

# Tiger's Lair

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## Pirates' second half conquers Tiger effort

By Justin Feil

When Princeton's Bill Foran '08 took a knee to end the first half on Saturday, all indications were that the Tiger quarterback would have the opportunity to do the same at the end of the fourth quarter.

No. 21 Hampton, however, fed off its opportunistic defense that held the Tiger scoreless in the second half as the Pirates rallied with 34 unanswered points for a 48-27 win in the first meeting between the teams. Princeton held a 27-14 lead at halftime after 20 of its own unanswered points in the second quarter before 15,329 at Princeton Stadium.

"It's a disappointing loss," said Princeton Head Coach Roger Hughes after the Tiger fell to 2-2 overall. "We had them on the ropes, I thought. We have

fourth-and-six inches and it felt like, with a good team here, if we get them down, maybe we put the nail in the coffin."

Even after Princeton's first possession of the second half ended with a Hampton touchdown on an interception return, the Tiger offense still had a 27-21 lead and was moving. Princeton drove deep into Hampton territory, to the Pirates' 1-yard line. Instead of going for a field goal on fourth down to make it a two-score game, Princeton elected to try for the touchdown.

"I felt like we had them on the ropes and if we could get that one score, emotionally it would take a lot out of them," Coach Hughes said. "They kind of clawed back. And the only reason they clawed back was because we threw an interception."

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Frank Wojciechowski/The Princeton Packet  
Quarterback Bill Foran '08 moves to elude a Hampton tackler in the first half on Saturday on Powers Field at Princeton Stadium. Foran gained 60 yards and scored two touchdowns against Hampton.

## *From the President*

Wow! The day was perfect. Summer weather in October in N.J. (you just can't deny global warming these days), an unbelievably charged up crowd and a big-time college band with drum majors and dancers in full regalia, and some wide-open, smash-mouth football on the field.

Unfortunately, the day was ruined by some late Tiger mistakes that the Hampton Pirates converted into touchdowns. Don't take the score at face value though, as this game was dominated for the most part by the Tigers (the Tigers led by 27-14 at halftime and Hampton had the ball for three offensive plays in the third period) who may very well have won had they punched in a fourth and very short attempt for the put-away touchdown. Also keep in mind that Hampton has a strong football tradition, and

is consistently ranked in the top 10 in Division IAA.

The Tiger student-athletes once again put forth a great effort. The coaches took out every play in the playbook and then some, so the other Ivy coaches will have a lot of work preparing to meet this Tiger squad.

Unfortunately, the Tigers go on the road against Brown and Harvard the next two weeks, and this Hampton game may have taken a heavy toll as a few key players were downed in yesterday's game and may be out. We'll see if the depth that has been built up by our strong recruiting the past few seasons pays off in Ivy wins.

I want to congratulate Director of Athletics Gary Walters '67  
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## GAME STATISTICS

**PRINCETON 7 20 0 0 27**  
 Hampton 14 0 7 27 48

## HOW THEY SCORED:

**1st Quarter:** 8:41, H — TD, Morgan, 2-yard run, Turavani kick; **5:53, P — TD, Staser, 19-yard pass from Foran, Louden kick;** 1:31, H — TD, Beverly, 4-yard run, Turavani kick.

**2nd Quarter:** **12:00, P — FG, Louden, 36; 8:50, P — FG, Louden, 21; 4:30, P — TD, Foran, 7-yard run, Louden kick; 1:24, P — TD, Foran, 8-yard run, Louden kick.**

**3rd Quarter:** 13:14, H — TD, Robinson, 80-yard interception return, Turavani kick.

**4th Quarter:** 9:56, H — TD, Morgan, 1-yard run, kick blocked; 4:31, H — TD, Beverly, 2-yard run, Turavani kick; 2:12, H — TD, Beverly, 1-yard run, Turavani kick; 1:00, H — TD, Pope, 65-yard interception return.

	PU	HU
First Downs	22	22
Rushes/Yds	47-204	47-124
Passing Yds	280	229
Comp/Att/Int	18/32/4	18/28/1
Plays/Yards	79/484	75/353
Return Yds	227	290
Punts/Avg	1/43	3/32.3
Penalties/Yds	12/89	8/87
Fumbles/Lost	4/1	2/2
Intercept/Yds	4/199	1/0
Possession Time	33:02	26:58

