

# Brown Men's Rugby

## Weekly Match Report

Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Brown 7's

Brown University

Providence, RI

In the 4<sup>th</sup> home 7s event of the spring season, Brown hosted the Endicott College Gulls (Beverly, MA), the #3 ranked team from the small college ranks of National Collegiate Rugby, and the University of Rhode Island Rams (Kingston, RI) in a 3-team round robin competition. It was a clear day in the mid-40's on the Berylson Family Fields with only occasional wind.

Roster:

Tobias Achleitner '26, Omar Al-Jendari '24, Richard Dong '23, Jack Elliott '25, Kenyon Graham '25, Alex Halpin G'24, Jack Kirkpatrick '23, Pablo Lavilla '23, Vinh Legros '26, Ian Liu '24, Hugo Mullen '26, Campbell O'Connor '23, Emilio Peveri '26, Jimmy Phelan '26, Tim Reiad '25, Elliot Winoker '23, Tony Zhao '26

Brown fielded only one side for the event with a mixed roster of more senior and experienced players who have had limited minutes to this point in the season and younger players with little 7s experience, so the lineups often had players playing together who haven't worked together in a match before. There were plenty of growing pains and learning opportunities on the day, and also moments of brilliance and glimmers of good team-oriented rugby 7s.

Last week the Bears put up a stinker of a performance in the first match of the day and this week they were determined to not repeat their folly, opening the day with 3 tries in 5 minutes against URI. The Bears were able to retain possession for most of the match and limit the Rams attacking opportunities except for a brief lapse in discipline on a series of penalties at the end of the first half that saw URI cross the try line only to be deftly held up from scoring. The Rams would not see Brown territory again for the rest of the match in a 27-0 rout. Scoring for Brown came in a hat trick of tries (3) from Achleitner, 1 try each from Halpin and Lavilla, and a conversion from Phelan.

Next, Brown took on the Endicott Gulls, in a defensive battle that ended in a 7-0 final in favor of the Bears. Achleitner scored again with O'Connor slotting the conversion.

On the second pass through the round robin, the rematch with URI went much the same as it did the first time, with the Bears coming out on top 29-0. Of note was speedy freshmen Emilio Peveri seeing his first ever rugby action and competently handling about 10 minutes of action including a couple of nice carries. O'Connor would lead the way in scoring, notching 14 points on 2 tries and 2 conversions, while Mullen, Winoker, and Graham all scored tries as well.

In the rematch against Endicott, things did not go the Bears way. It was a tight match throughout but with a 2-pt lead, the Gulls would put up a late try with a minute left to outlast Brown 19-10. Achleitner scored his team-leading 5<sup>th</sup> try of the day and Phelan also scored a try.

Having each gotten a victory over their opponents' top side, to wrap up the day, Brown and Endicott agreed to field teams primarily made up of less experienced players. This resulted in a high scoring finale with the Gulls on top 26-12. Brown tries were scored by Zhao and Elliott who also slotted his own conversion.

In total, over 5 matches, Brown score 85 points and conceded 45.

The next and final 7s event being hosted at Brown is on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at Marvel field, when both the Brown men's and women's rugby teams will host their counterparts from Vassar College (Poughkeepsie, NY).