

Brown Men's Rugby

Weekly Match Report

Saturday, October 9, 2021, 1:00 PM

Yale University Rugby Field

New Haven, CT

Brown v. Yale University – First XV

Scoring Summary		Brown	Yale
First Half			
7 min	Brown Try (Hudson Lee'22)	5	
	Conversion (Raphael Lansonneur'25)	2	
11 min	Brown Try (Oliver Corbett)	5	
15 min	Brown Try (Hudson Lee'22)	5	
	Conversion (Raphael Lansonneur'25)	2	
21 min	Brown Try (Pablo Lavilla'23)	5	
30 min	Brown Try (Pablo Lavilla'23)	5	
	Conversion (Raphael Lansonneur'25)	2	
37 min	Brown Try (Adam Eberle'22)	5	
	Conversion (Raphael Lansonneur'25)	2	
First Half		38	0
Second Half			
55 min	Brown Try (Oliver Corbett'24)	5	
	Conversion (Raphael Lansonneur)	2	
59 min	Yale Penalty Kick		3
62 min	Brown Try (William Zeller'23)	5	
67 min	Brown Try (Santiago Cortabarria'25)	5	
	Conversion (Dylan Lewis'24)	2	
72 min	Brown Try (Adam Eberle'22)	5	
75 min	Brown Try (Antonio Esteves'25)	5	
	Conversion (Dylan Lewis'24)	2	
78 min	Brown Try (Sam Jana'24)	5	
	Conversion (Dylan Lewis'24)	2	
Second Half		38	3
Final Score:		76	3

If you play the lottery don't forget the number 38. Brown rugby certainly enjoyed the symmetry of scoring 38 first half points and matching that score with exactly 38 second half points. Even more intriguing: each half had 4 converted and 2 unconverted tries which were scored in exactly the same order in both halves: converted, unconverted, converted, unconverted, converted, converted! What does all of this hocus pokus mean? Only that Brown overwhelmed the Bulldogs 76-3, dominating the game in all phases and conceding only a penalty kick in the second half. A terrific day for the Brown Bears.

The match opened with sloppy play by both sides but Yale was penalized several times allowing Brown to camp in the Yale end, scoring three tries in the first 15 minutes. The first and third were scored by right wing Hudson Lee on passes from Justin Dyer and Will Zeller respectively and both converted from the right foot of out half Raphael Lansonneur. Between these two scores, lock Oliver Corbett added insult to injury, touching

down a dropped Yale pass in goal for his first try of the match. The referee had issued a yellow card in the 14th minute to a Yale player and the home team would be playing a man down for the next 10 minutes.

It took Brown a few minutes to get back on track, but the next Bear attack was through lock Ollie Corbett who broke clear down the left wing for 30 meters. He didn't score but Brown was again knocking on the door. Yale denied the Bears until center Justin Dyer spun the ball to #8 Antonio Esteves who pinned the last defender and passed the ball to left wing Pablo Lavilla for the score and a 24-0 lead with 19 minutes left in the first half.

Yale enjoyed the next 5 minutes of possession but was unable to break through the Brown defense. A mid-field penalty to Yale was taken by Brown and moved right through several hands and then left where Lansonneur and Corbett combined giving Lavilla the ball and room for a sidestep over the line for a try and another Lansonneur conversion.

The Brown forwards that had so far dominated the Yale pack were rewarded in the 37th minute of the first half, winning a lineout possession 15 meters from the Yale line and driving the maul over the line where hooker Adam Eberle touched the ball down for a "total forward" try, again converted by Raphael Lansonneur and a 38-0 halftime lead.

The second half ensued with Yale giving a maximum effort and Brown seemed to be unfocused. The malaise continued for almost 15 minutes when a bouncing ball ended up in the hands of center Will Zeller who took the ball up 20 meters, lost control of the ball, kicked forward by Yale to Brown and passed to a waiting Ollie Corbett who galloped 50 meters for Brown's first second half points. Another Lansonneur conversion and Brown led 45-0.

Coach Laflamme made some strategic replacements to add 4 fresh and capable bodies between the 55th and 62nd minute of play (replacements listed on the squad list below). During this transition, Yale scored on a penalty kick and Zeller added an unconverted try (50-0), breaking several tackles as he bullied his way over the line.

Brown's slow early second half pace picked up between the 67th and 78th minutes of play with four tries. First Duncan Grant who had replaced wing Pablo Lavilla made a 20-meter break, feeding Santiago Cortabarria for a try. Five minutes later Brown keyed an attack from midfield as Pete Smith's scrum half replacement, Dylan Lewis, took two quick penalties to the 22-meter line where the play moved back and forth to a final move right as prop Dan Archer passed to #8 Antonio Esteves and then on to hooker Adam Eberle for the score. Although not without flaws, this score was the most impressive ball movement and scoring sequence of the match. Another 3 minutes and from a ruck on the touchline, the ball went short side to Ollie Corbett again who ran 30 meters, passing to Esteves for the final 15 meters and a try. Brown's final try was the result of a missed attempted clearing kick by Yale from their in-goal which was blocked and touched down by flanker Sam Jana. Scrum half Dylan converted three of these four tries to account for the final 26 of Brown's second half Brown points and a 76-3 Brown victory.

