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Harvard holds off determined Tiger team

By Steve Craig

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Princeton kicker **Taylor Northrop '02** stood, hands on hips, staring at the spot where his field goal attempt had landed, not believing that it hooked wide left.

Northrop's miss from 49 yards with seven seconds remaining allowed Harvard to survive uncharacteristic turnovers and critical injuries to beat Princeton, 28-26, Saturday at Harvard Stadium in front of 9,326.

"I never really watch my field goals go through the uprights," said Northrop, who had bombed through kicks of 43 and 42 yards in the first half. "I looked down for about a half-second and was thinking, 'Yes, that felt good. I thought I had made it. I am stunned.'"

Princeton is 1-4 and 1-2 in the league, now two games behind Ivy League leaders Harvard and Penn.

Princeton was hurt by 10 penalties and

some botched plays, notably a bad snap in a shotgun formation that resulted in a 12-yard loss that took Princeton out of field goal range in the third quarter. Still, Tiger **Head Coach Roger Hughes** said he felt his team, which features 19 freshmen or sophomores among its first and second units, showed improvement.

"Physically and emotionally we got better today," Coach Hughes said.



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David Splithoff '04 outpaces two Harvard defenders Saturday at Harvard Stadium.

"We played a full 60

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From the President ...

During the course of a game certain things can strike a player that can make him pause and reflect on the moment. That moment can stay with you for the rest of your life.

One such moment occurred for me at the Harvard game in Cambridge my sophomore year. It was my first Big Three game. As we know, Harvard Stadium is the oldest collegiate stadium in the country. The stadium has been the sight of many classic contests between Harvard and Princeton. In fact, Harvard Stadium was responsible for the introduction of the forward pass.

That Harvard game in 1963 was cold, wet and dark. We were in the half-time room underneath the stadium twice — just before the beginning of the game and at half-time. That day it was a dark, damp and dingy room. You could hear and feel the

crowd overhead. It was a small room, really not big enough for our squad. There was a feeling about the space that was overpowering. It was almost as if we were in the womb before we went out onto the field.

I was struck by the starkness of the space and the commotion all around us. What I thought about was the many players that had been in that room before me and the many players that would follow. We were all part of a long line. I always had that feeling every time I was underneath Palmer, Harvard Stadium or the Yale Bowl. There was something special about that experience and the fact that others would have it many years after.

To me, being part of that long line of competitors is one of the special things about representing Princeton.

Stanislaw Maliszewski '66

GAME STATISTICS

PRINCETON	3	17	0	6	26
Harvard	7	7	7	7	28

HOW THEY SCORED:

1st Quarter: 8:10, H — TD, Staph, 1-yard run, Blewett kick; **1:01, P — FG, Northrop, 43.**

2nd Quarter: **9:05, P — TD, Chiusano, 9-yard pass from Splithoff, Northrop kick; 7:23, P — TD, Atkinson, 7-yard run, Northrop kick; 2:02, P — FG, Northrop, 42.**

3rd Quarter: 5:06, H — TD, Rose, 3-yard run, Blewett kick.

4th Quarter: 13:33, H — TD, Morris, 13-yard pass from Fitzpatrick, Blewett kick; **10:32, P — TD, Atkinson, 27-yard run, pass failed.**

	PRI	HU
First Downs	14	20
Rushes/Yds	39-132	45-151
Passing Yds	219	296
Comp/Att/Int	18/27/0	20/28/3
Return Yds	141	107
Punts/Avg	7/41	4/28.8
Penalties/Yds	7/60	6/31.3
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	1/1
Intercept/Yds	3/59	0/0
Possession Time	28:13	31:47
Attendance: 9,326		

PRINCETON PERFORMANCE

OFFENSE:

RUSHING: Atkinson, 20-83; Splithoff, 12-29; Bryant, 2-27; Bowden, 2-4; Veach, 1-2 ; Schottel, 1-0; Team, 1-(-13).

