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“‘Oh drat,’ said Toad. ‘Not only do my feet hurt, but I have lost one of the buttons on my jacket.’”
ARNOLD LOBEL (FROG AND TOAD ARE FRIENDS)

Bulldogs to head to Princeton for second regatta of spring season

HEAVYWEIGHT CREW

BY AUDREY KIM
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Yale’s heavyweight crew team will travel to Princeton this weekend for its second regatta of the spring season.

“We are looking forward to the racing this weekend where we’ll be competing three times in two days against a handful of the top teams in the country,” head coach Mike Gennaro wrote to the News. “The objective during this part of the season is to continue making progress across all of our crews. That is our goal every day at practice on the Housatonic.”

While the Bulldogs were able to clinch the Albert Cup over Brown on day one of the Sarasota Invitational in late March, all three of their competing boats finished sixth of six in the finals on the second day.

“We are excited to get down to Princeton to race against a group of good schools. It’s a great opportunity to get a bunch of races in over the two days and test the speed we have been working on in training. I’m sure it will be great racing and I’m looking forward to lining up to race,” Angus Gray-Cheape ’28 wrote to the News.

Throughout the last few weeks, the Elis have been making up for lost time on the water, since this year’s extreme winter season kept the team in their indoor facilities for longer than usual.

According to heavyweight assistant coach Dan Williamson ’23,



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Yale’s heavyweight crew team will race multiple times against some of the best boats in the country.

the team is usually allowed back on the Housatonic on Feb. 1, but the Bulldogs were not able to return to the water until the end of February this year. The Housatonic River freezes in the winter, meaning that the Bulldogs have to wait until the ice melts to make their return to the Gilder Boathouse.

Yale’s Payne Whitney Gymnasium houses indoor rowing tanks that allow the crews to practice indoors,

but their indoor practices can’t replicate the dynamic wind and current conditions that boats face on the river.

“The team is, as usual, very excited to race again this weekend. We learned a lot from our racing in Sarasota two weeks ago and we now get to go test the things we have been working on against some very competitive teams at the Princeton Invitational. Spirits are high and we

are looking forward to the weekend,” Williamson wrote to the News.

Yale will be looking to make significant progress in the coming weeks as it prepares to race for four consecutive weekends, giving the crews plenty of preparation for the Eastern Sprints Championship and the national championships in May.

“The races on our schedule leading up to the Eastern Sprints Championships on May 17th are

opportunities for us to test our speed and gather information that will help us improve throughout the season. The squad is eager and excited to line up and compete this weekend,” Gennaro wrote.

The Princeton Invite will take place on Saturday and Sunday in Princeton.

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Elis to take on conference foes in Princeton as Ivy championship nears



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The Princeton Invitational will offer the Bulldogs an opportunity to take on nearly every other Ivy League team this weekend.

MEN’S GOLF

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The Yale men’s golf team will head to the Springdale Country Club in Princeton to play in the Princeton Invitational this weekend.

The Bulldogs will face a competitive 12-team field, including six other Ivy League programs, as well as Saint Joseph’s, Seton Hall,

Temple, Georgetown and Rider. With conference rivals making up more than half of the line-up, the invitational offers an early preview of the competition awaiting at the Ivy League championship.

Last year, the Bulldogs placed fourth at the Princeton Invitational with 582 points. They finished just one stroke behind third-place Seton Hall and three strokes behind runner-up Rutgers at 579 points. Those teams will be returning to Princeton this weekend.

“Our team has momentum coming from the Schenkel Invitational, and I am very confident in our team and that we are going to play well in these next couple of weeks,” Matthew Lin ’28, a sophomore who recently won his second collegiate title, wrote in a text message to the News.

“Our main goal is to win the Ivy League Championship,” Lin added. “I have full confidence in our team and believe we have what it takes to bring home the title.”

With that goal in mind, each tournament carries added weight as

the Bulldogs refine their play against top competition. High expectations bring added pressure, but for Lin, that pressure is something to rise to, not to avoid.

“I think our biggest strength is how much we all desire to get better each day and to win. We all push each other and make each other better,” captain Will Lodge ’26 wrote in a text message to the News.

That sentiment was echoed by first year Preston Howe ’29, who pointed to the team’s tight-knit bond as the secret behind their success.

“What makes this team special is our camaraderie,” Howe wrote in a text message to the News. “With only 7 guys this year, we have grown very close. We’re all cheering for each other more than anyone. It’s a great feeling. We’re going to show what we’re all about over the next few weeks.”

The Princeton Invitational will begin on Saturday and end on Sunday.

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MEN’S TENNIS

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In the final stretch of its season, the Yale men’s tennis team will next face off against Dartmouth, coming off of a win against Cornell and a loss against Columbia.

With the remainder of the season being only Ivy League teams until the NCAA tournament, the men’s tennis team currently has a record of 15-6, having twice gone on winning streaks of six games. Against Dartmouth, the team’s record is seven wins to 10 losses, with last year’s matchup against the Big Green resulting in a 1-4 loss for the Bulldogs.

“We are always looking to get better at being aggressive in doubles and taking the net. We are also always getting better at competing and being tough,” Jason Shuler ’27 said.

Dartmouth is currently on a two-week win streak, having beaten Penn and Princeton. Both of those teams defeated Yale in their last matchups.

Last weekend, the Bulldogs, coming off a win against Brown

the week before, played Cornell, a team that had bested them in the previous outing.

Against Cornell, in doubles, Yale started hot with the Vignesh Gogineni ’26 and Edward Liao ’28, and Shuler and Dylan Tsoi ’27 duos claiming their points early. Jim Ji ’27 and Eric Li ’26 put up a valiant defense but ultimately fell to the Big Red 4-6.

Transitioning from teams of two to individual matchplay, Gogineni, Liao and Shuler secured the wins necessary for a Bulldog triumph. Li and Ji fought well but were defeated. Yale ultimately won the match 4-2.

“The key to success was handling the conditions,” Liao told the News. “It was extremely windy that day and whoever adjusted the best was going to come out on top.”

With their win streak at six, the Elis returned to the Cullman-Heyman Center the next day to take on Columbia.

Fielding the same lineup as Saturday, the doubles had a rough start to the Sunday campaign against the Lions. Shuler and Tsoi, and Ji and Li were defeated 3-6 and 2-6, while Gogineni and Liao’s match went



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The men’s tennis team will take on Dartmouth on Friday. Last weekend, Yale triumphed over Cornell before falling to Columbia.

unfinished 5-5, giving Columbia the doubles point.

In the singles, Gogineni, ranked No. 45, brought down the No. 6 ranked player Michael Zheng. His win was followed by Li’s own gritty triumph. The rest of the singles went down swinging, and the final score of the match was

2-5, a Columbia win.

“They played a really good doubles point,” Shuler said, “and they kind of just took the momentum from there. They got a couple of wins in straight sets too, which made it tough to come back. Super proud of the seniors for getting wins, especially

Vignesh beating the best player in college tennis.”

The Dartmouth matchup will take place on Friday at 3 p.m. at the Cullman-Heyman Tennis Center.

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