

# Tiger's Lair

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**COLGATE 35 PRINCETON 10**

## Injury bug bites Princeton in loss to Colgate Raiders

By Justin Feil

Not much went right for the Princeton Tiger football team Saturday. Not much went wrong for Colgate.

The result was a 35-10 taming by Colgate and, to add injury to insult, Princeton saw several key players miss action with injuries.

"They lined up and kicked our backsides," said Princeton **Head Coach Roger Hughes** after his team slipped to 1-2 this season. "Their offensive line and their defensive line dominated us. We didn't do a good job of picking up their blitzes. We started every offensive series in the first half with a penalty, and that's unacceptable."

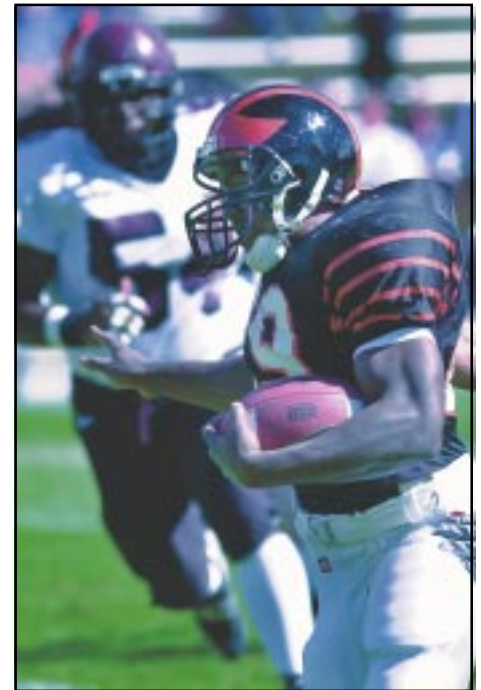
The game statistics told the story. Colgate held the ball almost 10 minutes longer than Princeton, had double the first downs and had 506 yards of total offense to the Tiger's 175. In the first half the Patriot League Raiders, who improved to 3-2,

held Princeton to just one yard rushing on 15 carries. The Tiger had seven penalties in the game that accounted for 56 yards.

And, as in the loss to Lehigh, Princeton didn't appear to be in such trouble in the early going. But the Tiger also didn't look as good as it did a week ago in a 44-11 win over Columbia.

"The first thing I talked about last Sunday is we have to put two good weeks of practice as well as two good games back-to-back," Coach Hughes said. "We had yet to do that, and we still have yet to do that. We've got to teach these kids how to do it. These kids have to learn how to do it. These kids are going to learn how to do it. We're going to figure it out."

"There are enough people that are disappointed right now and embarrassed by our play, and those are the players I'm talking about. We're not going to point fingers and we're not going to blame anyone. We're not accepting that level of play out there."



Frank Wojciechowski/The Princeton Packet  
**Cameron Atkinson '03 led Princeton rushers Saturday with 51 yards and one touchdown against Colgate at Princeton Stadium.**

Princeton scored first after **Blake Perry '03's** interception gave the Tiger offense the ball at the Raider 31. Princeton didn't  
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### *From the President ...*

With the football season well under way I want to remind everyone that the **Princeton Football Association's** request for financial support is also into full swing. I ask everyone to be as generous as possible because we cannot sustain the mission of the Association without your participation.

**Anthony DiTommaso '86**, chairman of the Golf Classic, wanted me to announce that he has secured July 22, 2002, as the date for our annual golf fundraising event. He has done a spectacular job in building this into an event that not only raises money for the Association but also brings our members back for a very enjoyable day of friendly competition on the

course and renewing friendships on the course and off.

My final housekeeping item is to let you know that we are continuing our fundraising for the locker project. We will be sending a mailing in the near future updating everyone on the status of that project and the lockers that are available for sponsorship. We had a very good response to our first mailing and need to complete the project this year. Please look for that mailing.

Thanks for your help in the past and in the future.

**Stanislaw Maliszewski '66**

## GAME STATISTICS

<b>PRINCETON</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>
Colgate	0	21	7	7	35

## HOW THEY SCORED:

1st Quarter: **4:56, P — FG, Northrop, 33.**

2nd Quarter: 10:04, C — TD, Kobelski, 3-yard run, Schwarzborg kick; 8:26, C — TD, Parker, 60-yard pass from McCune, Schwarzborg kick; 0:10, C — TD, Kobelski, 1-yard pass from McCune, Schwarzborg kick.

3rd Quarter: **1:13, P — TD, Atkinson, 16-yard run, Northrop kick.**

4th Quarter: 1:25, C — TD, Branch, 10-yard run, Schwarzborg kick.