Attendance: 15,329

## PRINCETON PERFORMANCE

## OFFENSE:

**RUSHING:** Foran, 16-60, 2TD; Culbreath, 4-53; Gunter, 14-53; Lagomarsino, 9-32; Toresco, 3-6.

**PASSING:** Foran, 11-20-2-181 1TD; Mroz, 7-11,-2 99; Berry, 1-0-0.

**RECEIVING:** Thanheiser, 4-82; Toresco, 4-57; Circle, 4-48; Berry, 2-59; Staser, 2-23 1TD; Peacock, 2-11.

## DEFENSE:

**SACKS (U/A):** Methvin, 1-1; Song, 1-0; Callahan, 0-1.

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

**TACKLES (U/A):** Kopolovich, 5-6; Kelleher, 3-7; Callahan, 2-7; Boardman, 3-5; Song, 1-6; McCarthy, 2-4; Williams, 1-4; Methvin, 1-4; Britton, 0-5; Kelly, 3-1; Ploszek, 3-0; Gallagher, 2-1; Buchignani, 0-3; Koch, 0-3; Carter, 1-1; Simnick, 0-2; Stem, 0-2; Stetler, 0-2; Toresco, 1-0; Newell, 0-1; Jackson, 0-1; Pritchard, 0-1; Cates, 0-1; Ayasso, 0-1.

## Conquers

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tion for a touchdown.

"I felt like we had them worn down," he added. "That's the other reason you decide to go for it on fourth. ... We have to find that killer instinct."

On the critical fourth down at the beginning of the fourth quarter, Foran was tripped up by a Hampton lineman as he started to run the option to the left. His pitch to Kenny Gunter '10 bounced off the ground and Gunter slid to retrieve it at the 4.

"We've run it 100 times for touchdowns, and we just missed a block up front," Coach Hughes said.

Hampton then tied the game with a 15-play, 96-yard drive before Matt Murphy '08 blocked the extra point with 9:56 left in the fourth quarter. Princeton turned it over on its next three possessions beginning with a Rob Toresco '08 fumble when Hampton's Marcus Dixon arrived at nearly the same time as the handoff.

The Pirates scored the go-ahead touchdown with 4:31 left. Then, after a tipped ball was intercepted to give them the ball again, the Pirates added an insurance touchdown barely two minutes later. Sam Pope finished off the scoring by adding a 65-yard interception return.

"We lost in a way we shouldn't," Coach Hughes said. "The two losses we've had this year, we've given away the game. And that has to stop."

Princeton will face Ivy opponents the rest of the way as the Tiger looks to repeat as league champion. Hampton, as well as Lehigh and Lafayette, were 2006 league champions that Princeton has faced.

"Any time you play a team like Hampton, who's a perennial powerhouse and champion of their league, you have to elevate your game," Coach Hughes said. "I told our football team, they're a good team and we stood toe to toe and blow to blow with them, and I don't think the final score was indicative of how the game was played.

"I don't think we'll see anyone top to bottom as athletic and big and physical as Hampton. If we can go toe to toe with those guys, I think that bodes well for the rest of our season."

Especially if they play as they did in the first half. Hampton got on the board first, but Princeton tied it with a 68-yard drive that ended with Jake Staser '08 tipping the ball up twice before pulling down a 19-yard touchdown pass from Foran. The Tiger came out of the gates showing an even more innovative offense than usual. Foran lined up at wideout on the first two snaps of the game with Greg Mroz '08 at quarterback.

"Bottom line is, we're just looking for

ways to score," Coach Hughes said. "Because we have such good athletes at quarterback, it just allows us some more opportunities that other teams don't (have).

"We certainly didn't control the line of scrimmage all the time with those guys," he added of the Hampton defensive line. "To be able to move the ball, we had to be creative."

At one point, Foran took a handoff from Mroz and looked to run a sweep before stopping and pitching back to Mroz who looked downfield for a 45-yard completion to Adam Berry '09. That completion failed to cut into Hampton's 14-7 lead at the time when Connor Loudon '09 missed a 22-yard field goal.

But Loudon connected on his next two as Princeton scored on its next four possessions going into halftime. His first, a 36-yarder, came after Pat Gallagher '09 recovered a bad snap by Hampton.

Princeton ended the Pirates' next possession as Tom Methvin '09 sacked T.J. Mitchell and Collin McCarthy '09 recovered Mitchell's fumble at the Hampton 7. The Tiger had to settle for a 21-yard field goal from Loudon to make it 14-13.

"Our red zone production had been outstanding until this game," Coach Hughes said. "If we score (touchdowns) in the red zone, we're not having a conversation about what happened."

Princeton used a pair of quarterback keepers by Foran to build its halftime lead. A 7-yard run up the middle capped a 7-play, 54-yard drive for a 20-14 Princeton lead with 4:30 left in the first half.

The Tiger got the ball back two minutes later and Foran scored on an 8-yard keeper with 1:24 left to finish off a 29-yard drive after Princeton disrupted a Hampton punt. Dan Kopolovich '10 capped the half with an interception in the end zone that followed a sack by Methvin and John Callahan '10.

"We did a good job matching up with them," said Foran, who finished with 181 yards passing and 60 yards rushing. "We came out ready to play. We scored 27 points. You look at the stat sheet, we got in the red zone nine times. We wanted to put this team away. We didn't do it."

