Rugby is Grad League Champ

By Eric Oliver

The rugby team won the graduate league championship after routing Harvard Business School 46-6 on April 14. This match was one game playoff which became trouncing Harvard Business School Rugby championship tournament. The game started with a couple of impressive runs by the Harvard squad, but it was the MIT pack that rose to the occasion. Strong forward play kept the ball deep in Harvard territory until a pass by Chevy Viathananthan G to TJ Cradick G resulted in Cutcr plowing over the end line for the first try. Chris Perry G split the uprights to increase the score to 7-0. With momentum on their side, the Beavers continued to press for the Crimson, and soon pink Johnny Johnson G was out-running the Harvard backs into the try zone for another score. Perry’s subsequent conversion kick resulted in a 14-0 lead.

Sensing the game slipping away, the Harvard squad increased the intensity, pushing the ball into MIT territory. However, Harvard was unable to put the ball in the try zone so the Crimson tried to get on the scoreboard with penalty kicks. But the first two attempts were unsuccessful, and MIT finished the half with a try of its own, making the halftime score MIT 21, Harvard 0.

During the second half, a relaxed MIT team continued to dominate the frustrated Harvard offense. The forwards kept control of the scrums and line-outs, Viathananthan and Steve Eikenberry G cleaned up any Harvard fringe players coming out of the pocket, and all of the backs made spectacular open field tackles.

On offense, the MIT forwards racked ball, and the backs displayed textbook passing and running with a try by Guy DeBella G, the game ended with MIT on top 66-0. Riding high on excitement, the B-side took the field and started its game with a quick try in the corner by Matthew Cutler ‘95. Cutler’s conversion kick, at a difficult angle, did the score 7-0, and the Beavers spent the rest of the game building on this lead. The forwards pushed the ball up the field time after time, and the backs, led by scrum half Pic Wars Meyer ‘95, had a field day running and passing through the Harvard defense. When the dust cleared, the B-side earned a solid 35-0 victory.

Crew Teams Perform Well Against Ivy Powerhouses

By Jonathan L and Michael Chung

The heavyweight crew returned from Princeton University this weekend after racing against Harvard University and Princeton. The varsity first boat had the strongest race of the day, finishing only four seconds off of Princeton and ten seconds behind Harvard.

Traditionally, the Engineers first boat is no match for the likes of Princeton and Harvard, but this year, despite a slow start after which MIT was down by open water to both Harvard and Princeton, they were able to move back on Princeton and stay with them until reaching the finish line.

The varsity second boat had a solid race with a very fast start, keeping even with Harvard for the first 500 meters of the race, but unfortunately, a slow start eventually led to the second boat finishing 12 seconds behind Harvard and 35 seconds behind MIT.

Lightweights meet Ivy opponents

This past week, the men’s lightweight crews rowed exclusively against Ivy League schools, always formidable opponents. On April 14, Harvard University’s varsity crew crushed the Engineers. The closest race was between the first varsity boats, a contest which Harvard won by a fifteen-second margin.

First boat coxswain Otway Louie ’93 noted that his boat held reasonable ground against Harvard in the first half of the 2000-meter race. However, Harvard was able to pull away strongly later in the race because of their greater strength and fitness.

Nevertheless, the lightweights took to the road on Friday morning with the intent of beating Columbia University and rowing competitively with Ivy League, last year’s Eastern Sprints Lightweight Eight/sixes champions.

In the first two races, the first two freshmen boats lost decisively to Columbia, who themselves lost decisively to Cornell. This time, both MIT boats had an equal competitive edge and both won.

The varsity took second place, with Yale’s third varsity racing alongside. Although Yale’s second varsity pulled out ahead and dominated the contest, a close battle brewed between the other two boats.

The varsity first boat, MIT took the lead and traveled to New Haven, Conn., determined to make a strong showing against Yale University, traditionally a strong force in top-level collegiate rowing.

When racing day came, although the MIT freshman boats lost to Yale by significant margins, the performances of the MIT varsity boats were quite respectable.

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