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Bill Foran '08 eludes Columbia tacklers as he returns a Lion kickoff Saturday at Wien Stadium. Foran returned two kicks for 64 yards.

Princeton moves safely past determined Columbia

By Justin Feil

NEW YORK — Princeton's defense was spectacular on Saturday in leading the Tiger to a 3-0 start with a 19-6 win at Columbia.

The win was the sixth in the Tiger's last seven Ivy League openers, all against the Lions, who slipped to 2-1 overall, 0-1 in Ivy play.

Princeton's offense turned the ball over four times, but the defense more than made up for it. The defense held the Lions to two first downs through the first three quarters, zero conversions out of 11 third-down attempts, limited Columbia to 134 total yards of offense, intercepted a pass and even picked up its first safety since the 1997 season.

"We've played solid all three games," said defensive lineman Mike Meehan '07, who tackled Craig Hormann for the safety as the Lions' quarterback threw the ball out

of the back of the end zone with 3:53 left in the game.

The Tiger defense got a lift from the offense, which built a 14-6 halftime lead on a passing touchdown from Jeff Terrell '07 to tight end Billy Mitchell '09 and a short run by R.C. Lagomarsino '09. Lagomarsino, the sophomore, had his best day as a Tiger with 98 yards on 23 carries and four catches for 35 yards. Terrell was 12 for 20 for 141 yards. He was sacked once and had two interceptions.

"We did not click offensively today," said Princeton Head Coach Roger Hughes. "We've got some work to do there."

Two touchdowns were more than enough to keep Princeton perfect on the season thanks to a stifling defense that quieted 8,845 homecoming fans at Wien Stadium. Princeton had won its last three games at

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From the President

There's nothing like spoiling another team's homecoming, and that's just what the Tigers did against Columbia on Saturday. This game was the epitome of "winning ugly," as the Tigers' complete dominance of the Lions was only interrupted by occasional Princeton miscues, which just seem to happen when we play at Columbia.

In any case, for the third straight year, the Tigers open a season 3-0.

Yesterday the defense was awesome, holding the Lions to five first downs and 23 yards rushing. Running back R.C. Lagomarsino '09 was terrific, as were the Tigers' special teams.

Former players from the '70's will get a kick out of seeing Billy Mitchell '09's name in the box score, as the sophomore tight end scored his first career TD. Yes, that's Bill Mitchell '78's son, Billy.

Checking out Ivy League opponents results would seem to indicate that our Tigers certainly have the opportunity to compete for the Ivy title, but first they will face a tough Colgate team on the road next week. A victory there would give us a 3-0 record against the top three Patriot League teams.

Please plan ahead to attend the first Friday night game in Ivy League history, as the Tigers take on Brown at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13. Also, please plan to attend our annual Captains' Dinner Friday, Oct. 20, as we honor Captain "Josh" Billings '33.

Go Tigers!

Frank J. Vuono '78
President/CEO

GAME STATISTICS

PRINCETON	0	14	3	2	19
Columbia	0	6	0	0	6

HOW THEY SCORED:

1st Quarter: None.

2nd Quarter: **12:29, P — TD, Mitchell, 1-yard pass from Terrell, Louden kick; 5:03, P — TD, Lagomarsino, 4-yard run, Louden kick; 2:54, C — TD, Knowlin, 13-yard pass from Hormann, Rocholl kick.**

3rd Quarter: **3:26, P — FG, Louden, 23.**

4th Quarter: **3:53, P — Safety, Meehan.**

	PU	CU
First Downs	18	5
Rushes/Yds	50-180	13-23
Passing Yds	141	111
Comp/Att/Int	12/20/2	13/31/1
Plays/Yards	70/321	44/134
Return Yds	179	86
Punts/Avg	3/41.3	7/40.9
Penalties/Yds	7/50	6/36
Fumbles/Lost	4/2	1/0
Intercept/Yds	1/0	2/20
Possession Time	40:06	19:46
Attendance:	8,845	

PRINCETON PERFORMANCE

OFFENSE:

RUSHING: Lagomarsino, 23-98, TD; Toresco, 14-39; Terrell, 9-35; Circle, 1-5; Ploszek, 3-3.

PASSING: Terrell, 12-20-2-141, TD.

RECEIVING: Lagomarsino, 4-35; Berry, 3-32; Circle, 2-47; Toresco, 1-15; Shields, 1-11; Mitchell, 1-1, TD.

DEFENSE:

SACKS (U/A): Meehan, 1-0, safety.

INTERCEPTIONS (No./Yds): Walker, 1-0.

TACKLES (U/A): Boardman, 2-3; Marshall, 2-1; Hurley, 2-1; Kellerher, 2-1; Foran, 2-1; Buchignani, 2-0; Terrell, 2-0; Britton, 2-0; Walker, 1-1; Meehan, 1-1; Stem, J., 1-1; Cerreta, 1-0; Kopolovich, 1-0; Callahan, 1-0; Strickland, 1-0; Artis, 1-0; Berry, 1-0; Steckel, 1-0; Song, 0-1; Koch, 0-1.

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Wien by an average of 2.3 points. This win felt more comfortable than the final 13-point spread.

"I've been dreading this game for at least 12 months because of how Columbia plays at home and because of how crazy things happen in this game between Columbia and Princeton," Coach Hughes said. "I credit Columbia's team and coaches, they took us out of some things offensively we wanted to do.

"As I told the team afterwards, the best thing about winning ugly is winning. We have a lot of work to do up front offensively; defensively I thought overall we played very well and our special teams were outstanding."

Three times, Princeton stopped Columbia on fourth-down plays and all 11 times in the game, the defense stopped the Lions on third-down attempts.

