Sports

Coast Guard Beats Swimmers

By Ognen J. Nastov

In its second dual meet of the season at the Alumni Pool last Tuesday, the men’s swimming and diving team was defeated by the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. "The score is not a good indication of how well the team swam," said head coach John Benedick. "We had a lot of good individuals but not a very good team." The 400-yard medley relay opened the meet, with Engineer's A-squad placing second, 4.13 seconds behind the winning squad from Coast Guard. In the 200-yard freestyle, Theodore Weber '96 took second in position for two-thirds of the race, but was outpaced by C. Harris of Coast Guard by 1.36 seconds. Christian H'94 broke Coast Guard's victory string by winning the 200-yard freestyle in 1:50.87, crushing runner-up M. Capell of Coast Guard by almost a second. The two swimmers battled again in the 500-yard freestyle, with H'6 convcivly achieving his second win at the meet. MIT 3, Coast Guard 2. The 200-yard individual medley by placing 1-2 (2:04.11 and 2:04.55). The athletes rose to their feet as the scoreboard flashed with signs of Broad of Coast Guard was second by 32 uncontested points. "The score by 32 uncontested points." The loss made the Engineers not to count the result of the Regis winner necessarily win, but the Regis coach decided to wait until November to take over against their Navy opponent, who was a top swimmer. His difficulties were compounded by the fact that Coast Guard had a broader base of fast freestyle swimmers than MIT. Coast Guard finished with a 144-72 victory.

Squash Loses to Naval Academy

By Koichi Kunitake

The squash team played its opening game against the U.S. Naval Academy on Wednesday at DuPont Gymnasium. The team lost 9-1 to the Academy which was ranked fifth in the nation last year.

The meet included several close matches that tested the U.S. Naval Academy's ability to hold its own against MIT. The loss of seven of the team's top nine players in graduation means the team has less experience. Captain Safsafad Yedrashe-Amanwarka had a tough match against his Army opponent, who was a top player. His difficulties were compounded by the fact that Coast Guard had a broader base of fast freestyle swimmers than MIT. Coast Guard finished with a 144-72 victory.

Women's Swimming Team Downed by Regis College

By Dan Wang

Last Wednesday, the women's swimming and diving team dropped a 133-15 decision to Regis College at Alumni Pool, in its first home meet of the season. The loss was the team's second overall, making its record 0-2. The MIT swimmers, despite some strong performances, suffered from a lack of representation in many events. Although they fell behind in team points from the outset of the meet, and never recovered. Clara Yang '95 recorded the first win for the Engineers, in the 200-yard butterfly. In a time of 26.34 seconds, Leslie Farel '96, came close behind, in 26.66, to take second place. In the 100-yard freestyle, Miranda Fan '95 took first in 28.20 seconds. Hillary Price '97 added first-place points to the Engineers' board in the 100-yard backstroke. In the preceding event, the 100-yard butterfly, Elaine Neal '95 took first, finishing the race in 1:10.27. In some of the races, MIT swimmers did not necessarily win, but the Regis coach decided not to count the result of the Regis victory towards the team score. There were many other events during which MIT swimmers created some excitement. The 1000-yard freestyle, a true test of endurance and nerves, Holly Goo '93 swam neck-and-neck with her competitor from Regis in adjacent lanes for most of the race. Both swimmers exchanged leads many times, and with less than ten lengths of the pool left to go, Goo took a lead of about one body length, and seemed ready to pull away. But her opponent caught up, reclaimed the lead, and never let go. Goo finished a little less than two seconds behind the winner. However, she made up for the close loss in capturing the individual event of the evening, the 200-yard individual medley.

In the final event of the evening, Goo joined Price, Fan, and Yang in the 200-yard freestyle relay. Price and Fan kept the race close, allowing Yang to take a lead during her leg. Regis swimmers in the next late close in and took the lead shortly after the final exchange. The anchor for the Regis team was given to Price, along with ged. The Engineers ended up with a time of 1:49.89, 1.65 seconds behind the winner, but still well ahead of the rest of the field. The second MIT team, made up of Downs Blanch, Christine L'96, and Farel, took third place, with a time of 1:55.80.

In the diving portion of the meet, Debbie Carvell '96, and Elaine Haberer, '97 finished 1-2 in both the required dive and optional dives off the 1-meter springboard. In both events, Goo performed consistently close more difficult dives than the rest of her competitors, and made them successful. Out of the total of the meet, she performed the most difficult that she had chosen, the most difficult of all the dives made in the round, she earned the highest combined score from the judges for any single dive. In the required dive event, Carvell scored 142.95 points, well ahead of the second place Haberer, who scored 123.3 points. In the second event, consisting of optional dives, Carvell opened with a forward dive, with two somersaults in the pike position. The dive had a degree of difficulty of 2.3, which was 0.6 higher than any of the other dives, and the highest score from the judges in that round.

All of Goo's dives in this event had a degree of difficulty over 2.0. She executed all of them with enough success to finish with a combined scoring margin of victory. Haberer's 116.70 was the closest to the 159.45 points that Goo earned.

Coach John Benedick gave the diving team a strong performance, but still had many positive things to say about his own swimmers. "They really put in an honest effort. They are an enthusiastic group with a lot of potential," he said.

Take Your Time!

Due to some miscommunication with the Office of Career Services, the deadline for submitting resumes to Monitor Company has been delayed. If you are interested in speaking with us about the opportunities and responsibilities that come with being a strategy consultant, please submit to the OCS a letter, your resume, and a transcript by Wednesday, December 1.

Resumes submitted after that date cannot be considered for our recruiting schedule.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Monday, November 29
Women's Basketball vs. Regis College

Sunday, December 5
Women's Swimming vs. MIT

Monday, December 6
Women's Squash vs. MIT

Wednesday, December 8
Women's Gymnastics vs. MIT