Evans Loses Olympic Sailing After Leading Into Last Race

Climbing a summer of sailing honors for Technology skippers, Ralph Evans ’48, former commodore of the M.I.T. Boating Association, on August 13 placed second in the Olympics, sailing in a 12-foot Firefly class dory.

Last spring Ralph, representing the Nautical Association, won the New England elimination; here on the Charles by a large margin. He repeated his performance on June 1 at Luncheon, defeating sailers from all over the country to gain the Olympic berth and become the sole United States representative in the sailing division.

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In England it seemed that he would become the world’s champion dory sailor; for entering the seventh and final race Ralph led the fleet by one slender point. However, he was not with him in that all-important race. The wind was extremely strong, and he, in attempting to reach Southwold, his jib fouled as he could not close it. Egg of Denmark sailed on to win both the race and title as Ralph finished fifth in the Olympics and second for the series.

During the middle of August, Danny Greenbaum and John Letteck skippered Tech to victory in the Pathfinder Trophy totalled 194 points to stick its opponents George Washington 112, Northwestern 110, Harvard 110, Boston College 110, the Parker Pen Company, and Leland Stanford 78. Ralph, leading the regatta, rates with Cal while Greenbaum had 92.

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