

Tiger's Lair

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Princeton rallies for overtime victory

HAMILTON, N.Y. — Another fourth-quarter rally, led by a brilliant performance by quarterback Jeff Terrell '07, and a critical two-point stop by Tom Methvin '09 on the final play of overtime sent the No. 22 Princeton football team to a thrilling 27-26 win at Colgate.

The win improves Princeton to 4-0 for the first time since 1995 and gives the Tiger its first 3-0 record against the Patriot League since 1997.

A missed Colgate field goal on the final play of regulation forced overtime, and Princeton lost the coin toss before overtime. That sent Terrell and the offense on the field, and following an incompleteness, Terrell hit Adam Berry '09, who tipped the ball to himself and caught it for nine yards. A third-down stop forced a decision by Head Coach Roger Hughes, who called a timeout after first sending in the field goal unit.

"At first, I thought it was a yard and a half," Coach Hughes said, "but Terrell told me it was only inches. I looked him in the eye and he promised me he would pick up the first down."

Terrell did pick it up, then hit Rob Toresco '08 on a rollout pass to the 5-yard line. Terrell kept on an option to pick up the first down, then called his own number on a keeper. He dragged one Colgate defender into the end zone with him, and the PAT by Conner Loudon '09 gave Princeton a 27-20 lead.

Colgate came right back and scored in two plays. A swing pass went to Jordan Scott, who scored from 26 yards out. This time it was Colgate coach Dick Biddle who was forced to make a decision. He sent out his offense to go for two and called a quarterback keeper. Splitting most of his skill players out right, quarterback Mike Saraceno ran a draw play directly into the arms of Methvin, who stood him up on the spot to end the game.

"The coaches talk about staying home," Methvin said. "I was just doing my job on



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R.C. Lagomarsino '09 eludes Colgate tacklers on Saturday at Andy Kerr Stadium in Hamilton, N.Y. The sophomore carried 14 times for 39 yards against the Raiders.

that play. Anytime somebody goes for a two-point conversion, we see that as a challenge, and we were ready for anything."

Princeton showed toughness and character again by overcoming its own miscues, especially turnovers and penalties, to gain the win. Terrell threw for a career-best 293 yards to move into 10th place on the all-time Princeton passing list. He threw a touchdown pass to Brendan Circle '08 and ran in his own score in overtime. Circle caught four passes for 116 yards, giving the Tiger its first 100-yard receiver in a game since Greg Fields '06 did it October 2004.

R.C. Lagomarsino '09 led the rushing attack with 39 yards. Although he had a

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From the President

As my former roommates were giving me the play-by-play from Colgate, I was screaming, "The Tigers win! Break up the Tigers!" People in the NYC area thought I was yelling about Detroit, but that's another story. Our Princeton Tigers went to 4-0 for the first time since '95, and won their sixth in a row on the road for the first time since '65.

I've been telling you how special these student athletes are, and they proved me right again. Senior quarterback Jeff Terrell '07 continued his strong play and leadership, including convincing Coach Hughes to go for a critical first down on fourth and short in overtime. Placekicker Conner Loudon '09 was clutch, and sophomore punter Ryan Coyle '09 filled in admirably for injured Colin McDonough '07.

The defense dominated often, with defensive end Tom Methvin '09 making the crucial stop on Colgate's quarterback draw attempt for the two-point conversion in overtime, sealing our victory.

After going 3-0 against the best the Patriot League has to offer, I'm sure the Tigers will improve on their No. 22 NCAA I-AA ranking. However, now it's time to take on the rest of the Ivy League, starting this week with Brown in the first ever Friday night game in Ivy history. The game will be nationally televised on ESPNU, but I urge anyone in flying distance to get here for this big game and root on this

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GAME STATISTICS

PRINCETON 0 10 7 3 7 27
Colgate 7 6 0 7 6 26

HOW THEY SCORED:

1st Quarter: 11:29, C — TD, Saraceno, 1-yard run, Stein kick.

2nd Quarter: 11:33, P — TD, Circle, 33-yard pass from Terrell, Louden kick; 8:05, P — FG, Louden, 35; 1:36, C — TD, Scott, 1-yard run, kick failed.

