Women's second novice crew defeats Radcliffe

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Beth L. Williams '90, and Erika A. Jones '90 (bow). Paula Han coxed.

The first Novice eight finished second with 7:22.0 while Radcliffe won the race with 7:13.8. University of New Hampshire finished third with 7:40.7 and Northeastern came in last with 7:57.4. MIT swiftly gained command of the race at the start of the race. However, the Radcliffe eight moved their boat better by simply rowing a less hurried cadence of 34 strokes per minute, four strokes lower than MIT. According to Tiffany, they had a strong first 1000 meters but did not have the mental toughness needed to win.

The women’s varsity team entered an eight and a four in their races. MIT would have entered two eights if they had had fewer injuries, Earle said - currently four of 19 rowers are injured.

The varsity eight finished last in its race against Radcliffe and Northeastern. Radcliffe won the race with 6:46.7 and Northeastern finished second with 6:59.5. MIT's time was 7:20.6. MIT led in the first 15 seconds of the race but lost their lead to Radcliffe around the 250-meter mark, overpowered by Radcliffe's and Northeastern's bigger crews. However, Earle noted that Laura Grunbaum '87 did an excellent job stroking and showed a remarkable amount of composure under bad racing conditions.

The varsity four also lost to the Radcliffe and Northeastern fours. Northeastern won the race with 8:13.8. MIT came in last with 8:12.4. According to Earle, Northeastern appeared to get stronger as the race went on. The Radcliffe four moved easily through the last 1000 meters, she added.

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