

# Brown Men's Rugby

## Weekly Match Report

Saturday April 22, 2023  
Ivy Rugby 7s tournament  
Dartmouth University  
Hanover, NH

This weekend, the top 2 squads traveled to Dartmouth University in Hanover, NH to compete in the Ivy League 7s tournament. It was a windy and cloudy day with temps hovering around 50 degrees.

B-Side Roster: Tobias Achleitner '26, Dan Archer '23, Dan Betensky '23, Jack Elliott '25, Kenyon Graham '25, Alexander Halpin G'24, James Horkan '25, Dylan Maloney '25, Garrett Mann '26, Aaron Mertzal '25, Craig Michalowski '26, Campbell O'Connor '23, Tony Zhao '26

The B's first match of the day against Cornell opened with an explosive kickoff return try by Graham who has been a revelation in his first season of rugby this spring. Graham would go on to score 2 more tries in this one along with 2 conversion kicks for a total of 19 points. Graduating captain Dan Archer put in a physically dominant performance of his own. While Graham was allusive, Archer was destructive, pummeling the opposition with hard carries and unrelenting defense, posting 2 tries and a conversion kick of his own for 12 points. Achleitner and Elliott each contributed to the scoring with tries of their own and the team completely smothered the Cornell attack to start the day with an eye-popping 41-0 victory.

The B's second match was against a more physically capable and larger Harvard side who were able to meet the demands of playing against these Bears. Scoring came more slowly initially, with the match's first points coming at about the 3:30 mark off a deftly won turnover. When Harvard answered back with a score of their own to tie it 7-7 at 5:00, the Bears took the ensuing kick-off in for another try to answer and reclaim the lead. The 14-7 score at halftime reflected a tightly contested first half but the boys from Brown had already started wearing down the Crimson and the floodgates opened in the second half. The final score was 31-12 for Brown, securing the B's a spot in the B-side bracket cup final. Achleitner was dangerous in this one, posting 3 tries. O'Connor slotted all 3 of his conversion kick attempts along with a try of his own, and Maloney also scored a try.

The B's 3<sup>rd</sup> match of the day, and final match of the spring season, would be for the B-side cup title against hosts Dartmouth. The B-side boys left very little to be desired on the day and they saved their best performance for their toughest opposition. The first 4+ minutes of the match saw these two teams locked in a scoreless stalemate until Dartmouth scored their first (and only) points to take the lead 5-0. A couple minutes later Graham would get the Bears on the board with another remarkable run around the edge of the defensive line, past multiple defenders. O'Connor adding the conversion brought the lead back for Brown going into halftime up 7-5. Both sides opened second half play with clear determination and intensity and several more minutes passed without another point being scored. Until, at about 10:30 into the match, Halpin took a strong carry through the heart of the defense, breaking tackles, and losing a boot as he squirmed free, to score a try under the posts. Finally, to widen the gap and put the

match out of reach for any sort of comeback, O'Connor beat the edge defender with a well-placed stiff arm for the last try during the match's final minute and converted his own kick to bring the tally to 19-5 for the Brown B's over their counterparts from Dartmouth to claim the top spot in B-side bracket.

In total, over 3 matches, Brown scored 91 points and conceded only 17.

Next week, the last competitive weekend of the season, the Bears top 7s squad will travel to Boyd, Maryland to compete in the Collegiate Rugby Championship national 7s tournament.