

Maryland Edges Out Brown Men's Rugby in CRC National Championship Opener

In the opening game of the CRC National Championship Tournament, the Brown Men's Rugby team narrowly fell to the University of Maryland Terrapins, with a final score of 19-22 on April 26.

The game at the Maryland Soccerplex saw a close clash, with the Brown Bears trailing at the end. The University of Maryland grabbed an early lead and maintained a 12-7 advantage at halftime.

Kenyon Graham emerged as a key contributor for the Bears, scoring a pair of tries, and Raphael Lansonneur registered a try and added conversions to the tally, finishing with two. Despite their valiant effort, including scoring 12 points in a blistering three-minute period that inspired hope of completing the comeback, Brown wasn't able to steal the win from the Terrapins.

In the pivotal moments of the game, Maryland seized an opportunity during a yellow card phase in the second half by scoring and pushing ahead by two scores halfway through the second half. Brown's acceleration with multiple scores to narrow the gap was matched by Maryland's determination to close the game and scoring the winning try on the last play.

The hard-fought game brings the Brown Men's Rugby team's tournament record to 0-1. Looking ahead, the Bears aim to rebound as they face the University of Rio Grande in their next encounter.

Brown Men's Rugby Faces Another Heartbreaking Loss in Second Match of CRC National Championship Tournament

The Brown Men's Rugby team suffered another tough defeat in round 2 of the CRC National Championship Tournament, coming up short in overtime against the University of Rio Grande Red Storm on April 26.

The game at the Maryland Soccerplex unfolded amidst pleasant, mostly cloudy weather, setting the stage for an intense battle on the field.

At the halftime mark, Rio Grande held a narrow lead, with the scoreboard reading 7-5 in their favor. The second half showcased relentless determination from both sides. Brown's Kenyon Graham, as well as Raphael Lansonneur and Tito Edjua, scored tries to fuel the Bears' push to victory. Lansonneur and Edjua also successfully converted their own scores.

In the final minute of regular play, Edjua's try put the landscape on the verge of a dramatic shift. However, Rio Grande answered swiftly, scoring in the first minute of overtime to seal their win at 24-19.

The Bears are now focused on the next challenge, turning their attention to clashing against familiar Liberty conference opponent Iona University and aiming to notch their first victory in the championship tournament. Brown Men's Rugby currently stands at a 0-2 win-loss record.

Brown Men's Rugby Edges Out Iona in the Final Match of Day 1 at the CRC National Championships

The Bears secured a 15-10 victory over their familiar Liberty conference opponent Iona University during the third game of the CRC National Championship Tournament on April 26, 2024.

The game, held at Maryland Soccerplex, saw Brown take an early 15-0 lead by halftime, with key plays by Max O'Donahue scoring two tries and Tito Edjua contributing to extend the lead.

Iona, known for its aggressive play, managed to claw back into contention, but a resilient Brown squad retained the lead through various challenges. Winning this game brought Brown's overall standing at the tournament to 1-2.

"We just stuck together and did our jobs, and it got us the W," O'Donahue said.

In looking towards day 2 of the tournament, the Bears are preparing to face the Principia College Thunder Chickens on Saturday, April 27th.

Brown Men's Rugby Bears Lose to Principia Thunder Chickens at CRC National Championship Tournament

The Brown Men's Rugby Bears were defeated by the Principia College Thunder Chickens in the latest action at the CRC National Championship Tournament in Maryland.

The round 4, day 2 bout on April 27 saw a tough start for the Brown Bears as Principia had taken a lead of 17-0 by halftime, setting a significant challenge for the Bears. Principia also scored first in the second half, pushing the lead to 24.

JT Dyer, an influential figure on the Brown team, managed to put points on the board for the Bears by scoring the lone try and adding the conversion, ending the game with a score of 24-7 in favor of Principia.

The matchup was marked by late penalties against Principia when they received back-to-back yellow cards, but the Thunder Chickens' initial advantage and defensive dominance were instrumental in securing their victory.

The latest result brings the Men's Rugby team to a 1-3 tournament record, and the Bears are looking forward to their final tournament match against Harvard University.

Brown Bears Win Against Harvard in Last Match of the CRC National Championship

In the Bears' last game at the CRC National Championship Tournament on April 27, the Brown triumphed over Harvard with a final score of 26-19.

Though trailing behind by 5 late in the first half, a play on the brink of halftime by freshman phenom Tito Edjua '27, who stunned on a marquee series of scoring plays, boosted the morale of the Bears. The tries scored by Edjua, combined with conversions by Raphael Lansonneur, ultimately ensured Brown took the win, marking the end of the tournament with a memorable team effort and a solo star performance.

"Tito was absolutely dominant in this game as he has been all tournament and all spring season," said captain Raphael Lansonneur '25. "Harvard really wanted to take this one from us and they controlled most of the first half, but Tito just took over to put us ahead at the half and build our lead late," added Head Coach David Laflamme.