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"New leaders are emerging."
MIKE GENNARO, HEAD COACH OF MEN'S HEAVYWEIGHT CREW

Yale set to open fall season this weekend at the Head of the Housatonic

HEAVYWEIGHT CREW

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The Yale heavyweight crew team will kick off its fall season on Sunday on the Housatonic River, its practice site in Derby, Conn.

At the Head of the Housatonic, Yale will be looking to start their season with a strong performance against their Ivy League opponents and gather momentum for their race next weekend at the Head of the Charles, the largest three-day regatta in the world.

"We are looking forward to racing these next two weekends at the Head of the Housatonic and the Head of the Charles," head coach Mike Gennaro wrote in an email to the News. "Although it is early in the season and there are advancements to be made over the next nine months, there is nothing we enjoy more than racing and competing against other teams in our league."

The team had a busy summer, with Yale competing in the Eastern Sprints Championships, IRA National Championships and the Henley Royal Regatta.

At the IRA National Championships in May, all three Bulldog boats placed within the top 10 of their division. The 1V and 2V boats both qualified for their respective petite final, with the 1V coming in second, or eighth overall, and the 2V coming in third, or ninth overall. The 3V qualified for the grand final and came in sixth overall, the highest of all Yale boats.

Among the 1V rowers was Ulrik Pharo Lohne '27, a now-senior who was appointed team captain during the offseason.

"The team has, in the first five weeks of training back together, made good progress despite the short time, and are very excited for the upcoming races," captain Ulrik Pharo Lohne '27 wrote in an email to the News. "The races take on a different format than our usual side by side spring racing, but are very good indicators on how we stand against the rest of the league."

Last year, the Bulldogs were among the top teams in the nation, achieving a peak national ranking of No. 6 by the IRCA/IRA Men's Collegiate Rowing Poll. Ahead of the IRA National Championships, the 1V, 2V and 3V boats were ranked No. 10, No. 12 and No. 12, respectively, in the poll.

Many of the Elis' frequent opponents also consistently ranked in the top 15, including Harvard, Princeton and Brown.

"Even though many oarsmen from last season are returning, everyone has a new role to play. New leaders are emerging, and we are welcoming an incoming class of first-years to the program," Gennaro wrote. "I am very pleased with the progress the team has made these first four weeks and the enthusiasm they've brought to practice every day."

The Head of the Charles will take place from Oct. 16 to Oct. 18 between Boston and Cambridge, along the Charles River. The event is the largest three-day regatta in the world and features a wide range of competitors from IRA Division 1 collegiate teams to community clubs.

The Head of the Housatonic will take place on Oct. 10 in Derby, Conn.



YALE ATHLETICS
The Heavyweight Crew team will compete on home water this weekend, marking the team's first race of the school year. The Bulldogs will then head to the Head of the

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After strong doubles showing, Bulldogs head to Cambridge for regionals

MEN'S TENNIS

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With the triumphs of the Yale Invitational behind them, the men's tennis team is readying itself to compete in its ITA Regional Championship, the Northeast Regional Championship in Cambridge.

In the team's last two outings, Bulldog doubles have outmatched the competition, performing to strong results at both Harvard's Chowderfest Invitational and the Yale Invitational. At Chowderfest, doubles went four for six, and at the Yale Invitational, they secured a dominant seven wins out of eight sets played.



LIZA KAUFMAN / PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
The men's tennis team looks to carry the momentum of victories at last month's Yale Invitational, where they also saw strong showing from rookies, into the ITA Regional Championship in Cambridge, which starts on Thursday.

"Doubles has been good for us so far," assistant coach Sebastian Vile said in an interview. "We are trying to focus on being aggressive all across the board. The new guys have picked that up well and are playing with great energy."

Notably, the pairing of Jason Shuler '28 and Dylan Tsoi '27 proved effective at Chowderfest with three victories in as many matches across the three-day event. All three sets were comfortable 6-3 wins.

Similarly, the pairs of Bryan Assi '30 and Krish Gupta '28 and Jim Ji '27 and Ethan Chung '29 debuted to strong results at the Yale Invitational. Assi and Gupta showcased strong service and aggressive netplay, which made fast work of their opponents in two of their wins. They appear particularly adept at holding serve well and forcing the break.

