

The Head is a coxswain's race. This one took his Eight through the wrong arch and was unable to turn his boat sharply enough to get back on course.

1970 Head Of The Charles Regatta

by Robert McKenna

On a crisp day in late October nearly one thousand oarsmen (and oarswomen) in more than 230 shells gathered on the Charles River in Boston to participate in the sixth annual Head of The Charles Regatta. This mammoth event brought a wide and varied representation of American and Canadian rowing talent together for the final time in 1970.

The uniqueness of the "Head" lies primarily in its three mile test against the clock, stretching over a winding and challenging course. Oarsmen and scullers alike are forced to cope with a tortuous course with constantly changing wind conditions.

The races started sharply at noon. With almost windless conditions, many of the course records were expected to fall, and did in all thirteen events. The finish of the first race came off with a splash as Jerry Olrich, perennial veterans champion from the Cambridge Boat Club, struck the finish line flag and landed in the frigid waters of the Charles. The landing was a happy one for Olrich, as he came away with his fifth victory in as many years over such staunch rivals as 46-year-old father of thirteen Ed Lynch and 66-year-old Zeus Wade who rowed the three miles in 22:44.9 to take 2d place.

No win was more impressive than that staged in the double sculls by Bennett Jones and Bill Brace. Rowing 36 strokes per minute for the entire three miles they decisively outdistanced a formidable duo of Olympians Chuck Hamlin of Union and Peter Raymond, stroke of the U.S. Olympic four in 1968. Hugh Foley, stroking a Vesper double to fifth place, rowed his last race before joining the Charles River coaching fraternity as mentor at Boston University.

A large field of Novice Single scullers was topped by Vietnam veteran Dan Jones, who was impressive in his scull-

ing debut after rowing to fame with past Yale crews.

In the Junior Lightweight Singles Event, MIT freshman John Sheetz came away with a well-deserved victory in a field of 22 aspiring juniors. Three oarswomen competed in this event. Gail Pierson flashed over the three miles in 22:05.6 beating Kathy Kalkhof of Philadelphia and Jinx Becker of Vesper by nearly a full minute.

The Junior Singles Sculls "Louis B. Hawes Memorial Trophy" was won by Dick Abromeit in 19:42, eight seconds in front of Mount Hermon's Charles Hamilton and Union's Bill Miller who had represented the U.S.A. in 1969 at Klagenfurt in a pair.

Oarsmen and spectators eagerly awaited the outcome of the Senior Lightweight Singles event. Great interest had developed for this title was the only lightweight prize that had thus far eluded international champion Dr. Larry Klecatsky. The job of trying to keep the title in Boston fell to Bennett Jones of the host club. As the two lanky scullers rounded the final turn of the course it was difficult to determine who was ahead, for with staggered starts lead are deceiving. As they sped past the finish flags, it was readily apparent that the famous doctor from New York AC had won the highly prized first place medal.

In the Championship Senior Singles event, Paul Wilson easily captured his fourth Laurence Curtis Trophy and in doing so cracked his own course record by almost two minutes. Wilson put together three 6:05 minute miles finishing in a phenomenal 18:16.1.

The Junior Fours Event provided the over 10,000 spectators with one of the most stunning upsets of the day

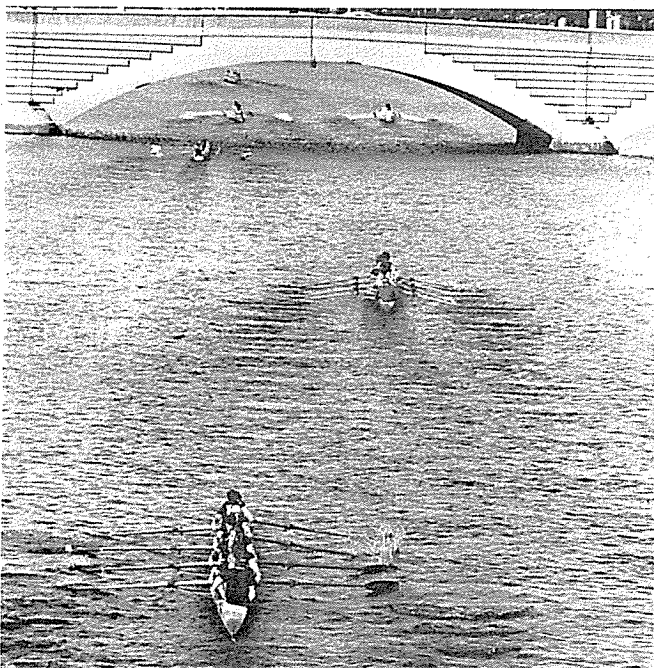
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as little heralded Lowell Tech snatched victory from the established powers of Princeton, Syracuse, Northeastern and Dartmouth.

