Women's Basketball Reaches Tip-Off Final

By Farhan Zaidi

The Salve Regina Newporters, behind a stellar 20-point, 16-rebound performance from Gordon College, defeated the Engineers, 56-37, in the championship game of the women's basketball Tip-Off Classic at Rockwell Cage this past weekend.

The two teams had advanced to the championship game of the four-team, single elimination tournament by defeating Westminster Institute of Technology and Simmons College respectively in first-round action Saturday.

In the first game on Saturday, the Newporters exploded on a 19-3 run to open second round action. They took over the game on their way to a convincing 61-46 win over the MIT Leopard. The team's first half favored the Leopards, who, behind a dominating 16-point, 11-rebound first-half performance by Kim McCabe, staked to a 23-21 lead at the break.

However, the Newporters adjusted defensively and held McCabe scoreless for the first 15 minutes of the second half, stifling the Leopard offense and sparking a 27-7 run over that duration.

With the score at 48-30, McCabe finally scored inside but the spell was followed by a spectacular 11-0 run by Salve Regina that put the game out of reach.

The Engineers, meanwhile, dominated from the beginning against Simmons College Sharks in Saturday's second game, racing out to a 20-7 lead behind the savvy passing and court leadership of Sarah Davis. The lead grew to 10 at 43-33, but then a big 3-point play by Davis effectively ended the Sharks' hopes of advancing.

The final score was 56-47, as Davis, Gerrish, and Doane combined for 43 of MIT's points, with Davis adding five rebounds and eight assists in a well-rounded effort. On advancing to the finals, MIT coach Sue Rowe noted: "They hustled and played together," and that she was "pleased with their effort.

On the prospect of facing Salve Regina in the finals, she noted that the Engineers would have to clamp down and "slow (the Newporters) down to a half-court game," pointing out that Salve Regina had won its first game with the help of an effective trapping defense at the other end.

Championship Game

Early in Sunday's championship game, the Engineers were successful controlling the tempo by pounding the ball inside on offense and using an effective trapping defense at the other end to build a 10-6 lead. The Newporters, kept to a shooting guard point guard Jill St. Germain, came back to tie the game at 12.

After a dry spell in which both teams were frustrated offensively, MIT went on a 26-18 run to build a 26-18 lead. The rally was sparked by Amy Mackay '98, who scored three inside baskets and a 3-point play for 9 of the 10 points during the stretch.

Once again, the Newporters came back, this time behind the inside play of Stevee County as they took a 27-26 lead after a 9-point run of their own. The half ended with MIT's Davis being fouled with no time left and hitting two free throws to give the Engineers a 30-29 edge going into the second half.

The second half opened with a quick start for the Engineers, as Doane's off-side play helped them build a 6-point lead in the early going. However, a big 3-point barrage by the Newporters, and a comedic tip-in by Riley gave Salve Regina back the lead at 38-37, and for most of the remainder of the game, the teams stayed close, handing the lead back and forth momentarily.

Then, with under three minutes remaining, Salve Regina forged a 60-54 lead, only to have it cut down to 60-58 by a big 6-0 run which sent the game to overtime. Highlighting the run was a brilliant three pointer by With under 20 seconds left, to tie the game.

Game goes into overtime

Earlier in the consolation game, the MIT Leopards defeated the Simmons Sharks 62-54, with McCabe and Becky Morris leading MIT with 31 points and 15 rebounds. The game was one of a four-point lead at 12 with 9 and rebounds by the break, while McCabe added 16 and 16 on the second scoring 6 points early on to thrust the Leopard lead into double digits.

Nurtured to the All-Tournament team were MIT's McCabe, Simms' Mary Schmitz, Salve Regia's St. Germain, and MIT's Gerich and Musch.

SPORTS

MIT Ends Fall Well at Foot

By Lorin Theiss

THE TEAM WELDED

The varsity heavyweight crew finished out its fall season this past weekend with the Foot of the Charles. The Engineers had their strongest finish in many years demonstrating the depth and strength of the squad this year.

Although the first four boats only placed ninth, equaling last year's best finish, the other boats moved considerably in the rankings.

The Foot of the Charles is an annual event which allows each of the collegiate varsity teams to race in fours. There are no divisons.

Coach Gordon Hamilton regarded it as "one of the best regattas of the year." He went on to explain that "none of the teams are split into separate divisions. All of the lightweights, heavyweights, varsity and junior varsity squads are in one event."

Harvard University, Dartmouth College, MIT, Boston University, and Northeastern University entered the majority of the 60 boats in the event.

Tech's first boat finished the course in a time of 13 minutes, 53 seconds. The second four rowed the course in a time of 13:57, and the third finished with a time of 14:04. These times allowed for final placings of ninth, 11th, and 14th, respectively.

The second boat was won by a Northeastern four boat in a time of 13:00. The second also placed boats at 20th, 32nd, and 43rd. Unfortunately, the fourth boat was assessed a 30-second penalty for passing on the wrong side of a buoy.

The first four men made up Franco Basile '95, Chris Putnam '96, Adam Cotner '96, Jon Singer '95.

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UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Tuesday, Nov. 22
Men's Basketball vs. Babson College, 6 p.m.
Women's Basketball vs. Gordon College, 8 p.m.

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The intercollegiate Volleyball Club competed in its second tournament of the year last Saturday. After having just missed the playoff cut, the Engineers were looking to impress here.

Host Boston College and MIT squared off first in a match that saw good serving from both teams. Both games were close and big plays such as a roof block from Furry Hubbard G and a clutch pass from Stuart Gifford G on BC's game point gave MIT the edge to win 11-7, 13-11.

The Engineers next went on to defeat Wentworth Institute of Technology in quick fashion. Deep serving against what was clearly a one-man team took MIT's IVC to an 11-8, 11-4 victory, including 10 straight points off the serve of backup setter Min Chien '98 to end the game.

The University of Connecticut cut out to be MIT's strongest opponents in the pool, but Tech played up to the challenge, effective middle blocking from Gunter Niemeyer G and Ghasem. Good hitting all around helped IVC to an 11-8, 11-4 win. Assured of a playoff berth, MIT's second string saw most of the action in the final game of pool play against BU. Good offense in the middle from Phil Le '95 and Tim Smith led to an easy 14-4 first game win. A more continual ending resulted in a loss of a close second game 11-13.

The biggest experience was a win over a team to Northeastern University. Both teams were tied, but MIT pulled out victory in the long rally. Hubbard came alive on the right side defense carrying MIT to a speedy 15-8, 15-7 victory.

The University of New Hampshire was all that stood between MIT and first place. Tough blocking and digging from UNH kept the Engineers from establishing a point offense. Again, a middle blocker was a major factor and MIT could not keep up with UNH's rapid-fire attack in the 15-12, 15-7 loss.

MIT's IVC definitely made its presence felt at this tournament with the second place finish and nearly undefeated pool play. The team expects to play at home tournament Dec. 1-2.

I'm not sure what you mean by "The Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute goalie narrowly misses a save to give the MIT women's hockey team a goal in the first period last Saturday." It seems like it would be more relevant to the story about the Engineers' performance at the Foot of the Charles. If you could clarify or provide more context, I'd be happy to help further.