

# Brown Men's Rugby

## Weekly Match Report

Saturday, September 30, 2023  
 Berylson Family Fields, Brown University  
 Providence, RI

### Brown v. Nazareth University – First XV

Scoring Summary		Brown	Nazareth
First Half			
10 min	Brown Try (Kaspar Pitblado '26)	5	
	Conversion (Raphael Lansonneur '25)	2	
25 min	Brown Try (Joe Al-Hasso '25)	5	
40 min	Nazareth Try		5
<b>First Half</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>
Second Half			
45 min	Brown Try (Rowe Stodolnic '27)	5	
	Conversion (Dylan Lewis '24)	2	
49 min	Brown Try (Kenyon Graham '25)	5	
	Conversion (Raphael Lansonneur '25)	2	
63 min	Brown Try (Asa Rosenmeier '27)	5	
68 min	Brown Try (Kenyon Graham '25)	5	
	Conversion (Raphael Lansonneur '25)	2	
80 min	Brown Try (Henrique Gabriel '26)	5	
	Conversion (Raphael Lansonneur '25)	2	
<b>Second Half</b>		<b>33</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Final Score:</b>		<b>45</b>	<b>5</b>

With Marvel field all-but unplayable due to the recent onslaught of rain, this week the Bears relocated unseasonably early to their usual springtime home pitch up the hill at the Berylson Family Fields, to host the Nazareth Golden Flyers, a 4-year old varsity program out of Rochester, NY. Nazareth came into this one 0-2 on the season, most recently dropping a close match to Harvard. Meanwhile, Brown sits at 2-0 with 9 points in 4<sup>th</sup> place in the conference standings due to a logjam of three teams in 1<sup>st</sup> place with 10 points, as the top teams in the conference jostle for supremacy in the rankings. Brown would overcome an uncharacteristically undisciplined first half, leading to 2 yellow cards late in the first and early into the second, which left them clinging to a meager one-score lead at halftime, to finally assert their will in the latter half of the game and come away with a 45-5 victory over Nazareth who really tested the Bears defense with relentless physicality, as well as speed and elusiveness with the ball-in-hand.

During the early minutes of the match, Brown was able to establish control through continuity of possession and swarming defensive pressure. The fruit of those efforts coming to bare in 2 tries off lineout mauls. The first at the 10-minute mark from Kaspar Pitblado '26. The second at the 25-minute mark on a pick & go from the maul by Joe Al-Hasso '25. The remaining minutes of the first half were an uphill battle for the Bears, who conceded numerous penalties that kept them under pressure for the duration and saddled them with two yellow cards to end the first half and start the second. While down to 13 players on the field, the Bears finally yielded their first points allowed on the season from a quick tap penalty 5-meters out, when the Nazareth #6 crashed in and was driven over the line and able to get the ball to the ground. Half-time allowed Brown to regroup, cool their heads, and refocus their efforts as a team. In the first 5-minutes of the second half, while still having only 13 players on

the field, the Brown defence was able to force a turnover deep in Nazareth territory and immediately found hard-running and fearless freshman Rowe Stodolnic '27, who tore through the unorganized Naz defense and scored his first career try as a Bear. Brown then brought on some key reserves, and the momentum continued to tilt decidedly in their favour. Just minutes later, in his first few minutes with Brown's top-side, speedy wing Kenyon Graham slipped a tackle to finish off around the edge from a set backs play at a scrum and scored his first try with the first XV from about 40M out. At the 63<sup>rd</sup> minute, the Bears converted a scoring opportunity at an attacking lineout in close when Asa Rosenmeier '27 caught an overthrow and barrelled over his opposite at the tail of the lineout to score. 5 minutes later, the Brown attack was cooking again, and playmaker Raphael Lansonneur '25, spotting a vulnerability in the Naz defense, called for a change in the direction of the Brown attack, and put away Kenyon Graham '25 again for his second try in a dazzling debut. On the last play of the match, Brown would end the scoring the way they started it, with the forwards driving in a dominant lineout maul for a try, this time with Henrique Gabriel '26 credited with the touchdown. Raphael Lansonneur '25 went 4/6 on conversion attempts, missing only the most difficult kicks by slim margins with the challenge of kicking for off-center football posts at Berylson field – and Dylan Lewis '24 made his only conversion attempt while Raph served a yellow card.