A similar Cinderella story prevailed in the fight for the Boston Mayor's Trophy awarded to the top Junior Eight. Marist College foxed the experts in topping a field of 32 fine eights. The Mt. Hermon School won second place and took home the Princeton Trophy for schoolboy crews as well.

Harvard University rowed away with titles in both light-weight sweep events. In the light fours, strong entries from Cambridge and MIT finished just 16 seconds off the pace, and Harvard was hard pressed to maintain its lead through-



Junior Four just past the one-mile mark at Western Avenue bridge.

out the race. Harvard's win for the Boston Herald Traveler Cup wasn't as easy, as Princeton University's improved light-weight eight crossed the finish line a scant three seconds behind Harvard. MIT, the third place finisher, was only six seconds off the pace, followed closely by Yale, Princeton's second crew and Rutgers.

The most impressive representation of rowing power showed in the Senior Fours contest for the coveted F & M Schaefer Circle of Sports Trophy. A powerful Navy crew was upset by a smooth stroking Brown University quartet. The



Tied for first — Union across the line.

Brown boat avenged last year's close loss and displayed great power and finesse as they completed the arduous row. The Hobbs brothers of Harvard could not repeat last year's triumph without the Livingstons, and if ever there was a sentimental favorite, it was the four Raymond brothers, oldest brother Pete stroking this unusual boat.

Vying for The Boston Globe Challenge Trophy were fifteen senior eights including the U.S. National Champions from Vesper and an eight from the Union Boat Club seating Olympic and National title holders coached by Harvard's Harry Parker. In a race that saw two crews disqualified



Tied for first — Northeastern across the line.

because of steering problems, a powerful Northeastern University boat and the dark horse eight from Union raced over the course in identical times of 15:28.25 to become co-titlists. The Vesper Boat crew which might have been in contention were it not for the erratic maneuvering of an inexperienced coxswain in a rival shell, finished a disappointing tenth, but earned the praise of spectators and competitors alike.

Hopefully, October 24, 1971 will see an even greater influx of U.S. crews at the "Head." Perhaps, two-year National Champion Washington University as well as Pennsylvania will come to churn the waters of the Charles.

The Paul Revere Point Trophy was won by MIT whose crews were in contention in almost every event. The Cambridge Boat Club was runner up for the second year in a row on the strength of victories in sculling events.

HEAD OF THE CHARLES REGATTA

Charles River, Boston, Massachusetts U.S.A.

October 25, 1970

(All events — 3 miles)

EVENT No. 1

Veteran Single Sculls

Veterans' order of finish based on a handicap of 6 seconds per year of age (at nearest birthday) over 40.

	Age	*Time
1. J. Olrich, Cambridge Boat Club	58	20:53.7
2. L. Wade, Cambridge Boat Club	66	22:44.9
3. E. Lynch, St. John's Crew Club	46	20:45.1
4. R. Cutler, Riverside Boat Club	57	22:18.3
5. E. Atwill, West Side Rowing Club	63	23:28.3
6. R. Duncan, Belmont Hill School	54	22:35.0
7. W. Sanford, Spuyten Duyvil Rowing Club	63	23:44.2
8. A. Smithies, Cambridge Boat Club	63	24:00.2
9. H. Zink, Princeton University	52	23:11.7
10. F. Plimpton, Narragansett Boat Club	43	22:33.0
11. C. duMoulin, Cambridge Boat Club	52	23:38.9
12. P. Snodgrass, Cambridge Boat Club	43	23:06.9
13. T. Crosby, Union Boat Club	70	25:57.5
14. A. Pappenheimer, Cambridge Boat Club	62	25:14.5

