Lightweights nip Harvard; Dartmouth finishes third

By Jack Link

"I knew we were in trouble after the first four strokes," said Harvard lightweight crew coach Pete Raymond after MIT edged across the finish line .03 seconds ahead of Harvard at last Saturday's Biggin Bowl on the Charles.

The victory was the first against Harvard in sixteen years, as MIT's varsity lightweight eight posted a time of 6:41.00 over Harvard's 6:41.03, with Dartmouth over a length behind at 6:46.2.

"We did our damnedest," said Raymond, "but MIT is very strong, very racy this year."

That's impressive praise coming from a Harvard coach. Harvard has won the Jope Cup for overall excellence in crew for the past twelve years and was defeated only once (by Yale last year) in the past four years of lightweight dual meets.

That record was broken by the MIT lightweight eight crew of Christopher Hawliens '80, Paul Rothman '80, Christopher Moroza '82, Dan Chernoff '81, Gary Neben '81, Rasm Murphy '82, Phil Kaufman '81, Matt Thompson '81 and coxswain Lane Marzinski '81. Their record stands at 1-4, having missed last year's EARC Sprints champ Yale by only 2 seconds at their first race of the season under coach Tom Howes.

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Cahn Le tied for low-point of the field among seven schools in its Greater Boston Championships, placing second in the first 300 meters of its race, but fell four seconds behind Yale at the finish, a seat ahead of Princeton at six:57.8 but beat Dartmouth's 7:12 with their time of 7:05 in a close fight for their division. The first frosh lightweights didn't fare as well, finishing last with a 7:09 behind Dartmouth's 7:05 and Harvard's 6:54, falling behind Dartmouth at the Harvard Bridge.

"The first and second boats are very competitive," said fresh lightweight coach Craig Cahn Le, explaining the second boat's better time. The different divisions race at different times under sometimes changing conditions. Further complicating any attempt to compare the two boats is the fact that the second crew uses a heavier but more streamlined cedar shell, while the first uses fiberglass.

The JV's lost their race, but the Frosh #1 had a good race in their first one this season, defeating Harvard Fresh #4 behind Harvard Fresh #3 and Varsity #4. The entire lightweight squad competed in the Ginger Cup here tomorrow morning.

Meanwhile, at Princeton's Lake Carnegie, both MIT varsity women crews finished out of the cellar for the first time in the 1500 meter Eisenberg Cup.

The first boat was 5 seats behind Yale's 5:12 with 5:16, four seconds ahead of Princeton. The second boat led in the first 300 meters of its race, but fell four seconds behind Yale at the finish, a seat ahead of Princeton with a time of 5:10. The froshwomen were outclassed in their division.

The women compete in the Smith Cup here tomorrow.

Sailors win GBC, take Oberg trophy

Sailing — Last Saturday, the men's varsity team captured the Oberg Trophy by winning the greater Boston Championships. Skipper Steve Dalton '81 and Roberto Lopez '80 placed first in "C" Division, and in "B" Division, Skipper Bill Dalton '80 and Capt. Tom Heitz '80 tied for low-point of the regatta. In the Three Crew Team Race at Harvard this Sunday, MIT and Dartmouth were tied for second among seven schools. Sailing for MIT were skippers Eddie Marcus '81, Tom Dobroth '82, and Peter Bernhardt '82; John Piotto '83, Neal Unger '81, and Steve Yao '82 (twelve years and was defeated only once by Yale last year) in the past four years of lightweight dual meets.

The frosh team finished third among seven schools in its Greater Boston Championships this Saturday at Tufts. The women's team placed seventh among nine schools in the Emily Wick trophy at MIT this weekend.

Lacrosse — The Engineers are 6-2 after playing three games during the past week. On Saturday, MIT started strong against Trinity, leading 2-1 in the first period. Trinity came back, and Tech could not cash in on scoring opportunities. Trinity dominated the rest of the game and won 11-5. On Monday, MIT's leading scorer, Phil Macneil '80, got the Engineers off to a 3-1 lead with three goals in the first period. Macneil left the game with an ankle injury, but Earl Bartley '83 and Hank Tremaine '80 rose to the occasion and provided the offense in an 8-6 victory over New England College.

This Wednesday, Bartley provided three goals, and Tremaine registered two goals and one assist. Bobby Clarke '81 accounted for the final score in a 6-1 MIT victory over Nichols. The defense tightened and refused to give up any goals; Goalie Adam Sapirstein '81 chalked up 19 saves and allowed only one shot to slip by. The Engineers face Springfield this Saturday at 3pm at Steinbrenner Stadium.

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