

Brown Men's Rugby

Weekly Match Report

Saturday, September 17, 2022
Mignone Field, Harvard University
Boston, MA

Brown v. Harvard – First Side

Scoring Summary		Brown	Harvard
First Half			
1:30 min	Brown Try (Cameron McAlpine '26)	5	
	Conversion (Dylan Lewis '24)	2	
6:00 min	Brown Try (JT Dyer '25)	5	
	Conversion (Dylan Lewis '24)	2	
24:00 min	Brown Try (Dan Archer '23)	5	
	Conversion (Dylan Lewis '24)	2	
27:00 min	Brown Try (Henrique Gabriel '26)	5	
36:00 min	Brown Try (Antonio Esteves '25)	5	
	Conversion (Dylan Lewis '24)	2	
First Half		33	0
Second Half			
47:00 min	Brown Try (Antonio Esteves '25)	5	
55:00 min	Brown Try (Aaron Mertzal '25)	5	
	Conversion (Dylan Lewis '24)	2	
64:00 min	Brown Try (Joe Al-Hasso '25)	5	
	Conversion (Dylan Lewis '24)	2	
75:00 min	Brown Try (Joe Al-Hasso '25)	5	
	Conversion (Dylan Lewis '24)	2	
Second Half		26	0
Final Score:		59	0

Game three is in the books as the Bears traveled up to Mignone Field in Boston to take on Ivy rivals Harvard. Unfortunately for Harvard, home field advantage did not work to their favor as the visitors would run in nine unanswered tries.

The first try happened with less than 2 minutes played. Brown received the opening kickoff however Harvard were eventually penalized allowing Brown to kick down inside the Harvard 22. Brown now had a great attacking lineout on the right-hand side of the field. Nerves must have kicked in as the ball was overthrown by Al-Hasso, finding the hands of a Harvard forward. The Harvard player, however, could not hold on to the ball as it squirted out only to find the hands of Cameron McAlpine who strolled over for an easy 5 points. Dylan Lewis easily slotted the conversion to lay the foundation of what was to be a long day at the office for the home side.

Brown would score its second try less than five minutes later, this time with sophomore JT Dyer finding his way into the try zone. Lewis added another 2 to put the bears up 14-0 with 74 minutes still to play.

Several scrums shortly into this first half gave Harvard a taste of what was to be a difficult day for the Crimson pack. Brown's powerful pack, as it had done the week before, simply destroyed Harvard's. Like a dam letting loose from rising floodwaters, so too was the power being released by the visiting side. Harvard had no way to respond.

Brown would find itself in the Harvard try-zone three more times this half with captain Dan Archer scoring next (Lewis converted), followed by fellow prop Henrique Gabriel, and lastly #8 Antonio Esteves (also converted by Lewis). As a small side note, Sophomore Esteves and freshmen Gabriel were reunited this year having both represented Portugal at the age-grade international level.

Now up by 33 points heading into the second half, the Bears would kick off the Harvard. It didn't take long for Brown to pick up where it had left off as Esteves would get his second try on the day just seven minutes into half number two. Replacement wing Aaron Mertzell would push Brown over the 40-point mark with his try. The last two tries would be notched up by sophomore hooker Joe Al-Hasso, both off of well executed driven lineouts.

The only relief for Harvard came at the 80th minute as the referee would blow his whistle to end the game. Brown has had some solid performances against Harvard over the years, however a near 60-point shutout has not happened in coach Laflamme's 26 years here at Brown. Dylan Lewis notched up another 7 conversions to put his three-game total up to 23 (out of 29 for approx. an 80% conversion rate). The forwards accounted for seven of the nine tries today with the front row scoring more than half of them. Brown's three game total points score now sits at 207 for and only 13 against. However, there are some strong teams to come.