Brown will regroup this week, bringing the roster nearer to full strength than it has been over the last couple of weeks, in preparation for their match with Fairfield University this Friday. Supporters who followed the team last fall will remember that Brown went into Fairfield last season when both teams were undefeated and tied in points atop the division to hand the Stags a devastating 44-3 defeat in an extremely tense match that saw 4 yellow cards issued in total – so we know the Stags have had their eye on this rematch and will be ready to challenge the visiting Bears.

#### Brown Squad:

1. Omar Al-Jendari '24
2. Joe Al-Hasso '25
3. Asa Rosenmeier '27
4. Oliver Bieling '25 – Oliver Corbett '24 @ 45min
5. Tony Zhao '26 – Rowe Stodolnic '27 @ 45min
6. Rowe Stodolnic '27 – Henrique Gabriel '26 @ 45min
7. Kaspar Pitblado '26
8. Matt Mitchell '24
9. Dylan Lewis '24
10. JT Dyer '25
11. Santiago Cortabarría '26 – Theo Romero '27 @23min – Kenyon Graham '25 @ 40min
12. Theo Romero '27 – Will Sinfield '24 @ 23min
13. Tito Edjua '27
14. Aaron Mertzell '25
15. Raphael Lansonneur '25

Referee: Judah Boulet

### **Brown v. Nazareth University - Second XV**

#### **Scoring Summary**

##### First Half

		<b>Brown</b>	<b>Nazareth</b>
9 min	Brown Try (Jack Forgione '25)	5	
	Conversion (Ben Shirley '27)	2	
17 min	Brown Try (Kenyon Graham '25)	5	
	Conversion (Ben Shirley '27)	2	
25 min	Brown Try (Jack Forgione '25)	5	
	Conversion (Ben Shirley '27)	2	
30 min	Nazareth Try		5

<b>First Half</b>		<b>21</b>	<b>5</b>
35 min	Brown Try (Chris Wai '25)	5	
50 min	Brown Try (Chris Wai '25)	5	
	Conversion (Ben Shirley '27)	2	
55 min	Brown Try (Freddie O'Donahue '25)	5	
<b>Second Half</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Final Score:</b>		<b>38</b>	<b>5</b>

The Brown B's were again offered only two 30-minute halves of competition from their counterparts, but again, they achieved a high pace of scoring, notching three tries in each half of their match while conceding only one score, at the very end of the first half. Ben Shirley '27 converted 4/6 attempts to keep the B's undefeated with a 38-5 victory over the Golden Flyers' seconds. Gritty forward Jack Forgione '25 got the B's on the board first in the 9<sup>th</sup> minute. Later, Speedster Kenyon "KG" Graham '25 scored again in his encore appearance, adding to his two tallies during the first-side match, giving him a hat trick on the day. Then, Forgione found pay dirt for his second try. Nazareth was able to slip in for their only score of the match, an unconverted try, at the expiration of the first half. Ben Shirley '27 went 3/3 on conversion attempts during the half, and the score was 21-5 for Brown at the break. Chris Wai '25 wasted little time taking a rumbling carry through the Naz defense to open the second half, scoring five minutes in. The people demanded more Chris Wai and so the man answered the call, punching through into the try zone again at the 50-minute mark. Ben Shirley converted the kick, his fourth of the match. The last points of the match were scored by Freddie O'Donahue '27, the youngest of the three O'Donahue brothers the Bears currently roster, who tallied his first career try for the Bears.

#### Brown squad:

1. Julian Hooten '24 – Michael Citarella '27 @ 47min
2. Garrett Mann '26 – Hugo Mullen '26 @ 2min – Chris Wai @ 30min – Jack Forgione '25 @ 47min
3. Michael Citarella '27 – Chris Wai @ 47min
4. Mike Lau '27
5. Carlos Ponce de Leon '25 – Jack Elliott '25 @ 30min
6. Jack Elliott '25 – Om Sagar '27 @ 30min – Vinh Legros @ 47min
7. Jack Forgione '25
8. Jimmy Phelan '26
9. Keigo Hachisuka '24 – Josh White '27 @ 30min
10. Ben Shirley '27
11. Kenyon Graham '25 – Freddie O'Donahue '27 @ 30min
12. Max McCord '27
13. Jake Ehrenkranz '24
14. Craig Michalowski '26 – Malcolm Grant '27 @ 30min
15. Freddie O'Donahue '27 – George Randall '27 @ 30min

Referee: Morgan Roberts

Brown's next game will kick off on Friday, October 6th at 7pm. Brown will visit Fairfield University as part of National Collegiate Rugby's Friday Night Rugby series, as featured on the National Collegiate Rugby YouTube channel.