

A-SIDE

Brown Men's Rugby Dominates UPenn in Ivy League 7's Tournament

In a display of tenacity and skill, the Brown Men's Rugby team outplayed the UPenn team to secure a 24-5 victory in an Ivy League 7's tournament game held on April 20, 2024.

The game at Mignone Stadium saw the Bears make their mark, gaining an early lead and maintaining momentum throughout the game, which began with Brown ahead with a halftime score of 19-0.

Brown's Kenyon Graham shone on the field, scoring two tries accompanied by Henrique Gabriel and Raphael Lansonneur, who each added to the score with a try apiece. Lansonneur also showed his accuracy with two successful conversions. UPenn fought valiantly but its solitary try was not enough to challenge Brown's lead.

This victory puts Brown at a 1-0 record for the tournament. The club will look to carry this momentum into its next game, where Brown will take on Princeton.

Brown Men's Rugby Bears Blank Princeton Tigers in Ivy League 7's Showdown

In a commanding exhibition of skill, the Brown Men's Rugby team shut out the Princeton Tigers with a final score of 31-0 on April 20.

Competing in the Ivy League 7's tournament at Mignone Stadium, the Bears launched their game with a powerful first half, leading 17-0. This momentum propelled them to secure their second win this season, elevating their record to 2-0.

Kenyon Graham proved to be a driving force for the Brown Bears with a staggering three tries, forming an essential part of the attacking brilliance. Tito Edjua complemented Graham's performance with his two critical tries, adding to the Bears' formidable score. As for conversions, Raphael Lansonneur further solidified Brown's lead with three successful conversions.

Building on this victory, the Bears are preparing to face Harvard in their next game.

Brown Bears Dominate Ivy League 7's Rugby Tournament Against Harvard

The Brown University men's rugby team, also known as the Bears, delivered a commanding 26-0 win over Harvard in an Ivy League 7's tournament game on April 20. Kenyon Graham and Tito Edjua spearheaded the Brown attack, both crossing the try line twice.

Mignone Stadium provided the stage for the Bears' relentless might, which led them to an early lead with a 14-0 score at halftime. Adding to the Bears' dominance, Raphael Lansonneur was precise with his conversions, slotting in three conversions to further cement Brown's lead.

The weather was clear and cool as both Graham and Edjua set the field abuzz with their speed and skill. The Bears' powerful defense backed up their teammates' attacking prowess, keeping the Harvard Crimson scoreless by the game's conclusion.

"The team performed admirably today. The hard work and dedication these players show in both training and games continues to pay off," said the Bears' coach, expressing pride in his team's achievement. "We look forward to carrying this momentum into our next fixture."

Brown will look to capitalize on its victory when it takes the field against Columbia in the Ivy 7's semi-final..

Brown Men's Rugby Bears Clinch Ivy League 7's Victory Over Columbia Lions

The Brown Men's Rugby team secured another triumph and a spot in the finals at the Ivy League 7's tournament at Mignone Stadium, and will carry a 4-0 tournament record into the championship rematch.

The Bears sealed a semi-final win against the Columbia Lions with a final score of 24-5.

The game's momentum was set early, with the Bears piling on a significant lead in the first half, 19-0. Leading the charge, Raphael Lansonneur scored two tries and also contributed by converting two of those tries into points. His teammates, Kenyon Graham and Tito Edjua, added to the tally with a try each. While the Lions managed to swat in a try to escape the shutout, the Bears kept owning the field.

"We went into the tournament with a hunger to prove ourselves, and the hard work we put in both on and off the field has really paid off," said Lansonneur.

The Bears are now preparing to gear up for their next game, which will take place on the same pitch at Mignone Stadium. They will face Dartmouth, in a rematch of the 2023 Ivy 7's final, which Brown lost in heartbreaking fashion. The Bears are aiming to revenge that outcome and further solidify their unblemished tournament record.

Brown Bears Triumph Over Dartmouth Big Green in Ivy League 7's Championship

The Brown University Men's Rugby team clinched victory in the prestigious Ivy League 7's Championship against Dartmouth with a final score of 21-12 on April 20 at the Mignone Stadium.

From the onset, the Bears displayed their prowess, conceding only a narrow lead to Dartmouth with a halftime score of 14-7. As the event progressed, the Brown team showcased outstanding tenacity, securing their win. Key to this triumph was Kenyon Graham's two tries, complemented by Raphael Lansonneur who added another try and three conversions to the scoreboard.

The result of this Ivy League clash marks an important moment for the Bears in their pursuit of rugby excellence.

"I'm proud of our team's performance on the pitch. The players left it all out there, and to come away with the Ivy 7's Championship top spot is a testament to their hard work," said Head Coach Dave Laflamme, reflecting on the victory.

Looking forward, opportunities to carry forward the vibrancy of their win abound, as the Bears prepare for the Collegiate Rugby Championship national 7's tournament set to commence April 27 in Maryland.

B-SIDE

Brown B-side Dominates in Ivy League 7's Tournament Opener

The Brown Men's Rugby b-team began their Ivy League 7's tournament campaign in a strong performance on Cumnock Field Saturday, pulling off a decisive 31-0 victory against the Harvard b-side.

