

# Tiger's Lair

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## Late touchdown gives Harvard 24-20 win

By Justin Feil

The Princeton Football team did just about everything it had to, but still could not come up with a win over Harvard on Saturday on Powers Field at Princeton Stadium as intermittent rain dampened 10,189 spectators.

The Tiger largely contained the Ivy League's leading passer, Harvard's Chris Pizzotti. The defense allowed virtually no rushing game from the Crimson. The offense controlled the clock, and received good leadership from both quarterbacks who played, Dan Kopolovich '10 and Brian Anderson '09. Anderson returned from a shoulder injury suffered last week and played the majority of the second half.

Running back Jordan Culbreath '10 had a huge day. The 1951 Heisman Trophy winner Dick Kazmaier '52 was honored at halftime for having his number retired, and Culbreath did his best



Photo by Beverly Schaefer

**Running back Jordan Culbreath '10 eludes a Harvard defender on Saturday at Princeton Stadium.**

impersonation with 118 yards and two touchdowns in the first half as the Tiger jumped to a 14-10 lead. He finished with a career-best 154 yards on 29 carries.

But Princeton, which has been outscored in the second half of every game this season and lost every game in which it has scored first, saw its lead slip away in a 24-20 loss to the Crimson. Harvard scored the winning touchdown with 3:34 left in the game, and a big sack sent the Tiger backwards on its final possession before the Crimson ran out the clock with its second fourth-down conversion of the game.

With the loss, Princeton fell to 2-4 overall, 1-2 in the Ivies, two games behind Brown and Pennsylvania, who stayed unbeaten in league play on Saturday.

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### From the President

This one really hurt. Our Tiger student athletes did just about everything they wanted to Harvard in an attempt to put the icing on the cake of what was an otherwise special Princeton/Harvard weekend; but at game's end they were on the short end of a 24-20 score.

Flashbacks of many games that got away during my '70s playing days almost made me ill. Hearing Coach Hughes in the post-game locker room and seeing the dejected players' faces didn't help my mood any, either. Ultimately, with no real powerhouse in the Ivy League this year, the salvation of this season will come with these Tigers pulling themselves up and having the seniors recall what they need to do to put opponents away like the teams from their frosh and soph seasons.

QB Brian Anderson '09 played courageously with a separated

shoulder but was obviously not at 100 percent; usual starting CB Dan Kopolovich '10 did what he could switching to quarterback to spell Brian. Jordan Culbreath '10 had huge gains on the ground, as the offensive line did a great job opening huge wholes. Kudos to Matt Reynolds '09, Andrew Hauser '10, Mark Paski '10, Mark Daou '10, and JP Makrai '10 for their work ethic so far this season.

WR Will Thanheiser '09 had another big day but he'd love to have the one that bounced off him into the hands of a Crimson DB just before halftime. Adam Berry '09 added four catches and played against his twin brother, Andrew, a starting Crimson DB, and ended his career with a 2-2 record against him.

LB Scott Britton '10 led the defense with nine tackles, and the

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**GAME STATISTICS**

<b>PRINCETON</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20</b>
Harvard	3	7	7	7	24

**HOW THEY SCORED:**

**1st Quarter:** 11:58, **PU — TD, Culbreath, 1-yard run, Bologna kick; 2:33, PU — TD, Culbreath, 10-yard run, Bologna kick.**

**2nd Quarter:** 8:46, **HU — TD, Lorditch, 15-yard pass from Pizzotti, Long kick.**

**3rd Quarter:** 13:19, **HU — TD, Pizzotti, 33-yard run, Long kick; 2:22, PU — FG, Bologna, 23.**

**4th Quarter:** 7:18, **PU — FG, Bologna, 28; 3:34, HU — TD, Gordon, 6-yard run, Long kick.**

	PU	HU
First Downs	24	16
Rushes/Yds	48-177	29-88
Passing Yds	176	247
Comp/Att/Int	15-29-1	17-26-0
Plays/Yards	77-353	55-335
Return Yds	110	41
Punts/Avg	2-34	3-38.7
Penalties/Yds	3-24	5-57
Fumbles/Lost	1-0	1-1
Intercept/Yds	0-0	1-0
Possession Time	37:27	22:33

