Volleyball rolls over Harvard, aims at Illinois Benedictine

By Paul Paternoster

The Harvard women's volleyball team improved its record to 19-3 Tuesday night with a straight set (15-3, 15-12, 15-5) victory over crosstown rival Harvard University.

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The victory was satisfying for many of the MIT players, perhaps partly because of the long rivalry between the two universi-

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