

Tiger's Lair

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Tiger's final drive ensures opening game road victory

EASTON, PA. — A 16-play, 59-yard drive that ate up 9:25 in the final quarter helped push the Princeton Football team to a season-opening 23-21 victory at formerly undefeated Lafayette. This was Princeton's first season-opening road victory since 1992 and ended a skid of six consecutive losses in road openers.

Jeff Terrell '07 made his first career start a memorable one. He completed 19 of 28 passes for 197 yards, and he was 3-for-3 on third-down conversion passes in the fourth quarter. As a team, Princeton completed five of its final six third-down conversions. None was bigger than a third-and-5 run by fullback Rob Toresco '09, who effectively ended the game by getting one last conversion after Lafayette had exhausted its final timeout.

"My part is easy," Toresco said after rushing for 79 yards on 16 carries in his first career start. "I think the offensive line did an unbelievable job on that drive. They got a great push every time."

As a team, Princeton rushed for 157 yards on 43 attempts. Starting tailback Cleo Kirkland '07 gained 46 yards and a touchdown on 10 attempts, although cramps limited his play in the final quarter. Wideout Brendan Circle '08 caught five passes for 75 yards, and he shined brightest on the critical fourth-quarter drive.

The defense was led by linebackers Justin Stull '06 and Abi Fadeyi '06, both of whom had eight tackles apiece. The biggest defensive play of the game was made by Jay McCareins '06, who gave Princeton a 17-0 lead in the second quarter with his second career interception return for a touchdown. The defense limited Lafayette to three-of-11 on third-down conversions and helped Princeton earn an 11:12 edge in time of possession.

"We're excited to get out of here with a win," Coach Hughes said. "Lafayette is a playoff team from last year, and they had almost everybody back. We're not surprised



Paul Chin/Daily Princetonian
Princeton quarterback Jeff Terrell '07 looks for a receiver Saturday against Lafayette at Fisher Field in Easton, Pa.

they didn't fold the tents after we got out to a quick start. We expected a fight, and I'm very proud of our guys for the effort they

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From the President

The Tigers got off to a great start Saturday with an impressive win against the defending Patriot League co-champs. Especially gratifying was the way the team closed out the game by grinding out three first downs in crunch time. To win our road opener for the first time in eight tries bodes well for this young team; Lafayette had two wins under its belt and was ranked sixth in the nation for points allowed. I'm looking forward to our home opener against an undefeated San Diego team that knocked off Yale Saturday. I hope to see many fellow PFA'ers there supporting the Tigers.

We will be announcing plans for the Yale weekend soon. Mark your calendar for our "Captain's Dinner" Friday evening, Nov. 11. We are trying to re-establish this annual tradi-

tion and the past two year's events have been terrific Princeton Football get-togethers. We know we will be honoring the 10th anniversary of the Tigers' Ivy Championship team of '95, amongst others. I have also received word that Maryland Gov. Bob Ehrlich '79 will be joining us for the game and a pre-game tailgate party.

By now you may have received the latest Unified Appeal from the Princeton Athletics office. Please support PU Athletics, but keep in mind that if you want money directed to the PFA and Princeton Football, make sure to check off the Football (PFA) box.

Please see PFA Treasurer Rick Giles' report on where PFA funds are spent in support of the football program. This report is provided in response to the many questions I am often asked

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GAME STATISTICS

PRINCETON	7	13	0	3	23
Lafayette	0	0	7	14	21

HOW THEY SCORED:

1st Quarter: 7:12, P — TD, Kirkland, 9-yard run, Javarone kick.

2nd Quarter: 11:19, P — FG, Javarone, 22; 4:04, P — TD, McCareins, 75-yard interception return; 0:04, P — FG, Javarone, 25.

3rd Quarter: 13:29, L — TD, Stanford, 9-yard pass from Davis, Ziska kick.

4th Quarter: 13:21, L — TD, Belton, 3-yard run, Ziska kick; 3:47, P — FG, Javarone, 37; 3:26, L — TD, Walker, 23-yard pass from Davis, Ziska kick.

	PRI	LC
First Downs	20	14
Rushes/Yds	43-136	31-145
Passing Yds	197	145
Comp/Att/Int	19/29/2	11/23/2
Plays/Yards	72/333	54/290
Return Yds	178	173
Punts/Avg	3/46	5/30.2
Penalties/Yds	8/82	9/77
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	0/0
Intercept/Yds	2/75	2/16
Possession Time	35:36	24:24

Attendance: 4,915

PRINCETON PERFORMANCE

OFFENSE:

RUSHING: Toresco, 16-79; Kirkland, 10-46; Fields, 3-16; Brooks, 2-2; Shields, 1-1; Davis, 1-0; Terrell, 5-(-2); Foran, 5-(-6).

