

Brown Men's Rugby Weekly Match Report

Saturday, October 16, 2021, 1:00 PM
Brown University Rugby Field
Providence, RI

Brown v. Harvard University – First XV

Scoring Summary	Brown	Harvard
First Half		
3 min Brown Try (Hudson Lee'22)	5	
9 min Brown Penalty Kick (Raphael Lansonneur'25)	3	
18 min Brown Try (Jon Kim'22)	5	
	Conversion (Raphael Lansonneur'25)	2
25 min Brown Try (Hudson Lee'22)	5	
	Conversion (Raphael Lansonneur'25)	2
30 min Harvard Penalty Kick		3
37 min Brown Try (Justin Dyer'23)	5	
40 min Brown Try (Hudson Lee'22)	5	
	Conversion (Raphael Lansonneur'25)	2
First Half	34	3
Second Half		
45 min Brown Try (Matt Mitchell'24)	5	
56 min Brown Penalty Kick (Raphael Lansonneur'25)	3	
60 min Harvard Try		7
65 min Brown Try (Jon Kim'22)	5	
72 min Harvard Try		7
77 min Brown Try (Adam Eberle'22)	5	
	Conversion (Raphael Lansonneur'25)	2
Second Half	20	14
Final Score:	54	17

“Saturday’s a rugby day” and what a day it was! The Brown Women’s Rugby Team took on and defeated Quinnipiac College 26-20 in the first match of the day. Then the Brown Men’s First and Second XV’s handily defeated Harvard 54-17 and 43-5 respectively in the afternoon.

This was Family (Homecoming and Parent’s) weekend at Brown and there was a standing room crowd (primarily because there was limited seating) to cheer on the Bears. As well the day was blessed with an unusually warm fall day, although breezy, the southerly wind was across the field so favored neither team all day.

The match couldn’t have started much better for the Bears as they swiftly moved the opening kickoff, playing from left to right in front of a great crowd of Alumni, parents and friends, deep in the Harvard end. Harvard thwarted Brown’s initial attack with a clearing kick but the Bears, at about 22 meters, secured a ruck, passed to Captain Jon Kim who attacked the Harvard line and then toed a kick behind the Harvard backline. Alertly, the Brown right wing, Hudson Lee, chased down the ball, just beating the Harvard wing and touching down for first blood and a 5-0 Brown lead with only 3 minutes off the clock.

Keeping play in the Harvard half, Harvard was penalized. #10 Raphael Lansonneur notched a penalty kick and Brown was up 8-0 after 9 minutes of play. Harvard's kickoff forced Brown inside its 22 but at a Harvard scrum, Brown drove the Crimson off the ball... a big boost for the Bears, a discouraging moment for Harvard, and an emotional lift for the highly partisan Brown crowd. Brown's forward dominance of scrums, lineouts and ruck turnovers kept Harvard from establishing any continuity in attack or defense.

18 minutes into the first half, Brown scrum half Peter Smith took a quick penalty and was tackled early. Brown then kicked to touch for a lineout about 5 meters from the line. Brown won the lineout and drove it to a ruck. Smith provided a clean ball to the backs and fullback Jon Kim came into the line from his fullback position, splitting the defense and scoring. "Raphy's" conversion put Brown ahead 15-0.

Six minutes later a two-man tackle on the Harvard #13 dislodged the ball and Brown took the attack with Campbell O'Connor, Justin Dyer and Matt Mitchell down the left sideline where prop Dan Archer took over and ran the ball to the goal-line but Brown was penalized. A Harvard kick to touch set up a Harvard lineout, but Brown lineout jumper Ollie Corbett stole the lineout, deflecting the ball to #9 Smith then on to Jon Kim and to #12 Will Zeller. Zeller drew the defense and passed to the streaking right wing Hudson Lee for his second try of the match. Raphy again converted and Brown was up 22-0 with 16 minutes left in the half.

In the 28th minute, Harvard avoided a first half shut-out, scoring on a 3 point penalty kick, but Brown was on the attack 6 minutes later at a scrum on the near touch line 35 meters out. Raphy took a clean pass and skipped out to Jon Kim who drove straight on to a tackle where #13 O'Connor picked up the ball, passed to Hudson Lee who in turn hit Justin Dyer as he dove over the line to score, expanding Brown's lead, 27-3.

On the last play of the first half, Brown won a lineout on the far touchline with Raphy passing, getting a return pass and then skipping the ball wide to O'Connor who found Lee on his right. Lee took the pass and although tackled short of the line, was not held, got back to his feet and scored. Three tries for Lee in the first half and with Raphy's deep corner conversion, a halftime score of 34-3.

As the second half got underway, Brown, now playing right to left, moved the ball far into Harvard territory due to Harvard penalties and a Matt Mitchell blocked kick. Brown won its lineout at the 5-meter line and drove the maul over the line where Matt Mitchell touched down for a try. Brown's lead now 39-3.

Ten minutes of rather sloppy play by both teams but entirely in the Harvard half of the field resulted in a Harvard penalty that Raphy kicked over the bar for 3 pts and 42 points for Brown with 26 minutes left to play.

At 58 minutes, Brown scrum half Pete Smith was penalized at the Brown 5-meter line and Harvard scored its first try bringing the score to 42-10. Smith was also yellow carded which caused Brown to play a man short for 10 minutes. Brown kicked off to Harvard and pinned them deep in their end. Some sloppy play resulted in another Harvard penalty and Jon Kim who replaced Smith at scrum half took a quick penalty from 8 meters out and scored a try for a 47-10 Brown advantage.

