

Brown Men's Rugby

Weekly Match Report

Saturday, October 23, 2021, 1:00 PM
Brown University Rugby Field
Providence, RI

Brown v. Cornell University – First XV

Scoring Summary		Brown	Cornell
First Half			
5 min	Brown Try (Duncan Grant'22)	5	
9 min	Brown Try (Duncan Grant'22)	5	
	Conversion (Lucas Tay'23)	2	
12 min	Brown Try (Lucas Tay'23)	5	
35 min	Brown Try (Lucas Tay'23)	5	
First Half		22	0
Second Half			
41 min	Brown Try (Paul Muser'24)	5	
	Conversion (Lucas Tay'23)	2	
51 min	Brown Try (Santiago Cortabarría'25)	5	
	Conversion (Lucas Tay'23)	2	
62 min	Brown Try (Duncan Grant'22)	5	
67 min	Brown Try (Paul Muser'24)	5	
	Conversion (Dylan Lewis'23)	2	
68 min	Brown Try (Santiago Cortabarría'25)	5	
	Conversion (Dylan Lewis'23)	2	
75 min	Brown Try (Santiago Cortabarría'25)	5	
	Conversion (Dylan Lewis'23)	2	
80 min	Cornell Try		5
Second Half		40	5
Final Score		62	5

Cornell came to Brown for an Ivy League fixture, but Cornell has opted out of the League competition this season. As a result, this match has no effect on Brown's standing in the League and Brown was free to be a bit more flexible with selections for the Cornell matches, providing approximately 10 players the opportunity to play in a First XV match.

Another beautiful fall day was the backdrop for today's matches. Brown has been very fortunate that the Brown Rugby field has been dry and fast all season so far.

Brown took the opening kickoff and worked the ball to the Cornell end of the field where the Bears, after a few hiccups took a 5 meter scrum on the near touch line and moved the ball wide left to a filling right wing Amar Dhillon who then passed to left wing Duncan Grant for the first try of the match. Brown was on the board, 5-0, 5 minutes into the match.

Only minutes after the subsequent kickoff, Brown was attacking at mid-field. Scrumhalf Dylan Lewis passed short side left to hooker Jacob Goldberg who, in turn, fed the attacking Grant who outsprinted the defense for his second try in 4 minutes. Fullback Lucas Tay converted and Brown was up 12-0.

Another 4 minutes and another try. Brown again deep in Cornell-land were awarded a penalty, taken by #10 James Horkan who passed to the supporting Tay for a third Brown try, 17-0.

At this point in the match, a combination of penalties against both sides and Brown's struggles to maintain its pattern of attack saw the teams exchange possession for about 23 minutes, but neither team was able to score. Brown kept Cornell off the scoreboard but was not in control.

At the 35th minute of the first half, Brown was able to move into the Cornell red zone where the Bears were awarded a scrum. The ball was moved left through hands to the fullback Tay creating an extra man and he scored to put Brown up 22-0 at halftime on 4 tries, one converted, but a nagging 23 minutes of unproductive rugby. In spite of two tries a piece from Tay and Grant, Brown could do better.

And they did. The Bears kicked off to start the second half, took the ball from Cornell in contact, and with an overlap attacked left to #8 Santiago Cortabarría who beat his man, drew a defender and passed to lock Paul Muser for a try in the first minute of the second half. Tay converted, 29-0.

For the next 10 minutes the Brown forwards took the attack to the Big Red without a score, but then Lewis passed wide right where #14 Amar Dhillon broke down the touchline, drawing a defender and passing inside to the supporting #8 Santi Cortabarría for a try. With Tay's conversion the score was 36-0.

At 60 minutes Cornell was yellow carded and were forced to play a man short for 10 minutes. Brown took advantage of the extra man with tries in the 62nd, 67th and 68th minutes. J.T. Dyer passed to Duncan Grant for his third try of the match, Santiago made a break and passed to Muser for his second try of the match and made a 60 meter break for his own try. Dylan Lewis converted Muser's and Cortabarría's tries, adding 19 points and a 55-0 score.

Santiago and Lewis combined for a try and conversion respectively at 75 minutes and Cornell scored a try at 80 minutes to avoid a shutout for a final score of 62-5.

The forwards had kept the play in the Cornell half of the field for the majority of the second half with Muser and Cortabarría accounting for 5 of the 6 second half tries. This match was a good opportunity for a number of players to gain experience and the result was a solid win for the Bears.

Brown Squad:

1. Brett Geiss'23
2. Jacob Goldberg'25, replaced by Joe Al-Hasso'25 at halftime.
3. Joe Al-Hasso'25, replaced by Omar Al-Jendari'24
4. Paul Muser'24
5. Oliver Bieling'24
6. Jack Forgione'25
7. Chase Bekkerus'22, replaced by Jack Elliott'25 at halftime.
8. Santiago Cortabarría'25
9. Dylan Lewis'23
10. James Horkan'25
11. Duncan Grant'22
12. Jacob Ehrenkranz'24
13. Justin Dyer'25
14. Amar Dhillon'22
15. Lucas Tay'23, replaced by Keigo Hachisuka'24 at halftime.