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15. E. Good, New York Athletic Club	49	24:02.1
16. H. Keyes, Union Boat Club	66	26:41.4
17. E. Witte, Cambridge Boat Club	75	28:24.4
18. Q. Taylor, Cambridge Boat Club	52	27:13.4
19. R. Isaacs, Cambridge Boat Club	59	28:47.7

EVENT NO. 2 Double Sculls

1. Cambridge Boat Club	17:34.0
2. Union Boat Club/Princeton University	17:56.5
3. Syracuse Alumni Rowing Association	18:06.4
4. St. John's High School Rowing Association	18:35.0
5. Vesper Boat Club	18:37.2
6. Yale University	18:44.0
7. Westchester Rowing Association	18:54.8
8. New York Athletic Club	19:02.3
9. Spuyten Duyvil Rowing Club	19:20.9
10. MIT Boat Club	19:57.1
11. Union Boat Club	20:03.4
12. Choate School	20:14.5
13. University Barge Club	20:20.7
14. Harvard University (Winner of Mixed Doubles Medal)	22:26.2

*Actual Uncorrected Time

EVENT NO. 3 Junior Four-Oared Shells with Coxswain

1. Lowell Tech. Institute Rowing Club	17:55.5
2. Princeton University	18:04.6
3. Father Judge High School Rowing Association	18:11.1
4. Syracuse Alumni Rowing Association	18:27.5
5. Northeastern University	18:34.8
6. Moses Brown School	18:39.8
7. MIT Boat Club (No. 45)	18:41.0
8. Marist College (No. 48)	18:43.0
9. MIT Boat Club (No. 57)	18:58.7
10. Marist College (No. 58)	19:06.3
11. Ottawa Rowing Club	19:06.4
12. Mt. Herman Rowing Association	19:21.3
13. Choate School	19:42.3
14. Georgetown University	20:09.8
15. Dartmouth Rowing Club (No. 41)	20:17.6

EVENT NO. 4 Novice Single Sculls

1. D. Jones, Cambridge Boat Club	19:49.4
2. M. Streim, U. of Massachusetts Rowing Association	20:16.4
3. J. Peters, Harvard University	20:20.1
4. J. Baker, Harvard University	20:20.4
5. J. Gaynor, Vesper Boat Club	21:03.7
6. J. Barrett, Narragansett Boat Club	21:04.9
7. D. Marsh, Princeton University	21:08.9
8. S. Clark, Belmont Hill School	21:09.3
9. R. Pultz, Northeastern University	21:10.5
10. C. Cutler, Riverside Boat Club	21:25.7
11. J. Ristuccia, Yale University	21:46.2
12. H. Scott, Boston University	21:56.7
13. B. Stewart, Ottawa Rowing Club	22:15.0
14. G. Olmsted, Harvard University	22:17.1
15. D. Prowler, Princeton University	22:27.8
16. R. Clement, Cambridge Boat Club	22:33.6
17. D. Yahner, Cambridge Boat Club	22:43.1
18. J. Strother, Yale University	22:43.8
19. P. Babb, Phillips Academy, Andover	22:44.7
20. B. Harrigan, New Haven Rowing Club	22:52.1
21. T. Farrey, St. John's High School Rowing Association	23:12.4
22. B. Boardman, Dartmouth Rowing Club	24:20.0

23. A. McLaughlin, Cambridge Boat Club
24. L. Esposito, MIT Boat Club

24:23.0
25:47.8

EVENT NO. 5

Junior Eight-Oared Shells

(Boston Mayor's Trophy)
(Schoolboys: Princeton Trophy)