PASSING: Terrell, 19-28-2-197; Foran, 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING: Circle, 5-75; Fields, 4-41; Toresco, 4-21; Shields, 2-38; Dekker, 2-23; Brooks, 1-5; Brigham, 1-4.

DEFENSE:

SACKS (U/A): None.

INTERCEPTIONS (No./Yds): McCareins, 1-75, TD; Starrett, 1-0.

TACKLES (U/A): Fadeyi, 5-3; Stull, 5-3; Artis, 4-4; Ochotorena, 3-2; McCareins, 2-2; Holuba, 2-2; Walker, 1-3; Meehan, 1-2; Rogers, 2-0; Strickland, 2-0; Ploszek, 1-1; Williams, 0-2; Anderson, 1-0; Starrett, 1-0; Barrie, 0-1; Jones, 0-1; Simnick, 0-1.

Drive

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Princeton opened the game by driving the ball to midfield, mostly on run plays but also the first career completion for Terrell (a 6-yard pass to Jon Dekker '06). The Tigers fell short of a second first down, but they punted from midfield and established an early advantage in field position. The defense held the advantage by forcing a three-and-out, and the special teams built on it with the first return of the season by 2004 All-Ivy selection Greg Fields '06, who returned the punt 19 yards to the Lafayette 41-yard line.

The Tigers' second drive featured a 17-yard pass to Dekker, and a run by Kirkland through the middle on a fake end-around for a first down on the Lafayette 14-yard line. A quick screen to Fields got Princeton to the 9-yard line, and Kirkland followed by busting through the middle and breaking through a would-be tackle at the 2-yard line for Princeton's first touchdown.

Princeton quickly got the ball back and went back to work. On third-and-11, Terrell threw a deep out to Brian Shields '07, who found some extra running room to get the ball to the 36-yard line. Three plays later, another third down, Terrell completed a 5-yard pass to Shields for another first down. The Lafayette defense bore down and forced three incompletions, including one on a fourth down situation that Coach Hughes felt was just out of kicker Derek Javarone '06's range.

The Tigers held strong again and got the ball back just before the end of the first quarter, and Terrell completed a pair of passes to wideout Circle for a total of 42 yards. A roughing-the-passer penalty sent Princeton to the 11-yard-line, but it also temporarily knocked Terrell out of the game. Backup Bill Foran '08 came in and used his athleticism to run a keeper to the 5-yard line. Javarone completed the drive with a 22-yard field goal for a 10-0 lead.

While the offense was efficient the defense was spectacular. Midway through the second quarter, Lafayette started to move the ball on Princeton and attempted a third-and-8 inside Tiger territory. Starting quarterback Brad Maurer attempted a deep out to Travis Hutson, who had man coverage. Unfortunately, the man was McCareins, who stepped in front of the pass, picked it off and sprinted untouched into the end zone for a 75-yard touchdown. It was his third career score and

second defensive touchdown.

On Lafayette's next offensive opportunity Nate Starrett '07's picked off another pass by Maurer. Starrett made a diving pick in Lafayette territory late in the half. The advantage in field position would eventually translate into a 25-yard field goal by Javarone for a 20-0 halftime lead.

The Leopards came out with renewed aggression to open the second half and drove 79 yards for a touchdown.

Terrell returned to the game for Princeton's first drive of the second half, and he gave the offense a spark with another third-down conversion pass to Fields. But Lafayette stood tall and picked off a desperation pass by Terrell at the 3-yard line.

