

# Tiger's Lair

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## From the Coach ...

# Young Tiger team returns fit and eager

By Roger Hughes

Head Coach, Princeton Football

Last year's season was filled with excitement and I feel, based on what I've seen in pre-season camp this year, this season should be just as exciting.

This year's team is both young and athletic. I was very pleased with our players' work ethic this summer. They came into camp in great physical condition, which is a credit to Strength Coach Matt Fleming. Only one upperclassmen did not pass the conditioning test on the first try.

The other noticeable difference is the manner in which we practice. Our players are learning how to practice at a high intensity while staying on their feet and protecting their teammates.

As you know, we lost a number of games in the last few minutes of the fourth quarter. Our challenge is to turn those close losses into wins. Defensively, we need to

get a better pass rush to help our young secondary.

**Joe Weiss '04** and **Tim Kirby '04** will anchor the defensive line at both ends. Last year, both played at 220 pounds. This fall they both entered fall camp at over 250 pounds and much stronger. **Phil Jackman '02** will also get plenty of time at the end position.

We still have question marks at the defensive tackle position. Right now it appears **Jeff Micsky '04** and **Sean Story '04** will be in competition with **Ian Withrow '05** and **Trey Greene '05** at defensive tackle.

At the outside linebacker position we return **Chris Roser-Jones '02** who led the nation in interceptions last year. He'll be backed up by **Rob Currey '03**. Our inside linebacker position will feature **Captain Bob Farrell '02**, **Drew Babinecz '03** and **Zak Keasey '04**.

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Photo by Mark Czajkowski

**Coach Roger Hughes leads Princeton against Lafayette on Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. in Princeton Stadium.**

## From the President ...

Time marches on and we are about to embark on Princeton's 133rd football season. All indications are that we are going to be ready even though the team is very young.

Last season **Coach Roger Hughes** and his team demonstrated that they will be in every game right to the end. Despite its youth, this year's team has worked extremely hard over the summer and in pre-season camp to be stronger, better conditioned and to bring intensity to every play.

While the coaching staff and players have been working to improve, over the last year the **Princeton Football Association** was able to provide important help with new weight room equipment, assistant coaches and improvement of the coaches'

conference room, to name a few of the projects we have underwritten. Coach Hughes has asked us to consider other projects for this year. One of the projects we hope to be able to support is providing state of the art electronic equipment to enhance the coaches' film analysis.

The only way that we are going to be able to help is through our members' generosity. We are committed to supporting Princeton Football and helping our players and coaches achieve the success they strive for. Everyone appreciates your thoughtfulness in supporting their efforts.

I look forward to seeing you at the games this fall.

**Stanislaw Maliszewski '66**

## Coach

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In the secondary we are still young, but we do have a wealth of game experience. **Paul Simbi '03** and **Blake Perry '03** will start. They will be relieved by **Lisly Chery '04** and **Jay McCareins '05**. At safety **Kevin Kongsli '03** and **Brandon Mueller '04** will start and they will be spelled by **Jon Ganter '02**, **Donald Scott '03**, **Sam Snyder '04** and **Nick Brown '05**.

On offense, we face the challenge of replacing an offensive line that had three players sign with NFL teams, two of which made the final roster. **Dennis Norman '01** is playing center for the Seattle Seahawks and **Ross Tucker '01** will be with the Washington Redskins.

**Matt Peluse '02** is the only player returning with any experience at left guard. **Lance Baird '03** and **Chris Havener '03** will also play guard while **Roger Patterson '03** and **John Amburgy '02** will share duties at center. **David Czehut '02**, **John Holownia '03** and **Kevin Manning '04** and **Randy Bly '04** will compete for the starting role while **Ryan Watson '05** has shown promise.

At tailback, **Cameron Atkinson '03** and **Ish El-Amin '03** will share the workload while **John Veach '05** and **Brandon Benson '05** have had a great fall camp. At fullback we have to replace All-Ivy player **Marty Cheatam '01**. Currently **Tim Bowden '03**, **John Lee '02** and **Joel Mancl '05** are all competing for playing time.

At wide receiver we feel we have a talented bunch. **Chisom Opara '03** will be our playmaker at that position. **Nate Lindell '03** and **Pat Schottel '03**, **Blair Morrison '04** and **B.J. Szymanski '05** have all looked good in camp. In addition, we moved **Andy Bryant '03** from tailback to wide receiver and he has excelled while learning the position.