The Tiger scored once on offense in the second half. Conner Louden '09's 38-yard field goal hit the left upright and missed in the first possession of the half. But the Orange and Black came back with a 10-play drive, ending with Louden sending a 23-yard field goal through for a 17-6 lead with 3:26 left in the third quarter. Princeton's drive was kept alive by a roughing-the-passer penalty on fourth-and-13.

Princeton did little more on offense the remainder of the half, but the Lions could do nothing, even when given the opportunities by their defense. After Louden's miss, Columbia's next possession ended at its own 25 when Jordan Davis was tackled by five Tigers for a five-yard loss on fourth-and-1.

"Third down gets you off the field, but fourth down you're looking to the sideline to see, OK, where is the punt team," Meehan said. "If they're not coming on, it's, OK, let's strap it up. We have a lot of pride in our defense. Going for it on fourth down, that's all the more exciting than third down."

Columbia's next chance came when Princeton returner Brian Shields '07 had a punt go through his arms. It bounced high and Jason Pyles recovered at the Princeton 36-yard line.

On Columbia's third play, however, Hormann looked to throw a screen to Davis, but Tiger linebacker Brig Walker '07 was step-for-step with Davis and made a juggling interception.

Columbia's defense then made a stop of its own, and the Lions drove into Princeton territory for the first time in the second half. But the Tiger allowed them no farther than its 44 before Tim Strickland '07 defended Hormann's fourth-down pass. Columbia had one more drive that netted six yards before

Meehan registered a safety on the Lions' final possession for a fitting end to a frustrating day on offense for the Lions.

Princeton had chances but could not convert on its first two possessions of the game before its offense finished its next two drives. The Tiger turned the ball over on downs on its first possession after reaching the Columbia 33 when Terrell misfired twice.

Princeton had great field position on its second possession after a 49-yard punt return by Shields. It converted one fourth down before Lions defensive back Andy Shalbrack stepped in front of a Terrell pass for an interception to end the drive at the Lions 22.

Old Nassau, though, put it all together on its third drive to take a 7-0 lead with 10:29 left in the second quarter. Princeton drove 74 yards in 13 plays, overcoming two penalties. Lagomarsino had a 36-yard gain after bouncing off right guard Kyle Vellutato '07 to push Princeton into Lions territory. Princeton went no-huddle when it reached the Columbia three-yard line, and on fourth down, Terrell sent a play-action pass to tight end Mitchell for a one-yard touchdown. Louden's extra point was perfect.

Princeton came right back with another score after a defensive three-and-out. Shields again helped the Tiger start with a short field with a 14-yard punt return.

The Tiger's seven-play drive was a methodical march, featuring six rushing plays. The only pass was a third-down conversion, a gain of 26 on an acrobatic catch by Brendan Circle '08 between two Lion defenders at the Columbia 22. The Tiger moved to the four, where Lagomarsino followed a host of blockers around the left side for a touchdown. Louden's extra point gave Princeton a 14-0 lead with 5:03 left in the half.

Columbia managed its only score of the first half when its defense, which leads the Ivy League in turnovers created, took advantage of its second interception of Terrell and converted quickly. Terrell floated back from his own 22-yard line to attempt a screen pass but his pass went right to Columbia's Phillip Mitchell.

On their first play, Lions quarterback Hormann's fake handoff held Strickland just long enough to allow Austin Knowlin to find an open seam behind him for the 13-yard touchdown completion. Jon Rocholl's conversion attempt hit the left upright and came out to cut Princeton's lead to 14-6 with 2:54 left in the half. The Tiger made sure that mistake did not happen again and made the plays to run its record to 3-0 for the third straight season.

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

After excelling in football, wrestling and lacrosse as a Gilman student, Finney

continued to excel at all three sports at Princeton. In addition to playing center and linebacker on Princeton's undefeated football team of 1950. He was a heavyweight wrestler and was a midfielder on the varsity lacrosse team, being named All American in 1951.

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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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.

Tiger players receive Ivy League honors

Princeton Football players have been honored by the Ivy League for their performances in the season's first two games.

Defensive back J.J. Artis '07, Statonsburg, N.C., was named Ivy Defensive Player of the Week on Sept. 25 for his two fourth-quarter interceptions against Lafayette. In that game he also made two solo tackles, broke up a pass and drew an offensive pass interference call.

Also on Sept. 25, R.C. Lagomarsino '09, Sellersville, Pa., was named to the league's Honor Roll after he scored his first career touchdown on a 49-yard reception in the fourth quarter against Lafayette. Quarterback Jeff Terrell '07, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, was also named to the Honor Roll for his 20 completions, 261 yards passing and three touchdown passes. He also led Princeton with 39 yards rushing.

On Sept. 18, Tim Strickland '07, Cummins, Ga., was named Ivy Defensive Player of the Week for his two interceptions and seven tackles against Lehigh. It was Strickland's 31st straight start for the Tiger.

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Frank Vuono '78, President

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Pennsylvania	1 0	2 1
Yale	1 0	2 1
Brown	0 1	1 2
Columbia	0 1	2 1
Cornell	0 1	1 2
Dartmouth	0 1	0 3

Sept. 30

Rhode Island 28	.....	Brown 21
Cornell 23	.....	Albany 21
Harvard 35	.....	Lehigh 33
Pennsylvania 17	.....	Dartmouth 10
Yale 37	.....	Lafayette 34

2006 Results

September	P	Opp.
16 at Lehigh	14	10
23 Lafayette	26	14
30 at Columbia	19	6
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
Colgate

1 p.m.
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