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**Men's track team shows all-around strength**

By Dan Wang
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The men's track team enjoyed quite a bit of success at the Beaver Relays, the team's first event of the year. Although team points were not tabulated, many of the team members captured individual victories at the Jan. 9 races against athletes from Bates College, Fitchburg State College, Stonehill College, and Westfield State College.

MIT runners had considerable success in the track events, winning all but two. In the opening race, the 3,000-meter run, Craig Sarney of Bates amassed his best time of the season, winning with a time of 8 minutes, 34.44 seconds. MIT's Ken Kuo '96 sped up early in the race to finish second, helping set the blistering pace with Sarney.

Sarney could not keep up with Sarney, who pulled away with five laps to go. Seto was passed by teammate Jasen Darley '95, who crossed the line first, followed by Carlos Duran '94. The mile run seemed like a breeze for Darley, edging out Bates' Kevin Crabtree, who has run a sub-four minute mile this season, posted a 4:28.59-second-place finish. Jerry Prat '94 finished third, with a time of 4:40.16. In this race, MIT runners took five of the top seven places.

*Photo finish in hurdles*

The next event, the 55-meter high hurdles, was won by the photo finish. The top three finishers, Matt Robinson '94, Edward J. Cho '93, and Collin Page '95, each received a time of 8.31 seconds. The photograph showed Robinson crossing the finish line first, but the tape captured an MIT sweep of the top four, timing in at 8.32 seconds.

The sprint events, the 55-meter dash, 200-meter dash, and 400-meter dash, had some many entrants that they were run in heats. In the 55-meter dash, qualifying for the final heat was based on either a top finish or time in preliminary rounds. Places were based on heat times for the other two races.

In the 55-meter dash, Matt Sandholm '96 won, finishing in 6.64 seconds, with a fairly comfortable margin of victory. Sandholm completed a double by winning the 200-meter dash, followed by the 400-meter dash. In the final 400-meter dash, Tom Lang '96 ran his best time of the season, edging out Dan Coccore '94.

Ed Patron '95 caused some excitement in the 800-meter run when he decided to attack at the beginning of the final lap. Patron's speed seemed to fade on the home-stretch, but he had already established enough of a lead to edge a competitor from Bates at the finish line. Patron's time of 2:03.15 was only 0.12 seconds better than his pursuer. Kumarith Hardy '97 headed the pack, finishing third, with a time of 2:08.63.

*Strong in field events*

In the six field events, the Engineers were able achieve at least a second-place finish in every one. In the 35-pound weight throw, John Wallberg '96, the only MIT representative to make the final round, finished second, with a throw of 48 feet, two and a half inches. However, he was no match for Joe Welch, of Bates College, who won with a 54-foot-seven-and-a-quarter inch toss. Coming into the Beaver Relays, Welch was heavily favored to win, based on results earlier this season.

The shot put ended in the same winning order, with Welch and Wallberg finishing 1-2 again. This time, Welch put forth a beave of 41 feet two-and-a-half inches, almost two feet behind the winning throw. Antonio Morales-Pena '97 added a fifth place finish.

The Engineers fared much better in the other field events. First, they dominated the high jump and pole vault. MIT captured the top four places in the pole vault, led by Robinson, who cleared a height of 14 feet. Robinson owns the MIT indoor track record for the event, with a 16-foot, 3 three-and-a-half inch jump last year.

In the high jump, MIT's winning effort was led by Andy Ugovar '95 and James Kirtley '94, who finished 1-2, clearing heights of 6 feet, 3 inches and 6 feet,1 inch, respectively. Hung Hoang '96 finished third with a jump of 5 feet, 11 inches. Hoang, though, won the long jump held later in the day. His 20-foot, 6 and three-quarter-inch leap for victory was only one-and-a-half inches better than the second place finish. The next highest MIT placement was fifth, by Elliot Hui '95, who jumped exactly 20 feet.

In the triple jump, the final field event of the meet, Jason Desmarais of Fitchburg State captured first place. Marco Alexander '95 was the top MIT finisher, placing second with a jump of 41 feet, 6 and one-half inches, losing by a little less than four inches. Hui, Ugovar, and Hoang showed their versatility in field events by finishing third through fifth.

