

BROWN 2019 PREVIEW

Former Ivy League POY James Perry takes over as HC at Brown. Perry spent his last 2 years at Bryant where he led the Bulldogs to B2B 6-5 seasons. Brown has matched or decreased their win total every year since 2011, culminating in last year's 1-9 campaign and the resignation of Phil Estes after 21 years as HC. Last year they had 11 starters back, a new OC and OL Cch. All but 1 of Brown's 9 losses were by 14 pts or more and they finished -228 ypg in Ivy League Play & -210 ypg overall.

Since averaging 398 ypg (28 ppg) in '15, Brown has dropped to 315 (20 ppg) in '16 and 279 (13 ppg) in '17. Despite returning 10 starters last year, the Bears only increased to 286 ypg (14 ppg). They had 2 QB's returning who had started before but a 3rd emerged in Michael McGovern who went on to lead with 2,202 (52.4%, 10-10). Nick Duncan had started 4 in '17, but only had 6 pass attempts LY. Brown's leading rusher in '17, Darius Daies had just 276 (3.9) yds. He returned last year but only played in 4 games. Allen Smith was the only RB to top 100 yds with just 175 (4.3). Their next 3 top rushers were all WR's and Andrew Bolton added 90 (2.7). This year Smith and Bolton both return while Daies (24, 1.5) departs. The Bears receiving corps returned their top 4 last year. Livingstone Harriott led with 413 (13.3). '17's Leader Jakob Prall dipped to 394 (15.8). Jaelon Blandburg was #3 with 335 (11.2). Scott Boylan added 257 (9.5) and rushed for 157 (4.6). Four of their top 5 WR's return with 1st Tm All Ivy TE Anton Casey (#4, 328, 12.6) the only loss. The Bears have slipped each of the last 3Y in rush ypg. Last year they avg just 65 (2.5) and sacks jumped to 44! The Bears go from 2 returning starters to 4. The lone loss is Logan LG Winders. This unit is more experienced so they should post better numbers.

In 2017 Brown allowed their most ypg since 2007 at 420.3. They allowed an Ivy League high 34.3 ppg and 432.3 ypg in conference play. Last year they returned just 3 starters and lost their top 4 tacklers including a 1st Tm All-Ivy DE. Their DL had just 1 starter back from a unit that allowed 161 (4.0). Brown slipped to 259 (5.5) rush ypg allowed, the highest in the Ivy and produced just 9 sacks. This year they lose DT Daryle Banfield (#8 tkl'r, 3.5 tfl) and DE Zach Genaway (#10 tkl'r, 5 tfl). The Bears have 1 starter back in their 3 man unit plus DE Ryan Putman (#9 tkl'r, 0 st) returns. Four of Brown's top 7 LB's departed last year incl their #3 tkl'r. Brown allowed a school record 36.2 ppg. This year they get 5 of their top 6 back with the only loss being #1 tkl'r, 1st Tm All Ivy Daniel Aidman. This is clearly a more experienced unit and should help make a solid improvement in ppg allowed. Brown was last in the Ivy in pass eff defense in '17, allowing 260 ypg (68%, 4-15). They had to replace 2 starters and while they improved to 236 ypg, still allowed 67% (5-23) and finished last in pass eff D again. This year they lose both CB's Jorquel Condomina (#15 tkl'r, 5 pbu), Sebastian Dovi (#13 tkl'r) along with FS Chima Amushie (#5 tkl'r). 1 starter returns in SS Clayton Perrin (#4 tkl'r) and Davis Bak (1 st, #7 tkl'r) and Izayah Powell (#12 tkl'r) got significant playing time. Despite just 1 starter back, this unit is in better shape and could finally climb out of the Ivy League basement of pass D's.

Dylan Brady made 7 of 10 fg's last year (L/37). Ryan Kopec avg 38.5 ypp with a solid 36.6 net. Both Brady and Kopec are gone while their top KR and PR both return.

Brown bottomed out last year in nearly every statistical category, finishing with just 1 win and the Bears have now lost 15 straight Ivy League games. This year Brown returns 14 starters including 9 on offense and should be much more competitive in league play in HC Perry's first year after losing all 7 Ivy League games by 22 ppg last year.