1. Marist College (No. 8R)	16:00.3
2. Mt. Herman Rowing Association (No. 94)	16:11.3
3. U. of Massachusetts Rowing Association	16:15.3
4. Rutgers University	16:31.1
5. Phillips Academy, Andover (No. 97)	16:36.8
6. Syracuse Alumni Rowing Association	16:37.1
7. Boston University (No. 100)	16:42.3
8. Brown University (No. 7R)	16:45.5
9. Father Judge High School Rowing Association	16:54.2
10. Phillips Exeter Academy (No. 9R)	16:54.7
11. Phillips Exeter Academy (No. 19R)	16:56.0
12. Phillips Academy, Andover (No. 16R)	16:56.9
13. St. John's High School Rowing Association	17:01.0
14. MIT Boat Club (No. 95)	17:07.6
15. Choate School	17:09.2
16. Georgetown University	17:11.5
17. Boston University (No. 18R)	17:11.7
18. Spuyten Duyvil Rowing Club	17:23.3
19. Manhattan College Crew Club	17:25.3
20. Yale University	17:27.9
21. Boston University (No. 15R)	17:30.2
22. Amherst College	17:42.8
23. Harvard University (No. 96)	17:45.4
24. Mt. Herman Rowing Association (No. 98)	17:49.1
25. MIT Boat Club (No. 5R)	17:49.2
26. Atlantic Community College	17:56.8

27. Marist College (No. 17R)	18:02.0
28. MIT Boat Club (No. 21R)	18:38.1
29. U. of Rhode Island (No. 20R)	19:28.2
30. U. of Rhode Island (No. 3R)	19:37.8
31. U. of Rhode Island (No. 6R)	20:12.9
32. MIT Boat Club (No. 4R)	24:59.1

EVENT NO. 6

Junior Lightweight Single Sculls

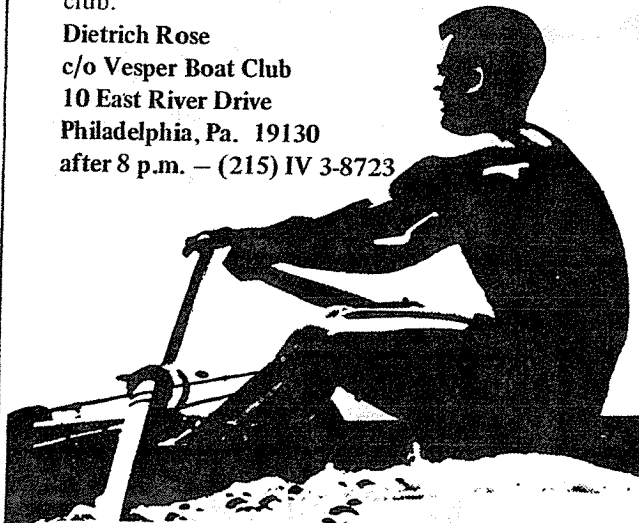
1. J. Sheetz, MIT Boat Club	
2. T. Van Dusen, Riverside Boat Club	
3. Underwood, MIT Boat Club	
4. G. Holmes, Boston University	
5. F. Wright, Cambridge Boat Club	
6. P. King, Ottawa Rowing Club	
7. J. Hall, Mt. Hermon Rowing Association	
8. L. Hancock, Choate School	
9. P. Wilson, Ottawa Rowing Club	
10. D. Green, Spuyten Duyvil Rowing Club	21:27.
11. D. Bort, Potomac Boat Club	21:36.2
12. F. Tompkins, Riverside Boat Club	21:32.0
13. W. Burns, Harvard University	21:32.6
14. S. Paradise, Cambridge Boat Club	21:56.9
15. M. Toukhy, Narragansett Boat Club	21:58.9
16. G. Pierson, Cambridge Boat Club	22:05.6
17. A. Gold, MIT Boat Club	22:13.0
18. S. Wells, Choate School	22:41.2
19. K. Kalkhof Philadelphia Girls Rowing Club	22:59.4
20. R. Betancourt, University Barge Club	23:12.4
21. J. Gordon, Cambridge Boat Club	23:17.0
22. J. Becker, Vesper Boat Club	23:34.8

