Graduate Soccer Club Crushes Harvard Alumni on Saturday

By Josh Elliott

The MIT graduate student soccer club beat the Harvard Alumni 2-0 last Saturday.

An after-match sporting expression is that a sure sign of a championship team is one that plays badly at times. This also applies in the sport of association football, or soccer.

Though the team had a below-par performance in Saturday’s game, only the final whistle blew the scoreboard suggested an easy win. However, MIT achieved this result with great difficulty.

Although MIT had most of the chances in the first half, they had great difficulty in applying chances to score. The first half ended with a 0-0 scoreline. MIT players realized the ball lining up for the shot. Josh Elliott ended up taking it, the finishing touch. After 20 minutes, the finishing touch. After 20 minutes, they had great difficulty in applying chances to score in the first half. The second half started and MIT had several chances to increase their lead after this. An Ernst dummy from a corner fooled everybody including his own teammate. Tony Diaz G, standing at the edge of the 6-yard box. The rocket from Diaz’s knee bounced dangerously toward the Harvard goal but was saved. An Elliott cross to Mandus was headed just wide from 6 yards. A Schaeffer volley from a Diaz cross went just over the bar from about 10 yards.

MIT finally put the game away when in the 85th minute with Harvard pressing forward for an equalizer. A long ball from the MIT defense beat the Harvard offside trap and Mandus was able to beat the Harvard goalie to the ball, scoring easily with nobody within 10 yards of him.

This was another critical win and extends MIT’s unbeaten streak to 4 games, stretching back to the start of the fall season. It sets the stage perfectly for MIT’s most important game of the season this Saturday at 9:30 a.m. against league leaders Lexington in the MIT astroturf field. MIT is still the underdog for this season’s championship. It is currently in second place, 3 points behind Lexington.

A win would put MIT one point out of first place with a superior goal difference. Any Lexington slip-up thereafter would probably give MIT the league. Supporters are encouraged to attend the game.