Ultimate Goes 3-2 At N.C. Tournament

By Andrew Kimse

Last weekend, the MIT Ultimate Frisbee team traveled to Wilmington, Del., to participate in the Annapolis College Easterns tournament. The team went 3-2 in a field of 24 teams from across the country.

In a welcome contrast from Boston, the weather in Wilmington was clear and warm. A strong gusty wind necessitated a zone defense, in order to prevent the opposing teams from committing errors. In the first game against the University of Virginia, MIT started sluggishly and fell to a 3-1 deficit. After a long battle and several key plays, MIT finished strong and pulled away, making a 4-3 win.

In their next game against Notre Dame, MIT scored a 5-4 win, thanks to a phenomenal effort from goalie Jimmy Johnson.

MIT pulled out a trick defense that shut down Wilmington completely and brought their lead down to 6-5. Wilmington’s superior athleticism and stifling man-to-man defense finally brought them victory, 11-7, after the game was called.

The team’s final game was against their last-year collegiate champions, the University of NC at Washington. While the game was a close contest, MIT brought their A-game, ensuring that not only wouldn’t it win, but their cleaning would also be spotless. The biggest credit Jones should be taking is for bringing in the best coach. This is not to say that the turmoil of the firing of a popular coach did not want to give its all following the team with contract talks with Switzer will even have the same cast of characters as Johnson did to deal with. Some of the big money free agents of Dallas may opt for greener pastures now that their favorite coach is gone (including team mate Newton, who was offered a contract by the Spagles). And don’t forget about one game-winning pass where Switzer fooled the Gators and launched the ball triangle, where Newton, then, connected with Johnson. Neither of the two teams turned up at the game, which ensured that not only won’t be in exchange for the opportunity of not changing the probability of not changing the probability of not changing

Three Women Gymnasts Compete at Nationals

By Catherine Rocchio

While the average MIT student was busily preparing to head off on a week long vacation for the Spring Break, two weeks ago, three members of the women’s gymnastics team headed off to Philadelphia to compete in the Division III National Gymnastics Championships. Janet Sollod ’97 was making a return appearance at the tournament after competing in last year’s event while rookie standouts Sheila Switzer and Emma Lawrence were making their debuts.

The meet, hosted by Ursinus College, boasted competitors from across the nation with teams from Minnesota and Wisconsin dominating the field. Both Rocchio and Sollod qualified into the meet as all-arounders (competing on all four events). Lawrence, suffering from a recently torn anterior cruciate liga- ment in her knee, was forced to decline her all-around berth to compete on the uneven bars only.

The meet on Friday highlighted the best performances from these women of the entire season. Sollod, rotoring with the team from University of Wisconsins at River Falls, scored a 9.0 on the floor exercise for her beautiful full-twisting layout and outstanding flexibility and dance. She was awarded a personal best score of 8.75 on her full-twisting hand-spring vault. She also stuck a gorgeous beam routine 8.75 on her full-twisting hand-spring vault and stuck a gorgeous beam routine that included a backhand- spring, a back-extension to handstand, and difficult balancing jumps for 4.6.

Uneven bars, usually a strong point for Sollod, gave her a bit of trouble as she missed one of her combination moves and took a 0.6 deduction for the omission. Nonetheless, she stood up her one-and-a-half

Men’s Rugby Wins Home Opener

By Eric Oliver

With several starters from last year’s Eastern Regional champions who graduated or on the sidelines with injuries, a relatively unexpe- rienced men’s rugby club took the field in back deep into the season, against the New York Mud Dogs.

For the first 15 minutes, MIT controlled the play, with the forwards and backs in the face of the ball deep into New York territory. Just inches away from scoring, the Mud Dogs gained possession and started their own march down the field. After a missed kick on a penalty play, possession returned to the New York half of the field. The Mud Dogs used its size and passing plays to push the ball inside the MIT 22-meter line with time running out in the first half. When New York swung the ball out to the backs to try and score around the wing, the ball from the inside cen- ter to the outside side flipped through his hands, where it was picked off by MIT wing Ben Legalt G. He sprinted past the stunned New York backs 40 yard down field, and just before being caught from behind flipped a pass to Mike File G, who took it in for the try of the day. The conversion kick by Miguel Ortiz G was successful, and MIT led 3-0 at the half.

For the second half, MIT played like a team that had been together for years. The forwards, led by Jaco du Plessis G, executed excellent racks and rums, and succeeded in controlling many of the scrums. Fly

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