

Tiger's Lair

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Princeton rallies past Columbia by 27-24

By Justin Feil

NEW YORK — Scott Britton '10 didn't know how big a play he had made until he heard the reaction.

"I heard all the Princeton fans screaming," said the Princeton University linebacker. "I looked and the guy didn't have the ball. It was great hustle by Cart Kelly to get the ball."

With Columbia driving for a potential game-tying field goal, or even a game-winning touchdown, Britton stripped Lions receiver Mike Stephens following his 7-yard catch and Kelly '10 recovered the fumble with 1:32 left in the game.

One first down by the Princeton offense sealed a 27-24 win in its Ivy League opener. Princeton improved to 2-1 overall with its sixth straight win over the Lions in front of 8,733 at Wien Stadium, the fourth win by three points or fewer in that streak. Columbia lost for the 11th straight time and is 0-3 this season.

"I think we showed a lot of heart at the end," said Britton, who equaled Collin McCarthy '09 with 11 tackles to lead the Tiger defense. "When we needed a big play, we



Linebacker Scott Britton '10, at left, forced a Columbia fumble and wide receiver Trey Peacock '11 caught the winning 52-yard touchdown pass on Saturday at Wien Stadium in New York.

got it. When it came down to it, we wanted it more."

Princeton took its final lead in a seesaw game when Brian Anderson '09 hit Trey Peacock '11 on a 52-yard touchdown pass for the three-point lead with 8:39 left in the game. The Lions blocked Connor Loudon '09's extra point to make it interesting. It was Loudon's first missed extra point in 57 career tries, leaving him short of the Princ-

eton record of 59 straight.

"We practice game-winning situations twice a week," said Princeton Head Coach Roger Hughes. "We practice them ad nauseum in our fall camp.

"When we get in these situations, the coaches know what they're going to call. The players know what we're going to call."

It was the third touchdown pass in the game for Anderson, who was an efficient 14-for-19 for 237 yards. He hit three different receivers with his scoring passes, and Jordan Culbreath '10 caught one touchdown and ran for another. Culbreath rushed for just 61 yards on 20 carries, but gained 13 on his final two rushes when the Tiger needed to get one first down to ice the game.

"They knew we were going to run, and we knew we were going to run," Anderson said. "There was pressure. Our offensive line might be lighter, but they moved the line to get us the first down. And Jordan did a great job of finding the hole."

Princeton had to respond early in the game after Columbia took a 7-0 lead on

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From the President

We got off to a good Ivy League start Saturday with an all-too-exciting victory over Columbia to ruin their homecoming for yet another year (you would think by now they would try to play someone else on homecoming weekend). Our student athletes proved their mettle by coming from behind late in the game, and then grinding out first downs in crunch time to cement the win.

Seems like we have genuine stars on offense in QB Brian Anderson '09, wide receiver Will Thanheiser '09, and tailback Jordan Culbreath '10. All three had a huge game and came through time and again in the clutch.

Another emerging star is WR Trey Peacock '11 who had a breakout game and caught a 52-yarder for the winning touch-

down. Unsung heroes were FB Matt Zimmerman '11 in short yardage and TE Joe Magro '09, who had a monster blocking day.

The defense struggled a bit this week as a result of some position switching caused by injuries to our linebacking corps. However, Steve Cody '11 and Scott Britton '10 played well — Britton had the big hit to jar the ball loose on Columbia's final possession and Cart Kelly '10 fell on top of it. The Tigers also came up with some big plays: Pat McGrath '09 and Meko McCray '11 ran down the Lions' fake field goal and stopped it short of a first down. Cody is second in the Ivy League in tackles. Wilson Cates '10 and Dan Kopolovich '10 also played well and brought a lot of enthusiasm and big hits.

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GAME STATISTICS

PRINCETON	14	0	7	6	27
Columbia	7	3	7	7	24

HOW THEY SCORED:

1st Quarter: 11:28, CU — TD, Kelly, 15-yard run, Rocholl kick; 6:20, **PU — TD, Culbreath, 5-yard pass from Anderson, Loudon kick; 0:22, PU — TD, Culbreath, 3-yard run, Loudon kick.**

2nd Quarter: 0:26, CU — FG, Rocholl, 25.

3rd Quarter: **11:31, PU — TD, Thanheiser, 17-yard pass from Anderson, Loudon kick; 7:33, CU — TD, Rangel, 3-yard run, Rocholl kick.**

4th Quarter: 10:35, CU — TD, Davis, 1-yard run, Rocholl kick; **8:39, PU — TD, Peacock, 52-yard pass from Anderson, kick failed.**

	PU	CU
First Downs	14	23
Rushes/Yds	36-108	41-191
Passing Yds	237	221
Comp/Att/Int	14-19-0	20-26-0
Plays/Yards	55-345	67-412
Return Yds	96	107
Punts/Avg	5-36.4	4-40.5
Penalties/Yds	2-10	4-38
Fumbles/Lost	0-0	2-1
Intercept/Yds	0-0	0-0
Possession Time	25:59	34:01
Attendance: 8,733		

PRINCETON PERFORMANCE

OFFENSE:

RUSHING: Culbreath, 20-61, 1TD; Zimmerman, 5-34; Anderson, 7-22.