3rd Quarter: 3:49, P — TD, Toresco, 1-yard run, Louden kick.

4th Quarter: 6:20, C — TD, Saraceno, 2-yard run, Stein kick; 4:02, P — FG, Louden, 34.

OT: P — TD, Terrell, 4-yard run, Louden kick; C — TD, Scott, 26-yard pass from Saraceno, rush failed.

	PU	CU
First Downs	22	16
Rushes/Yds	38-104	45-123
Passing Yds	293	236
Comp/Att/Int	17/32/0	14/26/0
Plays/Yards	70/397	71/359
Return Yds	113	86
Punts/Avg	5/34.2	7/39.9
Penalties/Yds	3/25	4/45
Fumbles/Lost	4/2	0/0
Intercept/Yds	0/0	0/0
Possession Time	27:07	32:53
Attendance:	4,220	

PRINCETON PERFORMANCE

OFFENSE:

RUSHING: Lagomarsino, 14-39; Toresco, 7-32, TD; Ploszek, 2-22; Terrell, 13-6; Kirkland, 2-5.

PASSING: Terrell, 17-32-0-141, TD.

RECEIVING: Circle, 4-116, TD; Brigham, 4-47; Toresco, 3-44; Staser, 2-35; Berry, 2-25; Shields, 1-18; Lagomarsino, 1-8.

DEFENSE:

SACKS (U/A): None.

INTERCEPTIONS (No./Yds): none.

TACKLES (U/A): Boardman, 6-6; Walker, 4-4; Koch, 4-1; Song, 3-2; Hurley, 2-3; Marshall, 3-1; Stem, J., 2-2; Steckel, 3-1; Strickland, 2-1; Methvin, 2-1; Artis, 2-0; Kelleher, 2-0; Simnick, 2-0; Buchignani, 2-0; Callahan, 1-0; McGrath, 1-0; Foran, 1-0; Anderson, R., 1-0; Britton, 1-0; Ploszek, 1-0; Terrell, 1-0; Gunter, 0-1; Cerreta, 0-1.

Rallies

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pair of fumbles, he also had key runs at crucial times that helped the offense stay in flow. Toresco ran the ball seven times for 32 yards and scored on a 1-yard run in the third quarter.

The defense, which allowed only two of 14 third-down conversions to Colgate, was led by Tim Boardman '08's 12 tackles, including six solo stops. Brig Walker '07 added eight tackles, including three for loss, while Jake Marshall '07 had two tackles for loss among his four stops. Three players had five tackles, including Tom Hurley '09, who added a pair of pass break-ups.

The opening of the game was not ideal for Princeton, as Lagomarsino took a sweep to the right side of the line but was stripped by Ryan Keller. The ball squirted free and was picked up by Chris Epko, who appeared to have a free pass to the end zone, but wide receiver Brian Brigham '07 dragged him down from behind.

Colgate got into the end zone anyway on a bootleg to the right side.

Princeton's offensive possessions resulted in punts the rest of the first quarter. Penalties and misplayed shotgun snaps hurt the Tiger throughout the quarter, but the offense was able to gain enough yards to get even in the battle for field position. Ryan Coyle '09 took over the punting duties Saturday after three-time All-Ivy punter Colin McDonough '07 was injured in practice this week.

Mark Paski '10 helped the Tiger avoid disaster on the final play of the first quarter. A tackle by Nate Johnson forced a Terrell fumble, which rolled back to the Princeton 5-yard-line. Paski dove and recovered the ball before Colgate could get to it.

Lagomarsino took the first handoff of the next drive 33 yards to the Colgate 47-yard line, and Terrell followed with a 14-yard strike to Toresco. Running a no-huddle offense, Terrell found Circle directly down the middle of the field for a 33-yard score.

Following a kickoff eight yards into the end zone by Matt Lichtenstein '10, the defense built on the momentum with a quick three-and-out.

Terrell quickly put the offense back in motion, hitting Brigham on an out pattern and then finding Circle on a similar seam pattern to the Colgate 17-yard line. The Raiders held there, but Louden booted a 33-yard field goal to put Princeton ahead 10-7. The kick was held by Chris Lee '07, who replaced McDonough in that role.

