Men's Tennis Defeats UMass Amherst in Final Meet

By Daniel Wang

The four-year-old graduating senior members of the men's tennis team hoped to close the final dual meet of their careers on a high note. In a disappointing first-round loss at the NCAA Division III Men's Tennis Championships in October, Tsai, despite playing only two seasons of varsity tennis, has already proven to be a major contributor to the team. Last season, he played at the bottom of the lineup and did not attract much attention, but was still an important part of the team effort. One example was his win in singles and doubles matches which allowed the Engineers to edge Tufts University, a major rival.

This season, he brought his doubles skills to a higher level, playing the top flight with Muelhoefer. The two styles complemented each other, allowing them, when playing together, to complete the regular season undefeated against New England Division III teams. Muelhoefer, recipient of the Malcolm G. Kispert Award, for outstanding performance as a scholar-athlete, has established himself as one of the most accomplished players of the MIT men's tennis program. His success started from his freshman year, when he was the only winner to win points for MIT at the NCAA tournament.

With three different partners, Muelhoefer went on to win three consecutive New England Division III titles.

League's Top Athlete winner. Muelhoefer is the #1 singles player on this year's team and was a member of the Commonwealth Athletic Conference Division III North Championship Tournament, and earned first-team All-New England status. The all-time leading point scorer in MIT women's basketball history was named the recipient of the Pewter Bowl Award given to a female senior who has shown the highest qualities of inspiration and leadership in contributing to women's athletics. Marnie A. Casselberg '94 scored 1,198 points over four years. She was also the recipient of the Howard W. Johnson Award as the outstanding female athlete of the Year, most valuable player in the Eastern College Athletic Conference Division III North Championship Tournament, and earned first-team All-New England status.

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