

Tiger's Lair

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Fourth-quarter resurgence carries Tiger past Lafayette

If you think Princeton Football's 26-14 win over Lafayette on Saturday wasn't big, think again.

"It's kind of gratifying to see," said Head Coach Roger Hughes before checking his emotions, "the culture change that we've tried to induce around here come to fruition. I couldn't be more proud of this team. In both games that we won they came from behind. We have a lot of work to go, but we cleaned up a lot of mistakes we made in the first game."

While the Tiger used a third-quarter comeback to beat Lehigh the week before, they went into the fourth quarter in front of 8,291 fans at Princeton Stadium on Saturday having to overcome a sub-par third-quarter offensive performance. With the win, Princeton improved to 2-0 and will play at 2-0 Columbia at 1:30 p.m. next Saturday. Lafayette, which had not lost back-to-back games in 10 tries, fell to 2-2.

Jeff Terrell '07 threw two of his three touchdown passes in the fourth quarter,

both to sophomores making their first career scores, as the Tiger overcame a 14-13 third-quarter deficit. Terrell guided the Tiger on back-to-back scoring drives with the hurry-up offense after Lafayette took the lead.

He hit tight end Will Thanheiser '09 on a 14-yard touchdown pass on the first possession of the fourth quarter and running back R.C. Lagomarsino '09 on an outlet pass that became a 49-yard score with 10:58 left.

Terrell also engineered an eight-play, 76-yard drive at the end of the second quarter to answer Lafayette's first touchdown. Terrell hit Brian Brigham '07 — who finished with a game- and career-high six catches for 72 yards — for a 25-yard touchdown strike on the left sideline.

"We weren't going to settle for field goals," Terrell said. "We wanted to show what kind of team we are. I think we were able to get them a little backed up, a little confused with our two-minute offense."

In his second year as a starter, Terrell hit eight different receivers with passes, finished



Frank Wojciechowski/The Princeton Packet
Brian Shields '07 carries in the first half against Lafayette on Saturday night at Princeton Stadium.

with a career-high 261 yards and equaled

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From the President

The Tigers continued to impress with their sense of purpose and will to win in their Saturday night victory over Lafayette, our home opener, and first official game played on the new FieldTurf surface.

With great senior leadership from quarterback Jeff Terrell '07's three touchdown passes, cornerback J.J. Artis '07's two key picks, safety Tim Strickland '07's continued great play, and numerous catches from wide receivers Brian Shields '07 and Brian Brigham '07, the underclassmen, including wide receiver Brendan Circle '08 and running back R.C. Lagomarsino '09, have learned how to win and come up big in key situations.

We've now beaten two top Patriot League teams who were ranked No. 2 and No. 3 in their conference and are perennial Division IAA powers. This bodes well as we prepare to open the Ivy season away at Columbia, a team that has again opened up with two wins.

The large home crowd this week included PFA'er Bill Powers '79, who got to stroll on the new field he made possible. He told the pumped-up student athletes in the post-game locker room how proud he was of their winning attitude and great enthusiasm. Also attending was former captain Ed Weihenmayer III '62, equally as enthusiastic.

It was also great to see many of last year's team return, including Pittsburgh Steelers' practice squadder Jon Dekker '06, Captain

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GAME STATISTICS

PRINCETON 3 10 0 13 26
 Lafayette 0 7 7 0 14

HOW THEY SCORED:

1st Quarter: 7:30, P — FG, Louden, 30.

2nd Quarter: 13:01, P — FG, Louden, 38; 3:08, L — TD, Adair, 16-yard pass from Mauer, Ziska kick; 00:43, P — TD, Brigham, 25-yard pass from Terrell, Louden kick.

3rd Quarter: 1:39, L — TD, hurt, 2-yard run, Ziska kick.

4th Quarter: 13:59, P — TD, Thanheiser, 14-yard pass from Terrell, pass failed; 10:58, P — TD, Lagomarsino, 49-yard pass from Terrell, Louden kick.

