well executed play by the Harvard defense.