

Tiger's Lair

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McCareins returns Tiger to victory

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — In its finest team effort of the season, the Princeton Football team rallied in the fourth quarter and ended a nine-year drought against Harvard with a 27-24 victory Saturday in front of 12,023 at Harvard Stadium. The Class of 2006 led the way, especially in the 14 seconds of the fourth quarter that Princeton trailed.

A 52-yard touchdown pass from Liam O'Hagan to Ryan Tyler gave Harvard a 24-20 lead with 7:21 remaining in the fourth quarter. It was the first time Princeton trailed in the game, but it wouldn't last long. Jay McCareins '06, who has all but cemented his status as a first-team All-Ivy selection, took the ensuing kickoff and returned it 93 yards for a touchdown. Its first kickoff return for a touchdown since 1992, the play gave Princeton a lead that it simply would not relinquish to the defending Ivy League champion.

Harvard would have two possessions after McCareins' return. Princeton would get sacks on both possessions, neither of which would yield a first down. The Crimson punted to Princeton with 2:19 remaining

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Paul Chin/Daily Princetonian

Jay McCareins '06 eludes Harvard kicker Matt Schindel (1) on the way to the end zone in his 93-yard, fourth-quarter kickoff return. It was McCarein's third touchdown of the season and gave Princeton its first win over Harvard since 1995.

From the President

Saturday's victory over Harvard was the first over the Crimson in 10 years, but its significance might even be more than that. As I've been saying, it seems this group of Tigers are a different bunch. They went up to Boston genuinely angry about their performance the two previous weeks.

They showed their determination on the first play from scrimmage, a beautifully executed end around for 72 yards and a score by Derek Davis '06. Then they demonstrated their "never quit" attitude with Jay McCareins '06's (who else?) 93-yard kickoff return for the go-ahead score, and a couple of terrific defensive stands, including one near the goal line when Harvard tried to go for 6 instead of 3.

I know the team and the coaches feel as I do: that they have as good a shot at the Ivy crown as anyone. Penn has to play Brown next week and their quarterback may be out (shoulder). We have a tough home game against Cornell, but a Tiger victory could put us into a tie for the Ivy League lead.

I want to thank all of the Tiger faithful who turned out on a nasty day in Boston to witness the great Tiger victory and I want to encourage all who read this to get to Princeton this Saturday to root this special Tiger squad on to a critical victory. I guarantee an exciting game and a fun-filled autumn day. Go Tigers!

Frank Vuono '78
President/CEO

GAME STATISTICS

PRINCETON	9	8	3	7	27
Harvard	3	7	7	7	24

HOW THEY SCORED:

1st Quarter: 14:39, PU — TD, Davis, 72-yard run, kick failed; 8:40, HU — FG, Schindel, 39; 1:07, PU — FG, Javarone, 32.

2nd Quarter: 9:13, HU — TD, Dawson, 20-yard run, Schindel kick; 5:48, PU — TD, Circle, 32-yard pass from Terrell, Terrell rush.

3rd Quarter: 9:29, HU — TD, Dawson, 29-yard run, Schindel kick; 5:43, PU — FG, Javarone, 28.

4th Quarter: 7:21, HU — TD, Tyler, 52-yard pass from O'Hagan, Schindel kick; 7:07, PU — TD, McCareins, 93-yard kickoff return, Javarone kick.

	PRI	HU
First Downs	18	21
Rushes/Yds	42-202	48-202
Passing Yds	200	183
Comp/Att/Int	15/26/0	11/16/0
Plays/Yards	68/402	64/385
Return Yds	156	85
Punts/Avg	4/36.8	4/33.2
Penalties/Yds	7/65	4/31
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	1/1
Intercept/Yds	0/0	0/0
Possession Time	32:33	27:27
Attendance:	12,023	

PRINCETON PERFORMANCE

OFFENSE:

RUSHING: Toresco, 24-76; Davis, 1-72, TD; Fields, 3-38; Terrell, 6-23; Kirkland, 5-21; Shields, 1-(-9). **PASSING:** Terrell, 15-26-0-200, TD. **RECEIVING:** Dekker, 7-71; avis, 3-15; Circle, 2-51, TD; Toresco, 2-23; Brigham, 1-43.

