Volleyball rolls to 18-1, wins 3-2

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The volleyball team struggled, but came back to beat Harvard 3-2 to continue their phenomenal 18-1 season, Tuesday at DuPont.

MIT is currently ranked second behind Eastern Connecticut State College in the New England NCAA Division III coaches poll. Eastern Connecticut is the only team to hand the Engineers a loss this year.

The team was riding high going into Tuesday's match. On Sunday MIT had swept through the University of New Hampshire Wildcat Classic, an invitational tournament, erasing Boston College, UNH, Salem State, Maine, and Harvard in straight sets.

The Harvard match was the first-ever meeting between last year's Massachusetts Class B champion Crimson and Class A champion Engineers, according to head coach David A. Cas- tenon. The unseen rivals came up losers, as the Engineers upset them 15-9 and 15-8.

Perhaps complacent after the win, MIT was ambushed by an inspired Harvard team, falling behind 11-1 in the first game. MIT rallied with some inspired play of its own to close the gap to 14-13, but Harvard aced in the final point for the win.

MIT won the second game 15-9, but fell behind 8-1 in the third contest. The Engineers recovered to take the lead 14-13, but wound up losing 16-14. MIT edged Harvard in the fourth game 15-13.

In the rubber game of the match, Harvard jumped ahead 7-1. Then the Engineer offense and defense clicked, rejecting Crimson spikes and turning them into (Please turn to page 12)