

# Brown Men's Rugby Weekly Match Report

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

## Brown v. Bryant University – First XV

Scoring Summary	Brown	Bryant
<b>First Half</b>		
3 min	Brown Try (Jon Kim'22)	5
	Conversion (Lucas Tay'23)	2
7 min	Brown Try (Antonio Trapp'22)	5
17 min	Brown Try (Lucas Tay'23)	5
	Conversion (Lucas Tay'23)	2
19 min	Brown Try (Campbell O'Conor'23)	5
25 min	Brown Try (Adam Eberle'22)	5
	Conversion (Lucas Tay'23)	2
27 min	Brown Try (Campbell O'Conor'23)	5
	Conversion (Lucas Tay'23)	2
36 min	Brown Try (Antonio Esteves'25)	5
	Conversion (Lucas Tay'23)	2
38 min	Brown Try (Oliver Corbett'25)	5
	Conversion (Lucas Tay'23)	2
40 min	Brown Try (Oliver Corbett'25)	5
	Conversion (Lucas Tay'23)	2
<hr/> <b>First Half</b>		<hr/> <b>59</b>
<b>Second Half</b>		
42 min	Brown Try (Matt Mitchell'24)	5
	Conversion (James Horkan'25)	2
47 min	Brown Try (Amar Dhillon'22)	5
	Conversion (James Horkan'25)	2
59 min	Brown Try (Omar Al-Jendari'24)	5
61 min	Brown Try (Jack Forgione'25)	5
70 min	Brown Try (Jack Forgione'25)	5
80 min	Brown Try (Antonio Cortabarría'25)	5
	Conversion (James Horkan'25)	2
<hr/> <b>Second Half</b>		<hr/> <b>36</b>
<b>Final Score:</b>		<b>95</b>
		<b>0</b>

Brown's Ivy League schedule had a bye week this date. With all of the New England teams into their league schedules, coach Laflamme was fortunate to book in the local Bryant University for a non-league fixture. Bryant's program is not nearly as strong or established as Brown's, so what was fortunate for the home team was a huge challenge for the Bryant Bulldogs who were simply out-manned in every aspect of the game. In anticipation of this possibility, the Brown coaches replaced almost the entire team at half time and continued to clear the bench in the second XV match. As well, a good number of first team players were held out of this match to be fully healthy for the upcoming Ivy League matches.

As with Salve Regina last Saturday, Brown quickly established their superiority in skill and team speed, scoring 24 points in the first 19 minutes. To this point, given the vagaries of New England weather, Brown has been very fortunate to have played all of its matches to date on dry fast surfaces with lots of sun and little wind. The weather has certainly not been a negative factor in the Bear's open, fast and skillful style of play.

The pattern was set at the outset when the Brown scrum drove Bryant off its first offensive scrum which along with an attacking defense, kept the Bulldogs scrambling to find any room to attack when any scrum, ruck or lineout ball was secured. Brown controlled possession and kept the match in the Bryant half of the field for most of the match. Backs and forwards shared scoring equally with 4 of 9 first half and 4 of 6 second half tries scored by the forwards.

The team leaders have done a terrific job of bringing together the squad after dealing with the 18 months separation after Brown went on remote learning in March of 2020. There was enthusiastic support of the First XV and replacements in the first match and the veterans cheered on the rookies in the Second XV match. The support on the field so far this fall can only improve confidence and performance.

Team captain Jon Kim took the lead at two minutes with a try from a ruck. The forwards set up this opportunity with effective scrum and ruck possession. A few minutes later with similar forward dominance, right wing Antonio Trapp'22 scored with both tries converted by Lucas Tay. Brown kept the ball in the Bryant half, and at 17 minutes put fullback Lucas Tay away for a try and conversion to raise Brown's total to 19 points.

A few minutes later Brown was awarded a penalty and #9 Pete Smith did a quick tap and ran the ball deep in the Bryant half where he lofted a pass to supporting center Campbell O'Connor for a try and 24 Brown points. After six minutes of sloppy play, Brown improved its continuity, finishing with a 30 meter break for another Brown try by hooker Adam Eberle'22 and a Tay conversion for 31 points after 25 minutes of play.

O'Connor took the ensuing kickoff and kicked it deep where it was mishandled by the Bryant fullback. O'Connor had followed up his kick, secured the ball from the Bryant player and scored again. Tay's conversion was good.

After another bit of sluggish play, Brown was awarded a penalty and kicked to touch at the Bryant 22. Brown won its lineout and the ball began wide but was passed back inside to trailing #8 Antonio Esteves who took a clear gap for a try and another Tay conversion. Brown now led 45-0 with 4 minutes left in the first half. Brown ended the first half on a high note with Will Zeller taking up the kick-off to a Brown ruck, secured by the forwards and passed left to a waiting Ollie Corbett who dummied two Bryant defenders and ran 50 meters for a try. Moments later at the next kick-off an almost identical sequence of two Brown rucks sent the ball again to a waiting Corbett who only needed one dummy to create a gap to repeat the 50 meter sprint for a second try. Tay's two conversions of the Corbett tries set the halftime score at 59-0.