	PRI	CU
First Downs	13	27
Rushes/Yds	27-63	54-241
Passing Yds	112	265
Comp/Att/Int	11/28/1	19/26/1
Return Yds	94	40
Punts/Avg	8/36.1	3/41.7
Penalties/Yds	7/56	7/76
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	1/0
Intercept/Yds	1/18	1/12
Possession Time	25:11	34:49

Attendance: 12, 304

## PRINCETON PERFORMANCE

## OFFENSE:

**RUSHING:** Atkinson, 12-51; Veach, 1-16 ; Splithoff, 13(-1);

Danielewicz, 1(-3).

**PASSING:** Splithoff, 9-22-107;

Danielewicz, 2-5-5; Mroz, 0-1, 1

INT.

**RECEIVING:** Chiusano, 2-25;

Lindell, 2-20; Morrison, 1-25;

Szymanski, 1-13; Opara, 1-9;

Atkinson, 1-9; Schottel, 1-4; Veach,

1-2.

## DEFENSE:

**SACKS:** Jackman, 1-0.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Perry, 1-18.

**TACKLES** (unassisted-assist):

Perry, 4-7; Currey, 5-5, Farrell, 3-6;

Keasey, 3-5; Weiss, 0-7; Kongslie,

4-2; Jackman, 4-2; Simbi, 2-4;

Babinecz, 2-4; Kirby, 0-6;

McCareins, 3-2; Micsky, 2-3; Scott,

2-1; Story, 2-0; Szymanski, 1-0;

Pilcher, 1-0; Jameson, 1-0;

Withrow, 1-0; Baird, 1-0; Ganter, 0-

1; Bryant, 0-1.

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make it far, 15 yards in seven plays, before Taylor Northrop '02 connected on a 33-yard field goal with 4:56 left in the first quarter to give Princeton a lead that held up through the end of the quarter. It was Northrop's 12th consecutive field goal made, dating back to last season.

"On the defensive side of the ball, the first half I thought we played very well," Coach Hughes said. "They gave us a chance to score, got us down in there and we came away with three points. We're going to get that ironed out."

Adding to the concern was seeing Princeton's **Chisom Opara '03** carried off on a stretcher after a 9-yard catch on the first play of the drive. The Tiger receiver was hit by three Colgate defenders as he came down with the reception. After precautionary X-rays, he returned to the sidelines in street clothes. He has a sprained neck, but his status for next Saturday's game at Brown is unknown, according to Coach Hughes.

Things quickly got away from Princeton as Colgate showed its defensive quickness and strength and put its offense into gear in the second quarter. The Raiders scored touchdowns on their final three possessions to open a 21-3 half-time lead.

"We lost our poise a little bit," Coach Hughes explained. "We lost a bit of our emotion when we didn't score the touchdown when we got inside there and they came back. And the other thing is they were on the field a lot first half."

"For us to play well, we have to stay fresh," the coach said. "They certainly wore us out. I thought offensively we didn't get anything going to help keep our defense off the field nor did we do anything to generate points."

On the Raiders' first scoring drive, Princeton lost another key player as **Joe Weiss '04** went down with a fractured left fibula and he is expected to miss the remainder the season, a huge blow to an already young Tiger defensive line. His injury came near the end of Colgate's 13-play, 79-yard drive that gave Colgate a 7-3 lead.

The score would not stay close for long. After Northrop recovered a high snap on fourth down, his low punt gave Colgate the ball at the Raider 40. Colgate made it 14-3 with one play, a 60-yard strike down the middle of the Princeton defense.

Princeton's next drive stalled at the Colgate 44 and a punt pinned the Raiders at their own 11. Colgate proceeded to use 3:26 to move 89 yards and scored on a 1-yard rollout pass. The extra point made it 21-3 with 10 seconds left in the first half.

Coach Hughes recounted what he told his team at half time: "I said, 'We have to get up and compete. I don't think we're competing right now. I don't think we're playing as hard as we can every snap. We can't do anything about the first half. All we can control is the second half. Let's go out and play every snap as hard as we can, forget about what the score is and let's look to get better this week.'

"There's growth as the season goes along, so we knew we'd have to do that as a coaching staff — grow as the season goes on. You hope your learning curve is steep. Today, our learning curve was shallow."

Colgate took the opening kick of the second half and marched 80 yards in 10 plays to make it 28-3.

Princeton responded with its most balanced drive, as the running game finally got going. Princeton had recorded one net yard on 15 rushes in the first half, but **Cameron Atkinson '03** picked up 19 yards, the longest rush of the game for Princeton, down the right sideline to move the Tiger into Colgate territory. Atkinson covered the last 16 yards of Princeton's 70-yard, 10-play drive as he bounced off two would-be tacklers for the first Tiger touchdown of the game. Northrop's extra point cut the Colgate lead to 28-10 with 1:13 to play in the third quarter.

Colgate added a score with just 1:25 to play in the game on a 10-yard run.

Princeton quarterback **David Splithoff '04** was 9-for-22 for 107 yards while Atkinson was the leading rusher with 51 yards on 12 carries.

