Casserberg Scores 1,000th Point

Four minutes into the game, Mari Casserberg '94 receives a pass from C.J. Doane '95. Casserberg then leaps up in the air to shoot against Anna Maria. The ball then drops through the hoop to give Casserberg her 1,000th point.

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When the women's basketball season took the floor at Rockwell Cage, Monday night against Anna Maria College, the situation seemed just like another game. The goal that Mari Casserberg '94 scored off of a pass from C.J. Doane '95 seemed like any other. But the basket scored about four minutes into the first half was one of the biggest of her athletic career, and in the history of MIT athletics. The crowd was wild when Casserberg took the ball in front of the basket, bounced it on the glass, hit it the rim and fell through the net.

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The players had a chance to regroup, and the scoring started again. With 1:20 left before halftime, guard Sarah Davis '97 drew some admiration from the crowd when she cleverly slipped a field goal attempt out of the air. The Amcats' inability to put the ball through the hoop helped the Engineers to a 38-23 halftime lead.

The Engineers seemed to be able to maintain the lead throughout the second half, but were stunned by their opponents, who inch ed closer at every moment. Six minutes into the second half, MIT increased the lead to 47-31. The play seemed uneventful until 7:50, when the Amcats were surprisingly back into the game by cutting the lead to six points, the score 53-47.

Soon afterwards, Davis capped off a three-pointer to give the Engineers some breathing room. Or so it seemed. The Amcats started making baskets and generated a scoring run. In less than thirty seconds, the opposition made two easy field goals, MIT was able to match baskets with Anna Maria most of the time, and things seemed like the Engineers might be able to pull off a win.

At 5:53, a tip-in attempt by Anna Maria to finally tie the game, 59-59. Seconds later, Doane rejected a shot and allowed the Engineers to regain possession of the ball. Amy McKay '97 scored at 3:00 to put MIT back up 61-59, but moments later, fouled Amcat center Holly McHale, who sank the two resulting free throws.

MIT went back up 63-61, but another foul helped the Amcats come back. At 2:03, McKay was again called for a foul. Although the one-and-one free throw missed, a teammate grabbed the rebound and scored for two points, to tie the game again.

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That player did not convert the turnover into points, but MIT had lost a valuable scoring opportunity. With 45 seconds to go, an Amcat three-pointer turned out to be the winning basket. On the offense, Casserberg tried to respond, but missed a layup. She fought for the rebound, but the referee called a jump ball, giving possession to Anna Maria.

With 25 seconds left in the game, McHale grabbed a loose ball and went on a breakaway to the other goal. Casserberg ran her down and foiled her in a desperate attempt to prevent an easy basket. McHale was not able to put up a shot, but the foul was Casserberg's fifth, taking her out of the game.

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Men's Track Team Finishes 130 Points Up, Extends Streak

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The MIT men's track team (literally) raced to 10-0 this weekend in a romp over Bowdoin, Colby, Wesleyan State, and Worscester State. The Engineers again were dominant in the field events and long distance runs, and they finished the meet with a whopping 353.5 points, more than 130 points ahead of second-place Bowdoin.

In the field events, Eitan Sabo '95 scored his first points of the year by taking sixth in the 25 lb. weight throw, and John Wallberg '96 placed second in both the weight throw and the shot put to start things off for the Engineers. Matt Robin '94 won the pole vault for the 184th consecutive week, while Freddie Hernandez '95, Jeremy Melvin '97, and Bill Arnold '94 took the third, fourth, and fifth scoring places.

MIT showed its true dominance of the meet in the jumping events, where Andy "Jumpr" Joe Ugurov '95 won both the high jump (6' 7") and the triple jump (45' 5"), and all four MIT competitors scored in two of the three events. In the long jump, Hung Hoang '96 scored to first place with a 20' 10 1/2" leap, Morio Alexander '96 took fourth, Micky Williams '94 took fifth with a 19' 0" jump, and Elliot Hus '94 grabbed eighth place. In the high jump, James Kirtley G jumped 6' 5" to take second to Ugurov, and Hoang finished in a fifth-place tie. Hoang then finished second in the triple jump, with Ugarov, and Hoang finished in a fifth-place tie. Hoang then finished second in the triple jump, with the Engineers had the lead for the entire first half. After the second minute mark, the team had slightly the whole half by at least ten points. Anna Maria brought the score to 29-26 with 3:14 left, coach Susan Rowe called a time out.

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