

# Brown Men's Rugby Weekly Match Report

Saturday, September 18, 2021, 2:00 PM  
Brown University Rugby Field  
Providence, Rhode Island

## Brown v. Fordham University – First XV

Scoring Summary		Brown	Fordham
First Half			
2 min	Brown Try (Duncan Grant '22)	5	
10 min	Brown Try (Santiago Cortabarría'25)	5	
	Conversion (Raphael Lansonneur'25)	2	
First Half		12	0
Second Half			
48 min	Brown Try (Antonio Esteves'25)	5	
	Conversion (Raphael Lansonneur'25)	2	
50 min	Brown Try (Hudson Lee '22)	5	
	Conversion (Raphael Lansonneur'25)	2	
57 min	Brown Try (Duncan Grant '22)	5	
	Conversion (Raphael Lansonneur'25)	2	
66 min	Fordham Converted Try		7
70 min	Brown Try (Santiago Cortabarría'25)	5	
78 min	Fordham Converted Try		7
Second Half		26	14
<b>Final Score:</b>		<b>38</b>	<b>14</b>

Brown's first home rugby match this season on a hot, sultry late summer day was played against a backdrop of the Brown/University of RI football game (the Governor's Cup) across the street, and a morning Brown Women's rugby match that preceded the Men's. The women were victorious defeating Sacred Heart College 46-3. The crowd, the enthusiasm and the smiling faces (even detected behind masks as required by Brown) made for a great home opener. We've all missed Brown Rugby.

The opponent was Fordham, a Jesuit University located in Bronx, New York. This reporter's recollection is that Brown has never previously played Fordham, but Fordham has been a strong rugby program in the Metro New York area. Fall 2021 pre-season collegiate rankings had placed Fordham slightly ahead of Brown so a win over Fordham was an important challenge for the Bears. Brown didn't disappoint, defeating Fordham 38-14 which could have and should have been much a bigger margin of victory. As well, the Brown squad is still holding out several injured first team players who can only make a positive impact when available.

After only 2 minutes of play Brown was awarded a scrum approximately 30 meters from the Fordham goal area. The ball went to #10 Raphael Lansonneur'25, who missed center Will Zeller'23 and passed to center J.T. Dyer'25 who passed on to fullback Hudson Lee'22 who was uncovered and broke away. With the defense closing in, Hudson passed to left wing Duncan Grant'22, who ran 22 meters untouched for a try. 8 minutes later, center Zeller caused a Fordham turnover and passed the ball to Hudson who kicked behind the Fordham defense. Grant again chased down the kick, taking out a defender, allowing flanker Santiago Cortabarría'25 to touch the ball down for Brown's second score, with Raphael converting. Brown was up 12-0 after 10 minutes.

If Brown had tried to slug it out with Fordham, the score might have been closer but Brown was moving the ball with pinpoint accuracy and attacking wide. After the first 10 minutes of the match, the Bears went through a poor patch with dropped balls, poor passes, inaccurate lineout throws, suspect tackles and a lack of defensive ruck pressure. Not everyone was guilty of these transgressions, but each one caused a possession change or a loss of ball control. A half-time break was needed to re-organize.

Brown took over in the second half and, from the 48<sup>th</sup> to the 57<sup>th</sup> minute, scored three converted tries. Antonio Esteves'25 scored from a ruck at the goal line at 48 minutes, At 50 minutes fullback Lee fielded a kick and broke through. As the defense came up, Lee chipped ahead, fielded his own kick and raced for a score that in total covered about 60 meters. At 57 minutes Brown recycled the ball several times with Duncan Grant'22 scoring in the corner. Raphael converted all three tries. With 21 points in 9 minutes, Brown now led 33-0.

Santiago Cortabarría's second and Brown's last score in the 70<sup>th</sup> minute was sandwiched between two Fordham converted tries. Brown's defensive lapses in the last 14 minutes of play conceded a shutout which was well within its grasp.

