

# Brown Men's Rugby

## Weekly Match Report

Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Brown 7's

Brown University

Providence, RI

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> home 7s event of the spring season, Brown hosted local Rhode Island sides, the Seahawks of Salve Regina University (Newport, RI) and the University of Rhode Island Rams (Kingston, RI) in a 5-team format competition. Both Brown and URI fielded first and second sides. It was a clear and moderate 40 degree day on the Berylson Family Fields with only occasional wind.

Squad A: Oliver Bieling '25, Antonio Cortabarría '25, Jacob Goldberg '25, Kenyon Graham '25, Keigo Hachisuka '25, James Horkan '25, Jacob Kopeld '23, Dylan Maloney '25, Garrett Mann '26, Lucas Tay '23

Squad B: Tobias Achleitner '26, Richard Dong '23, Jack Elliott '25, James Horkan '25, Ian Liu '24, Batisse Manhardt '26, Juan Carlos Matos '25, Hugo Mullen '26, Tim Reiad '25, Tony Zhao '26

In a 5-team tournament format, it is necessary that one team plays back-to-back matches. The Brown A's in this tournament demonstrated their hospitality by kicking the event off with back-to-back matches against Salve and URI B.

Up first was the Salve Seahawks who proved to be a tough matchup, displaying hard running and skill in offloading through contact. The Brown A's would drop their first match of the day 17-10, conceding the game winning try late in the match off an attacking miscue resulting in a turnover. Salve would go on to win the day, going 4-0 and hanging on with a couple of close victories like this one. Tries were scored by Hachisuka and Graham – who dotted his first try of 8 total on the day to lead scoring for the Bears.

After a disappointing performance in match 1, the A's were highly motivated to redeem themselves and the URI Rams B-side would find themselves on the receiving end of this renewed focus. The A's scored in the first 30 seconds of the match and would put up 6 tries in total while shutting out their opponent 32-0. Tries were scored by Cortabarría (who added a conversion), Hachisuka, Goldberg (on a powerful tackle-breaking carry) and Graham would post a hat trick scoring 3 tries from the edge with his quick and elusive running style.

The Brown B's were up next against an athletic and experienced URI A-side. The Rams top-side got revenge for their own B's, shutting out the Bears 27-0. The B's showed some defensive improvement in their next match against eventual tournament champion Salve Regina, holding the Seahawks to 19 points, but still failing to get on the scoreboard.

In one of the most intense and enjoyable matches to watch on the day, the Brown A's faced the URI A-side during the middle part of the schedule. The A's played 13 exceptional minutes of rugby against a Rams team that held advantages over the Bears side in size and athleticism. Unfortunately, 7s matches last for 14 minutes. Brown had possession of the ball and a 2-point lead going into the last minute of the

match. Unfortunately, offensive continuity would breakdown, snowballing mistakes, and leading to a turnover. The Rams capitalized, scoring a try to end the match and secure their come from behind victory over the Brown A's 19-14. Graham continued to display his dynamic running ability, scoring 2 more tries and Tay slotted 2 conversions.

The B's next match was against the Salve Seahawks who continued their success with a 27-12 victory. Toby Achleitner finally broke the scoring drought for the B's with 2 tries off strong carries and finishing speed from the scrumhalf position. Horkan added a conversion.

The final match of the day for the A's had them matched up against their own B's. The boys decided to have some fun with this one and mix around the rosters to create a "brown" team and a "white" for a more balanced contest. The effort was effective as the final score would be 22-21 for the team in the white kit. A major highlight of this match was Jack Elliott scoring three tries and a total of 17 points for the white team. Mann would also add a try for the white side. Hachisuka, Zhao, and Mullen all dotted down tries for the brown team with Tay converting all 3.

The final match of the day for either Brown side saw the B's blowout the URI Rams B-side 46-7. Horkan started off the scoring early by picking off a pass close to the oppositions goal line and converting the kick. The new look B's (with Mann, Hachisuka, and Graham coming over to fill gaps in the roster as the day wound on) would go on to score 4 more tries in the first half and 8 in total during this match. Cortabarría (2), Graham (2), Hachisuka, Mann, and Achleitner, all scored tries in this scoring bonanza.

In total, over 8 matches, when the W/L results were mediocre for the Bears, 114 points were scored by the home side with 116 conceded (not counting the "white" 22 v 21 "brown" match). Match results are included below.

GM #	TIME	TEAM 1	SCORE	TEAM 2	SCORE
1	10:00	Salve	17	Brown A	10
2	10:30	Brown A	32	URI B	0
3	11:00	URI A	27	Brown B	0
4	11:30	URI B	0	Salve	19
5	12:00	Brown A	14	URI A	19
6	12:30	Brown B	12	Salve	27
7	1:00	URI B	0	URI A	3
8	1:30	Brown B	21	Brown A	22
9	2:00	Salve	W	URI A	L
10	2:30	URI B	7	Brown B	46

The next 7s event being hosted at Brown, and the last before the spring semester recess, takes place next Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Brown will again host URI in addition to Endicott College (Beverly, MA) and Bryant University (Smithfield, RI).