PASSING: Splithoff, 18-27-219, 1 TD;

RECEIVING: Opara, 6-111; Atkinson, 4-25; Schottel, 3-22; Lindell, 2-43; Chiusano, 1-9, 1 TD; Bryant, 1-6; Morrison, 1-3.

DEFENSE:

SACKS (No./Yds): Pilcher, 1-0; Farrell, 1-0; Jackman, 1-0.
INTERCEPTIONS (No./Yds): Simbi, 2-19; Roser-Jones, 1-40.
TACKLES (U/A): Mueller, 10-0; Farrell, 6-0; Perry, 5-1; Roser-Jones, 5-0; Keasey, 5-0; Kirby, 4-1; Babinecz, 4-1; Simbi, 4-0; Snyder, 3-1; Jackman, 2-1; Brown, 2-0; Scott, 2-0; Currey, 2-0; Micsky, 2-0; Kelly, 2-0; Jameson, 1-0; Browne, 1-0; Szymanski, 1-0; Pilcher, 1-0; Kongslie, 1-0; Stevenson, 1-0; Releford, 1-0.

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minutes this week and that's a step in the right direction for us."

The Tiger had a chance to tie the game after **Cam Atkinson '03's** 27-yard scoring run with 10:32 to play in the game had cut the Harvard lead to 28-26. On the two-point conversion attempt, quarterback **David Splithoff '04** rolled left, looking for tight end **Mike Chiusano '03**. Harvard cornerback Willie Alford, sticking in a zone defense, rolled with Splithoff and was able to leap and knock down the pass.

"I had that pass called before we even started the drive. When we had huddled for the kickoff I told them, we're going to score and here's the two-point play we'll run to tie it," Coach Hughes said. "We expected to get man coverage, though, and they had someone running with David."

Princeton turned two turnovers into 10 points and two short punts into another 10 points to take a 20-14 half-time lead. The Tiger defense battered Harvard with big hits all afternoon, and caused a third turnover in the final minute of the half when safety **Sam Snyder '04** stripped the ball from Harvard's wide receiver at the Princeton 1 after his catch and struggle to get to the end zone.

Harvard responded with two long touchdown drives to take a 28-20 lead. Quarterback Neil Rose got the first on a diving 3-yard run with 5:06 left in the third quarter. Already playing with an aching right (throwing) shoulder, thanks to a first-half hit, Rose had to come out of the game after landing awkwardly on the run.

That left it to freshman backup Ryan Fitzpatrick. He directed an 80-yard drive that included a key third-and-10 scramble for 14 yards and a 39-yard flea flicker pass. Fitzpatrick found an uncovered Carl Mor-

ris for a 12-yard pass into the end zone.

While the Atkinson touchdown run had capped a 65-yard drive, Princeton had not been able to sustain drives most of the day. Northrop's field goals came after Princeton had gained just 14 and five yards, respectively. Splithoff's nine-yard touchdown pass to Chiusano was set up by **Chris Roser-Jones '02's** interception of Rose — the first pass Rose had intercepted in 111 tries this season — and return to the Harvard 15. The other first-half score, a seven-yard Atkinson (20 carries, 83 yards) run, was the second half of a two-play drive that included Princeton's own flea-flicker completion to **Chisom Opara '03**, who caught six balls for 111 yards after missing almost two games with a neck injury.

So, when Princeton received a Harvard punt and took over at its own 12 with 2:57 left, the situation was not particularly promising, though Northrop gave reason for hope.

"We know Taylor has a strong enough kick. Once we got past the 40 we knew he had enough leg strength," Coach Hughes said.

Splithoff (18-of-27, 219 yards) kept it alive early with a seven-yard scramble on third-and-six. An 18-yard pass from Splithoff to **Nate Lindell '03** moved the ball to the Harvard 37 with 33 seconds left. A field goal attempt was imminent.

