

Penn edges NYU in IFA; losers grab three firsts

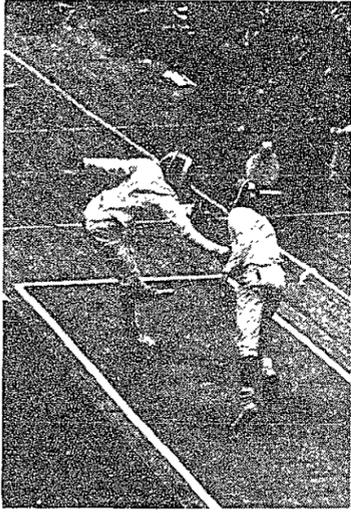


Photo by Larry-Stuart Deutsch

George Masin of NYU scores a touch in his final bout against Ron McMahan of Penn. Masin went on to take the epee title.

By George Wood

Pennsylvania nosed out NYU to take the Intercollegiate Fencing Association championship, held here last weekend. Despite three individual weapon winners for NYU, Penn. managed to score 57 points to NYU's 56. Columbia was a close third with 55 points.

Tech fencers made a good showing but only managed to top Yale in the final scoring. Leonard Zucker '67 starred for the engineers, with a tie for 2nd in the second pool of the preliminaries. Zucker was tied with Steve Permut, Penn.; Armando Heredia, Navy; and Howard Harmetz, NYU; and in the fence-off Permut was 3-0, while Zucker and the other two fencers had 1-2 records.

Stafurik robbed

MIT epee fencers almost pulled the upset of the year when they met Columbia in the prelimina-

ries. Bill Stephan '69 won easily over his Columbian foe, and in the last bout Jack Stafurik '68 got off to a good start by quickly bringing the score to 3-0, then 4-1. The bout proceeded to a 4-4 tie, at which point it was discovered that Stafurik's weapon was defective and was not registering touches. Although the final score was 5-4 for Columbia, there was little doubt in the mind of the spectators and judges that Stafurik actually beat his man. Had this been official MIT would have had a victory over Columbia in epee.

Sabremen top Cornell

Tech sabremen began the meet with a victory over Cornell. Curt Marx '68 and Frank Carroll '68 each won their bouts with the Cornell fencers. In a well fenced bout, Bob Gentala '69 lost 5-4 on a couple of disputed decisions.

George Masin of NYU beat the defending epee champion, Ronald McMahan of Penn. in the finals of the epee competition, while James Davidson of Navy took third. Paul Apostol, the defending NCAA sabre champion from NYU, beat out teammate Dan Zimmermann for the individual sabre title. Michael Gaylor completed NYU's sweep of individual weapons champions by topping Steve Bernard of C.C.N.Y. for the foil title.

Michael Morgan, Penn.'s star foilist was awarded the George Cointe award for sportsmanship.

Meet successful

This was the first time in several years that the IFA championships have been held at MIT. Peter Close, Director of Sports Information, Ross Smith, Director of Athletics, and Allen White, Business Manager worked with coaches and participants to make this one of the most successful meets in recent years.

Straight-T's, Auerbach highlights of annual Varsity Club banquet

By Paul Baker

Sunday night at the annual Varsity Club banquet, four engineers, Bob Hardt '67, Dave Jansson '68, Pete Kirkwood '66 and Steve Sydorik '68 were presented the greatest tribute given to MIT athletes, the Straight-T award. This distinguishes these four for their contribution to the excellence of intercollegiate athletics at MIT.

Both Jansson and Hardt were key figures in leading the basketball team to a 19-4 record, the finest ever. A 6'7" center, Hardt led the team in scoring and provided valuable strength off the backboards. Jansson, recently elected captain of next year's team, was third man on the scoring list. His cool play and clutch shooting often pulled the team through tight situations. At 6'5", he also was tough off the boards.

