

In what was deemed a “war” by the opposing sideline, Brandywine Rugby Football Club took to the pitch with one idea in mind Saturday, beat Media. Media has had BRFC’s number the past three seasons. However, if you ventured to Howellmoore Road this weekend, you could feel the winds of change in the air as Brandywine was ready to do battle with their fiercest and most hated division foe.

Media struck first in this highly competitive contest with their winger driving to the corner netting his first try of the game. A great kick from an awkward angle gave Media the lead 0-7. With the opponent high on their early success, Brandywine center Chris Vely caused a turnover allowing John McDevitt to score his first of two try’s on the day cutting the Media lead to 5-7. After each side traded a missed penalty kicks, Media again crossed the try line after a long run by their open side flanker led to a quick ball out to the winger, who took it in for the try. Score at half time saw BRFC down to Media 5-12.

Undaunted by what the referee’s scorecard read, John Convery scored the first try of the second half and coupled with Tim Sheridan’s conversion, Brandywine tied the score 12-12. Tackle after tackle, hit after hit; Brandywine seemed to wear down the much larger Media pack. Keeping in mind what Coach Betzler preached all week with driving through rucks, keeping the legs moving, and being patient with the black call, Brandywine would benefit with another try, this time scored by Chris Vely. With Joe Meyers entering the game in the second half, the scrum down advantage went to Brandywine. Joe steadied the front row, leaning on a very tired Media prop. Joe’s ability to take control lead to a few steals of Media put-ins. Finally, as time was winding down, John McDevitt finished what he started by scoring his second try of the day. Brandywine over came a very tumultuous final 8:00 minutes, where penalty after penalty was called against them. BRFC stayed low, hit hard, and didn’t allow Media the satisfaction of converting on any of the penalties. Soon after, Tim Sheridan, who did a fantastic job at fly half this game, put the ball out of bounds ending the game with a final score of Brandywine 24 - Media 12.

Brandywine will play their final home match of the fall this weekend against South Jersey. With the quest for an 8-0 season still in sight, BRFC would appreciate any and all Old Boys, family members, and friends to make the trip out to our pitch and take part in what will be a hard hitting, exciting rugby match. South Jersey will travel very well and will have their eyes set on ruining our chances at a perfect season.

Men of the Match:

Forwards- Joe Meyers

Backs- John McDevitt

Stats

1<sup>st</sup> Half

-Media

Try

Conversion Successful

0-7

-Brandywine

Try- John McDevitt

Conversion unsuccessful

5-7

-Brandywine

Penalty Kick-Unsuccessful

5-7

-Media  
Penalty Kick –Unsuccessful

-Media  
Try  
Conversion-Unsuccessful  
5-12

2<sup>nd</sup> Half  
-Brandywine  
Try-John Convery  
Conversion –Successful (Tim Sheridan)  
12-12

-Brandywine  
Try-Chris Vely  
Conversion-Successful (Tim Sheridan)  
19-12

Substitution  
Chris Pellegrino-out  
Joe Meyers-in

-Brandywine  
Penalty Kick- Unsuccessful

-Brandywine  
Try-John McDevitt  
Conversion-Unsuccessful  
24-12

Substitution  
John McDevitt-out  
Dave Divalerio-in

Nate Mangan-out  
Nick Wood-in

Final BRFC 24 - MRFC 12

#### B Side

Riding the wave of emotion from the A side, the Brandywine B side took to the pitch against a Media team who hadn't lost in two years. This match also marked the return of Dave Wilson who has been out of action due to a sprained knee. Dave didn't wait long to make an impact as he picked up a ball that had squirted out of the back of the ruck and ran down the sideline to score the first try of the game. Hard hitting and great tackling by first year player Tim Wertz and Brandywine veteran Dave Sawhill made for an exciting match to watch. Eventually Media would score, but Brandywine would regain the lead and never look back. Dan Karabin, playing in his first game for Brandywine scored the final try of the afternoon after he received a set up pass from Dave Wilson. Dan's try effectively ended the winning streak of the Media B's. BRFC would like to thank Rob Sanderson, Dave Sawhill, Joe Doc, and Daz for their participation in a successful B side game, and Dave Bardwell for refereeing. With two wins, we made sure Media left our pitch with a sour taste in their mouth.