MIT Dominates Against Penn

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On passes from Smith, Penn State answered with a goal on a 6 on 5 situation, but Clara Varah '95, scoring the first of her three goals, and Klepser tallied to push the MIT lead to 4-1. Just before the end of the first quarter, Penn State scored again to make it 4-2. The second quarter was all MIT as Klepser and Smith took over and stretched MIT's lead to 5-2 at the half.

Penn State never could cut into MIT's seven-goal halftime margin. Smith added her second goal while Stacey Nemeroff '97, Cynthia Santilari '96, and Karen Mueller G also scored, ending the game, 17-4.

MIT didn't play as well as they hoped it did in this race, but MIT dominated Princeton. Princeton scored on their first four shots in the first five minutes but led 10-0 after one quarter. MIT's seven-goal halftime margin was all MIT as Klepser and Smith scored again to push the lead to 4-1. Just before the end of the first quarter, Brown scored first, but Klepser answered to tie the game 1-1 two minutes into the first quarter. Brown then scored six unanswered goals to take a 7-1 halftime lead. However, Harvard's malfunctioning game clock caused some controversy. On Brown's fifth goal, the 35-second shot clock failed to buzz. Brown's seventh goal came just after time had run out in the first half, but the buzzer again failed to sound.

Brown added six more goals in the second half with MIT's only score coming when Klepser put in the rebound of a shot by Smith. Brown was able to capitalize on its scoring opportunities, but MIT failed to do the same. Through the final score was 13-2, Brown out shot MIT only 19-12. MIT also failed to score on its four-player advantages after kick-outs, including a six-on-four opportunity, while Brown converted both of their six-on-fives.

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Women's Crew Sweeps 5 Races

By Megan Jasek

The MIT women's crew team cleaned up in their races last weekend. The team sent five boats to Princeton last Saturday to race against Williams College, Connecticut College, and Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Three varsity boats and a second and third novice boat raced along with two novice boats; all five boats won.

The first varsity eight crossed the line with a time of 7 minutes and 30.84 seconds beating Connecticut College by 6.44 seconds, Williams by 19.38 seconds, and WPI by 29.66 seconds. This boat had the best weather for their race suffering only from a 10-minute downpour in their warmup. During the race it was cloudy and dry.

The second varsity eight ended up with a time of 7:54.50 beating Connecticut College, their nearest competitor, by 32.46 seconds. It was an extraordinary performance by this boat as they faced heavy rain and strong winds for the last half of their race. One rower noted that it felt like the last 250 meters took 60 strokes (as opposed to the usual 25).

The third varsity boat raced Williams College and beat them by 37.8 seconds with a time of 9:17.25. This boat also faced severe weather in the last part of their race. The six seat commented that she felt like the sky opened up in the last 500 meters.

The first novice eight finished with a time of 9:05.64 beating Connecticut College by 8.08 seconds, Williams by 19.37 seconds, and WPI by 1:5.72.

The second novice eight beat Williams by 41 seconds with a time of 9:52.06. They defeated Connecticut College by 1:10. This boat had an interesting struggle when one of the rowers caught an over-the-head crab during the race. She recovered her air, but could not manage to get her seat back in the proper position and consequently rowed part of the race off of her seat. These difficulties did not stop the boat from victory however.

Varsity women's coach Mayrene Earle said that these were big wins for MIT, "These are big wins for MIT. The swarms shows the depth of our team from the strongest to the weakest rower. The weather was that it was really starting to snow. She also commented on the conditions, "The conditions were unbelievable. We have never raced in such a strong wind and a seven wave."

Next week the varsity crew will focus on cleaning up its act. All crews and coaches are looking forward to the New 8 Regatta next Saturday.

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