Another weapon we return is kicker **Taylor Northrop '02** who has had an outstanding fall camp.

At quarterback, **Dave Splithoff '04** returns from a broken jaw to lead the offense. **Brian Danielewicz '02** will back Dave up with **Matt Groh '03**, **Dave Mroz '03** and **Matt Verbit '05** vying for the third position.

We are looking to build on the improvements we made last year. Our main focus

# Norman, Tucker make NFL squads this fall

**Dennis Norman '01** and **Ross Tucker '01**, two-fifths of Princeton's offensive line the last three seasons, have both earned spots on National Football League rosters.

Norman, a seventh-round draft choice, earned a job with the Seattle Seahawks, while Tucker made the Washington Redskins as an undrafted free agent.

Longtime veteran **Jason Garrett '89** made the New York Giants, giving Princeton three players on NFL rosters. Garrett was never in any danger of not making the team this preseason.

Both players are listed as the No. 2 man on the depth chart after the

preseason.

Norman, from Marlton, N.J., was a three-time first-team All-Ivy League selection at Princeton, as well as a Heptagonal champion discus thrower. He was one of three recipients of the Roper Trophy last year as Princeton's outstanding senior male athlete.

Tucker began his career at Princeton as a defensive lineman before starting 29 of 30 games the last three years at offensive guard. A native of Wyomissing, Pa., Tucker was a two-time District II Academic All-America. Teams can still make roster moves and designate players for the practice squad.

has been to increase the intensity of our play. Defensively, we need to generate a strong pass rush to help our secondary. We also need to improve our play on third and long.

Although we will be more athletic and quicker than last year, we will be young. Offensively, our skill will have to carry us early until our offensive line gains experi-

ence. We need to run the ball more efficiently and it is imperative that we stay healthy.

We are pleased with the players' work ethic this summer and now we need to translate their improved strength, size and quickness to performance on the field.

I hope I'll see you at the season opener with Lafayette on Sept. 15.

## *Tiger Football Notes ...*

Place kicker **Taylor Northrop '02** was 14 for 18 last season, including five of six from at least 40 yards. His longest kick was 50 yards. For his career he is 25 of 33 on field goals, and he has a higher percentage from outside the 40 yard line than inside the 40.

Northrop is chasing two records this season. First, he can break **Alex Sierk '99's** Princeton record of 36 career field goals, set from 1995 through the 1998 season. He also can break the Ivy League record of 38 career field goals held by Dartmouth's Dave Regula, set in the mid-'90s. ...

Northrop is also the team's punter, as he has been since his sophomore season. ...

The Tiger also returns a host of punt and kick returners. The group is led by **Andy Bryant '03**, who averaged 13.2 yards per return. He also returned a 56-yarder

against Brown for a touchdown. **Cameron Atkinson '03** and **Brandon Mueller '04** also figure to be part of Princeton's kick return corps this season. ...

Defensive end **Phil Jackman '02** is the second Princeton Football player to have lettered in basketball before joining the football team. **Marvin Williams '92** lettered in basketball on Princeton's Ivy League championship teams in 1989 and 1990. Williams then lettered in football in 1990 and 1991. Jackman joined the football team last year during the season. Despite never having played competitive football before, the 6-5, 240-pound Jackman moved into the depth chart as the No. 2 defensive end. He had two sacks last fall. He returns this year with the game in Japan, full spring practice and a full preseason camp as further experience.



Matt Whalen '88 was the proud winner of the Tiger helmet drawing.



The Tiger Football faithful turned out for another successful Golf Classic.



# Golf Classic X

## Springdale Golf Club

July 27,  
2001



The "Boys of Somers" show their colors: Above, from left, are Matt Whalen '88, Coach Steve Verbit, Somers Steelman '54 and Pancho Mier.



Head coach Roger Hughes greets trainer Charlie Thompson and former trainer Bob Sinkler h'78.



Cosmo Iacavazzi '65 and Somers Steelman '54 (in back) joined Keith Elias '94 and Frank Vuono '78 at the Springdale clubhouse.



The 2001 winners — again, after a tie-breaker with two other foursomes — were Marty Caron, Steve Simcox '83, Chuck Rockefeller and Bill Mulderry.

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