Elsewhere in the Liberty D1 conference:

- Syracuse put Oswego (D1AA team) to the sword with an 84 to 7 point win
- Fordham won comfortably over Colgate 44 to 12
- American International College beat Northeastern 33 to 10
- U. Buffalo lost to Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) 34 to 5
- Dartmouth squeaked by Nazareth College (a varsity program) 26-21
- Fairfield University upset Iona 41 to 20

Liberty - "Right"						
	Win	Loss	Tie	For	Against	Differential
AIC	2	0	0	57	35	22
Buffalo	0	1	0	25	27	-2
Dartmouth	1	0	0	26	21	5
Harvard	0	1	0	15	19	-4
Nazareth	1	1	0	40	41	-1
Northeastern	0	1	0	10	30	-20

Liberty - "Left"						
	Win	Loss	Tie	For	Against	Differential
Brown	1	0	0	47	15	32
Colgate	0	1	0	0	15	-15
Fairfield	1	0	0	41	20	21
Fordham	1	1	0	29	41	-12
Iona	1	1	0	61	55	6
Syracuse	0	1	0	15	47	-32

This weekend Brown will host Iona at Marvel Field at 1:00pm. This will be Brown's biggest challenge of the season so far. Iona is coming off of a tough loss to Fairfield University. They will be ready to test the Bears in all aspects of play.

Brown Squad:

1. Henrique Gabriel '26
2. Joe Al-Hasso'25
3. Dan Archer'23
4. Brett Geiss '23 – replaced by Oliver Beiling'25 @ minute 20
5. Tony Zhao '26
6. Kaspar Pitblado '26
7. Cameron McAlpine '26 – replaced by Sam Jana '24 @ minute 71
8. Antonio Esteves'25 – replaced by Cameron McAlpine '26 @ minute 81
9. Dylan Lewis' 24
10. Campbell O'Conor'23
11. Pablo Lavilla '23 – replaced by Aaron Mertzell '25 @ minute 41
12. William Zeller '23 – replaced by Pablo Lavilla '23 @ minute 41
13. JT Dyer'25
14. Max O'Donahue '25 – replaced by Keigo Hachisuka '24 @ minute 60
15. Santiago Cortabarría'25

Referee: Tom Beriau

Brown v Harvard University - Second XV

Scoring Summary		Brown	Harvard
First Half			
8 min	Brown Try (Garett Mann '26)	5	
20 min	Brown Try (Sam Jana'24)	5	
25 min	Brown Try (Antonio Cortabarría '25)	5	
	Conversion (James Horkan'25)	2	
30 min	Brown Try (Keigo Hachisuka '24)	5	
First Half		22	0
52 min	Brown Try (Jack Forgione '25)	5	
	Conversion (James Horkan'25)	2	
min	Brown Try (Garett Mann'26)	5	
	Conversion (James Horkan'25)	2	
min	Brown Try (Jack Kirkpatrick '23)	5	
	Conversion (James Horkan'25)	2	
min	Brown Try (Keigo Hachisuka'24)	5	
Second Half		26	0
Final Score:		48	0

Brown second XV followed suit and punished the Crimson in the second match of the day. As the second XV have established continuity and chemistry playing alongside each other they too have found increased success on the field. Energized by relentless defensive pressure the second-side yielded several scoring opportunities from turnovers, attacked tenaciously with ball-in-hand, and overwhelmed the opposition in all phases of the game. The second XV forwards carried over Brown's characteristically dominant scrum play and the backs showcased speed that highlights the club's depth and potential for development. Keigo Hachisuka was a standout in his debut at scrumhalf, playing the entire 80-minute match, contributing 2 tries himself, including an eye-popping chip and chase to himself near expiration.

Brown Squad:

1. Jimmy Phelan '26 –Chris Wai '25
2. Garrett Mann '26 –Shaan Lalvani'23
3. Omar Al-Jendari'24 –Pietro Pignatti-Moreno '26
4. Paul Muser'24
5. Oliver Beiling'25 –Alec Green '25
6. Sam Jana '24 – Jack Forgione '25 – Hugo Mullen '26
7. Antonio Cortabarría '25 – Eugene Oh '24
8. Jack Elliott'25
9. Keigo Hachisuka'24
10. James Horkan'25
11. Aaron Mertz'25 – Toby Achleitner '26 –Letandre Stenneth '23
12. Jake Ehrenkranz ' 24 - Toby Achleitner '26 – Mark Appleman '23 - A Cortabarría '25
13. Dan Betensky '23 - Ian Liu '24
14. Milo O'Donahue '26 - Craig Michalowski '26
15. Elliott Winoker '23 - Jack Kirkpatrick '23

Referee: Dominic McNeil