MIT crew squads seeded in Easterns

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Seeds have been announced for the Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges Spring Championship, which MIT men will compete in tomorrow.

Six MIT boats will compete in the Sprinters, which will determine the Eastern crew championships. The varsity, JV, and first freshman boats from the heavy and lightweight squads will go to Worcester, where the races will be held.

The varsity heavies are seeded eightieth, behind Northeastern, Harvard, Brown, Wisconsin, Penn, Navy and Syracuse. Their heat (there are three boats on each level, followed by pro and grand finals) includes Harvard, Penn, Dartmouth, and Syracuse. University. Two heats from each heat will go to the finals. The heavies defeated Columbia in the season opener, but have lost to NU, Harvard, and Syracuse since then.

The JV heavies are also seeded eightieth, and will race Har- vard (seeded 1st), Cornell (3rd), Navy (5th), and Wisconsin. The top three boats from this heat will advance to the finals. The fresh heavies, who started the year strong by beating Columbia and NU before losing to Harvard and dropping a close race to Dartmouth, are seeded fifteenth. They are predicted to finish behind Harvard, Penn, NU (MIT coaches are pushed by the placing of Northeastern above MIT), and Dartmouth. They will race Penn, Yale and Syracuse, and must finish first or second to qualify for the finals.

On the lightweight level, the varsity is placed fifth, behind Princeton, Harvard, Navy, and Penn. The MIT varsity is placed fifth, behind Princeton, Cornell, Navy, and Yale. They have lost to Harvard, Brown, Wisconsin, and Dartmouth, are seeded sixteenth, and will race Harvard, Navy, and Yale. MIT's hopes for Saturday seem to ride on the shoulders of the fresh heavies and the fresh lights. Coach Jack Froling's boat is expected to come up with a close race to the finals.

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