Ji and Chung are versatile, capable of decisive action and staying in the game for the long haul, as their 7-6 tiebreak win on the third day proved. Ji, in particular, has a grit to stay in the match at all costs, which he revealed in both his singles and doubles play.

"In doubles, we have different guys playing different tournaments, experimenting with different pairings," Ji, who is also team captain, said in an interview. "I am currently playing with Eddie, which is a bit of a different set up, but it's fun, two big servers, optimistic, sending in four very solid teams into this weekend, Krish and Bryan and Ethan and Magnus. We are trying to build day by day and by competing as we will this weekend."

In the singles, the Elis have had a more difficult time finding their footing. Across the three days of Chowderfest, Yale earned three wins out of the 12 total matches. At the Yale Invitational, the team started off rough on the first two days, winning four matches out of 12; however, on the third day, singles went five for six, including notable victories from three first-years: Assi, Magnus Weng '30 and William Zhang '30.

Of the singles players, Gupta and Edward Liao '28 stand out. At Chowderfest, Liao focused when it mattered, knocking off Harvard's nationally No. 44-ranked singles player in a close contest while also breezing to an easy straight sets victory. He demonstrates the ability to both speedily pick apart his opponent's defenses and stay in the match in spite of pressure.

Gupta, with a dominating win record of five out of six at the Yale Invitational, has a strong court presence and a similar dual ability to Liao. Of particular note is his serve, which he uses to great effect in both singles and doubles.

Vile said the team has to enter a "competitive mindset" at their level of play.

"We want them to focus on themselves and how to maximize the conditions to be at our best, where it is all about us Bulldogs and not who is across the net. More time worrying about opponents and line calls is energy away taken from us," he said. "This weekend is a great opportunity to compete and get better. It is a continuous process."

The Yale men's tennis team will begin the Northeast Regionals Championship campaign on Thursday.

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Bulldogs return home for doubleheader against Columbia and Temple

FIELD HOCKEY

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After a hard-fought New Jersey road trip that saw the Bulldogs pick up their first ranked victory of the 2026 campaign, Yale's players will return to Johnson Field for their last home doubleheader of the season.

Yale is currently ranked 20th in Division I by the NCAA's Ratings Percentage Index, but their 1-2 conference record — a product of tough losses against Cornell (5–4, 3–0 Ivy) and No. 10 Princeton (6–4, 2–1 Ivy) — sits only fifth in the Ivy League table. A win against third-placed Columbia (5–3, 1–1 Ivy) would be significant in Yale's quest for a second consecutive Ivy League Tournament appearance. But with two games this weekend, the Bulldogs do not plan to compromise their focus on either matchup.

"We take every game one at a time so whoever we're playing next is the most important game," captain Hettie Whittington '27 wrote in an email to the News.

Despite suffering a relative slump in the last weeks, Yale remains nationally ranked in a number of metrics. The Bulldogs offense ranks within the national top 20 for goals per game, assists per game, scoring margin and scoring average.

On defense, goalkeeper Amelie Schwarzkopf '29 remains stellar, keeping the Bulldogs at third in the nation for save percentage at 0.818, and 14th in the nation for shutouts per game.

Her heroic defensive efforts against Princeton and Monmouth University won her the Ivy League's Defensive Player of the Week Award on Monday. In the former, she recorded a career-high 10 saves, including a spectacular diving denial of a penalty, and in the latter, she delivered the Bulldogs their third shutout of the season.

Last week's games also saw the debut goal of starter Emilia Puddicombe '30, who will look to continue her strong form. The newcomer has played heavy minutes in all of Yale's contests this season, having proven herself to be an immediate high-level contributor for the Bulldogs.

"This weekend, like every weekend, is going to be really important," Puddicombe wrote in an email to the News. "We are planning on having a really good week of practice to make sure we are ready to go out hard against Columbia and Temple. We take each game at a time and put all our focus into each game."

The Bulldogs will face Columbia at 5 p.m. on Friday and Temple (5–4, 1–1 Big East) at noon on Sunday. Their match against Temple will be their penultimate home game of the season, as four of their last five regular season matchups will take place on the road.

Yale field hockey plays at Johnson Field.

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After splitting last weekend's matches, The Bulldogs will continue their season with a pair of home games against Columbia and Temple University. Yale sits fifth in the Ivy League with their current record.