Tech Crews Stopped By Yale, Harvard, Weather

By Sandy Wagner

The biggest rowing day in years—56 shells in 16 races—was almost completely ruined by high winds which caused two shells to sink and all races to be shortened on the Charles Saturday. And with the adverse conditions came a complete reversal of Tech's previous 25 race winning streak.

River Calm Early

After a morning of ideal rowing conditions a stiff headwind developed in the afternoon and three foot high waves in the basin marred the rest of the day. Early in the day MIT's third frosh lightweight weight beat Harvard counterparts and the third varsity lights^ beat the Crimson and Dartmouth in an amazing time of 6:41 for the Henley distance. The second froshmen lights were barely edged out by Harvard and the second and third froshmen heavies also lost to them.

MIT Crews Trail

In the shortened afternoon races Yale beat Tech by comfortable margins and the order of finish in all the lightweight races was Harvard, MIT, Dartmouth, with the Big Green consistently quite far back from the first two. In three other races Harvard Trapped BU and Rutgers.

Lightweights Swamped

In the first event in the bad afternoon conditions, the MIT frosh lightweight shell started off with several loads of water in it and sunk taking thirty strokes. Dartmouth and Harvard managed to finish the 3 1/2 mile course but the first was more than two and a half minutes slower than those recorded in the morning.

Dartmouth Shell Rammed

Just before the next race—the JV lights—Dartmouth shell sunk at the starting line and was split in two by an MIT launch attempting a same rescue operation just accomplished with a Tech frosh. The afternoon's schedule was postponed indefinitely.

Distances Cut

All races were run later, but over shorted courses. The varsities went a mile as the others raced from the Harvard Bridge, a distance of three quarters of a mile.

Boats at Princeton

Next week the heavies travel to Princeton to meet Harvard, Dartmouth, and Princeton all in the first time this year. The surprising Yale heavies beat Navy on Saturday but last Saturday were upset by an equally amazing Columbia crew which has lost to MIT. The lightweights have a chance to prove themselves as they face Cornell, Harvard, and Columbia on the Charles. (See How They Did for statistics.)

4 Events Postponed

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