Feldman wins 5,000 meter

The events at the end seemed to be the most exciting, with the help of a large cheering section of Engineers who had already completed their own events. The men's last individual track event, the 5,000-meter run, only had three competitors, but still generated much team support and excitement. Josh Feldman '97, the top MIT runner in the event, stood out strongly, taking a lead which he would keep for the duration of the race.

Feldman's teammate, Sateyn Shah G traded second place with Casey Connolly of Westfield State for most of the race. However, Shah seemed to tire late in the race, and dropped DeShawn to about seven laps to go. Feldman posted a time of 16 minutes, 29 seconds, winning by a little more than 50 seconds.

Both of the relays featured impressive come-from-behind victories for the Engineers. The next event, the 1,600-meter relay, consisted of only two teams, pitting MIT against Bates. MIT's Kirby

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**Women's Hoops Goes 1-1**

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The women's basketball team travelled to the Coca Cola Classic hosted by Catholic University of America in Washington DC last weekend. The Engineers lost their opening game to Catholic University.

In the Engineer's first game, they lost to host Catholic after a valiant battle. Coach Leo Osgood congratulated his team for the first time. The Engineers pull ahead of MIT with a final score of 72-66.

In the consolation game against St. Elizabeth, the MIT team started in strong lead with an 11-4 score. Both C. J. Doane '95 and Kristin Ratliff '95 were named to the all tournament team. Doane scored 28 points in the Saint Elizabeth game, while pulling down nine rebounds.

Ratliff showed her strength with two consistent games, especially on the boards, which pulled down 18 rebounds and 17 points.

The team plays its next game tomorrow at Rockwell Cage against Brandeis University.

**Men's Basketball Downed by Coast Guard**

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The men's basketball team dropped a 70-63 decision to the United States Coast Guard Academy, last Saturday, before a crowd of 117 (roughly, check the book) at Rockwell Cage. The team's record for the season is now 1-3 overall, and 1-2 in the Constitution Athletic Conference.

The game had been fairly close for most of the game, despite the coach Leo Osgood described as "shaggy." But MIT never had the lead, falling behind late in the first half, and was down 39-34 at halftime.

At the beginning of the second half, the Engineers climbed deficit to 11 points before MIT went on a scoring run, closing the gap to 51-50 at one point. The Engineers had a late shot which missed and the take the lead, but were unable to put the ball through the hoop.

MIT and Coast Guard exchanged baskets, keeping the score fairly close late in the game. The Engineers started penetrating the defense of the Engineers - despite the use of a full-court press and various zone defenses by the Engineers. The results were some easy baskets, which allowed the Bears to increase its lead and gradually pull away. As the game closed, MIT's three-pointer wouldn't fall, and the Coast Guard players used the victory by converting Engineer fouls to points.

For the second half, the Engineers had a better free throw percentage, with 36 percent to Coast Guard's 45 percent. But they missed important baskets down the stretch, which would have made the game closer. With less than five minutes left to play, and MIT 57-3-2 Down, Guard Randy Hyun '95 was fouled on a three-footed shot and given a three-point attempt, giving him three chances from the charity stripe. Unfortunately, he missed the first two before making the last one. The Bears' lead which could have been as large as 20, was now four, which turned out to be insurmountable. The statistics seemed to tell a big part of the tale. The team made 17 field goals and shot 68 percent from the field. The Bears, meanwhile, made 48 percent of their shots from the field. The Bears made only six more shot attempts, but connected on ten more of them than the Engineers.

Center Keith Whalen '96, who played almost the entire game near the basket, made only four of 13 shots from the field, while leading the teams with 17 points. This figure, as well as the overall team shooting, indicated numerous scoring opportunities that MIT was not able to take advantage of. Whalen and forward Joe Levesque '95 tied for the most rebounds, both grabbing seven boards. Forward and Tim Porter '96 also scored in double figures, with 14 points, which included four three-pointers.

The Engineers' next home game is Saturday afternoon, against Pratt Institute. The Engineers will play its next conference game on Jan. 19 versus Western New England College, also at Rockwell Cage.