Attendance: 10,189

**PRINCETON PERFORMANCE**

**OFFENSE:**

**RUSHING:** Culbreath, 29-154, 2TD; Anderson, 7-17; McCray, 2-9; Thanheiser, 1-7; Zimmerman, 3-6; Kopolovich, 6-(-16).

**PASSING:** Anderson, 12-24-1-147; Kopolovich, 3-5-0-29.

**RECEIVING:** Thanheiser, 8-114; Berry, 4-40; Peacock, 1-13; Magro, 1-11; Zimmerman, 1-(-2) .

**DEFENSE:**

**SACKS (No./Yds):** Stetler, 2-17; Buchignani, 0.5-5; Karacozoff, 0.5-5.

**INTERCEPTIONS (No./Yds):** None.  
**FUMBLE RECOVERY(No./Yds):** McCray, 1-0.

**TACKLES (U/A):** Britton, 2-7; Newell, 3-3; Ploszek, 2-4; Cody, 1-5; Stetler, 3-2; McCarthy, 2-3; Cates, 1-4; Buchignani, 1-4; Jackson, 0-4; Koch, 1-2; McCray, 1-1; McGrath, 0-2; Kelly, 0-2; Gallagher, 0-2; Kerr, 0-2; Glyck, 1-0; Etheridge, 0-1; Karacozoff, 0-1; Thanheiser, 0-1.



Photo by Beverly Schaefer

**Dick Kazmaier '52, left, was honored at Princeton Stadium on Saturday as his number, 42, was retired along with basketball great Bill Bradley's number 42 in a ceremony on Friday night at Jadwin Gym. Kazmaier is joined on the field by Director of Athletics Gary Walters '67 and author John McPhee '53.**

**President**

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D line led by Pete Buchignani '09 shut down Harvard's run game. LB Brad Stetler '10 had key sacks and was an emotional leader, and LB Pat McGrath '09 came crashing effectively off the corner a few times.

On special teams Meko McCray '11 had some great kick returns and PK Ben Bologna '10 kicked two field goals, filling in for injured Connor Loudon '09.

As mentioned, it was otherwise a special weekend as many alums gathered Friday evening to help retire number 42, the jersey number worn by Heisman Trophy winner Dick Kazmaier '52 and basketball great Bill Bradley '65, the first number ever retired in PU Athletics. We also witnessed the unveiling of a statue of Kazmaier which will grace the north end of the stadium. This was truly a memorable event and special thanks goes to Director of Athletics Gary Walters '67, the Princeton Varsity Club and the Friends of Basketball for organizing and sharing this event with the PFA.

I was thrilled to see so many returning PFA'ers this weekend. I thank you all for your continued, enthusiastic support of Princeton Football. Thanks also to the over 10,000 fans who braved a rather horrid day, especially my host for the game, President Shirley Tilghman, a true fan and supporter of Princeton Football.

Once again, I encourage you to go online to [www.sesportsauction.com/princeton/index.cfm](http://www.sesportsauction.com/princeton/index.cfm) to participate in our annual auction. There you will find some great experiences donated by fellow PFAers that are an important part of our annual fundraising. I urge you to make this your own personal economic stimulus package for '08. Lord knows you'll be looking for a good getaway break in the coming months.

I will be heading up to Cornell to support the Tiger's turnaround victory next weekend. I hope to see any PFA'ers in upstate New York and the surrounding areas there.

Go Tigers!

**Frank Vuono '78**

*President*

# Touchdown

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“We’re obviously disappointed,” said Princeton Head Coach Roger Hughes, whose team plays at Cornell next week. “I thought we played an outstanding game except when we got inside the red zone on offense. We had a number of opportunities to put this game away. We didn’t do it. And when we needed to make a big stop at the end of the game to preserve the lead or get the ball back, we weren’t able to do that. That’s basically what the game came down to.”

Princeton again got off to a strong start, and showed none of the red-zone scoring issues that had plagued it in the past. Meko McCray ’11 forced and recovered a fumble when the Tiger punted and five plays later, Culbreath burst through the middle for a three-yard touchdown.

Harvard answered with a short field goal, but the Tiger came right back with a 12-play, 80-yard drive to make it 14-3. Princeton effectively mixed the run and pass. Culbreath had a 21-yard run on the drive, then finished it with a 10-yard touchdown scamper through a massive hole on the right side as Harvard was caught blitzing.

“When we came out the first half,” Culbreath said, “I thought the line was doing a great job. The holes were as big as I’ve seen in a while. The stretch play was working really well — the outside run. The second half, I guess they picked up on it a little bit. They started flowing pretty hard. Still, I think the offensive line did a really good job today. We just have to make plays to win games and we didn’t do that today.”