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EVENT NO. 7

Lightweight Four-Oared Shells with Coxswain
(Metropolitan District Commission Trophy)

1. Harvard University (No. 53R)	17:14.5
2. Cambridge Boat Club	17:30.0
3. MIT Boat Club	17:30.6
4. Dartmouth Rowing Club (No. 58R)	17:43.6
5. Harvard University (No. 57R)	17:48.0
6. Dartmouth Rowing Club (51R)	18:11.6
7. Princeton University	18:49.0
8. Yale University	19:22.4
9. Amherst College (No. 59R)	20:46.9

EVENT NO. 8

Junior Single Sculls
(Louis B. Hawes Memorial Trophy)

1. D. Abromeit, Cambridge Boat Club	19:42.4
2. R. C. Hamilton, Mt. Hermon Rowing Association	19:51.0
3. W. Miller, Union Boat Club	19:52.4
4. J. Menter, Cambridge Boat Club	20:18.5
5. L. Dahmen, Union Boat Club	20:19.4
6. D. McGale, Riverside Boat Club	20:23.9
7. L. Chu, Harvard University	20:27.3
8. T. Rafferty, Schuylkill Boat Club	20:41.6
9. R. Clark, Syracuse Alumni Rowing Association	20:42.9
10. K. Foote, Narragansett Boat Club	20:45.2
11. M. Harper, Cambridge Boat Club	20:51.0
12. L. Miller, U. of North Carolina Boat Club	20:59.6
13. B. McKenna, Cambridge Boat Club	21:04.4

14. A. McKenna, Cambridge Boat Club	21:13.0
15. A. Rossmann, Harvard University	21:41.8
16. L. Martiñ, Union Boat Club	22:06.1
17. F. Furtek, Cambridge Boat Club	22:07.1
18. D. Crosby, Union Boat Club	22:32.1
19. J. Davidson, Cambridge Boat Club	22:38.0
20. J. Ewert, Ottawa Rowing Club	22:45.7
21. J. Checralatt, Lowell Tech. Institute Rowing Club	23:55.4
22. J. Condray, United States Army	26:10.4

EVENT NO. 9

Lightweight Eight-Oared Shells
(Boston Herald Traveler Trophy)

1. Harvard University	15:38.0
2. Princeton University (No. 92R)	15:41.8
3. MIT Boat Club (No. 91R)	15:44.9
4. Yale University	15:55.4
5. Princeton University (No. 96R)	16:05.0
6. Rutgers University (No. 94R)	16:25.8
7. Spuyten Duyvil Rowing Club	16:29.0
8. MIT Boat Club (No. 93R)	16:59.2
9. Rutgers University (No. 97R)	17:26.0
10. MIT Boat Club (No. 98R)	17:45.3

EVENT NO. 10

Senior Lightweight Single Sculls

1. L. Klecatsky, New York Athletic Club	18:44.4
2. B. Jones, Cambridge Boat Club	19:06.1
3. T. Van Dusen, Riverside Boat Club	19:32.1
4. J. Sack, Undine Barge Club	20:24.6
5. T. Quinn, John Jay College	20:32.1

EVENT NO. 11

Senior Four-Oared Shells with Coxswain
(Schaefer Circle of Sports Trophy)

1. Brown University (No. 8G)	16:57.2
2. United States Naval Academy (No. 10G)	17:12.2
3. Boston University (No. 19G)	17:14.1
4. Brown University (No. 24G)	17:18.0
5. Dartmouth Rowing Club (No. 12G)	17:27.8
6. Georgetown University (No. 20G)	17:28.1
7. Dartmouth Rowing Club/Vesper Boat Club	17:30.0
8. Syracuse Alumni Rowing Association	17:32.1
9. Brown University (No. 15G)	17:33.4
10. Harvard University (No. 22G)	17:34.8
11. Spuyten Duyvil Rowing Club	17:35.5
12. Harvard University (No. 25G)	17:39.1
13. MIT Boat Club	17:47.2
14. Yale University	17:52.8
15. Harvard University (No. 7G)	18:01.8
16. Dartmouth Rowing Club (No. 23G)	18:01.9
17. United States Naval Academy (No. 16G)	18:03.1
18. Princeton University	18:06.5
19. Harvard University (No. 27)	18:16.3
20. Northeastern University	18:26.2

