Harvard home runs do in baseball, 5-3

By Carlo Zaffanella

It was a cold Tuesday afternoon for a baseball game, but that did not stop the Engineers. Unfortunately for MIT, it did not stop the Crimson, either. Harvard beat MIT 5-3 after nine hard-fought innings of play, in the Engineers' second home game of the season.

First baseman Ed Farrell put Harvard on the scoreboard first with a second-inning lead-off home run. The visitors scored twice more in the third inning of the contest. Harvard scored a run in the fourth inning on a double steal and two batters later, first baseman Torn Tal6b powered a two-run homer far over the left field fence.

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