DEFENSE:

SACKS (U/A): Meehan, 1-0; Starrett, 1-0; Buchignani, 1-0; Methvin, 1-0. **INTERCEPTIONS (No./Yds):** None. **TACKLES (U/A):** Marshall, 5-3; Anderson, 2-6; Holuba, 4-3; Stull, 4-3; Fadeyi, 3-4; Methvin, 3-3; Buchignani, 4-1; McCareins, 4-0; Meehan, 3-1; Artis, 0-4; Starrett, 2-1; Ochotorena, 2-0; Shields, 1-1; Strickland, 0-2; Barrie, 1-0; Rogers, 1-0; Kelleher, 1-0; Stem, 0-1; Davis, 0-1; Williams, J., 0-1; Simnick, 0-1.

Victory

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in the hopes of getting a stop and one final chance.

It never happened.

A nine-yard run for Rob Toresco '08 on third-and-7 gave Princeton a first down and forced Harvard to use its final time out. Toresco ran for gains of 5 and 3 yards on the next two plays, setting up a third-and-short. Another first down would clinch the win, the end to a long drought and the assurance that Princeton would maintain control of its Ivy League destiny.

The play called for Toresco to carry off left tackle. Seems natural, since you would want the fate of the game to rest in the hands of your co-captain Ben Brielmaier '06.

"I knew when the play came in that if I could blow my guy off the ball two or three yards, Robbie would get the yards," Brielmaier said. "When I looked up and saw he got it, it was the most exhilarating feeling I've felt in football."

It was a both exhilarating and exhausting contest by two determined squads. Princeton, which won all three games that it scored first, wasted no time getting on the scoreboard. On its first play from scrimmage, quarterback Jeff Terrell '07, who completed 15 of 26 passes for 200 yards and a touchdown, handed to wideout Derek Davis '06 on a reverse. Davis avoided a loss of yardage by breaking a tackle in the backfield, found the right sideline and a pair of blockers and sprinted 72 yards for Princeton's longest touchdown run since Branden Benson '05 rushed for an 84-yard score last season at Colgate.

The extra point failed, and Harvard cut the deficit in half on a 39-yard field goal by Matt Schindel. Princeton got the lead back to six points by going on a 14-play, 64-yard drive that ended in a 32-yard field goal by Derek Javarone '06. The kick was the 39th of Javarone's career, giving him the all-time mark at Princeton.

Harvard would take the lead on its ensuing drive, as Clifton Dawson rushed for gains of 19 and 17 yards before breaking off a 20-yard touchdown run in the second quarter. Dawson would end the game with 203 yards and two touchdowns.

Princeton did not waste much time reclaiming the lead, moving 66 yards in seven plays and scoring on a 34-yard touchdown pass from Terrell to Brendan Circle '08. The sophomore wideout beat his man to the back right corner of the end zone and caught the

perfect lob pass. The Tiger got the lead to 17-10 with a two-point conversion on a quarterback draw from Terrell.

Princeton maintained its 17-10 lead until early in the third quarter, when Dawson busted through the line and accelerated for a 29-yard touchdown. Princeton showed its resiliency once again, driving 64 yards in nine plays to set up a 28-yard field goal by Javarone. It was his 40th career field goal, leaving him one behind the all-time Ivy League record of Penn's Jason Feinberg.

Harvard looked for the lead on its ensuing drive. Starting on its own 26-yard line, the Crimson marched 69 yards to the Princeton 5-yard line by rushing Dawson on 13 of 16 plays. It set up a fourth-and-1, and instead of taking the field goal, Harvard challenged the Princeton defense by giving it to Dawson a 14th time. The Tiger defense won this one, shutting down every gap and stopping Dawson well short of the marker.

Princeton didn't move the ball on its next turn, and Harvard would eventually take the lead on the 52-yard touchdown pass to Tyler. That good feeling would last 14 seconds for Harvard, as McCareins would soon score his third touchdown of the season to give the Tigers their eventual winning margin.

Toresco led Princeton in rushing with 76 yards on 24 carries, while tight end Jon Dekker '06, whose two best career games have come at Harvard Stadium, caught seven passes for 71 yards. Princeton controlled the ball for 32:33 and converted on nine of 17 third down chances.

The win sets up a showdown with Cornell next weekend at Princeton Stadium, which will be televised live on the YES Network beginning at noon. Cornell (3-3, 1-2) defeated Princeton 21-20 last season in Ithaca, N.Y.

NOTES: Princeton's last win against the Crimson came in 1995, a 14-3 road victory that helped push Princeton to its most recent Ivy League championship. ... Linebacker Justin Stull '06 made his 26th straight start this weekend. Since that streak started, he has made 265 tackles. ... McCareins recorded his Ivy League-best fifth interception two weeks ago against Colgate. McCareins, whose 1.0 interceptions per game is the best in Division I-AA entered the Harvard game with 14 career interceptions.