Poor coverage on a clearing kick by Brown allowed Harvard to counter attack a total of 65 yards and score a converted try at 70 minutes. 7 minutes later Brown's O'Connor penalty kicked to the near left corner where Brown took a clean lineout and once again drove it over the line where hooker Adam Eberle touched the ball down for the Bear's final try and Raphy's final conversion. Brown 54, Harvard 17.

Many thanks to the parents and alumni who provided guidance, food and support for this Family Weekend Brown Rugby Day. And we are not done yet. Cornell, Penn and Dartmouth still ahead in the Ivy Conference.

Brown Squad:

1. Brett Geiss'23
2. Adam Eberle'22
3. Dan Archer'23
4. Matt Mitchell'24
5. Oliver Corbett'24

6. Sam Jana'24
7. Santiago Cortabarría'25
8. Antonio Esteves'25
9. Peter Smith'22, replaced by Dylan Lewis'23 at 60 min.
10. Raphael Lansonneur'25
11. Justin Dyer'25, replaced by Duncan Grant at 60 min.
12. William Zeller'23, replaced by Justin Dyer'25 at 60 min.
13. Campbell O'Connor'23
14. Hudson Lee'22
15. Jon Kim'22

Reserves

16. Joe Al-Hasso'25
17. Omar Al-Jendari'24
18. Paul Muser'24
19. Jack Forgione'25
20. Dylan Lewis'23
21. Duncan Grant'22
22. Pablo Lavilla'23
23. Amar Dhillon'22

Referee: Tim Anderson

Brown v Harvard University - Second XV

Scoring Summary		Brown	Harvard
First Half			
7 min	Brown Try (Pablo Lavilla'23)	5	
	Conversion (Dylan Lewis'24)	2	
18 min	Brown Try (Pablo Lavilla'23)	5	
	Conversion (Dylan Lewis'24)	2	
23 min	Brown Try (Duncan Grant'22)	5	
	Conversion (Dylan Lewis'24)	2	
35 min	Brown Try (Dylan Lewis'24)	5	
	Conversion (James Horkan'25)	2	
28 min	Brown Try (Joe Al-Hasso'25)	5	
First Half		33	0
Second Half			
45 min	Brown Try (Amar Dhillon'22)	5	
50 min	Brown Try (Elliott Winoker'23)	5	
75 min	Harvard Try		5
Second Half		10	5
Final Score:		43	5

The day ended on a high note as Brown's second XV rolled to a 43-5 win over their Harvard counterparts. The scoring barrage began as outside center Pablo Lavilla sprung free in the 7th and 18th minutes of play, scoring twice: first from a penalty and second from a Harvard clearing kick, fielded by Lavilla and run in. Scrum half Dylan Lewis converted both tries and also converted the Bears 3rd try in which Brown attacked from a ruck with the ball passing through the hands from the scrum half to the flanker Chase Bekkerus to lock Paul Muser for a score and a Brown 21-0 lead.

At 35 minutes, Lavilla again made a break, then passed on to Elliott Winoker. From the subsequent ruck, Dylan Lewis scored and #10 James Horkan converted. Brown 28, Harvard 0. The last try of the first half was scored by Joe Al-Hasso'25. 16 of the first half's 33 points had been scored by #9 Dylan Lewis.

In order to provide all players some playing time, free substitution was used in the second half, and Brown was able to get all reserves in the game. The enthusiasm for the game from the 'B' squad made for a fun day for players and spectators alike.

With 33 points on the board Brown let up a bit, scoring only twice in the second half. The first try was a break away by wing Amar Dhillon for 60 meters and the second try was a collaboration between Benji Harris and Elliott Winoker. Harris made a break, passed to Winoker, who lost control of the ball two meters short of the in goal. As the ball was headed into touch, Harris tapped the ball back on the field of play where Winoker retrieved the ball and crossed the line for a score.

Nice teamwork and a good win.

Brown Squad:

1. Omar Al-Jendari'24, replaced by Shaan Lalvani'23 at halftime, replaced by Eugene Oh'24 at 60 min.
2. Jacob Goldberg'25' replaced by Joe Al-Hasso'25 at halftime.
3. Joe Al-Hasso'25' replaced by Omar Al-Jendari'24 at halftime.
4. Paul Muser'24
5. Oliver Bieling'25
6. Jack Forgione'25, replaced by Dan Betensky'23 at halftime, replaced by Ian Liu'24 at 60 min.
7. Chase Bekkerus'22, replaced by Jacob Goldberg'25 at halftime.
8. Jack Elliott'25
9. Dylan Lewis'23, replaced by Dylan Maloney'25 at 25 min.
10. James Horkan'25, replaced by Keigo Hachisuka'24 at halftime.
11. Duncan Grant'22, replaced by Mark Appleman'23 at halftime, replaced by Aaron Mertzal'25 at 60 min.
12. Jake Ehrenkranz'24' replaced by Jack Kirkpatrick'23 at 60 min.
13. Pablo Lavilla'23, replaced by Amar Dhillon'22 at halftime, replaced by Elliott Winoker'23 at 60 min.
14. Amar Dhillon'22, replaced by Elliott Winoker'23 at 25 min., replaced by Letandre Stenneth'23 at 60 min.
15. Keigo Hachisuka'24, replaced by Lucas Tay'23 at halftime.

Reserves

16. Shaan Lalvani'23
17. Eugene Oh'24
18. Ian Liu'24
19. Dan Betensky'23
20. Dylan Maloney'25
21. Mark Appleman'23
22. Aaron Mertzal'25
23. Elliot Winoker'23
24. Letandre Stenneth'23
25. Jack Kirkpatrick'23
26. Lucas Tay'23

Referee: Tim Anderson