Foster Ends Career

By Roger Crosley

Foster '95 was named the winner of the Men's Gymnastics past Dartmouth

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Season-High Score Lifts Men's
Gymnastics past Dartmouth

By Rob Cooper

Last Saturday, the men's gymnastics team traveled to Dartmouth College where it posted a noteworthy win, scoring a season-high 172.6 points to Dartmouth's 133.75.

The first event was the floor exercise. Dave Golombek '96, starter of the Engineers off with a score of 5.6. Next up was Brian Young '96, scoring a 6.65. Chris Van '97, despite touching down on his last pass, scored a 6.75. Andy Ugarov '95, nailed his most difficult exercise, scoring a 7.4 and 7.8.

Next up; unfortunately both had a fall hitting his routine for a 6.4. Andy Loban '97 and Cooper '95, finished a nice routine with few errors, giving him a 6.85.

Peninal horse was next; an event that challenges the small, 6-man horse team to do their best because four scores (from a six-man mandatory line-up) on each event are used in determining the overall team score. Van, first up on the horse, scored a 4.35, while Efelson followed by hitting his routine for a 6.4. Andy Loban '97 and Cooper were the next up; unfortunately both had a fall in their routine, costing them half a point in deductions. However, both finished strongly to give the Engineers a 5.6 and 5.5, respectively.

Brian Clarkson '97 had a bit of trouble with the next event, the rings, as did Geoffrey Philippe '95; yet both came out with fair scores of 4.43 and 5.25 respectively. Cooper hit his best routine this season, giving him 8.5 and 8.0, while Loban, with a lingering muscle due to a knee injury sustained last season at National Trials, achieved a very solid score of 7.3.

Co-captain Scott Lazzaro '95 MIT's strongest ring-man, had some difficulties with a new routine, yet he managed to score 3.75. The event, Efelson held two strong iron crosses and dismounted to an impressive 8.5.

On the vault, Phillipi fell on his handspring, yet still landed a 6.8, followed by Shectman and Golombek who vaulted their way to a 7.4 and 7.8.

Young, who does a more difficult routine, did not complete his twist and still received a 7.25. Efelson flew high and far, constituting an excellent vault and deserving score of 8.5. Last up with a handspring-front was Cooper, who despite taking a couple of steps on his landing, received a meet high 8.5. Golombek and Van were the first two up on the parallel bars, swinging their way to a 3.5 and 4.65, succeeded by Cooper with a 7.0. The judges guessed Lazzaro — whom routine — above all other things included a unique one arm handstand — with a 6.25. Loban, unable to dismount due to his knee, had a few problems with form and still achieved a 7.50, while Efelson swung effortlessly to an 8.05.

The horizontal bar was the final event of the day. All of the Engineers hit their routines — making all of their tricks, giving the team a nice score.

Van received a 4.6; Young, a 4.75; Shectman, a 6.6; Efelson, a 7.05; Cooper, a 7.3; and Loban, a 7.15.

Efelson, overall, had a very impressive day, scoring an all-time personal best of 45.75. Likewise, Efelson made it through with a season-high score of 66.35.

Saturday was a good showing for the Engineers, a stepping-stone in their quest for a trip to the national competition in April.

Indoor Track & Field Team Off To 3-0 Start after Opener

By Daniel Wang

Last Saturday, the men's indoor track and field team opened their season of the year, which was held at the Johnson Athletic Center. By winning the quadangular meet, the team now has a record of 3-0.

The Engineers demonstrated their advantage of a larger team size, and to a greater extent, the ability to go one-by-one with every notch the bar was raised.

The bar was at a height of 12' 6", Jason Melvin '97 and Alfred Hernandez '95 were all who remained. Hernandez was not able to clear the height, but Melvin did. He ended up spending much time by himself, trying to clear each successive height. Melvin would go on to clear 12' 7" and 13' 0", but could not advance further.

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John Wallberg '96 won the 35-lb. weight throw, tossing the bar a distance of 45' 5 1/2" while Hoang captured third, with a distance of 40' 7". Hoang also placed second in the long jump, traveling 20' 2 1/4", a little less than seven inches short of the winning mark by James Bantin of Dartmouth.

In the pole vault, competitors were eliminated one-by-one with every notch the bar was raised. With the bar set at a height of 12' 6", Jason Melvin '97 and Alfred Hernandez '95 were all who remained. Hernandez was not able to clear the height, but Melvin did. He ended up spending much time by himself, trying to clear each successive height. Melvin would go on to clear 12' 6" and 13' 0", but could not advance further. Michael DeMotta '97 cleared a height of 11' 6" for third place, thus completing MIT's sweep.

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John Wallberg '96 won the 35-lb. weight throw, tossing the bar a distance of 45' 5 1/2", more than five and a half feet farther than the next best result.

Wallberg also finished second in the shot put, with a distance of 44' 2", two feet short of the winning effort and closer to the field than the weight throw. The score was 79-7.