The misty and windy conditions added to the challenge but didn't deter the Bears who exhibited grit and prowess from the onset.

Brown took control early on, securing a lead of 14-0 by halftime. This momentum carried through the rest of the game. The scoreboard remained static for Harvard, while Brown added 17 more points to its tally in the second half, culminating in a 31-0 win. James Horkan was instrumental with a try and three successful conversions, contributing significantly to the scoreboard, as did teammates Mike Lau, Ben Shirley, Aaron Mertzell, and Dylan Maloney, who each added a try to Brown's performance.

Coach of the B's, Ryan Grant, commended the team on their endeavor in facing a formidable opponent such as Harvard. "Harvard was athletic and aggressive but we were able to match their intensity and assert our will. This group has not had a lot of time playing or training together, so to start the tournament with a big win and looking dynamic in attack and strong on defense is a great way to set the tone for the event," Grant said. Brown's win placed them at a 1-0 record going into the next round.

The Bears will be aiming to build on their initial success. Their next game is set to be on the same field, Cumnock Field, against Princeton.

Brown B's Triumph in 2nd Match of Ivy League 7's Tournament Against Princeton

The Brown Men's Rugby B-side showcased a command performance on Cumnock Field, clinching a decisive 20-0 victory over the Princeton b-side in the Ivy League 7's tournament on April 20.

The Bears opened the game with strong momentum that eventually carved a pathway to success, reflected in the halftime score of 15-0 in favor of Brown. The team then fortified its position on the field, ultimately securing a shutout win.

Tries were scored by several key players, totaling to four for the Brown side, with Hugo Mullen, Dylan Maloney, Garret Mann, and Toby Achleitner all crossing the try line. A special mention goes to Mann, who notably notched his first try from the winger position.

Despite the win, the team's performance was punctuated with reflections and analysis. "Our effectiveness in attack dropped off a little in this game, especially in the second half, but credit to the boys who all remained stout on defense, controlling the action even when we don't possess the ball, which is something we have talked a lot about with this unit," Coach Ryan Grant said.

Up next in the Ivy 7's, the B's face the Columbia b-side.

Brown B's Clinch Convincing Victory in Ivy League 7's Tournament

The Brown B's triumphed over the Columbia Lions with a 52-0 shutout on April 20 at Cumnock Field.

The match-up saw the Bears dominate the proceedings right from the start, maintaining a firm lead throughout the Ivy League 7's tournament fixture. The weather improved over the day and was clear and cool, offering perfect playing conditions for the clash.

The pace and intensity of play from the Bears resulted in a substantial halftime supremacy as Brown led at 26-0, with the team duplicating their scoring in the second half to secure a 52-0 win. The Bears' performance was highlighted by a collective effort that saw tries being scored by Garret Mann, James Horkan, Aaron Mertzal, Mike Lau, Nathan Kwei, and Toby Achleitner. Horkan, in addition to scoring a try, was precise with his kicks, contributing to the scoreline with two conversions. The other conversions were scored by Elliott, Mertzal, and Achleitner. Notable individual achievements included Mann's hat trick, achieving another three tries in his debut tournament at the wing position, and Kwei's first-ever try scored.

Coach Ryan Grant lauded his team's performance after the win, saying, "It was great to see our level of effort and performance consistently maintained on both sides of the ball and as we moved through different personnel groupings, utilizing our substitutions." This commitment to effort and teamwork is clearly seen in the Bears' solid record of 3-0 so far this tournament.

The Brown Men's Rugby 7's team is now gearing up to face Dartmouth at Cumnock Field in the B-side championship match. These two teams faced each other in the 2023 final, with Brown coming away victorious. The B-side Bears will look to repeat and continue their tournament dominance.

Brown B's Victorious in Ivy League Sevens B-side Championship Showdown

The Brown University Men's Rugby team took the Ivy League 7's tournament b-side championship in a thrilling game against Dartmouth held at Cumnock Field on April 20, a

rematch of last weekend's Liberty Conference 7's tournament b-side championship, which Brown also won.

On a cool, clear day, the Bears triumphed against the Dartmouth Big Green, with the final score locked at Brown 7, Dartmouth 5 - the closest match on the day for both teams who had each been dominant against their other opponents.

The Brown Bears established an early lead with a halftime score of 7-0. Aaron Mertzel scored the critical try for Brown, which was complemented by James Horkan's successful conversion. Notably, Mertzel was pivotal in both aspects of the game, with a standout defensive performance coming during the second half. The coach hailed it as a game-changing moment, exemplifying his overall dedication to the game.

Mertzel's try was initiated during a time when Dartmouth suffered a yellow card, showcasing Brown's adeptness in seizing upon moments of opponent weakness.

"This was an incredible game to end the tournament. I can't say enough about Aaron's overall performance in this game, scoring our only try and his individual defensive play to prevent Dartmouth from stealing the lead late," said Coach Ryan Grant.

The 2024 Ivy 7's title represents back-to-back Ivy championships for the B's, having also won this tournament in 2023, as well as consecutive tournament top honors coming off of their Liberty Conference supremacy last week.