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Volleyball raises record to 16-2, seems bound for states

By Mary Petrofsky

The women's volleyball team, having one of its best seasons ever, won its last six matches and raised its record to 16-2. Having beaten the majority of Massachusetts at Amherst, Smith College, and Bridgewater State (Three Division I teams), the MIT squad appears to be headed for the state championships and perhaps further.

A week ago Thursday, the team faced Bridgewater State on Bridgewater's home court. Although Bridgewater played well in the first game, MIT passed more accurately and hit harder.

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