Scott carried Colgate on its next possession with several positive rushing attempts, mostly through the middle or right side of the line. Rob Anderson '07 made a key third-and-short stop at the 21-yard line,

but Saraceno got the first down on a keeper off the right side. Scott finished the drive by going off the left side of the line for the touchdown.

A strong rush by Bill Foran '08 forced Jacob Stein to push his kick to the outside left of the uprights, and Princeton went into the half trailing 13-10.

On the Tiger's first second-half possession, Terrell hit Berry on third-and-nine for 16 yards, then quickly followed with a rollout completion to Jake Staser '08. An option to Toresco brought the Tiger to the 15-yard-line, but Princeton would only gain two more yards. Louden's 30-yard field goal attempt was blocked by Ryan Keller, the first blocked field goal against Princeton since 1999.

A defensive stand gave Princeton the ball back, and a second-effort surge by Toresco on fourth-and-one put the ball at the Colgate 40. Nifty footwork by Brigham on a quick out moved the ball to the 22. A third-down draw to Pete Ploszek '09 surprised the Colgate defense, and hard-nosed running by the sophomore brought the ball to the 1-yard line. Terrell and Toresco did the rest, scoring on an option to the right side. Louden's extra point gave the Tiger a 17-13 lead.

After another defensive stop, the Tiger offense worked its way to the Colgate 6, but Lagomarsino was stripped and Colgate took over at its 17.

The Tiger defense held after the fumble, but the offense could not drive, and Colgate got a 41-yard pass down to the 1-yard line. Saraceno again did it with his legs, scoring on a two-yard run to give Colgate a 20-17 lead with 6:20 remaining in the game.

Brigham returned the ensuing kickoff to the 35-yard line, and Princeton went back into its no-huddle offense. Terrell hit Circle down the middle to the 45, and then kept it for nine more yards. An 18-yard crossing pattern to Brian Shields '07 got the ball inside the red zone, but Colgate stiffened at that point and forced Louden, in only his fourth start, to kick a pressure-packed 34-yard field goal. The sophomore was up to the effort and drilled the attempt with 4:07 left.

A good kickoff return and 15-yard penalty gave Colgate the ball at the Princeton 45-yard line. Colgate converted on a fourth-and-short to get the ball at the Princeton 33, and then Kenny Parker caught a pass for 11 yards. With the ball on the 22, Scott went backwards twice on tackles for loss by Walker and Boardman, and Stein was forced to attempt a 38-yard field goal with seconds remaining, but the kick was well off its mark and overtime commenced.

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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, 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.

Ivy League honors two Tiger players

Two Princeton Football players earned recognition from the Ivy League for their play in the Tiger's 19-6 victory over Columbia on Sept. 30.

Running back R.C. Lagomarsino '09 (Sellersville, Pa.) was named to the league's weekly Honor Roll. He led Princeton with 23 rushes, 98 yards rushing and four receptions. He also scored his first career rushing touchdown,

Defensive lineman Mike Meehan '07 (West Chester, Pa.) also was named to the league's Honor Roll. He iced the win for the Tiger with a safety in the fourth quarter. He had two tackles, including a sack in the end zone for a two-yard loss.

The Princeton defense held Columbia to 0-11 on third down conversions.

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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great Tiger squad.

Most of you should have received an invitation to our Captain's Dinner honoring Captain Josh Billings '33 Friday,

Oct. 20, Harvard weekend. Please plan to attend this special evening in celebration of the special brotherhood of Tiger football. Go Tigers!

Frank Vuono '78

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Pennsylvania	1 0	3 1
Brown	0 1	1 3
Columbia	0 1	3 1
Cornell	0 2	1 3
Dartmouth	0 2	0 4

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Harvard 33	Cornell 23
Pennsylvania 34	Bucknell 24
Columbia 24	Iona 0
Holy Cross 35	Brown 30
Yale 26	Dartmouth 14

2006 Results

September	P	Opp.
16 at Lehigh	14	10
23 Lafayette	26	14
30 at Columbia	19	6
October		
7 at Colgate	27	26 OT
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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vs.

Brown

7 p.m. Friday
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