PASSING: Anderson, 14-19-0-237, 3TD.

RECEIVING: Thanheiser, 7-132, 1 TD; Culbreath, 1-9, 1TD; peacock, 2-86, 1TD; Zimmerman, 1-10.

DEFENSE:

SACKS (No./Yds): McCarthy, 1-8.

INTERCEPTIONS (No./Yds): None.

TACKLES (U/A): McCarthy, 5-11; Britton, 3-8; Cody, 1-9; Kelly, 4-5; Cates, 4-3; Kopolovich, 6-0; Berry, 2-2; Boyer, 2-1; Karacozoff, 2-1; McGrath, 2-0; Buchignani, 1-1; Roque, 1-1; Palmer, 0-2; Gallagher, 0-2; Duvall, 1-0; Wakam, 1-0; Ploszek, 0-1; Peacock, 0-1; Zimmerman, 0-1; Stetler, 0-1; Flaherty, 0-1; Koch, 0-1.

Rallies

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Shane Kelly's 15-yard option keeper to cap a seven-play opening drive.

Princeton answered with an 11-play drive to tie it, 7-7. Matt Zimmerman '11 kept the drive alive twice with third-down runs. Then on third-and-four from the Columbia 5, Anderson lofted a high screen pass to Culbreath, who brought it down with one hand and then lunged into the end zone.

The Tiger took its first lead of the game on its next possession. On the second play, Anderson hit Will Thanheiser '09 down the middle of the field, and the senior receiver cut to the right sideline for a 69-yard gain, the longest offensive play this season for the Tiger. Culbreath scored his second touchdown of the game two plays later on a three-yard plunge up the middle for a 14-7 lead with 22 seconds left in the first quarter.

Columbia ended the first-half scoring when it drove from its own 1 to the Princeton 8. The Tiger defense held, however, to force a 26-yard Columbia field goal that cut the Princeton lead to 14-10.

"We came out hot, and we needed to," Anderson said. "So did Columbia.

"Our first-quarter success goes back to the coaches. The coaches see stuff on film and put it in the game plan."

Princeton opened the second half with a 72-yard scoring drive highlighted by a 34-yard completion from Anderson to Peacock. Four plays later, Anderson slipped out of reach of one Columbia lineman, bought time as he slid to his left and motioned for Thanheiser to move to the end zone, where he lofted the ball to him for a 17-yard touchdown and a 21-10 lead. Thanheiser finished with seven catches for 132 yards, the second straight week he went over 100 yards receiving.

"I saw his defender was in a no-win situation," Anderson said. "I told Will to go long."

The Lions came right back with a 71-yard drive of their own. Kelly completed a pair of passes of 22 yards, including one to Taylor

Help celebrate retirement of Princeton No. 42

The Princeton Department of Athletics, in conjunction with the Princeton Football Association, Friends of Basketball and Princeton Varsity Club, will hold a celebration on Friday, Oct. 24 honoring Dick Kazmaier '52 and Bill Bradley '65 that will culminate in the retirement of the No. 42 at Princeton University.

This distinct occasion will allow Princ-

etonia to move the ball to the Princeton 4. Ray Rangel's three-yard run brought Columbia within four points at 21-17.

The Tiger defense stuffed Columbia's attempt to draw closer on its next possession. The Lions reached Princeton's 22 and lined up for a 39-yard field goal, but Kelly picked up the snap and tried to sweep around the right side for the first down. McCarthy stopped him after a two-yard gain to give the ball back to Princeton.

The Tiger, however, for the second time went three-and-out and the Lions had to drive just 49 yards to take the lead. After a third-down scramble by Kelly and a subsequent late-hit penalty moved the ball to the Princeton 9, Columbia running back Jordan Davis did the rest. He rushed once for eight yards to move it to the 1, then after no gain by Kelly, David dived into the end zone for a 24-21 Columbia lead.

"It was looking pretty grim," Anderson said. "Columbia did a great job of fighting back. ... The momentum swing was huge but we were able to calm their fans down and do the right thing on offense and get a win out of it."

Princeton needed just five plays to regain the lead. Two plays after Anderson found Thanheiser for an 18-yard third-down reception, he hit Peacock in stride for a 52-yard touchdown to make it 27-24 with 8:39 to play. Loudon's extra point was blocked.

Princeton's next possession ended when Anderson was sacked, and Columbia took the ball from its own 18 and drove to the Princeton 39. Shane Kelly hit Stephens with a second-down pass, but Britton caused a fumble and Cart Kelly recovered.

"We needed someone to step up and make a big play," Britton said. "Today it just happened to be me. It could be any of the other 10 different guys out there. ... The bottom line is we got the job done."

Princeton plays at Colgate 1 p.m. Saturday. It will be the third opponent this season that has had two weeks to prepare for the Tiger.

etonia to celebrate the tremendous accomplishments of two special individuals who have personified the student-athlete ideal.