Pete Kirkwood

One of the finest lacrosse players produced at MIT, Pete Kirkwood captained last year's varsity squad. The 6'3", 170-pound attackman smashed the record for total

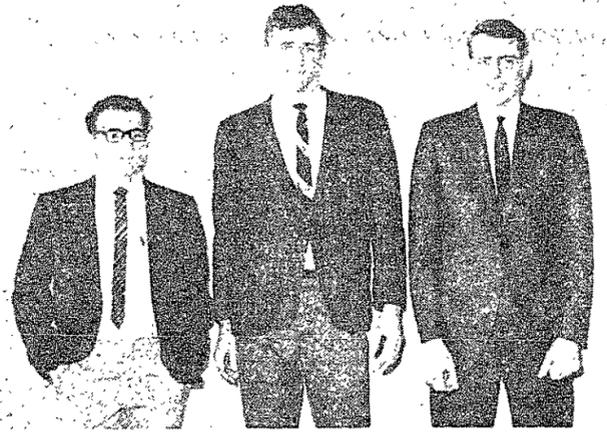


Photo by George Flynn

The Straight-T winners for the 1966-67 season (from left to right): Steve Sydorik '68; Bob Hardt '67; and Dave Jansson '68. Pete Kirkwood '66, the fourth award winner, was not able to be present at the banquet

points in one season with twenty-four goals and nineteen assists. His six-goal scoring burst in one game is also a record for most goals in a single contest.

Perhaps the brightest spot on

this year's outdoor track team is pole vaulter Steve Sydorik. Steve, holder of both the indoor and outdoor records, with heights of 14'6" and 14'2 1/2" respectively, just recently captured the event in the Connecticut Relays.

Auerbach speaks

Red Auerbach was the principal speaker at the banquet. He described humorous situations which confronted him in his various coaching jobs. His principal source seemed to be the job he had with the NBA All-Stars in their European tour of a few years ago.

Ross Smith reviewed the year in MIT athletics. Some of the highlights, as described by him, were:

The sailing team, which looks to be in the national limelight this year.

The golfers, with promising sophomores, could come up with big wins this year.

The highlight of the soccer season was a 1-0 victory over Springfield. This was the first win against these perennial rivals in fifty years.

The basketball team, led by Hardt, Alex Wilson '67 and Jansson, just missed receiving an NCAA bid. Their 19-4 record was the best ever.

The fencers, after a mediocre season, scored an upset in winning the New England Championships.

With only two seniors, the swimming team had a 9-3 record and broke every record in the books.

Cronburg new coach

Sailors aim for top in NE

As soon as the ice clears, the sailing team under its new varsity coach, Terry Cronburg '66, will be out to prove to everybody that MIT is the best. The new coach is a grad student, who from 1962-66 won all possible collegiate sailing honors for MIT and himself. This fall he was an assistant coach and when former coach Joe Duplin, former international Star champion, switched

to Tufts over the winter, he was appointed varsity coach.

In the fall, the varsity with captain Chet Osborn '67 and Joe Ferreira '67 skippering, won the Nevins Trophy over national powers such as Navy and Coast Guard. However, for the rest of the season, they failed to live up to their potential and could only manage seconds. Mike Underhill '69 and Dick Smith '69 crewed for Chet and Joe respectively and showed great potential for the future. Other team members that competed in the sloop and team racing events were Bruce Lockhart '69, Tom Maier '67, Mike Zuteck '67 and Jim Gallagher '69. The coming season will provide an exciting challenge to the Tech sailors and they are convinced they'll come out on top.

Also returning to action after spring vacation, will be the freshman sailing team under coach Ed Shaw '63, who ended the fall season by winning the New England Championship.

Sydoriak wins UConn pole vault; Spring medley team finishes fifth

By Jim Yankaskas

Junior pole vaulter Steve Sydorik made an outstanding comeback in the Connecticut Relays on Saturday, after having injured his hand in the Greater Boston meet. In the month since his injury, Steve was not able to practice normally, but vaulted 14-1 1/4 to capture first place in the meet.

The same height was cleared by Greg Olsen of Boston State, but Sydorik was declared winner because he had fewer misses. His vault established a new meet record and a new record for the cage at UConn. It was also his second highest jump ever.