Reserves

16. Shaan Lalvani'23

17. Omar Al-Jendari'24
18. Antonio Cortabarría'25
19. Jack Elliott'25
20. Dan Betensky'23
21. Sam Jana'25
22. Aaron Mertzé'25
23. Hudson Lee'22
24. Keigo Hachisuka'24

Referee: Mike McConnell

Brown v Cornell University - Second XV

Scoring Summary		Brown	Cornell
First Half			
2 min	Brown Try (Antonio Cortabarría'25)	5	
	Conversion (Lucas Tay'23)	2	
7 min	Brown Try (Omar Al-Jendari'24)	5	
	Conversion (Lucas Tay'23)	2	
14 min	Brown Try (Chet Shukla'24)	5	
25 min	Brown Try (Alec Green'25)	5	
	Conversion (Lucas Tay'23)	2	
First Half		26	0
Second Half			
37 min	Cornell Converted Try		7
43 min	Brown Try (Dan Betensky'23)	5	
	Conversion (Keigo Hachisuka'24)	2	
47 min	Brown Try (Jon Kim'22)	5	
	Conversion (Keigo Hachisuka'24)	2	
55 min	Brown Try (Dan Betensky'23)	5	
	Conversion (Keigo Hachisuka'24)	2	
Second Half		21	7
Final Score:		47	7

The Second XV match, which was shortened to 30 minute halves, was another good win for the Bears with a number of first season players getting an opportunity to play, improve their skills and get better acquainted with the Brown system. Brown scored 4 first half tries and 3 second half tries, converting all but one.

Brown has been very consistent in getting on the board first and the Cornell second XV match was no exception as scrum half Hudson Lee took a quick penalty a mere 2 minutes after the kick-off, dished the ball off to lock Antonio Cortabarría who scored. Lucas Tay kicked the conversion and Brown was up 7-0.

Five minutes later a Brown lineout at the Cornell 5 meter line was won by Brown with the ball in the hands of prop Omar Al-Jendari at the back of the maul. Omar rolled out and was not to be denied as he bowled over a Cornell defender as he touched down. Another Lucas Tay kick raised Brown's point total to 14.

Midway through the first half, Brown was awarded a penalty. Lee initiated the attack passing to lock Alec Green who drove forward to a ruck, Lee took the ruck ball, spun it to #10 Keigo who sent the ball wide to left wing Chet Shukla who found the line scoring his first Brown try.

The size and strength of Brown forwards Omar and Alec and the speed and skills of Antonio were just too much for Cornell, and at 25 minutes a ruck ball 10 meters from the Cornell line was passed to Alec Green who bulled over the line for a try. Tay's conversion made the first half score 26-0.

Brown was a bit surprised that Cornell scored a converted try at 37 minutes for a 26-7 early second half score, but the Bears recovered.

The final three tries all by Brown and all converted were well executed. The first was from a Brown ruck to #10 Keigo who timed a beautiful pass to #8 Dan Betensky as he ran an aggressive line for 20 meters for a try. The second try saw fullback Jon Kim receive a clearing kick and race 40 meters for a try. The 3rd try was a repeat of Betensky's last try. Keigo passed to Dan as he found a gap in the defense, running a hard line through the defense and receiving the Keigo pass as he broke clear for the score. Final: 47-7. Both tries were the best lines of running on the day.

Brown Squad:

1. Alec Green'25, replaced by Eugene Oh'24 at halftime.
2. Shaan Lalvani'23
3. Omar Al-Jendari'24, replaced by Alec Green at halftime; replaced by Chris Wei at 51 min.
4. Jack Elliott'25
5. Antonio Cortabarría'25, replaced by Rohan Upadhyayula'GS
6. Ian Liu'24
7. Rohit Panse'25, replaced by Peter Madoff'25 at 47 min.
8. Dan Betensky'23
9. Hudson Lee'22
10. Keigo Hachisuka'24
11. Elliott Winoker'23, replaced by Eric Hadley at 47 min.
12. Aaron Mertz'25
13. Benji Harris'24
14. Chet Shukla'24, replaced by John Rytel'25 at 47 min.
15. Lucas Tay'23, replaced by Jon Kim at 47 min.

Reserves

16. Eugene Oh'24
17. Chris Wei'25
18. Rohan Upadhyayula'GS
19. Peter Madoff'25
20. John Rytel'25
21. Jack Kirkpatrick'23
22. Eric Hadley'25
23. Elliott Winoker'23
24. Jon Kim'22

Referee: Dan Archer'23