TIGER PLAYER PROFILES

Why did you select Princeton for your academic and football career?

I chose Princeton for my academic career because football made it a possibility. I was not even considering Ivy League schools until I started to receive recruiting letters. I realized that I could use football, which was something I loved to do, as a way to further my education and take advantage of an opportunity that may not have otherwise been available. Princeton Football also has such a storied tradition that I am greatly honored to be a part of now.

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

When I am on the field I am inspired by my teammates. We work out year-round for only 10 Saturday afternoons together. We spend three and a half years together sweating and bleeding for each other for only 40 games. These are the people who are there for me when I need them so I know I have to be there for them when they need me, both on and off the field. Football is the greatest team game because the game cannot come

down to one person. Every single play in football requires all 11 players to be successful. It is the collective team that wins and loses together.

How has the Princeton Football experience prepared you for your future?

Football has taught me many skills that I believe will be very useful in the future. I have learned that hard work and dedication when applied to a common goal becomes extremely important to success. I believe that football builds integrity because it preaches doing the right thing. You cannot be successful on the field if you are not doing the right things. So this idea carries over off the field. Playing football has given me the opportunity to learn things about myself that no classroom on campus could ever have provided.

What are your career plans?

I want to work and live in New York City. Right now I plan on working in financial services and am looking for opportunities.



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Dave Ochotorena
Defensive Back
6-0, 200 pounds
Tampa, Fla.

Earned four letters in football and baseball at Jesuit High School ... earned Hillsborough County Scholar Athlete award ... leader of community service organization as a high school senior ... played cornerback, free safety and running back in high school.

Reserve now for annual Captain's Dinner, Nov. 11

Princeton Football's 1995 Ivy League championship team and former head coach Robert Casciola '58 will be honored by the Princeton Football Association at its annual fall dinner Nov. 11.

The event, also known as the Captain's Dinner, will take place at the Hyatt Regency Princeton Hotel. Teammates, alumni, family and friends are invited to participate in honoring the '95 team on the 10th anniversary of its championship, and Coach Casciola on a lifetime of achievements on and off

the field.

Selected All-Ivy League at tackle as a Princeton player, Bob Casciola spent 20 years in the college coaching ranks as an assistant at Princeton and Dartmouth and then as head coach at the University of Connecticut and Princeton. In 1978, he joined First Fidelity Bank of New Jersey and rose to senior vice president, leaving in 1987 to become executive vice president and chief operating officer of the New Jersey Nets of the National Basketball Association, a posi-

tion he held for five years.

In 1981, he began his broadcasting career as a color analyst for Princeton football. He also called games for the New Jersey Generals, Rutgers, Ivy League schools and independent teams. In 1995, he became president of The National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Inc., after serving as executive director since 1991. He retired from that position in February.

The 1995 team went 8-1-1 overall and 5-1-1 to win the Ivy League title. Coached by Steve Tosches, the team was captained by Dave Patterson '96.

The event begins with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. with dinner to follow at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$150 per person, or \$100 per person for members of the classes of 1996-1999 and 2000-2005. Dress is semi-formal (jacket and tie).

Please make your reservations as soon as possible by sending your check to: Princeton University, ATTN: PFA Alumni Dinner, P.O. Box 71, Princeton, N.J. 08544. Space is limited and will be reserved by payment.

To register online, please go to the following link on the PFA web site: <http://www.princeton.edu/football/pfaevents.html> and follow the link to the PFA Dinner.

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Frank Vuono '78, President

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PRINCETON	2 1	4 2
Yale	2 1	2 4
Cornell	1 2	3 3
Harvard	1 2	3 3
Dartmouth	1 2	2 4
Columbia	0 3	2 4

Oct. 22

Pennsylvania 38 Yale 21
Brown 38.....Cornell 24
Dartmouth 17 Columbia 6

2005 Results

	PU	Opp.
September		
17 at Lafayette	23	21
24 San Diego	20	17
October		
1 Columbia	43	3
8 Colgate	10	16
15 at Brown	28	31
22 at Harvard	27	24
29 Cornell	12 p.m.	
November		
5 at Pennsylvania	12 p.m.	
12 Yale	1 p.m.	
19 at Dartmouth	12:30 p.m.	

NEXT WEEK

Princeton

vs.

Cornell

Noon p.m.
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