The MIT lightweight crew continued to build on their most successful season in recent years with a strong showing at the Schuylkill Navy edits Invitational Regatta in Washington, D.C. this weekend.

The first Tech boat placed a solid 7th out of 14 crews, winning Sunday's Third Finals in a time of 5:19.0, two seconds over Rutgers and 4.4 seconds over a hometown favorite, Georgetown. MIT got off to a rocky start, but made up the lost ground in the first 500 meters. The last 1,800 meters were a Shimaz, with both crews pushing themselves to the limit, but MIT countered Rutgers stroke for stroke and went on to win.

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Women's Heavyweight Crew Continues Solid Season

By Neeraj Gupta and Dan Dunn

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