	<u>PU</u>	<u>LC</u>
First Downs	21	10
Rushes/Yds	37-109	26-77
Passing Yds	261	129
Comp/Att/Int	20/31/1	12/27/2
Plays/Yards	68/370	53/206
Return Yds	44	164
Punts/Avg	5/42	7/32.7
Penalties/Yds	3/76	5/57
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	0/0
Intercept/Yds	2/0	1/10
Possession Time	34:19	25:41
Attendance:	8,291	

PRINCETON PERFORMANCE

OFFENSE:

RUSHING: Terrell, 8-39; Lagomarsino, 9-37; Brigham, 2-16; Toresco, 10-12; Ploszek, 6-6; Shields, 1-6; Circle, 1- (-7).

PASSING: Terrell, 20-31-1-261, 3 TD.

RECEIVING: Brigham, 6-72, TD; Circle, 5-43; Toresco, 3-32; Lagomarsino, 2-55, TD; Berry, 1-25; Thanheiser, 1-14, TD; Mitchell, 1-12; Shields, 1-8.

DEFENSE:

SACKS (U/A): Methvin, 1/14; Buchignani, 1-2.

INTERCEPTIONS (No./Yds): Artis, 2-0.

TACKLES (U/A): Strickland, 3-4; Song, 4-1; Marshall, 2-3; Hurley, 2-2; Kopolovich, 2-1; Walker, 2-1; Kelleher, 1-2; Boardman, 0-3; Buchignani, 2-0; Artis, 2-0; Gunter, 1-1; Barrie, 1-1; McDonough, 1-1; Koch, 1-1; Stem, J, 0-2; Cerreta, 1-0; Foran, 1-0; Steckel, 0-1; Korn, 0-1; Anderson, 0-1; Ploszek, 0-1; Simnick, 0-1; Meehan, 0-1; McGrath, 0-1; Brigham, 0-1; Kelly, 0-1

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his best with the three touchdowns. He was picked off once. He also rushed eight times for a team-high 51 yards.

“To me, it’s just a natural growth progression for someone that works as hard as he does and someone who has the leadership and character that he does,” Coach Hughes said. “If you look at our team, probably the best analogy that I can give you is (Dick) Kazmaier (’52) standing behind 10 empty helmets because all the team left before that senior year of his. Jeff is a similar situation. His whole offensive line and tight end are gone and now he’s holding the whole thing together.”

Terrell began the comeback and the Tiger defense finished off the Leopards behind J.J. Artis ’07’s two fourth-quarter interceptions. Princeton limited Lafayette to 206 total yards in the game, and, for the second straight week, the Tiger defense came up with some momentum-changing plays.

After Terrell’s pass to Thanheiser, his second career catch, made it 19-14 for Princeton, Lafayette tried a running play on third-and-two at it’s own 42. Tiger linebacker Doorri Song ’08, who had two plays for losses against Lehigh, threw Leopard running back Jonathan Hurt for a 1-yard loss. David Yankovich followed with an 8-yard punt and two plays later Lagomarsino found the end zone.

Terrell hit Lagomarsino with a side-arm pass for 5 yards, but Lagomarsino broke out of one tackle and evaded two other Lafayette defenders to go another 44 yards to break open the game.

“R.C. made an unbelievable run,” Coach Hughes said. “He made a couple of people miss which is the athleticism we expect out of him.”

Artis followed with picks on the next two Lafayette possessions. On the first, Artis caught a pass over his shoulder at the

Princeton 12-yard line. After Princeton’s Rob Toresco ’08 was stripped and the fumble recovered by Lafayette, Artis recorded his second interception of the game, snaring this one in the end zone. After a Princeton punt, Pete Buchignani ’09 and Tom Methvin ’09 recorded sacks to finish off the Leopards.

“With us having the lead, the coaches were telling us they were going to air it out,” Artis said. “I was getting ready to run. I knew they were going to go deep. Shaun Adair, he had a pretty nice game. He was pretty quick, a pretty shifty receiver. I was trying my best to open up and run with him and happened to be in position to make plays on the ball.”

Princeton won for the second straight week by showing it has the ability to rebound from second-half deficits. It’s part of the cultural change that Coach Hughes has been preaching in the last seven years. Getting touchdowns immediately following Lafayette scores held the Leopards’ momentum in check and stoked the Tiger fires.

