



Brown University Men's Rugby 1960-2020

This Year in Review

2019-2020

Since the founding of Brown Rugby in 1960, we have never missed a spring season...that is 59 years until this spring. Clearly the Corona virus has had a significant impact on all aspects of life, and as we provide this year end summary, we are still unsure if Brown Rugby will have a league season this fall. In the meantime, let's review this senior class's final year and look ahead to 2020-2021.

Our Seniors

It is a great disappointment that we were not gathered together this just past Memorial Weekend to celebrate the class of 2020. There should have been an Alumni vs. Undergrads match followed by a celebration of the accomplishments of this class which has participated in a resurgence of Brown Rugby, currently one of the top two Ivy Rugby programs.

The players and leaders of this senior class have been instrumental in elevating this program to its current status and are leaving the program to a rising senior class that is ready and committed to continue rugby excellence at Brown. This senior class saw the rugby program transition from fall and spring 15's rugby to a fall 15's season and a primarily 7's spring season. The spring 2020 season was to concentrate on the 7's game. Not only was the season cancelled, with Brown shutting down the campus in mid-March, but a spring break trip to Jamaica was also cancelled. Over the last 4 years, our graduating seniors toured the Caribbean destinations of Barbados (2017), St. Lucia (2018), and Turks and Caicos (2019) on their Spring Breaks. These trips have only been possible due to the generosity of our alumni, parents and friends.

Here is a summary of the senior class's 4 years of play by the numbers:

With no Commencement, the seniors had a "virtual" graduation. They are now Brown Rugby Alumni and will be invited back to campus to share a Commencement celebration with the Class of 2021 next May.

The Brown Rugby Alumni match and awards will be on May 29, 2021. Mark your calendar, we look forward to a great day!

Year		First XV		Second XV	
2016-2017	15's	14-4-1		11-1	
		Fall Ivy Finish	2nd		
		Spring D1AA	Nationals		
2017-2018	15's	8-3-1		3-8-1	
		Fall Ivy Finish	3rd		
	7's	17-1		5-5	
		Cianci 7's	Champions		
		Spring Ivy 7's	Champions		
2018-2019	15's	10-3		4-1	
		Fall Ivy Finish	2nd		
	7's	29-1		5-4	
		Cianci 7's	Champions		
		NEC 7's	2nd		
		Spring Ivy 7's	3rd		Champions
2019-2020	15's	9-2		8-1	
		Fall Ivy Finish	2nd		
		Cianci 7's	Consolation Champs		
	7's	17-1		3-2	
		NEC 7's	Champions		
	***	Spring cut short	Corona Virus	***	
Four Year	15's	38-12-2		26-11-1	
	7's	73-3		14-10	

Last Season

Last fall, Brown finished the fall 2019 league season with 9 wins and 2 losses. Both losses were against Dartmouth, perennial Ivy Conference Champions. In the final Ivy Championship match, Brown lost to Dartmouth 18-12, with Brown attacking deep in the Dartmouth end of the field when the final whistle blew. We are close to parity with Dartmouth and that is our immediate goal.

The overall record for the year for the First XV squad was 9-2, and was 8-1 for the Second XV squad. This squad graduates 14 seniors: Devyn Collado-Nicol, Rahul Dey, Rock Hoffman, Danilo Jiminez, Jae Kim, Samuel McGoldrick, Nkanyiso Nzimande, Alexander Ogilvy, Robert Oris, Vivek Pandit, Jason Traum, Cameron Webster, Jamison Wells and Eric Zhao. Two exceptional players, Jae Kim and Alex Ogilvy, played all four years on the First XV squad.

COVID-19 denied Brown an opportunity to compete for an Ivy 7's Championship this spring and we are still trying to process how and when Brown University will return to normal or perhaps a new normal.

The players continue to maintain their fitness through our strength and conditioning program. Before the shutdown, Dave met with the team strength and conditioning coach to plan out the next 24 weeks. Luckily for us, we had moved this year to a web-based tracking system. The team leadership is able to track the progress of the players regardless of where they are. We have seen participation in the upper 80% range. This supports the players who are dedicated to getting better and preparing for the fall, should we have a season.

The Staff

The coaching and training staffs remain stable with head coach David Laflamme, assistants Ollie Julyan, Jeff Sperling and Ronan Farrell, and athletic trainers Kelly Teixeira and Amanda Moran. Our trainers are backed up by Ortho Rhode Island-Foundry where we get prompt and expert orthopaedic advice from their team of doctors. We are also grateful for the medical expertise of Dr. David Barrall '81, our plastic surgeon, who does a phenomenal job when it comes to stitching up cuts.

Every year, we especially like to thank the Brown Grounds Crew that sets up and maintains the Brown Rugby Field.



Recruitment

Coach Dave Laflamme has created a very comprehensive player evaluation system in order to find fully qualified student athletes, encourage them to apply, and see them matriculate at Brown.

Over the past few years, the squad composition has grown from a few experienced ruggers to almost 50% with previous rugby experience, a major key to our team success.

To replenish the outgoing seniors, Brown will add depth to the program through the addition of 7 players for the class of 2024. All but one play in the forwards.

Brown Rugby welcomes these new players to the program and wishes them all the best as they finish out their high school careers.

In the front row, Brown will add:

Omar Al-Jendari - 5'11" 230lb prop/hooker from Fairport HS in NY

Alec Green - 6'2" 270lb tighthead prop from Fordham Prep HS in NY

Jullian Hooten - 5'9" 228lb prop and hooker who has also played a bit of center from Boca Raton HS in FL

Behind them are a pair of locks... one from the US and one from England:

Ollie Corbett - 6'4" 205lb lock and #8 - With parents originally from NZ, Ollie attended Cranleigh capping off his career there by winning the 2019 SOCS Daily Mail Schools Trophy

Paul Muser - 6'4" 202lb lock from Belmont HS

In the back row, the Bears will add:

Matthew Mitchell - 6'2" 200lb Back Row - #8 from Eton School in England

The lone back is:

Dylan Lewis - a talented and shifty #9 and team captain from the Pelham program in NYC. Rugby is in Dylan's blood as both his parents are originally from Wales

Financial Support

Twice each year we remind all of our supporters that it is only through your generosity that the program operates. Brown Men's Rugby receives no funding from the University. As we come to the end of the Brown's fiscal year on June 30, if you wish to make a gift to Brown Men's Rugby, you may go on the Brown University Sports Foundation website www.brown.edu/athletics, click on "Make a Gift" in the top right corner and follow these steps:

Scroll down through the Brown Varsity sports. At the bottom of the list, there is spot to "search for something specific". Enter "Rugby" and "Men's Club Rugby" will pop up. Then enter your gift amount and follow the prompts to complete your donation.

We thank you for your support in 2019-2020 and look forward to our continued partnership!



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