Crain’s School Record Leads Harriers to 9th in NEIAAA

By Arnold Soto

The men’s cross-country team tested its mettle against New England’s best runners Friday. The All New England (NEIAAA) Championship meet included many Division I schools, such as Boston University, Boston College, and automatically-ranked Dartmouth College, along with Division II and III colleges, such as MIT.

Facing such competition, the MIT team performed extremely well, placing ninth out of 31 schools. The Engineers defeated Div. I Northeastern University and most of their Div. III rivals, but lost to fifth-place Williams College.

It was a perfect day for running, with five out of the top six team members taking the opportunity to set personal records. Ethan Crain ’95 led the way, breaking his own school record in a blazing 24 minutes, 40 seconds, a pace equivalent to a 4:45 mile. Crain placed seventh overall, passing many runners in an amazing sprint at the finish.

Jason Darley ’95 finished 17th overall (25:08) after a strong race near the front pack. Arnold Soto ’96, Dan Hegenson ’97 (26:20), Carl Munkelwitz ’95 (26:41), and Josh Feldman ’97 (26:44) held together and supported one another in the huge throng of runners, leading to four personal records and an excellent placing for the team.

In the junior varsity race (dismissively called sub-varsity by the meet organizers), MIT finished 11th out of 17 schools.

Mark Feldmeier ’96 had his best meet so far this season, finishing 24th in 27:23. The JV team members also broke several personal records, including an amazing two-minute improvement by Rick Thompson ’98 (28:24).

This Saturday, the Constitution Athletic Conference Championships will be hosted by MIT at Franklin Park. Anyone interested in watching the race or assisting in its operation should contact Coach Halsten Taylor.

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In the second half, the Engineers did not demonstrate nearly as much intensity as in the first and allowed the Fightin’ Engineers to keep the ball in the MIT half of the field for almost the entire period.

This was demonstrated during a six-minute period at 15 minutes left in the game, when the ball never left the MIT half. At the midpoint of that stretch, Bob McGhee scored the only Rose-Hulman goal of the match. They would have scored more if goalkeeper Raja Jindal ’95 had not made several excellent saves.

Head coach Walter Alessi said, “We played reasonably in the first half. We had a few defensive lapses in the first half, but fortunately we were able to get away with them.”

Alessi did say that he was disappointed with the second half, though he was happy with the win.

The men’s team plays their final home game Thursday at 3:00 p.m. against Curry College at Steinbrenner Stadium.

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