Early in the second quarter, Harvard scored its first touchdown on a 15-yard pass. Princeton still held a 14-10 lead, and it had a chance to add to the lead before halftime.

A perfectly executed two-minute offense helped Princeton drive from its 27 with 3:09 left in the half to the Harvard 3 with 11 seconds left. After a timeout, Anderson fired into the end zone, but the pass glanced off a diving Will Thanheiser ’09’s fingers and Harvard intercepted the deflection.

“It didn’t change anything, but we went from having a sure three points to coming out with nothing,” Coach Hughes said. “While it was disappointing, I guess we took out of it that we can move the ball on these guys. We had it in great position. We have to execute to win the game. We had the matchup we wanted. We had our best receiver and the pass didn’t work out.”

It was more excruciating for the Tiger in the second half. Harvard made the most of good field position with a 56-yard drive for a touchdown when Pizzotti used his legs, not his arm, on a 33-yard scoring run. It gave Harvard its first lead, 17-14, less than two minutes into the second half.

But two possessions later, Princeton used 14 plays to drive the ball 73 yards before settling for a 23-yard field goal by Ben Bologna ’10 to tie the game. The Tiger had reached the Harvard 2 before Culbreath was thrown for his first loss of the game.

Princeton regained the lead, 20-17, on Bologna’s 28-yard field goal with 7:16 left in the fourth quarter. This time, Princeton drove from its own 2. Princeton took 16 plays and 7:44 off the clock to start the final quarter, but stalled at the Harvard 11. Anderson’s third-down pass into the end zone went off Trey Peacock ’11’s fingers.

“We didn’t execute,” Culbreath said. “It’s that simple. When we’re inside the 5, we’ve had that problem this whole year. We have to finish. I couldn’t tell you anything different that I saw. We just have to execute.”

Harvard did on the following drive to take the lead for good. The Crimson’s nine-play drive ended with a six-yard touchdown run up the middle by Gino Gordon with 3:34 left. The drive was kept alive when Pizzotti hit tight end Jason Miller on 4th-and-1 from Harvard’s own 46.

“They tried to run on fourth down previously,” said Tiger defensive end Pete Buchignani ’09. “They hadn’t really been doing a lot with their run game at all, so we shouldn’t have been surprised.”

Princeton had plenty of time when it got the ball back and good field position after McCray’s 31-yard kick return set it up at its own 42. After one completion to Thanheiser, who recorded his third 100-yard receiving game this season (114 yards on eight catches), Anderson was incomplete on the next play and sacked on third down for a loss of 13. On fourth down, Matt Zimmerman ’11 caught a short pass over the middle, and tried to lateral it to Culbreath but the ball squirted away and Harvard took over on downs.

“While there are a lot of good things that happened on the field and I’m proud of our kids in many respects,” Coach Hughes said, “I told them that good teams make good plays to win games and we have to do that.”

## Scott Britton named to Ivy League Honor Roll

Linebacker Scott Britton ’10, a graduate of Council Rock High School in Newtown, Pa., was named to the Ivy League Honor Roll on Oct. 20 for his play against Brown.

Britton led the Princeton defense with three solo tackles, eight assists and a sack against the Bruins. He stands second on the team with 50 total tackles, just behind Steven Cody ’11 who has 54.

Britton has one and a half sacks for 13 yards, while Cody has one sack for 11 yards. Brad Stetler ’10 leads the Tiger in sacks with three for 27 yards.

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	Ivy	Overall
Brown	3 0	4 2
Pennsylvania	3 0	4 2
Harvard	2 1	5 1
<b>PRINCETON</b>	<b>1 2</b>	<b>2 4</b>
Cornell	1 2	3 3
Yale	1 2	3 3
Columbia	1 2	1 5
Dartmouth	0 3	0 6

Oct. 25

Brown 27.....Cornell 7  
Columbia 21.....Dartmouth 13  
Pennsylvania 9.....Yale 7

### 2008 Results

September	PU	OPP
20 at The Citadel	24	37
27 <b>Lehigh</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>
October		
4 at Columbia	27	24
11 at Colgate	24	27
<b>18 Brown</b>	10	31
<b>25 Harvard</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>24</b>
November		
1 at Cornell		
<b>8 Pennsylvania</b>		
15 at Yale		
<b>22 Dartmouth</b>		

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