Sure enough, after a handoff to Atkinson and a shovel pass to Atkinson there were just seven seconds left and the ball at the 32-yard-line's right hash mark.

"Regardless of where they put me on the field it's my job to put it through," Northrop said. An hour later, sitting in full uniform, he was still stunned he hadn't been successful.

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TIGER PLAYER PROFILES

What will you take away from your Princeton football experience?

I will take many things away from Princeton football. One that I know all of my fellow teammates will take away is lifelong memories and friendships with players and coaches.

Personally, I will always have the understanding that everyone has their niche in life, and if I attack life in the same way I attacked my football career I will find my life's calling. If that calling is being the holder on the Princeton football team or being the scientist who finds the universal cure for cancer I will know that I am successful and helping the people around me to the best of my ability.

What — or who — motivates you as a Princeton Football player?

The major motivating factor throughout my Princeton football career is the tradition and the pride that comes along with the title of "Princeton Football Player."

There is nothing that compares to the tradition of being Princeton Football player. You play a sport that has been played at Princeton for 132 years. That means I am playing



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Gary Baumwoll '02

Randolph, N.J.

6-0, 190 pounds

Wide Receiver

A member of the National Honor Society at Randolph H.S., he is an anthropology major at Princeton. ... He lettered three times each in football and baseball in high school, where he played quarterback and safety in football. ... He threw for 3,000 yards and 27 touchdowns his last two seasons. ... He was named all-conference and all-county as a catcher in baseball. ... He was a College Football Hall of Fame inductee.

in the memory of thousands and thousands of football players, and I try to act in a manner on the football field and in the classroom that would make them all feel I was part of their family.

The pride that motivates me is not my pride, but the pride of the people in my life. My Dad, Mom and sister

are extremely proud of my accomplishments thus far in life, and nothing motivates me more than making my family happy.

In that same manner all of my high school coaches are happy that I have been able to succeed in my career at Princeton. Coach Faasse especially motivates me because of everything he did for me throughout my high school career.

What advice do you have for this year's freshmen?

The advice I would give to the freshman class is to never get discouraged in any aspect of their Princeton career. No matter what obstacles they face in life, if they try to succeed with everything they have then they will be successful. Success is measured in many different ways, and the difficult thing is to find the way you can succeed in overcoming your specific obstacle.

Career plans:

After I graduate I plan to attend medical school. I am not sure what kind of doctor I want to become, but I guess I will approach it in the same way I approached Princeton football. I will look at all the different fields and determine the one in which I can help the most people.

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• **Princeton vs. Yale**, Saturday, Nov. 10, 1 p.m. — Ku Band, GE2, Transponder 4.

The game, which will be broadcast on New England Sports Network, will also be available via DirecTV, channel 623.

Atkinson named to Ivy League honor

Cameron Atkinson '03 was named to the Ivy League Honor Roll on Oct. 15 for his play against Brown. He twice gave the Tiger a lead before Princeton fell at Brown by 35-24. Atkinson broke free for a 62-yard jaunt in the first quarter and added an eight-yard touchdown to make it 24-21 in the fourth quarter. On the day he had a career-best 148 rushing yards (and 263 all-purpose yards), the best rushing total at Princeton since 1998.

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Columbia	1 2	1 4
Dartmouth	1 2	1 4
Yale	1 2	3 2
Cornell	0 3	0 5

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Pennsylvania 21	Yale 3
Brown 49	Cornell 21
Columbia 27	Dartmouth 20

2001 SCHEDULE

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September		
22 at Lehigh	10	34
29 Columbia	44	11
October		
6 Colgate	10	35
13 at Brown	24	35
20 at Harvard	26	28
27 Cornell	1 p.m.	
November		
3 at Pennsylvania	12:30 p.m.	
10 Yale	1 p.m.	
17 at Dartmouth	12:30 p.m.	

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Cornell

1 p.m.

Oct. 27

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