Women's Tennis Comes Away With One Win, Two Losses

By Carol Matsuzaki

The women's tennis team had a busy weekend, playing Colby College on Friday and Wesleyan University on Saturday. MIT lost both matches 8-1. Still, they did win last Wednesday's match against Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Against Wesleyan, the doubles teams all had very tight, winnable matches but lost at all three positions. 8-4, 8-5, 8-6, respectively. The team feels that their doubles teams are getting stronger with each match they play.

At first singles Carol Matsuzaki '95 was victorious in a great come- back, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2. Competing at the number two position, Bobby Konmmineni '97 played tough but came up against the top Division III Massachusetts recpet, losing 6-0, 6-0. Seetha Ramnath '96, at the number three position, played an extremely close and intense match all the way through, barely losing 6-3, 6-4.

Fourth singles player Miranda Fau '95 gave a valiant effort but lost 7-6 (7-1), 6-0. At the fifth spot, Lily Koo '97 played very well and lost 6-4, 6-2. Number six singles player Nora Humphrey '98 played with poise in a losing effort, 6-4, 6-4.

In exhibition singles play, Saif Shah '95 lost a tight match, 8-3, Sarah Klingler '97 overpowered her opponent, as she took it 8-4 victory.

Engineers fall to Believe

In the Colby match, first doubles pair of Minazu and Fau lost it in a match that was decided by less than half a dozen points. Second doubles pair Ramnath and Klingler and the third doubles team of Konmmineni and Koo both lost their matches 8-2.

At first singles Matsuzaki played a good match but lost a close one.

Field Hockey Falls to Babson But Upsets Gordon, Wheelock

By Catherine Mingion

Last week the MIT field hockey team played against Gordon College, Babson College, and Wheelock College, and came away with two wins. The first two games were away on grass fields while Saturday's match was at home on the artificial turf.

On Tuesday, the Engineers traveled to Gordon College for their first game on grass this season. During the first half, MIT played sluggish- ly, taking only two shots at the Gordon goal. In the second half, MIT took control of the game after Katherine Merrilees '97 scored a goal on a penalty stroke 15 minutes into the period.

Three minutes later, Ann Tenney '96 dodged the Gordon goalie and scored.

Gordon remained very aggres- sive and almost scored later in the game. A shot taken by one of the Gordon players ricocheted off the corner of the MIT goal. The ball rolled along the goal line and was about to roll into the goal when it was saved by Co-captain Catherine Masignan '95 with a reverse stick hit. For the rest of the game, the ball was kept in MIT's offensive end.

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Standing at 1-2

With Wesleyan leading 3-2, MIT's hopes rested on sixth singles player Surya Ganguli '97 to offset the 1-0 team deficit. After losing the first set and falling behind 5-0 in the second set, Ganguli fought back. He pulled it to close at 5-4, lost the final game. With that point, Wesleyan already clinched the team victory.

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Opening home loss to BU

The team faced its first true test at Wesleyan University. After BU was a Division I team, its lineup was considerably weaker than those in past past. Coach Jeff Hamilton hoped that the Engineers could make a good showing.

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With the next game tomorrow at home against Wellesley College, Silva still acknowledged the strength of her team's upcoming New England opponents. "We expect a much more difficult game against Wellesley," she said.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Tuesday, Sept. 27
Men 4-0 vs. Colby College, 3 p.m.
Women's Soccer vs. Mount Holyoke, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 28
Men 3-2 vs. Tufts College, 1 p.m.
Field Hockey vs. Wellesley College, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 29
Baseball vs. Massachusetts Community College, 6 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 30
Women's Tennis vs. New England Division I Championships, at 1 p.m.