Women's Tennis Has Tough Opening Loss Against Vassar

By Carol Matsuzaki

The women's tennis team played their season-opener at home against Vassar College this past Saturday. Although Vassar won the overall match 9-0, there were many close battles. The MIT women proved that they were indeed championship competitors by showcasing their inexperience, desire, and sportsmanship.

In doubles play, at first doubles Carol Matsuzaki '95 and Miranda Fan '95 played assertively and smoothly but lost 6-3, 6-2. The duo of Seetha Ramnath '96 and Sarah Kringer '97 played well as a unit at second doubles but took a tough defeat, 7-6 (7-4), 7-5. The third doubles pair of Bobbi Kommineni '97 and Lily Koo '97 gave a valiant effort but came up short, 6-2, 6-4.

At first singles, Matsuzaki regrouped in the second set and played some passionate tennis but lost 6-3, 7-5. Fan, at second singles, evidenced that she was a true fighter by taking the second set 6-2 after losing the first 6-0. In a very close and exciting third set, Fan played with excellent focus but lost 7-5.

At third singles Kommineni took a tough loss not to be ashamed of, 7-6 (8-6), 7-5. Fourth singles play or Koo played some good solid tennis was defeated 6-2, 6-2. At fifth singles, Kimura competed valiantly but came up short 6-1, 6-1. Shu gave a good effort at sixth singles but went up against a tough player, losing 6-0, 6-0.

Coach Candy Royer and Assistant Coaches Janet Chen G, Elliot Schwartz G, and Joanne Paul feel that although the team members have their work cut out for them, the match provided some good information, and the team's enthusiasm, persistence, and drive are in line with a winning team.

Technically the team has acquired a mark in the loss column, but much more importantly, the team has realized what it is to be a team, to confront the challenges in the face of adversity, and to be proud of what one can accomplish in the attempt.

The team will travel to Worcester Polytechnic Institute tomorrow for its first away match.

Baseball Strike Hurts Teams, Players, Fans

Column by Thomas Kettler

By a 26-2 victory, Maris Schott of the Red and Peter Angelos of the Orioles refused to sign, the baseball owners closed the 1994 baseball season in a feat to the Major League Baseball Players Association (MLBPA).

Consequently, no World Series shall be played for the first time since 1990, when John McGraw, manager of the National League champions New York Giants, refused to play the American League Champion Boston Pilgrims (1916 American League Champions).

The entire debate focused on the "owners" desire to impose a salary cap on the players. The problem is that a salary cap works against a free market which is one of the fundamental tenets of this country.

People hurt by the strike

The cancellation of the season hurt these people: 1) Cleveland, Montreal and New York Yankees fans and players. The Cleveland Indians have not made it to a World Series since being swept by the 1954 New York Giants. This year's team had an excellent shot at either win the American League Central or at least get the American League (AL) wildcard. Now they may not make future playoffs with this team since the two starting pitchers, Dennis Martinez and Jack Morris, are both over 35 and could face no more injuries.

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Field Hockey Still Undefeated

By Catherine Maslany

The field hockey team continued to dominate its opponents last week as it defeated Anna Maria College and Western New England by scores of 6-0 and 4-1, respectively. The team's record now stands at 3-0.

Last Thursday, MIT swept Anna Maria. From its first minute of the game, the Engineers dominated and scored their first goal only three minutes into the game off of a Carla Ostroch '95-Katherine Merlietz '97-Catherine Maslany '95 penalty corner play. Despite having numerous opportunities to score throughout the half, MIT did not score again until there were less than 12 minutes remaining in the half. Co-captain Meera Sai '95 dodged the Anna Maria goalie and scored an unassisted goal.

In the second half, the Engineers proceeded to crush Anna Maria by scoring six goals. Two of those goals were separated by only 21 seconds. Merlietz, Stephanie Maffett '96, Osborn, Anna Torres '96, and Daphne Karydas Gill put the ball into the Anna Maria net. Karydas scored twice.

MIT took a total of 47 shots in the game while Anna Maria was unable to take a single shot.

When asked to comment on the game Coach Cheryl Silva said, "We continue to dominate with strong offensive control, keeping the ball in the attacking circle for most of the game. Our defense has been extraordinary in not allowing a defensive corner in any games."

Despite the oppressive heat during Saturday's game, the field hockey team was able to defeat WNEC 6-0. The team was able to maintain its high scoring power throughout the game, scoring six goals in the first half alone. In the second half, the Engineers continued their dominance, scoring two more goals on WNEC's goalie. The final score of 6-0 was a testament to the Engineers' skill and determination.

Meera Sai '95 shoots the ball during the field hockey game against Western New England College last Saturday. The Engineers won the game 6-0.

Engineers Bully Bisons in 9-2 Win

By Thomas Kettler

In a game that was not nearly as close as the 9-2 score indicated, the men's soccer team beat the Nichols College Bison Saturday at Stasmennis Stadium. The non-conference game put the Engineers 2-1 overall.

The Engineers scored very quickly, getting their first goal only 41 seconds into the game when Robert Frederick '95 scored from the right half of the field after two opposing defenders passed the ball. Defense, Co-captain Alan Love '95 assisted on the play. Eight minutes later, Samuel Pearse '95 assisted on the first of four Andres Villaguzman '97 goals. Villaguzman consistently created problems for Nichols as he could fake out some of the Nichols defenders.

Ten minutes into the game, Nichols finally got the ball on the MIT half of the field and had their first shot on the goal, but Co-captain Raja Fidani '97 saved.

Two minutes later, the first major goal occurred when Brian Fitzgerald of Nichols received a yellow card for delay of game. However, MIT could not capitalize on the man advantage that resulted from the card.

At the 15-minute mark of the game, Villaguzman scored his second goal on an assist by Paul Michalek '95. Three minutes later, Villaguzman scored his third goal of the game unassisted for the hat trick.

With 10 minutes left in the half, MIT received the first of two yellow cards when Jason Millis '97 was penalized. Nathan Watson '95 closed out the scoring for the half on an assist by Jaime Sarabia '94 with eight minutes left in the half.

Coach changes goalkeepers

With the five-goal lead, Coach Walter Alessi replaced Fidani at goal with midfielder, Brian D'Amato '96. D'Amato would play the sweeper defensive position later in the game. Alessi said the team has "a lot of good players and [I] want to get them in different positions."