By Bradford Billetteaux

"We rowed as well as we planned but we didn't plan to be behind," Coach Peter Holland admitted shortly after MIT's heavily favored varsity finished third behind Northeastern and BU on the Charles Saturday. Coach Holland's plan called for the Tech eight to stay in close behind BU or NU as possible over the 2000-meter course. That they did, and stroke rates were decided shortly after the Tech eight led them at 33 beats per minute.

However, Northeastern, over-stroking at 36, was the surprise, winning in 5:13.4. Last year's Bates NU was badly beaten by Yale, who just barely nipped BU previously. That's why the Tech men keyed on BU.

MIT had a smooth start, but fell off slightly after the first 500 meters, where all three crews were within a boshout length. At the Harvard Bridge, NU was clearly in command, and BU opened wide. The Techmen's bladework, plagued by heavyweight varsity finished third behind Northeastern and BU on the Charles Saturday, rowing a very close race for over 1500 meters. "They rowed a fine race. They gave every single bit they had to give," said Coach Don Sam.

The frosh, a hipo-stroking crew than the varsity, opened up at 37 and then stroke Steve Briggs Field. Most of the running events were held as relays, due to a prior agreement by both coaches. In the track events, MIT dominated Bates, taking seven out of nine first places. Only the mile relay was close, with the other races being decided shortly after the starting gun.

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