Brown Squad:

1. Brett Geiss'23, replaced by Omar Al-Jendari'24 at 62 min.
2. Adam Eberle'22
3. Dan Archer'23
4. Matt Mitchell'24
5. Oliver Corbett'24
6. Sam Jana'24
7. Santiago Cortabarria'25
8. Antonio Esteves'25
9. Peter Smith'22, replaced by Dylan Lewis'24 at 55 min.
10. Raphael Lansonneur'25
11. Pablo Lavilla'23, replaced by Duncan Grant at 62 min.
12. William Zeller'23, replaced by Campbell O'Conor'23 at 62 min.
13. Justin Dyer'25
14. Hudson Lee'22

15. Jon Kim'22

Reserves

16. Joe Al-Hasso'25
17. Omar Al-Jendari'24
18. Paul Muser'24
19. Chase Bekkerus'22
20. Dylan Lewis'23
21. Duncan Grant'22
22. Campbell O'Conor'23
23. Amar Dhillon'22

Referee: Amelia Luciano

Brown v Yale University - Second XV

Scoring Summary		Brown	Yale
First Half			
12 min	Brown Try (Omar Al-Jendari'24)	5	
	Conversion (Dylan Lewis'24)	2	
16 min	Brown Try (Amar Dhillon'22)	5	
	Conversion (Dylan Lewis'24)	2	
19 min	Yale Penalty Kick		3
21 min	Brown Try (Jack Elliott'25)	5	
28 min	Brown Try (Amar Dhillon'22)	5	
First Half		24	3
Second Half			
32 min	Brown Try (Dylan Lewis'24)	5	
	Conversion	2	
37 min	Brown Try (Amar Dhillon'22)	5	
	Conversion (Dylan Lewis'24)	2	
44 min	Brown Try (Duncan Grant'22)	5	
50 min	Brown Try (Dan Betensky'23)	5	
	Conversion (Omar Al-Jendari'24)	2	
Second Half		26	0
Final Score:		50	3

The Second XV match was two 30-minute halves.

For the first time this fall season, the Brown Second XV successfully employed the systems that the coaches have been teaching and the team scored a season high 50 points and held Yale to 3 points and no tries. Scrums and lineouts were solid and some overlaps were created in the backline that resulted in quality tries. This of course is just the beginning but if this squad continues to improve, the Brown Seconds could have a strong fall season.

Shaky at the start of the match, Brown, after a poor 12 minutes of play, won a lineout, moved the ball wide left to the wing then back to center field where prop Omar Al-Jendari pounded through the Yale defense for the opening try of the match with #9 Dylan Lewis converting for a 7-0 start. 4 minutes later, Lewis sent the ball left from a Brown scrum. Right wing Amar Dhillon trailing from his right-wing position entered the back line and scored on an overlap, again converted by Lewis. Brown was lighting it up.

At 19 minutes Yale scored 3 points on a penalty kick, but Brown led 14-3 and two minutes later a nice forward try was executed as lock Paul Muser passed to #8 Jack Elliott for a try and a 19-3 Brown lead.

The last points of the first half were scored on a tackle by Duncan Grant that turned over a Yale ball to Brown. #9 Lewis broke right, passing to Omar who then passed to Amar (O to A) for the try, closing out the first half with a 24-0 Brown lead.

Brown continued its dominance in the second half, scoring 26 unanswered points. Scrum half Dylan, the master of the quick penalty, ran in a try almost before the clock re-started and converted to raise Brown's lead to 31-0. At 32 minutes Lewis broke right from a ruck , passed to center Campbell O'Conor who, in turn passed to Amar for the try and a Lewis conversion, 38-0.

In the 44th minute of the match, Grant scored just a minute before replacements were due to come on, leaving the field a happy man now ahead 43-0. At 50 minutes a good team effort saw a ruck ball sent right to Omar and Alec Green then back left to Joe Al-Hasso who made a half break with a nifty off-load to supporting Dan Betensky who scored Brown's final try of the match, a 50-3 victory.

Brown Squad:

1. Shaan Lalvani'23, replaced by Alec Green'25 at halftime.
2. Joe Al-Hasso'25
3. Omar Al-Jendari'24
4. Paul Muser'24
5. Oliver Bieling'25, replaced by Antonio Cortabarria'25 at halftime.
6. Jack Forgione'25
7. Chase Bekkerus'22
8. Jack Elliott'25, replaced by Jacob Goldberg'25 at halftime.
9. Dylan Lewis'23
10. James Horkan'25, replaced by Keigo Hachisuka'24 at halftime
11. Duncan Grant'22, replaced by Aaron Mertzel'25 at 45 min.
12. Jake Ehrenkranz'24' replaced by Benji Harris'24 at 45 min.
13. Campbell O'Conor'23
14. Amar Dhillon'22, replaced by Marc Appleman'23 at 45 min.
15. Keigo Hachisuka'24, replaced by Elliott Winoker'23 at halftime

Reserves

16. Alec Green'25
17. Antonio Cortabarria'25
18. Jacob Goldberg'25
19. Dan Betensky'23
20. Benji Harris'24
21. Aaron Mertzel'25
22. Marc Appleman'23
23. Elliot Winoker'23