

Brown Men's Rugby

Weekly Match Report

Saturday, October 21st, 2023
 Brophy Field, Dartmouth University
 Hanover, NH

Brown v. Dartmouth University – First XV

Scoring Summary		Brown	Dartmouth
First Half			
3 min	Brown Try (Asa Rosenmeier '27)	5	
	Conversion (Raphael Lansonneur '25)	2	
13 min	Dartmouth Try		5
	Conversion		2
24 min	Brown Penalty Try	7	
29 min	Brown Try (Matt Mitchell '24)	5	
	Conversion (Raphael Lansonneur '25)	2	
40 min	Brown Penalty Kick (Raphael Lansonneur '25)	3	
First Half		24	7
Second Half			
41 min	Dartmouth Penalty Kick		3
56 min	Brown Try (Antonio Esteves '25)	5	
	Conversion (Raphael Lansonneur '25)	2	
57 min	Dartmouth Try		5
77 min	Brown Try (Henrique Gabriel '25)	5	
	Conversion (Dylan Lewis '24)	2	
Second Half		14	8
Final Score:		38	15

Each season since 2018, the Ivy League Championship has featured a matchup of Brown and Dartmouth. In 2021, the Bears snapped the Big Green's streak of 13 years of Ivy supremacy, with a legendary 15-12 upset victory. This year, the Bears had the opportunity to 3-peat as Ivy champions. Despite the kind of constant rain that seems to come at you from all directions, the northern chill in scenic Hanover, NH, and the hostile crowd at Corey Ford Clubhouse, the team was eager to take on their rivals.

The Bears wasted no time asserting themselves early. 3 minutes in, ending a series of strong carries by the forward pack, pounding towards the try line, Asa Rosenmeier '27 opened the scoring and Vice Captain Raphael Lansonneur '25 added the conversion. 10 minutes later, capitalizing on a Brown defensive lapse, Dartmouth dynamo Abe Kamara raced into the try zone to get the Green on the board. The conversion knotted the score at 7-7. Brown continued to do what they do best and dominated set piece play, resulting in a penalty try being awarded at a 5M scrum during the 24th minute, putting Brown back in the lead 14-7. Just a few minutes later, Tito Edjua '27 drew an obstruction penalty, smartly receiving a Dartmouth attacking kick, counter kicking, and being interfered with on his chase. That setup a lineout deep in Dartmouth territory and a chance for the Bears to mount their vaunted maul. Team President Matt Mitchell '24 spotted space and found paydirt to keep the points ticking over. Another conversion pushed the lead to 21-7. To end the first half, Raphael Lansonneur '25 would slot a penalty kick from the left side, 24-7 for Brown. Dartmouth would strike first in the second half though, getting a penalty kick of their own in the opening minutes, 24-10. Over the next 15 minutes the teams battled through scoreless play as the rainfall intensified, as if in response to the tenor of match play. An offside penalty against Dartmouth gifted Brown with an attacking scrum about 10M away from the try line. In a scene

familiar to Brown supporters, the powerful Brown pack powered over Dartmouth and 8-man Antonio Esteves '25 reaped the benefits, scoring the easy try at the back of the pack. Raphael Lansonneur '25 added another conversion, going 4/4 for kicks on the day and extending the Brown lead to 31-10. Not going quietly, just moments later, in a highlight of the match and a tremendous individual effort, a tenacious Dartmouth defender charged down an attempted exit kick deep in Brown territory, regathered the ball himself and scored to bring the score to 31-15. Over the following 10 minutes the Bears were able to withstand pressure from the Dartmouth attack with cohesive defence and efficiency in the contact area, not conceding anymore points. In the final minutes of the match, Brown would earn yet another penalty at a scrum, setting up an attacking lineout on the Dartmouth 22M. There could be no better way to put an exclamation point on this match, characterized by gritty physicality and utter set piece dominance by Brown, then the exemplar of a lineout maul that ensued. From 22M out, Captain Oliver Corbett '24 received the ball at the front of the lineout and the pack went to work once again, steamrolling the Dartmouth pack down the field right in front of their own rowdy bench. Try scoring leader Henrique Gabriel '26 sniffed the try zone and took the ball off the left side of the maul for the score. With Lansonneur subbed off late, scrumhalf Dylan Lewis '24 logged the conversion from the far left side of the field, bringing the tally to the eventual final of 38-15 for the Brown Bears, the back-to-back-to-back Ivy League Champions.