Princeton linebacker **Chris Roser-Jones '02** did not suit up for the game because of a hamstring injury he suffered in practice, and starting safety **Brandon Mueller '04** was kept out of the game due to a separated shoulder. Both Roser-Jones and Mueller are hopeful for next week and Coach Hughes hopes that Princeton can return to winning, and winning ways.

"There's a mental toughness to this game that we have to acquire," the second-year head coach said. "We had it last week, so we know we can do it. For some reason this week we didn't have it."

## TIGER PLAYER PROFILES

## As A Princeton Football player, what — or who — motivates you?

During the past three years here, I would say that I am most heavily motivated by a little piece of metal. It is the reason that I have lived here on campus for the past two summers working out with Coach Flemming every morning, and it is the reason that I've stayed out on the practice field late at night after most others have gone home. I would say that now, in my senior season, I would do absolutely anything to join the group of former Princeton players who wear a championship ring.

## As a senior player, what advice do you have for this year's freshmen?

Tough it out. Stay with the program and in the end you will be rewarded. In four years, you will find that at some point you will certainly have bad days, and you may feel like it's worthless to continue. You just have to make certain that those feelings don't last very long. My recruiting class here has lost a lot of great players over the years, but I firmly believe that everyone who has remained has been rewarded with a tremendous experience and will be rewarded for years to come with a great sense of pride that they are part of Princeton's incredible football tradition.

## What lessons from Princeton Football will you take with you into the future?

To remain focused and dedicated regardless of the situation. Last season, for ex-



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## Brian Danielewicz '02

Beverly Hills, Mich.  
6-3, 200 pounds  
Quarterback

An economics major, Brian is the son of a former Michigan State football player. ... At Groves High School he was class president and president of the National Honor Society. ... He was football captain in his senior year and two-time track captain. ... He lettered in football, basketball and track and field. ... Last season he completed 29 of 47 passes for 334 yards and one TD.

ample, there were points when I was the fourth quarterback. It appeared that I would never step on the field. However, the fall is a long season and you never know exactly how fate will run its course. Therefore, even in those early days when I was further back on the depth chart, I did my best to stay focused, and in the end it payed off. Due to several unfortunate injuries, I ended up starting two games against two of our big-

gest rivals. And I would say that those two Saturdays are possibly the greatest experiences of my life.

## Career plans:

Right now, I am uncertain about where I would like to begin my career. I am an economics major and have spent the past two summers working with Morgan Stanley and Merrill Lynch. They were both incredible experiences and I met some great people who have convinced me that life in the financial world will be extremely rewarding. However, I also have a great passion for football and have been thinking about attaining an MBA while working as a graduate assistant football coach.

## Fans may donate to disaster relief fund

Fans who purchased tickets to the Sept. 15 Princeton vs. Lafayette football game that was canceled have three options. Princeton also announced that fans at upcoming games will not be permitted to bring backpacks, bags, coolers or other such containers into Princeton Stadium.

Fans have the following options regarding their Princeton vs. Lafayette tickets:

- Obtain a "refund receipt" by presenting their Princeton vs. Lafayette tickets to a ticket office representative by Nov. 16. This can be done via mail, at the Jadwin Gymnasium ticket office or by visiting a designated Princeton Stadium "refund" window during a football game. Refund checks will be issued in late November.

- Exchange their tickets for another home football game — Cornell (Oct. 27) or Yale (Nov. 10).

- Donate the cost of their tickets to the American Red Cross' Liberty Fund to benefit the victims of the Sept. 11 attack. The donation will be made in the ticket holder's name and is tax deductible. Ticket holders do not need to respond to select this option.

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Stanislaw Maliszewski '66, *President*

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Lehigh 38 ..... Cornell 28  
Brown 40 ..... Fordham 23  
Lafayette 31 ..... Columbia 14

**Oct. 7**  
Dartmouth 32 ..... Yale 27

**Schedule, Oct. 13**  
Harvard at Cornell, 1 p.m.  
Dartmouth at Holy Cross, 1 p.m.  
Fordham at Yale, 1 p.m.  
Penn at Columbia, 1 p.m.

### 2001 SCHEDULE

		<u>P</u>	<u>Q</u>
<b>September</b>			
22	at Lehigh	10	34
<b>29</b>	<b>Columbia</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>October</b>			
<b>6</b>	<b>Colgate</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>35</b>
13	at Brown	Noon	
20	at Harvard	1 p.m.	
<b>27</b>	<b>Cornell</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>	
<b>November</b>			
3	at Pennsylvania	12:30 p.m.	
<b>10</b>	<b>Yale</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>	
17	at Dartmouth	12:30 p.m.	

### NEXT WEEK

**Princeton**  
**at**  
**Brown**  
*Noon*  
*Oct. 13*  
**Brown Stadium**  
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