MIT fielded teams in the distance and the sprint medleys. The distancemen failed to place, but the sprinting team took fifth. Bob Dunlap '67 led off with a 440 and was followed by Bill MacLeod '69 and Dean Schneider, each running a 220. Bob Karman '67 finished off with an 880 and a time for the race of 3:38.

Sixteen colleges from New England and New York entered the meet. It was the last indoor com-

petition to be met this year. MIT's outdoor track team opens against Colby on April 8.

Intramural sports

ZBT takes hockey crown

Sparked by the inspired play of Mike Talalay '69, Zeta Beta Tau pulled off twin 5-1 victories over favored, defending champion Sigma Alpha Epsilon last Tuesday and Thursday to win the intramural hockey double-elimination tournament.

SAE, winner of the winners' bracket, had only to defeat ZBT on Tuesday to take home all the honors, and for nearly two periods the teams battled to a scoreless tie. With 1:43 remaining in the second period SAE star defenseman Steve Queeney '67 suffered torn ligaments in his right knee and had to leave the game. This was the break ZBT needed and they broke the scoring ice just thirty-nine seconds later as Talalay scored on a pass from Hank Goldman.

Talalay scores 5

Taking advantage of the disorganized SAE defense, Talalay scored again thirty-eight seconds later assisted by captain Chuck Greene '67. Talalay added three more goals in the final period to account for all of the ZBT scoring and cap one of the finest individual performances of the intramural season. Greene and Goldman each collected three assists for the winners and Rich Wallin '69 also had an assist. Dick Sidell '65 accounted for the lone SAE goal in the third period, assisted by Carl Brainard '69.

ZBT wins again

The teams received a day of rest from the snowstorm Wednesday night, and everything came down to the final game Thursday. SAE was again forced to play without Queeney and ZBT was again quick to riddle the weakened SAE defense. Hank Goldman scored at 9:15 of the first period, picking up a loose puck in his own zone, skating up ice, and beating goalie Rich Thurber '67 with a low wrist shot that just caught the lower left hand corner of the net. Talalay made it 2-0 in period two, slapping in a loose puck from Greene and Wallin.

Greene opened the third period scoring with an unassisted goal, but Sidell got that one back in a hurry to minutes later, bringing the puck all the way up ice through the entire ZBT team and scoring all alone. But SAE was a beaten team and Talalay added the finishing touches with two more goals for another hat trick, Greene getting an assist on the first of these goals. Thurber was outstanding in the nets for SAE with eleven saves on Tuesday and fifteen on Thursday, many of



Photo by Dale Stone

Action in the ATO-TDC water polo game. The ATO's came out on top in the contest, 5-2, as the season is barely beginning.

them of the spectacular variety. The all-star games originally scheduled for Thursday night were cancelled permanently. The final order of finish of the top twenty teams and the intramural points awarded are as follows:

1. ZBT	(90)	11. AEPI	(10)
2. SAE	(72)	12. Sigma Chi	(8)
3. NRSA	(58)	13. PKT	(6)
4. LXA	(45)	14. SAM	(5)
5. Theta Chi	(37)	15. Fiji	(4)
6. Burton "A"	(31)	16. Delt	(3)
7. Sen. House	(25)	17. Chi Phi	(3)
8. Baker Bruins	(19)	18. Burton "B"	(2)
9. Sig Ep	(7)	19. ATO	(2)
10. DU	(12)	20. Kappa Sig.	(2)

Water polo begins

In water polo action, Burton B routed TEP 8-3. Mike Mattes '68 of Burton scored two quick goals to put the Burtonites out to an early lead. TEP came back with 3 goals to lead at the half. The second half belonged to Burton as Pete Asbeck '68 led the third quarter scoring as Burton netted five goals. Burton scored once more in the last period to make it 8-3.

Other action saw Theta Delta Chi topped by Alpha Tau Omega, 7-2. ATO blanked TDC the first half 3-0. Ross Hunter '69 had three goals for ATO and Jeff Ellison '70 had two for TDC.

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