Brown Squad:

1. Omar Al-Jendari '24
2. Joe Al-Hasso '25 – Jack Forgiore '25 @ 74min
3. Asa Rosenmeier '27
4. Matt Mitchell '24
5. Oliver Corbett '24
6. Kaspar Pitblado '26
7. Henrique Gabriel '26
8. Matt Mitchell '24
9. Dylan Lewis '24
10. JT Dyer '25
11. Theo Romero '27
12. Max O'Donahue '25
13. Tito Edjua '27 – Santiago Cortabarría '25 @ 74min
14. Aaron Mertzell '25 – Santiago Cortabarría '25 @ 65min – Keigo Hachisuka '24 @ 74min
15. Raphael Lansonneur '25 – Tito Edjua '27 @ 74min

Referee: Jarrod Ford

Brown v. Dartmouth University - Second XV

Scoring Summary		Brown	Dartmouth
First Half			
40 min	Brown Try (Jimmy Phelan '26)	5	
First Half		5	0
Second Half			
50 min	Brown Try (Kenyon Graham '25)	5	
	Conversion (Ben Shirley '27)	2	
60 min	Brown Try (Malcolm Grant '27)	5	
68 min	Dartmouth Try		5
	Conversion		2
72 min	Brown Penalty Kick (Ben Shirley '27)	3	
Second Half		15	7
Final Score:		20	7

The Brown B's carried an undefeated record into this one, likely this group's last match of the 2023 season. A proud and talented second side, led by Captain Jake Ehrenkranz '24, the B's also approached this week as a championship event. Evidently, the Dartmouth B's came in with the same level of preparation as the 2 teams were locked in an awesome stalemate for all-but the entirety of the first half. On the last play of the first half, fullback Craig Michalowski '26 led a counter attack, passing out of contact to Rowe Stodolnic '27 who beat several defenders before offloading to flyhalf Ben Shirley '27 in support who moved the ball quickly through his hands to Jimmy Phelan '26 who immediately unleashed a grubber past the last Dartmouth defender and chased the ball himself touching it down for the first points of the match. Halftime had the Bears up 5-0. About 10 minutes into the second half, the Brown defense had Dartmouth under immense pressure, operating out of their own try zone. When the Dartmouth exit kick failed to find touch, Ben Shirley '27 received the ball and initiated the counter attack, passing to Craig Michalowski '26 who attacked the last defender in the defensive line and sprung B-side try scoring leader Kenyon Graham '25 for his 9th B-side try and 11th on the season. Shirley added the conversion to give the B Bears a 12-0 lead. Later, in a wonderful example of failing successfully, Shirley bounced a penalty kick attempt off the post from the right side and then George Randell '27 gathered the loose ball and fed Malcolm Grant '27 who finished the carry with his first ever try. Brown 17 – Dartmouth 0, with about 20 minutes to go. In the 68th minute of the match, Dartmouth finally got on the board, narrowing the score to 17-7, keeping within striking distance. Minutes later, Captain Jake Ehrenkranz '24 took a dangerous hit that resulted in a red card against Dartmouth. From that penalty kick, Ben Shirley '27 scored the last points of the match, bringing the final score to 20-7 for the Brown B's.

In aggregate, the undefeated Brown B's outscored their opponents 273-46 during the fall 2023 season. Many of the players in this group will next compete in the 2023 Cianci 7's tournament hosted by the Providence RFC on Sunday, November 19th at Dr. Kevin M. Hurley Middle School at 650 Newman Ave in nearby Seekonk, MA.

Brown squad:

1. Michael Citarella '27 – Hugo Mullen '26 @ 50min – Jullian Hooten '24 @ 77min
2. Jack Forgione '25 – Om Sagar '27 @ 65min
3. Jullian Hooten '24 – Chris Wai '25 @ 53min
4. Mike Lau '27 – Carlos Ponce de Leon '25 @ 57min
5. Oliver Bieling '25 – Jack Elliott '25 @ 50min
6. Tony Zhao '26 – Antonio Cortabarría '25 @ 40min – Vinh Legros '26 @ 77min
7. Jimmy Phelan '26 – Sam Jana '24 @ 69 min
8. Rowe Stodolnic '27
9. Keigo Hachisuka '24 – Joshua White '27 @ 40min
10. Ben Shirley '27
11. Kenyon Graham '25 – Malcolm Grant '27 @ 50min
12. Jake Ehrenkranz '24 – Max McCord '27 @ 35min
13. Santiago Cortabarría '25 – Jake Ehrenkranz '24 @ 35min
14. Milo O'Donahue '26 – Freddie O'Donahue '27 @ 37min
15. Craig Michalowski '26 – George Randell '27 @ 50min

Referee: Jarrod Ford

Brown hosts a Liberty Conference semi-final next week against American International College. Kick-off at Marvel Field is *tentatively* scheduled for 12 pm on Saturday, October 28th. Last season, the Bears swatted the Yellow Jackets in the Liberty Conference Finals. They'll need to do it again for a chance to defend their conference championship title. In the other semi-final, the Saints of Siena College host the Iona Gaels. Newcomers to D1, Siena finished the regular season atop the standings, earning one more bonus point victory than Brown. The Saints and Bears did not play each other during the regular season, but the two undefeated teams could be on a collision course for a possible introduction in the conference championship next week.