

Brown Men's Rugby

Weekly Match Report

Sunday, March 6, 2022

Brown 7's

Brown University

Providence RI

Brown's finished off another successful weekend fielding two sides in a home 7's event. The second side, after a shaky start last weekend, pulled off two wins and one loss. The first side went undefeated on the day.

Temperatures were in the upper 50's however the day started off with some early rain. Luckily, this was a small front as cloudy skies gave way to sun as things moved into the afternoon. Other than some gusty wind, the day was perfect for a bit of rugby.

Traveling to Brown on the day were U. Maine Black Bears, the Babson Beavers and the nationally ranked Northeastern Huskies. Each team fielded two sides. Due to some limited numbers, Brown was able to provide some added depth to the Back Bears squad that was slightly depleted from the previous week's event at Bryant.

Squad B:

Dan Betensky '23, Oliver Bieling '25, Antonio Cortabarría '25, Jake Ehrenkranz '24, Jack Elliott '25, Brett Geiss '23, Kiego Hachisuka '24, James Horkan '25, Ian Liu '24, Aaron Mertzell '25, Juan Carlos Matos '25, Eugene Oh '24, Lucas Tay '23

Squad A:

Joe Al-Hasso '25, Santiago Cortabarría '25, Amar Dhillon '22, JT Dyer '25, Antonio Esteves '25, Jon Kim '22, Raphael Lansonneur '25, Pablo Lavilla '23, Dylan Lewis '24, Matt Mitchell '24, Max O'Donahue '25, Peter Smith '22,

Extras:

Omar Al-Jendari '24, Mark Appleman '23, Luca Fonstad '23, Dan Hillery '24, Shaan Lalvani '23, Emmanuel Ojeda '25, Chris Wai '25

First up were the seconds. Unfortunately, the skies opened up for this one affecting Brown's overall handling. That being said, there was a marked improvement on defense from the week before. Brown was unlucky to not come away with the win on this one however gave a valiant effort over a strong Northeastern team. Northeastern edged out the win by one converted try.

With the rains still coming down, it was the first team's change to kick things off. Again, the wet weather came into play. Still, Brown was able to keep the Huskies at bay with a strong defensive showing. As the final whistle blew, Brown had dotted down three scores to Northeastern's two. Lansonneur converted 2 of the three tries.

Next on the agenda was the Bear Brawl. The Brown Bears faced off against the Maine Black Bears. U>Maine came down with a slightly depleted side so some of the Brown players took up the challenge to help facilitate the game. An already large side was injected by some of Brown's big boys. A strong second half by the good guys broke the half-time tie of 5-5. Overall, a solid performance by this young group with a well-deserved win.

Brown's other team were up next with another Bear attack. This Brown Bears were just too much for their cousins to handle. Strong performances by all solidified a second win on the day for this group of ruggers.

The Brown seconds final performance of the day was the culmination of all the hard work this group had put in. In reality, the score should have been doubled in favor of the good guys. Present on the day was a referee who was learning the ropes. We agreed to give her a run in this match. In her first outing, she did... well as good as to be expected. It was a wonderful opportunity to get a new referee into the fold. I'm sure it was a learning experience for her. In the end, Brown was victorious. A special shout out to Eugene Oh who scored his first ever rugby try.

The last match for the first group was against Babson, a team we had played just a week before. Brown controlled the match from the opening whistle running in a total of 6 tries. One of those tries was a penalty try awarded to Pablo Lavilla. This may be the only time Pablo gets credited with a conversion so we'll give him the full 7 points in the record books. Two other tries were converted by senior Jon Kim to cap off this teams 36-point win and maintain their perfect record (5-0) after two weeks.

To conclude the day's games, a weary U>Maine A's played Northeastern B's. To give Northeastern another game, Babson and Brown agreed to combine and field a team as a final match on the day. Northeast Academy and Free Jacks developmental coordinator Thomas Clark picked the team, and managed the game, from both sides. Credit to Northeastern for their strong work all day in the breakdown. Unfortunately, the Castoridae / Ursidae combination of players was just too much for the Huskies as they fell 33-14.

Overall, it was a great day for an early spring season of rugby. Credit to all for pushing through some early weather conditions and our condolence to Northeastern for the loss of their tent that succumbed to the wind.

Match Summaries:

Northeastern B vs Brown B	Northeastern 12	Brown 5	Mertzel try
Northeastern A vs Brown A	Northeastern 10	Brown 17	Esteves try (+2 by Lansonneur) Lansonneur try, Dhillon try
U.Maine B vs Brown B	U.Maine 5	Brown 15	Elliott try, A.Cortabarría try, Bieling try
U.Maine A vs Brown A	U.Maine 7	Brown 24	S.Cortabarría try, Lewis try + 2 Smith try, Lansonneur, try + 2
Babson B vs Brown B	Babson 10	Brown 22	Betensky try, Ehrenkranz try, Oh try Elliott try, Horkan conversion
Babson A vs Brown A	Babson 0	Brown 36	Kim try +2, Mitchell try, Lavilla penalty try, O'Donahue try Kim try +2, S.Cortabarría try

Brown's next outing will be on Sunday March 13th (same location as today). Brown will host the Blue Devils from Central Connecticut State College, The Holy Cross Crusaders and the Endicott Gulls. Will good triumph over evil as the Crusaders take on the Blue Devils or will the Gulls fly past the waiting Brown Bears. Come out at 10am to watch the days games.