

Brown Men's Rugby

Weekly Match Report

Sunday, February 27, 2022

Bryant 7's

Bryant University

Smithfield RI

Brown's first run of the spring happened this past Sunday as the Bears traveled to Bryant University for an indoor 7's event. The tournament saw 16 teams competing with half playing from 8:00am until noon and the other half over the second part of the day. The afternoon's group was the stronger competition.

Brown fielded two sides. The second side was paired up with Norwich University (National D2 power house), Bryant A and Endicott B. The first side was grouped with Endicott A, Babson and Hartford.

Squad B:

Mark Appleman '23, Oliver Bieling '25, Antonio Cortabarris '25, Jack Elliott '25, Kiego Hachisuka '24, James Horkan '25, Ian Liu '24, Dylan Maloney '25, Aaron Mertzell '25, Juan Carlos Matos '25, Paul Muser '24, Eugene Oh '24, Lucas Tay '23

Squad A:

Joe Al-Hasso '25, Dan Archer '23, Santiago Cortabarría '25, Amar Dhillon '22, JT Dyer '25, Antonio Esteves '25, Jon Kim '22, Raphael Lansonneur '25, Pablo Lavilla '23, Dylan Lewis '24, Matt Mitchell '24, Peter Smith '22, William Zeller '23

*** Just under 50% of this group were freshmen (46%) with about 70% being freshmen and sophomores combined!

Being the first event of the spring, individual and team skills were certainly not where we'd like them to be, however, there were moments that showed the potential of the product we are capable of producing.

In the first match of the day, the second group took on a very strong Norwich team. The first half was, as expected, a slow start for Brown with the Norwich side putting in three scores for 21 points (no conversions on that day so 7 points were awarded for scores). Breakdown work was sloppy leading to all three Norwich scores. The second half started off much better with Brown putting in two early scores by freshman Dylan Maloney. With a little over a minute to go in the match, the wheels fell off the bus as Brown conceded two late tries to end the match 35-14 in favor of Norwich.

The first side opened up against Babson. It was clear early on that Brown would control this game. First half tries by Mitchell, Dhillon (2) and Kim gave the Bears a comfortable 28-point cushion. As the half was ending, Babson managed to get on the scoreboard with a try. Substitutions at halftime provided a lift. This time Brown would control all of the possession and making sure to not let up until the whistle blew. Scores came from Lansonneur, Lavilla, Al-Hasso and Smith. The final score was 56-7.

The second match for the second group was against the home team. This was an improved performance however Brown still struggled to maintain possession at the breakdown. Tied at half-time from Maloney's third try provided

a boost of confidence to this young group. Unfortunately, two more scores from home team ended the match 21-7 in favor of the Bulldogs.

The fourth match of the day for Brown, and the second for the A side, pitted Brown against a strong Endicott A team. Only one first half score by Lansonneur provided an uncomfortable end to the first seven minutes. Brown traded scores in half two with Mitchell scoring, then Endicott followed by Kim then Endicott. Brown was victorious 21-14 but things should not have been that close.

The Brown B's were up next against the Endicott B's. Two tries by Brown (Smith and Hachisuka) and one by Endicott saw the B-side Bears come away with their first win on the day 14-7.

With Brown A in a comfortable position to take on the University of Hartford, the tournament director announced a halt to the event. The local town of North Smithfield told Bryant that they would not provide any further rescue services to the university. This stemmed from several injuries earlier in the day (none for Brown). Brown's next few games were not to be. At this point, the tournament was concluded. Brown A were sure to be in the finals (more than likely vs Norwich) and Brown B were improving with each game.

Next Sunday, Brown hosts Babson, U.Maine and Northeastern at home with the first kickoff at 10am. Each team is providing a first and second side with games being played on the turf fields behind the OMAC. Fans are welcome to attend.

Match Summaries:

Norwich vs Brown B	Norwich 35	Brown 14	Maloney (2)
Babson vs Brown A	Babson 7	Brown 54	Mitchell, Dhillon (2), Kim, Lansonneur Lavilla, Al-Hasso, Smith
Bryant A vs Brown B	Bryant 21	Brown 7	Maloney
Endicott A vs Brown A	Endicott 14	Brown 21	Lansonneur, Mitchell, Kim
Endicott B vs Brown B	Endicott 7	Brown 14	Smith, Kiego