The game was played before the largest crowd of the season, 15,329, who were appreciative of the halftime show by the Hampton marching band as well as some scintillating football.

"I'm very proud of how hard our kids played," Coach Hughes said. "I thought it was an unbelievable college football atmosphere. It was like big-time college football. Hopefully that's a glimpse of what this program can bring to this university."

**TIGER PLAYER PROFILES**

**What is the greatest challenge for you as a member of a team defending it's Ivy title?**

The greatest challenge: It is difficult in football to form a team that compliments itself on both sides of the ball that way we did in 2006. This year we have an incredibly talented group but it takes more than talent in this league. Finding the right way to help the team succeed on offense defense and special teams at the right moments is what can create championships.

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

Princeton was an easy choice for me. Academically I knew I would not be given a greater opportunity for my education. Princeton combines a wonderful faculty with a self-motivated student body. Athletically Princeton was clearly the most focused on winning of all the colleges I visited. The facilities and coaching staff are some of the best in the country and they have created an atmosphere in which you can succeed.

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

I come from a football family and being able to perform in front of my parents and my older brother provide a lot of inspiration for me. But more than anything football is a game I love to play and being out there on Saturdays with some of my closest friends is motivation enough to work hard.

**Please tell us about your career plans.**

I have worked two internships in the real estate field and enjoyed them very much. I could see myself pursuing something in that market — that is if the enticing lights of Hollywood and the luxuries of trying to be an actor don't drag me away to California.

**Is there anything about yourself you'd like to share with your fans?**

I want all who support Princeton football to know how much the team has enjoyed playing for this university and thank you for coming out to games and showing sup-



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**Kevin Kelleher  
6-1, 210 pounds  
Ann Arbor, Mich.  
Defensive back**

Earned two letters at quarterback, named team MVP senior year at Ann Arbor Huron High School ... also was track team MVP ... was basketball and track captain.

port. This senior class has experienced both triumph and heartbreak and we look forward to trying to light Canon Green one last time for all of you.



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**Robert Bruesewitz  
6-8, 295 pounds  
Litchfield, Minn.  
Offensive line**

Lettered for three years each in football, basketball and track at Litchfield High School.

**What is the greatest challenge for you as a member of a team defending it's Ivy title?**

I believe that last year other teams may have underestimated us. This year we clearly have the target on our back. We have proven to other teams how good we are, now they will be gunning for us.

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

I chose Princeton because, here I felt that I would be able to challenge myself both on the field and in the classroom. I was offered a few Division I scholarships, these schools however felt like football factories.

Princeton has such a wonderful mix of athletics and academics.

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

Our former O-line coach Stan Clayton. He had such a passion for the game, you couldn't help but be inspired.

**Please tell us about your career plans.**

I would like to obtain a position within the federal government, specifically something involving foreign policy.

**President**

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for scheduling this historic game against Hampton. Those of you who didn't make the game missed quite an experience. The Princeton campus and community saw what football and athletics can do to bring a diverse crowd together as a community.

I encourage all PFA'ers to get to the games. Make sure please to RSVP and attend the Captain's Dinner honoring Bill Powers '79 and the Championship Team of '92 the Friday night before the Yale game. Look for details in this Lair.

Go Tigers!

**Frank Vuono '78**  
*President/CEO*

**PFA CALENDAR**

**Nov. 9**

**Captain's Dinner**

**Hyatt Regency Princeton  
Honoring Bill Powers '79  
and Princeton Football 1992**

**Nov. 19**

**PFA Donald B. Lourie '22  
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	Ivy	Overall		
Yale	2	0	4	0
Harvard	2	0	2	2
<b>PRINCETON</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
Dartmouth	1	1	1	3
Brown	0	1	1	3
Columbia	0	1	1	3
Cornell	0	2	2	2
Pennsylvania	0	1	1	3

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Yale 50	.....	Dartmouth 10
Harvard 32	.....	Cornell 15
Pennsylvania 42	.....	Georgetown 13
Holy Cross 48	.....	Brown 37
Lafayette 29	.....	Columbia 0

### 2007 Schedule

September		PU	OPP
<b>15</b>	<b>Lehigh</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>32</b>
22	at Lafayette	20	14
29	<b>Columbia</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>32</b>
October			
<b>6</b>	<b>Hampton</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>48</b>
13	at Brown		12:30 p.m.
20	at Harvard		12:30 p.m.
<b>26</b>	<b>Cornell</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>p.m.</b>
November			
3	at Pennsylvania		12 p.m.
<b>10</b>	<b>Yale</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>p.m.</b>
17	at Dartmouth		12:30 p.m.

### NEXT WEEK

**Princeton**  
**at**  
**Brown**

**12:30 p.m.**  
**Brown Stadium**  
**Providence, R.I.**

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