The evening begins with a cocktail reception at 7 p.m., followed by a program that will include remarks from both Dick and Bill at 8 p.m. Formal invitations with more details will be mailed shortly. Be on hand for an event that will be sure to be a special part of Princeton athletic history.

TIGER PLAYER PROFILES

What is your greatest challenge as a Princeton Football player?

My greatest challenge as a Princeton football player has been maintaining a high level of performance no matter the situation. Often there are periods during practice or days during the off-season where I have other things on my mind or I'm not feeling the best and there is a tremendous temptation to take it easy and not improve during that session. However, my mental attitude has adjusted so that no matter how my body feels I am able to clear my thoughts and focus on giving maximum effort during games, practice, and off-season lifting.

Why did you choose Princeton for your athletic and academic career?

I chose Princeton for my academic and athletic career because I relished the idea of being challenged in every area of my life. I knew when I accepted Coach Hughes' offer to come play for the Tigers that I would be competing with and against some of the most talented people in America. This challenge

has made me a better person and athlete because I know I have use all of my talents to perform at my best and constantly improve or risk being surpassed.

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

When I am on the field I am inspired by my teammates. Football is challenging because you have to have 11 people execute their assignments in order to have success. I would be disappointed if I let down my teammates by not knowing what I am supposed to do or I am not prepared to give my best effort every day.

Please tell us about your career plans.

At Princeton I have discovered that I have a passion and talent for politics. I have worked the last two summers in Washington, D.C., and I hope to go back next year and continue working in the public sector. I also plan to study for the LSAT and attend law school.



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Nick Morgan
6-2, 280 pounds
Eden Prairie, Minn.
Offensive Line

Earned all-conference, all-metro and all-state honors as an offensive guard and was named team captain at Eden Prairie H.S. ... team won state title in 2002 ... earned three varsity letters in wrestling, with an 83-46 record ... academic all-state, National Honor Society selection, ExCel Award winner for leadership and community service.

President

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Next week the Tiger plays Colgate away. You can stream the game live at www.goprincetontigers.com. Also, the PFA auction site is now up and running at www.sesportsauction.com/princeton/index.cfm. Please visit the site and make a bid for great football tickets/experiences and golf outings at the top courses in the country.

This week I was thrilled to receive a letter and a generous donation from a long-time contributor to the PFA who had somehow fallen off our radar. This reminded me to ask all of you who receive this newsletter to let us know of any teammates, friends or parents who support the PFA but are not on our mailing list. The donor's cover letter to me also repeated something this gentleman had

written to me some time ago, which is worth repeating here:

"While I never played a down for Princeton, I recognize that the success of the program is essential to student morale, as well as the perception in the eyes of the public and potential applicants that the University is a dynamic institution dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in all fields, including athletics. Moreover, a consistently successful team instills pride in the alumni body and assures the integrity of our diplomas."

I couldn't have said it better.

Go Tigers!

Frank Vuono '78
President

Tiger Football Notes:

The Ivy League named placekicker Connor Loudon '09 the Special Teams Player of the Week for recording his first game-winning field goal when he converted from 32 yards with no time remaining to earn Princeton its 10-7 win over Lehigh. ... Jordan Culbreath '10 was named to the league's weekly Honor Roll for his play against Lehigh. Culbreath carried 20 times for 126 yards and a touchdown. ... With this week's victory at Columbia, Head Coach Roger Hughes is 8-1 against the Lions. ... Linebacker Stephen

Cody '11 entered Saturday's game tied for second in the Ivy League for total tackles. Cody recorded 10 tackles on Saturday while league leader Drew Quinn of Columbia had 13. ... Collin McCarthy '09 came into the tied for second in the league in sacks, with two. He added another against Columbia. He was also ranked sixth in the nation, averaging one sack per game. ... So far this season Princeton has committed only one turnover, and that was on a desperation pass play at the end of the Tiger loss to The Citadel.

... Receiver Will Thanheiser '09 became the first Tiger in 13 games to go over 100 yards in pass receptions when he halled in nine catches for 120 yards. Thanheiser had seven catches for 132 yards and a touchdown against Columbia on Saturday. ... Dan Kopolovich '10 has been a starting member of the Princeton defensive secondary since his freshman year. This season the former all-state quarterback at McKeesport H.S. in McKeesport, Pa., is the Tiger's backup quarterback.

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Frank Vuono '78, President

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

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Cornell 25..... Lehigh 24
 Harvard 27Lafayette 13
 Yale 31 Holy Cross 28, OT
 Pennsylvania 23 Dartmouth 10
 Rhode Island 37 Brown 13

2008 Results

Month	Day	Opponent	PU	OPP
September	20	at The Citadel	24	37
	27	Lehigh	10	7
October	4	at Columbia	27	24
	11	at Colgate		
	18	Brown		
	25	Harvard		
November	1	at Cornell		
	8	Pennsylvania		
	15	at Yale		
	22	Dartmouth		

NEXT WEEK

Princeton
at
Colgate

Oct. 11
1 p.m.

Andy Kerr Stadium
Hamilton, New York