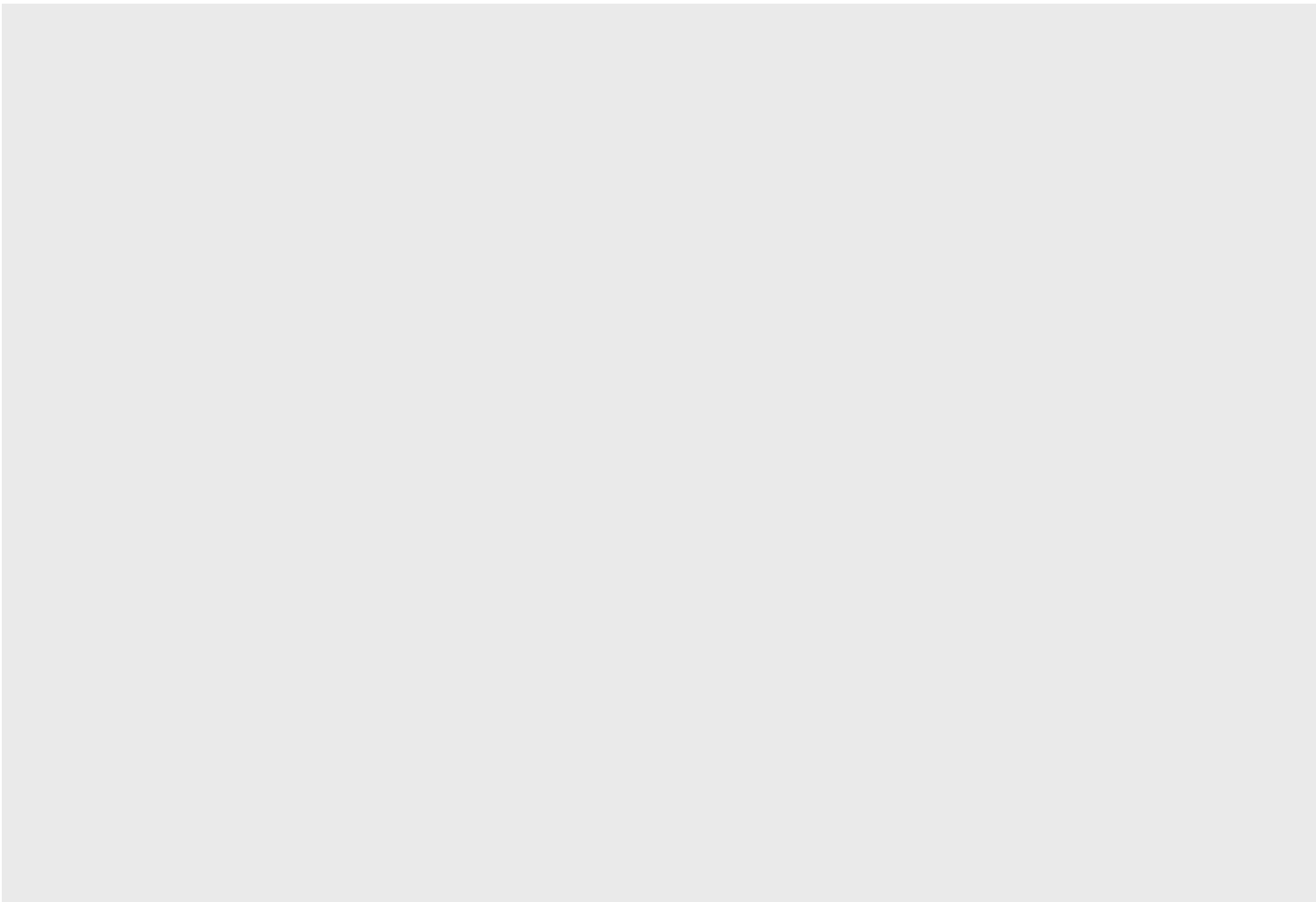
Lafayette drove to the 29-yard line, but a missed field goal allowed Princeton to hold on to its lead. Terrell attempted a deep pass on third down, but it was intercepted and returned to the 40-yard line. From there, the Leopards were able to drive for another TD.

Desperately needing to move the ball on its next drive, Princeton faced an immediate third-and-4 at the 27-yard line. Once again, Terrell found Circle on a quick out for a 13-yard gain. Three plays later, on third-and-9, Terrell hit Circle on an in pattern for another first down. Another three plays later, this time on third-and-short, Kirkland broke through the line for another first down.

Terrell converted again with a quick screen pass to Fields, who followed a block and found the first-down marker. A hold and a false start made another first down nearly impossible, but a catch by Circle and an inside run by Toresco brought the ball to the 20-yard line, and Javarone made the 16-play, nearly 10-minute drive pay off with a 37-yard field goal that split the uprights. The score opened a two-possession lead and returned — temporarily — momentum to the Princeton sidelines.

Lafayette's Larry Johnson returned the ensuing kickoff to the Princeton 23-yard line, and Davis immediately hit Chad Walker on a lob pass to the front left corner of the end zone and in the blink of an eye, the score was cut to 23-21.

Lafayette faced a decision at that point. With 3:28 remaining and all three timeouts, the Leopards chose to kick the ball away and attempt to force a punt. Seven running plays later, including six by Toresco, Lafayette had no way to get the ball back.



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Brown	0 0	1 0
Columbia	0 0	1 0
Cornell	0 0	1 0
Dartmouth	0 0	1 0
Harvard	0 0	1 0
Pennsylvania	0 0	1 0
Yale	0 0	0 1
Sept. 17		
Brown 34.....	Georgetown 3	
Columbia 23.....	Fordham 17	
Cornell 24.....	Bucknell 7	
Dartmouth 26.....	Colgate 21	
Harvard 31.....	Holy Cross 21	
Pennsylvania 41.....	Duquesne 14	
San Diego 17.....	Yale 14	

2005 Results

	PU	Opp.
September		
17	at Lafayette	23 21
24	San Diego	1 p.m.
October		
1	Columbia	1 p.m.
8	Colgate	1 p.m.
15	at Brown	1 p.m.
22	at Harvard	12:30 p.m.
29	Cornell	12 p.m.
November		
5	at Pennsylvania	12 p.m.
12	Yale	1 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

Princeton

vs.

San Diego

1 p.m.

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