Badgers defeat heavies

By David Katz

The MIT heavyweight crew has been well-bred for the Eastern Sprint Championships following the loss to Wisconsin last Saturday. Dartmouth, the other crew competing for the Cochrane Cup, finished seventh and one-half lengths behind the Engineer Eight.

The quick-starting Tech shell, pictured above, came off the line at a cadence of 43 strokes per minute at the 20-second mark, Settling into the 15-second headwind, the Tech had a half-length lead after 500 meters.

Wisconsin, rowing one boat higher, used this advantage plus their superior strength to pull even at the halfway mark. Going into the second thousand, the Badgers continued to pull away. The Tech crew, valiantly tried to come back but could close to no less than a third-length as they crossed the finish. The final times were: Wisconsin 6:34, MIT 6:39.2, Dartmouth 6:40.3.

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Thincloths win first, barely edge alumni

By Dave Dobbs

The MIT varsity track team came from behind to narrowly defeat the MIT Has-Beens 78-76 in the first annual Alumni–Varsity track meet here Friday. The victory saved the thin-clads from a winter's season, as the squad was outclassed 1115 to 426 Saturday at Coast Guard.

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This Saturday the MIT freshmen traveled to Worcester for the Eastern Sprints. The top two finishers from each of the morning heats go to the finals. All of the MIT heavyweight crews are in top form and success will depend on each crew rowing to its greatest potential.

Engineer lights gain third seed in Sprints

Tomorrow on Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester, the MIT varsity lightweights will reach for the highest goal in American rowing — a victory at the Eastern Sprints.

For the first time in five years, the varsity has produced a crew capable of capturing the Sprints crown, for seniors Dan Greene, Andy Musheathbuck, John Sheetz, and Ralph Nussbaum, the answer to four years of hard work and dreaming.

The varsity, with seven wins and one loss, is seeded third behind Harvard (6-0) and Princeton (7-1) after last week's decisive clouting of Penn and Navy in Philadelphia. Prior to last Saturday, MIT, Penn, and Rutgers had been tied for fourth in the coaches' poll.

In the varsity race on the Quinsigamond, a sudden start at a cadence of 13-13 strokes per minute and speed almost 1500 meters walking away from the field, a margin of 2-2.5 seconds (5 seconds) with 500 meters to go. Tech coxswain, Mitch Green '75, in charge of the race, watched a Penn sprint recoup the margin until the last twenty strokes, when he called for the Tech spirit that broke Penn's bid. The margin was 2.1 seconds, the same as Princeton's margin over Penn, finished 10 seconds behind.

The freshman first boat lost ground at the start by nosing at too high a stroke, according to captain Bob Granitz, but they made back ground to a third-length as they crossed the finish. The final times were: Wisconsin 6:34, MIT 6:39.2, Dartmouth 6:40.3.

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