Baseball splits a pair with UMass

By Paul Paterostro

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Both MIT sides played at home this Saturday.

(Editors note: Murphy is president of the MIT Rugby Football Club.)

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