Brown Men's Rugby Cianci 7's Tournament Report

Sunday, November 19th, 2023 | Cianci 7's | Hosted by the Providence RFC in Seekonk, MA

This weekend, the Providence RFC hosted the 22nd annual Cianci 7's tournament at Kevin M. Hurley Middle School in nearby Seekonk, MA. Last fall, Brown sent one team to compete in this tournament's social division and that team captured the crown. Looking to improve upon that performance, there were 2 sides from Brown taking the field in this year's iteration. A team of more experienced players competing in the highest "competitive" division of the tournament, and a team of rookies and less experienced players in the "social" division – lovingly dubbed the Cubs. Special recognition is deserved to 5 of the Cubs who were playing in a rugby match for the very first time at this tournament: Emmanuel Chery '27, Daijin Dorsey-Reyes '26, Carter Lee '27, Mateo Navarro '27, and Luca Vernhes '27. It was a mostly clear and sunny day with mild wind and temps in the 50's during midday, the best weather one could hope for for sevens rugby in mid-November in New England.

A-side Roster: Antonio Cortabarria '25, Jake Ehrenkranz '24, Jack Elliott '25, Jack Forgione '25, Kenyon Graham '25, Mike Lau '27, Craig Michalowski '26, Will Sinfield G'24, Ben Shirley '27, Josh White '27

Brown A's scores and results:

Match #1 - Pool play

Brown 24 – 0 Bryant University
Josh White '27 – 10pts; 2 tries
Ben Shirley '27 – 7pts; 1 try, 1 conv
Kenyon Graham '25 – 7pts; 1 try, 1 conv

Match #2 - Pool play

Brown 33 – 5 University of New Hampshire Antonio Cortabarria '25 - 14pts; 2 tries, 2 conv Josh White '27 – 5pts; 1 try Kenyon Graham '25 – 5pts; 1 try Mike Lau '27 – 5pts; 1 try Ben Shirley '27 – 4pts; 2 conv

A-SIDE PLAYER SCORING TOTALS				
PLAYER	TRY	CONV	PTS	
Cortabarria, A.	2	2	14	
Graham, K.	6	2	34	
Lau, M.	1		5	
Michalowski, C.	1		5	
Sinfield, W.	1		5	
Shirley, B.	2	7	24	
White, J.	5		25	
TEAM TOTAL	18	20	112pts	

Match #3 - Semifinal

Brown 27 – 5 Bryant University Kenyon Graham '25 – 10pts; 2 tries Ben Shirley '27 – 7pts; 1 try, 1 conv Josh White '27 – 5 pts; 1 try Craig Michalowski '26 – 5pts; 1 try

Match #4 - Final

Brown 28 – 0 University of Rhode Island Kenyon Graham '25 – 12pts; 2 tries, 1 conv Ben Shirley '27 – 6pts; 3 conv Will Sinfield G'24 – 5pts; 1 try Josh White '27 – 5pts; 1 try

In total, over 4 matches, the Brown A's finished with a 4-0 record scoring 112 points while conceding only 17 and handily winning the top division in the tournament.

B-side Roster: Emmanuel Chery '27, Daijin Dorsey-Reyes '26, Malcolm Grant '27, Griffin Kinch '27, Carter Lee '27, Max McCord '27, Mateo Navarro '27, George Randell '27, Om Sagar '27, Luca Vernhes '27

Brown B's scores and results:

Match #1 - Pool play

Brown B 19 – 12 Salve Regina University Malcolm Grant '27 – 9pts; 1 try, 2 conv Griffin Kinch '27 – 5pts; 1 try George Randell '27 – 5pts; 1 try

Match #2 - Pool play

Brown B 7 – 31 University of Rhode Island B Max McCord '27 – 5pts; 1 try Malcolm Grant '27 – 2pts; 1 conv

B-SIDE PLAYER SCORING TOTALS				
PLAYER	TRY	CONV	PTS	
Dorsey-Reyes, D.	1		5	
Grant, M.	5	9	43	
Kinch, G.	1		5	
McCord, M.	4		20	
Randell, G.	3		15	
Vernhes, L.	1		5	
TEAM TOTAL	15	9	93pts	

Match #3 - Consolation Bracket Semifinal

Brown B 38 – 0 Curry College/Lasell University
Malcolm Grant '27 – 13pts; 1 try, 4 conv
Max McCord '27 – 10pts; 2 tries
George Randell – 5pts; 1 try
Daijin Dorsey-Reyes '26 – 5pts; 1 try
Luca Vernhes '27 – 5pts; 1 try

Match #4 - Consolation Bracket Final

Brown B 29 – 0 Johnson & Wales University Malcolm Grant '27 – 19pts; 3 tries, 2 conv Max McCord '27 – 5pts; 1 try George Randell – 5pts; 1 try

The B's finished with a commendable 3-1 record, unfortunately missing out on the final four round of their bracket, but heating up in the later rounds of the tournament to finish 5th out of 10 teams, scoring 93 points and conceding 43.