Princeton scored its first points on its new FieldTurf artificial surface on a 30-yard field goal by Conner Louden ’09 that capped a 12-play drive. Louden followed with a 38-yard field goal in the second quarter for a 6-0 lead that capped a 17-play drive. It was a good start to the day, but the finish was better.

“They have a strong character about them,” Coach Hughes said of his players. “That’s what we’ve been preaching. To see that coming through, these guys will tell me I’m a pretty emotional guy. Did I get choked up? I did. That’s one of my faults. I get choked up.

“It’s because of the pride I have about how much I care about these guys playing at the level they can so they can achieve what they want to do and have those memories the rest of their life. It’s like a father with a son. When your son does well, you’re proud.”

After a second straight comeback win Saturday, there was plenty to be proud of within the Princeton Football family.

President

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Justin Stull ’06, Jay McCareins ’06, and many of their teammates. Please come and join these folks in support of our Tigers. We are making significant progress in re-establishing a tradition of excellence and winning football. We continue to need your generous support, for which I and the winners on this team are truly grateful.

I hope many of you NYC folks can make the game Saturday against Columbia. I look forward to seeing you there and at future Tiger victories!

Go Tigers!

Frank J. Vuono ’78
President/CEO

TIGER PLAYER PROFILES

Why did you select Princeton for your academic and football career?

The opportunity to play football at a very high level while getting the best education in the world.

When you are on the field, who or what inspires you?

My teammates. Making plays that help us win the game is all I think about on the field.

How has the Princeton Football experience prepared you for your future?

I've learned how to balance the challenge of two huge commitments with football and schoolwork, and the ability to have success with both is something that will carry over into the corporate world.

What are your career plans?

Finance in NYC to start.

Ivy Football Association to fete Red Finney

The Ivy Football Association will honor Princeton alumnus Redmond C.S. Finney '51 at its annual dinner in the Grand Ballroom at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in January.

The dinner honors former Ivy Football players who have honored their alma maters through their life achievements. Princeton's Red Finney is the retired headmaster and football coach of the Gilman School, Bal-

timore, Md. He was named an All America football player in 1950.

The dinner, honoring representatives of all eight Ivy institutions, will be held Thursday, Jan. 25, 2007. The event is chaired by Henry C. Higdon, Yale '63, and Jack Ford, Yale '72, will be master of ceremonies.

For more information on the dinner go to www.ivyfootballassociation.org.

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Captains Dinner to honor Billings

F. Tremaine "Josh" Billings '33 will be honored by the Princeton Football Association at the annual Captains Dinner on Friday, Oct. 20. Please reserve the date and plan to attend.

After Princeton, Josh Billings was a Rhodes Scholar who received his medical degree from Johns Hopkins University in 1938. After serving in the U.S. Army in World War II he joined the medical faculty at Vanderbilt University, where he served as dean of medical students from 1960-67. From 1967 to 1975 he was associate dean of Medical Center Programs at Vanderbilt.

The dinner will be held at the Hyatt Regency Princeton, with cocktails beginning at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. Dress will be semi-formal (tie and jacket).

More details on the dinner will be available in upcoming issues of Tiger's Lair and in a separate mailing. For more information call the Princeton Football office at (609) 258-3514 or e-mail inquiries to football@princeton.edu.

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Frank Vuono '78, President

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Pennsylvania	0 0	1 1
Dartmouth	0 0	0 2
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Harvard 38	Brown 21
Yale 21	Cornell 9
Villanova 27	Pennsylvania 20
Columbia 23	Georgetown 21
New Hampshire 56	Dartmouth 14

2006 Results

September	P	Opp.
16 at Lehigh	14	10
23 Lafayette	26	14
30 at Columbia	1:30 p.m.	
October		
7 at Colgate	1 p.m.	
13 Brown	7 p.m.	
21 Harvard	Noon	
28 at Cornell	1 p.m.	
November		
4 Pennsylvania	1 p.m.	
11 at Yale	12:30 p.m.	
18 Dartmouth	1 p.m.	

NEXT WEEK

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at
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1:30 p.m.
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