**SPORTS**

Tech crews seeded 6th, 7th at Sprints

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Seedings and heat assignments were released earlier this week to MIT's crews for the Eastern Sprint to be rowed tomorrow on Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester, Mass. For the first time since 1965, every one of the Tech eights has been predicted to finish in either the petite or grand finals.

The Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges usually holds its Eastern Sprint Championship to crown a regular season of intercollegiate rowing. The winner of the lightweight varsity final usually goes to the Henley Royal Regatta in England, one of Europe's most prestigious regattas.

The Sprints are conducted in two parts, morning heats and afternoon finals. The heats are arranged by seed, and a crew has to finish in either of the top two or three positions to qualify for the finals. The first six qualifiers row in the grand finals, while the second six compete in the petite.

MIT's lightweight varsity has really moved up in the world, as they have been predicted behind top-ranked Harvard, Navy (last year's Sprints winner), Northeastern, Penn, and Cornell (last year's IRA victor). Directly below MIT are powerhouse Brown and Dartmouth. The Tech big boat will be facing Northeastern and Brown, besides Columbia and Rutgers, in their qualifying heat. Coach Pete Holland is "very worried," as NU, Brown and MIT has been within 1:1.5 seconds of each other during the regular season.

The light varsity will have a race on their hands trying to get into the grand finals. Seeded 7th, they'll have to beat Dartmouth in their heat to qualify. Also in the heat are Princeton, Columbia, Yale and Georgetown. Coach Jack Frayle was confident that his boat would beat the Green earlier in the week until sickness struck four of them in the boat, including the stroke.

The frosh lightweight should have no trouble in their heat and, if they row a good final, will definitely improve upon their fourth place prediction.

The JV IVs are another boat that could improve from their 7th seeded position and finish in the grand final. They'll have to defeat Rutgers in the morning row.

Two fine skippers for the sailing varsity this past season have been Alan Spoon '73 and Shelley Bernstein '74, pictured above practicing butchering the offwind conditions. Spoon and Bernstein have represented MIT's men's team in "A" division.

Last weekend, Spoon and Ken Ross won the New England Championships to crown a fine season, including skipper Bernstein in division B, and will sail at RadCats in the Stoop regatta tomorrow.

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