Bryant began the second half as they concluded the first half by giving up a try on the kickoff. Will Zeller received the kick, ran over one Bryant defender and outran the defense to the Bryant goal line where he passed off to supporting forward Matt Mitchell, taking the ball over the line for a try, converted by James Horkan. Five minutes later, Brown turned over a Bryant possession with the ball taken to the short side by fullback Jon Kim, beating a few defenders, he passed to left wing Amar Dhillon who scored from 30 meters, converted by Horkan. Brown 73, Bryant 0.

After 12 minutes of miscues and referee calls, Brown took a ruck possession 15 meters from the Bryant goal line which found the hands of prop Omar Al-Jendari. Omar scored in the right corner, a nice present for Omar who celebrates his birthday on this date. Freshman flanker Jack Forgione, following in the footsteps of Ollie Corbett, catching the ensuing kick-off and running untouched 60 meters for a try. These two tries added 10 Brown points with 20 minutes left in the match. Due to the now inexperience of the Bryant scrum, the referee declared scrums for the rest of the match to be uncontested.

With uncontested scrums and an 83 point Brown lead, the pace and intensity of the match diminished markedly. Brown did score twice more with Jack Forgione scoring again from a ruck close to the Bryant line and Antonio

Cortabarría scoring at full time with Horkan nailing the conversion for a 95-0 drubbing of Bryant. After the match, the squad sang Happy Birthday to Omar!

These last two matches have been great for getting everyone playing time, working on the team's offensive and defensive systems and recovering from some bangs and bruises, but the squad will need a good dose of intensity and concentration this week to prepare for Yale as Brown travels to New Haven next Saturday, October 9 to resume its Ivy Conference schedule.

**Brown Squad:**

1. Omar Al-Jendari'24, replaced by Joe Al-Hasso'25 at 70 min.
2. Adam Eberle'22, replaced at halftime by Joe Al-Hasso '25, replaced by Jacob Goldberg'25 at 70 min.
3. Joe Al-Hasso'25, replaced at halftime by Brett Geiss'23
4. Oliver Corbett'24
5. Paul Muser '24, replaced at halftime by Matt Mitchell'24
6. Chase Bekkerus'22, replaced at halftime by Jack Forgione'25
7. Sam Jana'24, replaced at halftime by Jacob Goldberg'25, replaced by Jack Elliott at 70 min.
8. Antonio Esteves'25, replaced at halftime by Antonio Cortabarría'25.
9. Peter Smith'22, replaced at halftime by Dylan Lewis'23.
10. Jon Kim'22 (Captain), replaced at halftime by James Horkan'25
11. Amar Dhillon'22
12. Will Zeller'23, replaced by Jake Ehrenkranz'24 at 28 min.
13. Campbell O'Conor'23
14. Antonio Trapp'22, replaced by Mark Appleman at 75 min.
15. Lucas Tay'23, replaced at halftime by Jon Kim'22.

Referee: Alec Tolivaisa

**Brown v Bryant University - Second XV**

<b>Scoring Summary</b>		<b>Brown</b>	<b>Bryant</b>
<b>First Half</b>			
2 min	Brown Try (Jake Ehrenkranz'24)	5	
<b>First Half</b>		5	0
<b>Second Half</b>			
17 min	Brown Try (Dylan Maloney'25)	5	
	Conversion (James Horkan'25)	2	
21 min	Brown Try (Aaron Mertzell'25)	5	
	Conversion (James Horkan'25)	2	
30 min	Brown Try (Eugene Oh'25)	5	
<b>Second Half</b>		19	0
<b>Final Score:</b>		<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>

The Brown B team played Bryant B in a 30 minute game of two 15 minute periods. Several Bryant players were playing their first rugby match so the scrum possessions were unopposed. Brown's Jake Ehrenkranz scored in the second minute of play which turned out to be the only score in the first half. But the Bears played a more productive second half as scrum half Dylan Maloney'25 took a quick penalty and scored two minutes into the second half. With fly half James Horkan's conversion the score was 12 – 0.

With 10 minutes left in the second half and a Brown scrum at the halfway line, the ball went to rookie center Aaron Mertzell'24 who outsprinted the defense 50 meters for 5 points and with Horkan's conversion, Brown led 19-0.

At full time, Brown's Eugene Oh ran in a try from close to the line to give the Bears a 24- 0 win.

**Brown Squad:**

1. Shaan Lalvani'23
2. Adam Eberle'22, replaced by Jacob Goldberg'25 at halftime.
3. Alec Green'25
4. Jack Elliott'25
5. Oliver Bieling'25
6. Dan Betensky'23
7. Ian Liu'24, replaced at halftime by Eugene Oh'24
8. Antonio Cortabarría'25
9. Dylan Maloney'25
10. James Horkan'25
11. Mark Appleman'23, replaced at halftime by Letandre Stenneth'23
12. Keigo Hachisuka'24
13. Jake Ehrenkranz'24, replaced at 10 minutes by Aaron Mertzell'24
14. Chetan Shukla'24
15. Benji Harris'24