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Bulldogs improve from last year's performance at Head of the Charles

CREW

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Following last week's win at the Head of the Housatonic, the Heavyweight Crew team raced at the Head of the Charles on Sunday, with their 1V and 2V boats placing 11th and 18th, respectively, out of the 37 boats in the men's championship eights.

The top two boats of Yale's heavyweight crew team took 11th place and 18th place at the Head of the Charles Regatta last weekend.

Held in Cambridge, the regatta is the largest three-day rowing event in the world and featured over 2,500 boat entries and 11,000 competitors this year. The men's championship eights race, in which Yale competed, featured 37 total crews, including boats from each of the seven other Ivy League schools.

The Bulldogs' 1V and 2V both competed on Sunday, the final day of the regatta, in the men's championship eights race. Yale's 1V took 11th place with a time of 13:47.80, while the 2V finished in 18th place with a time of 13:57.05, marking a slight improvement from last year. Among collegiate boats, Yale's 1V came in sixth, and the 2V came in second, only falling behind its Princeton counterpart.

"I am pleased with the performance of our two crews today," head coach Mike Gennaro told Yale Athletics. "They rowed well, they raced hard, and they both improved on their results from last year. Our coaching staff is very excited about this squad and the work they've done so far this season."

At last year's Head of the Charles Regatta, Yale's two boats placed 13th and 22nd out of 30, indicating that the Bulldogs are off to a stronger start this season. The Elis are also coming off of a win at the Head of the Housatonic, where Yale's first two boats took first and third place, respectively.

Yale took the victory over Brown at that regatta, and both the Bulldogs' 1V and 2V boats outraced their respective Brown counterparts again at the Head of the Charles.

The Bulldogs will compete in one final regatta during the fall season, the USRowing Small Boat National Championship, taking place from Nov. 13 to Nov. 15 in West Windsor, New Jersey. Following that race, the Elis will begin preparations for the spring season and will look to make the most out of their remaining time on the Housatonic River before it freezes over for the winter.

The 2026 Head of Charles regatta was the 61st iteration of the annual event.

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Yale clinches back-to-back shootout victories against Dartmouth, Vermont

FIELD HOCKEY

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If pressure makes diamonds, the Yale Bulldogs (10–2, 3–2 Ivy) returned from their road weekend bejeweled, winning back-to-back shootouts over the Dartmouth Big Green (3–8, 1–3 Ivy) and the University of Vermont Catamounts (10–4, 1–2 America East).

With their latest pair of victories, the Bulldogs climbed to third in the Ivy League table and rank 13th nationally in the NCAA's Ratings Percentage Index rankings. They secured a third-straight season with at least 10 wins, extending a streak that began with their 2024 campaign.

Friday's contest against Dartmouth was a nail-biting affair from start to finish. Both teams initially struggled to generate offensive opportunities, and the game was scoreless at the halftime whistle. The Big Green converted a penalty corner in the third quarter to go up 1-0, which Yale seemed unable to answer. But with scarcely a minute remaining in regulation, Issy Baileff '28 produced another signature goal to equalize the match.

Baileff's score ignited a Yale offensive onslaught in overtime, where the Bulldogs generated five penalty corners and outshot Dartmouth 5-1. Nonetheless, a heroic performance from Dartmouth's keeper kept the overtime period scoreless, forcing the second shootout game of Yale's season. Yale ultimately emerged victorious from the shootout, as both Kaitlyn Chang '28 and captain Hettie Whittington '27 scored to overcome the Big Green 2-1.

Yale's second match of the weekend against the Catamounts was no less heart-stopping. Chiara Picciafuoco '28 continued her career season by striking first, but Yale's 1-0 lead quickly evaporated as Vermont produced a first-half equalizer. Though the Bulldogs again dominated in both shots and penalty corners, the game remained deadlocked at 1-1 as the overtime clock hit zeroes.

Yale raced out to an early shootout lead once again, as Chang, Victoria Collee '28 and Whittington combined to give the Bulldogs a 3-1 advantage. Vermont proved resilient, however, quickly scoring twice to level the shootout at 3-3.

A fourth Bulldog score by Emma Ramsey '27 was similarly answered, forcing sudden victory. Whittington ultimately ended the test of endurance, capitalizing on a defensive denial from Amelie Schwarzkopf '29 to deliver a pirouetting goal and a Bulldog victory.

The Bulldogs are 3–0 in shootouts this season, and Whittington has been one of the most reliable contributors to the Bulldogs' clutch play, both in anchoring Yale's backline and as a scorer in shootouts. She credited her experience and preparation to her performance as a shootout player.

"I'm at a point now where I'm taking shootouts every day in practice so when I step up to take one in the game, I feel confident that I'm going to score," Whittington wrote in an email to the News. "I know that I need to try and get the keeper to commit one way and then go the other way so I usually use up the whole 8 seconds waiting for them to bite and then taking my opportunity to score."

Whittington went a perfect three for three in shootouts this past weekend.

The Bulldogs will next take on the University of Pennsylvania (3–8, 0–4 Ivy) this Friday at 3 p.m. for its final home game and penultimate Ivy League match of the 2026 season.



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Yale field hockey swept its New England road trip, emerging victorious in two consecutive shootouts against the Big Green and the Catamounts. The Bulldogs extended their winning streak to five games and climbed to third in the Ivy League.

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THE FIELD HOCKEY TEAM IS 3–0 IN SHOOTOUTS THIS SEASON