Men's Soccer Downs WNEC, 4–1

By Dan Wang

The men’s soccer team scored an unaffected by a ten-day break from games on Saturday, as it defeated Western New England College, 4–1. This victory improved the Engineers’ season record to 5-3.

MIT gained an early lead and never let it. Samuel Pearlman ‘96 scored two goals in the first two minutes, the first on an assist by Jason Gropaski ‘94 and the second on an assist by Nathan Watson ‘95 more than ten minutes, until a WNEC player placed the ball out of reach of MIT goalie Raja Jindal ‘95 to make the score 3–1. For most of the end of the first half and the beginning of the second, the two sides traded control of the ball. Both MIT and WNEC had numerous chances to score, but simply could not put the ball in the opponent’s net.

Pearlman scored the only goal of the second half with 30 minutes, 59 seconds left in the game, on an assist by Attila Lengyel ‘94 and Brian D’Vasta ‘95. Despite being unable to score again, the Engineers controlled the tempo from that point on, spending much more time on the WNEC half of the field than on their own.

Statistics clearly showed that MIT combined a strong offense with a tenacious defense. MIT goalies Jindal and Andrew Allen ‘96 had three saves each, out of only seven shots-on-goal, as the defense was able to keep the ball away from the goal area. On the other hand, MIT’s offense took fifteen shots-on-goal, forcing eleven saves by three WNEC goalies, as well as scoring four goals.

The next three upcoming games will all be hosted by MIT. The Engineers face Tufts University today and Curry College on Wednesday, as well as visiting Clark University on Saturday, as part of Homecoming Weekend.

By Cathy Mangion

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Field Hockey Wins 3rd In a Row

By Cathy Mangion

The women’s varsity field hockey team captured its eighth win of the season, against Wheaton College on Saturday. Despite theagn of the Engineers dominated most of the game. They relentlessly pressured Wheaton offensively, scoring halfway through the first half off of a penalty corner. Co-captain Mary Beth Richards ‘94 scored the goal, assisted by Katherine Marrill ‘97 and Cathy Mangion ‘95.

Both teams came out strongly after halftime, but the MIT defense and goalkeeper Meg Golden ‘97 shut down the Wheaton offense. Golden had her best game of the season and provided the turning point of the second half when she saved a penalty stroke attempt. Shortly afterward, Merrilees scored off of another penalty corner, with assists from Richards and Mangion.

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Soccer Snuffs Curry, Bows to Babson

By Thomas Bows

The women’s soccer team won its ninth game, and second league game, on Thursday, defeating Curry College 4–1 at Steinmetz Stadium.

In the first half, MIT kept the ball effectively on the opponents’ half and scored all of its four goals. Becky Hill ’95 made the first goal, seven minutes into the game. Caitlin Trog ’95 was the next scorer, with an assist from Hill. They led 2–0 second five minutes later on an assist from Hill. Finally, Dionne Torres ’96 scored while being assisted by Bows to Babson.

In the final minute of the first half, MIT did not score but prevented Curry from having many opportunities. Karen Callaghan scored Curry’s only goal seventeen minutes into the half. From then on, however, MIT kept them on the defensive.

Head coach Suzan Rowe commented, “We played a very good game. Our passing game was good, the first half, 1 felt we controlled the game in the first half. Very good team play.”

On Saturday, goals by Julie Nichols, Wednesday, October 20

Men’s JV Soccer vs. Phillips Exeter, 3 p.m.
Women’s Varsity Soccer vs. Brandeis University, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 21

Men’s JV Soccer vs. Curry College, 7 p.m.
Women’s Volleyball vs. Babson College, 7 p.m.
Field Hockey vs. Nichols, 7:30 p.m.

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