Women Sailors Win Olympians’ Trophy

By Adam London

The women’s varsity sailing team defended its Engineers Cup in the annual race against Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute that was run Sept. 26-27. The Engineers did not allow the other two teams to get back into the regatta.

The team was a cross country runner’s dream and nightmare in one. It was set on a golf course with large rolling hills, forcing the runners either up or down for the entire five miles. It was arguably the most difficult course the team will face this season.

The entire team executed its strategy brilliantly, and ran a very fast pace that kept opponents near them. During mile two, Jesse Darley broke loose with Bentley’s and Bates’ top runners who were each favored to win. He pushed the pace for the rest of the race, wearing down his opponents both mentally and physically. When it came to the final sprint, the other runners had dropped off Darley’s pace and he gilded home to another victory, with a time of 26:35. Moyle (27:16), Helgeson (27:33) and Raj Suryadevara (27:43) followed Darley’s lead placing fifth, seventh, 10th, and 12th overall. The MIT defense was also finished with a good showing.

Three nights after an extra victory over the Alumni, gave the Bears a record of 6-0 for the regular season. Next week MIT will face tough challenges to date as it attempts to compete with the NCAA qualifiers. If MIT attacks this race the same way they approached the Bears meet, it should be very exciting.

Second year in a row.

The women’s varsity volleyball team extended its unbeaten record with a 3-1 win against the Irish Wolfhounds, a team that it defeated last season. The Engineers were the epitome of concentration as the team had a conservative approach to the race. At the start, the MIT attacks were dominated by the Engineers, while remaining within striking distance of the lead. By the end of the first set, the Engineers were in the lead and slowly moved up through the pack over the next four miles of the grueling course.

The team scored a try of its own when Guy DeBellevue picked up a kick deep in the Wolfhounds end and ran a pass to Mark Johnson, G who scored. A Chris Perry conversion followed but the team missed the match and ended with a 22-12 loss. The side’s most featured strong run by MIT’s relatively inexperienced side. The first half was a defend- ing battle, but in the second half, the Wolfhounds came back on the let’s go.

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