#### Brown Squad:

1. Brett Geiss '23
2. Joe Al-Hasso '25
3. Dan Archer'23 (Captain)
4. Ollie Corbett'24 – replaced by Jack Elliott @ 60 min.
5. Matt Mitchell '25
6. Jack Forgione '25 – replaced by Ollie Corbett @ 60 min.
7. Santiago Cortabarría '25 at 60 min.
8. Antonio Esteves'25
9. Peter Smith'22 – replaced by Dylan Lewis '24 at halftime
10. Raphael Lansonneur'25
11. Duncan Grant'22 – replaced by Will Eveld'22
12. Will Zeller'23 – replaced by Pablo Lavilla'23 at 55 minutes
13. JT Dyer'25
14. Pablo Lavilla '23, replaced by Antonio Trap'22 @ 55 min.
15. Hudson Lee '22

#### Reserves

16. Omar Al-Jendari '24
17. Jacob Goldberg '25
18. Paul Musser'25
19. Jack Elliott'25
20. Dylan Lewis '24
21. James Horkan '25
22. Will Eveld'22
23. Jake Ehrenkranz'24

Referee: Tom Beriau

#### Brown v. Fordham University– Second XV

##### Scoring Summary

		Brown	Norwich
First Half			
24 min	Brown Try (Jacob Goldberg'25)	5	
	Conversion (James Horkan'25)	2	
29 min	Brown Try (Dan Betensky'23)	5	
39 min	Fordham Try		5
<b>First Half</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>

Second Half		
42 min	Fordham Try	5
66 min	Fordham Try	5
<hr/> Second Half		0
<hr/> Final Score:		12
		15

Brown's Second XV, in spite of a strong win against Norwich last week, was not up to the task on Saturday. The Bears scored twice in the first half. Fordham was complicit in the first Brown score. With the Bears camped on the Fordham goal line, Fordham won a scrum possession and attempted a kick to touch. However, the ball was drilled into the back of a Fordham player and ricocheted to the Fordham 'in goal area' where Brown hooker Jacob Goldberg'25 alertly dove on the ball for a try. #10 James Horkan'25 converted and Brown led 7-0. Five minutes later, flanker Dan Betensky'23 broke free for a 50 meter gallop for a second Brown score and Brown was on top 12-0.

Brown had difficulty holding on to the ball all afternoon and Fordham capitalized on dropped and mishandled balls, giving up a Fordham try at 39 minutes to narrow Brown's half-time lead to 12-5.

In the second half too much individual effort and not enough teamwork kept the Brown attack from seeing and exploiting the outside channels where overlaps existed. As well the team's fitness and determination seemed lacking as Fordham attacked on offense but Brown did not press up on defense.

Fordham did not beat the Bears as much as Brown beat itself by losing control of the ball, allowing Fordham to pick up loose balls and make long breaks with the Brown defense disorganized. Two of these breaks resulted in long runs for tries, giving Fordham two second half scores while Brown was unable to score again after its initial 12 point first half.

Hopefully, the recovery of some of our injured players and continued work on basic individual, unit and team skills will improve our Second team. It will be critical to have our second team squad press the first XV for selection spots as we work through the season.

#### Squad

1. Shann Lalvani '23 – replaced by Gene Oh'24 at 40 min
2. Jacob Goldberg '25
3. Omar Al-Jendari '24
4. Paul Muser'25
5. Jack Elliott'25 – replaced by Antonio Cortabarría @ 56 min
6. Dan Betensky'23 – replaced by Ian Liu at 40 min
7. Sam Jana '24
8. Antonio Cortabarría'25 – replaced by Dylan Brady @ 56 min.
9. Dylan Maloney '25
10. James Horkan '25
11. William Eveld'22, replaced by Juan Carlos Matos'25 @ 24 min
12. Jake Ehrenkranz'25 – replaced by Jack Schaeffer'22 @ 54 min.
13. Elliott Winoker '23 – replaced by Jack Kirkpatrick'23 @ 40 min.
14. Antonio Trapp'22 – replaced by Benji Harris'24 @ 46 min.
15. Keigo Hachisuka'24

#### Reserves

16. Gene Oh'24
17. Ian Liu'24
18. Jack Kirkpatrick'23
19. Benji Harris'24
20. Dylan Brady'23
21. Juan Carlos-Matos'25
22. Jack Schaeffer'22

Referee: Matt Harrington