EVENT NO. 12

Senior Single Sculls
(Laurence Curtis Trophy)

1. P. Wilson, Cambridge Boat Club	18:16.1
2. H. Hamilton, Cambridge Boat Club	19:17.2
3. B. Barbata, United States Navy	20:30.7
4. Edward Good, New York Athletic Club	24:10.6

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Senior Eight-Oared Shells
(Boston Globe Challenge Trophy)

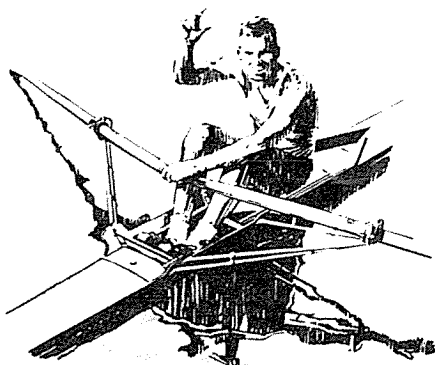
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Northeastern University (No. 37G)	15:28.2
Union Boat Club	15:28.2
3. Syracuse Alumni Rowing Association	15:34.4
4. MIT Boat Club	15:37.1
5. Princeton University	15:43.4
6. Boston University	15:43.7
7. Rutgers University	15:50.0
8. Northeastern University (No. 47G)	15:53.2
9. U. of Massachusetts Rowing Association	15:54.9
10. Vesper Boat Club	16:02.9
11. Spuyten Duyvil Rowing Club	16:05.2
12. Holy Cross College	16:25.7
13. Northeastern University (No. 50G)	16:31.5
Brown University	Disq.
Georgetown University	Disq.

Final Point Standings

1. MIT Boat Club	304.2
2. Cambridge Boat Club	281.6
3. Harvard University	250.4
4. Princeton University	230.1
5. Syracuse Alumni Rowing Association	220.6
6. Boston University	194.0
7. Union Boat Club	149.6
8. Spuyten Duyvil Rowing Club	139.5
9. Yale University	137.0
10. Northeastern University	135.6
11. Rutgers University	133.4
12. Brown University	120.3
13. Mt. Hermon Rowing Association	103.2

14. Dartmouth Rowing Club	98.0
15. University of Massachusetts Rowing Association	92.0
16. Riverside Boat Club	87.6
17. Marist College	85.3
18. Vesper Boat Club	84.1
19. Georgetown University	68.7
20. Father Judge High School Rowing Association	67.8
21. St. John's High School Rowing Association	65.2
22. New York Athletic Club	64.0
23. Phillips Academy, Andover	63.9
24. Choate School	59.6
25. Phillips Exeter Academy	53.1
26. United States Naval Academy	52.5
27. Narragansett Boat Club	
28. Ottawa Rowing Club	
29. Lowell Tech. Institute Rowing Club	
30. Belmont Hill School	
31. Moses Brown School	
32. Westchester Rowing Association	
33. Manhattan College Crew Club	21.9
34. St. John's Crew Club	17.9
35. United States Navy	17.5
36. Amherst College	17.2
37. Schuylkill Boat Club	17.0
38. West Side Rowing Club	15.8
39. University of North Carolina Boat Club	12.5
40. Holy Cross College	12.3
41. Undine Barge Club	12.0
42. Atlantic Community College	11.0
43. Potomac Boat Club	10.0
44. University of Rhode Island	9.6
45. University Barge Club	8.4
46. John Jay College	6.0
47. Philadelphia Girls Rowing Club	3.6
48. New Haven Rowing Club	3.1
49. United States Army	1.1

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