

# Tiger's Lair

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**Cam Atkinson '03 carries against Cornell Saturday at Princeton Stadium**

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## Crossbar cancels comeback as Princeton falls to Cornell

By Ken Weingartner

If it wasn't for bad luck, **Taylor Northrop '02** wouldn't have any luck at all.

At least that appears to be the case when the Princeton football team meets Cornell. Northrop saw his attempt at an Ivy League record 57-yard field goal bounce off the crossbar with 7:21 to play as Princeton fell to the previously winless Big Red before 11,685 at Princeton Stadium.

The attempt came six minutes after Peter Iverson gave Cornell the lead with a 40-yard field goal. Princeton, which saw its final two possessions end on interceptions, never returned to Big Red territory after

Northrop's kick.

"In warmups I was hitting from at least 55 (yards out)," said Northrop, who has booted field goals of more than 60 yards in practice. "Really, my focus was just to keep it straight. I did hit it clean. I guess I just didn't crush it. I thought it was good. You watch the ball go toward the uprights, and I never could've imagined it would hit the crossbar."

Northrop rates among the most successful kickers in Ivy League history. His 35 career field goals rank second at Princeton, trailing only **Alex Sierk '99's** 36, and sixth in the conference, six behind all-time

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### From the President ...

As you look over Princeton's 2001 football roster you cannot help but notice that the players come from so many different schools and geographical locations. These individuals bring their experiences not only to the team but also to the entire campus.

Almost from the beginning football spread a wide geographical net in attracting the best players. The recruiting process is very competitive and the **Princeton Football Association** supports most of that effort both for the coaches and the recruits.

It's amazing how important a recruiting visit can be to a player in making a decision on Princeton. Keep in mind that in most cases the prospect is deciding between schools of equal caliber. Even many years later former players can vividly recount their campus visit.

I can remember every detail: my first jet plane ride, the sight of Cleveland Tower as I traveled down Washington Road, my first look at lacrosse, rugby and crew, the Freshman Prom, and

Professor Alyea's chemistry lecture.

**Coach Dick Colman** gave me a tour of the campus and the football facilities. Two things stood out during that tour. When he took me into Palmer Stadium and we were standing in the middle of the field looking all around — including at the open end of the horseshoe — Coach Colman was extolling the history and advantages of the stadium. The entire time he was talking the only thing I could think about was "why didn't they finish it?"

He then described the various other athletic facilities that were on campus including the number of fieldhouses. I was very impressed that a school the size of Princeton could have multiple fieldhouses. But I was very disappointed when he took me to Osborne Fieldhouse. Back in Iowa a fieldhouse was a building over a field, but at Princeton a fieldhouse was a building next to a field. I never did tell the guys back home about that little difference.

*Stanislaw Maliszewski '66*

**GAME STATISTICS**

<b>PRINCETON</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>
Cornell	0	7	0	3	10

**HOW THEY SCORED:**

2nd Quarter: **3:58, P — TD, Chiusano, 8-yard pass from Splithoff, Northrop kick;** 0:25, C — TD, Ferguson, 14-yard pass from Rahne, Iverson kick;  
 4th Quarter: 13:25, C — FG, Iverson, 40.

	PRI	CU
First Downs	15	18
Rushes/Yds	35-132	39-126
Passing Yds	176	176
Comp/Att/Int	14/26/2	20/30/0
Plays/Yards	61/308	69/302
Return Yds	26	87
Punts/Avg	5/34	7/33.1
Penalties/Yds	9/75	10/95
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	0/0
Intercept/Yds	0/0	2/39
Possession Time	27:18	32:42
Attendance:	11,685	

**PRINCETON PERFORMANCE**

**OFFENSE:**

RUSHING: Atkinson, 14-76; Splithoff, 12-33; Veach, 3-13; Bowden, 2-11; Benson, 2-6; Bryant, 1-6; Szymanski, 1-(-13).  
 PASSING: Splithoff, 14-25-176, 1 TD, 2 INT; Morrison, 0-1-0.  
 RECEIVING: Bly, 4-48; Schottel, 2-39; Atkinson, 2-14; Opara, 2-9; Szymanski, 1-35; Morrison, 1-14; Bryant, 1-14; Chiusano, 1-8, 1 TD.

**DEFENSE:**

SACKS (No./Yds): Roser-Jones, 1-0; Micsky, 1-0.  
 INTERCEPTIONS (No./Yds): None.  
 TACKLES (U/A): Mueller, 8-2; Kongsli, 3-5; McCareins, 3-4; Farrell, 5-1; Pilcher, 5-1; Keasey, 4-2; Roser-Jones, 2-3; Simbi, 1-3; Jackman, 2-1; Kelly, 1-2; Kirby, 0-3; Browne, 2-0; Brown, 2-0; Releford, 2-0; Babinecz, 0-2; Szymanski, 1-0; Splithoff, 1-0; Micsky, 1-0; Ganter, 1-0; Lebeis, 1-0.

**Cancels**

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leader Jason Feinberg of Penn.

Yet when it comes to facing Cornell, Northrop seems to have no luck. Last year against the Big Red, his plant foot slipped on an icy field in Ithaca and he missed the extra point in Princeton's 25-24 loss.

"Honestly, last year wasn't in our minds," Northrop said. "The focus was really to just go out there and perform our jobs to the best of our ability. That was the focus coming into this game."

Princeton (1-5 overall, 1-3 Ivy) took a 7-0 lead with 3:58 left in the first half when quarterback **Dave Splithoff '04** connected with tight end **Mike Chiusano '03** on an 8-yard touchdown pass. The drive covered 98 yards in nine plays, including a 14-yard scramble by Splithoff on a third-and-2 from the Big Red 17.

Cornell (1-5, 1-3) responded with a 10-play, 78-yard march that culminated with Ricky Rahne's 14-yard touchdown pass to Keith Ferguson with 25 seconds remaining in the first half.

Princeton finished the game with 308 yards total offense, six more than the Big Red. However, the Tigers had three turn-

overs and nine penalties. Cornell didn't commit any turnovers.

"Obviously, we're disappointed," Princeton Head Coach Roger Hughes said. "We had a number of opportunities to affect the outcome of the game. Certainly, we shot ourselves in the foot, especially offensively. If you want to win in this league, you can't make the mistakes that we made and expect to win close ball games."

The miscues proved costly on the drive that resulted in Northrop's field goal attempt. The Tiger moved the ball to Cornell's 20, but a motion penalty, a holding penalty and a 3-yard loss pushed the Orange and Black back to the 40.

"We were in great field goal range ... and we hurt ourselves," Coach Hughes said. "Taylor did everything he could to overcome our mistakes, it was just a little bit short."

**Cam Atkinson '03**, who left the game late in the third quarter because of a knee injury, had 76 yards on 14 carries for Princeton. Splithoff was 14 of 25 for 176 yards and was intercepted twice. **Randy Bly '04** was the Tigers' leading receiver with 48 yards on four catches.

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## TIGER PLAYER PROFILES

**As a Princeton Football player, what - or who - motivates you?**

I think the two biggest motivating factors in my life are my parents and my desire to be successful. My parents have always supported me in everything that I do, whether it be academics, sports, music or whatever. They have encouraged me to try new things and have an open mind. They have also instilled in me the importance of doing things right and seeing things through until they are done.

My father, especially, has always challenged me to be the best in whatever I pursue (football, academics, etc.) From my upbringing, I have developed a great desire to succeed. I am a very competitive person and don't like to lose in anything. It is inevitable to avoid failure in life, but failure is both a learning experience and a motivator in an of itself.

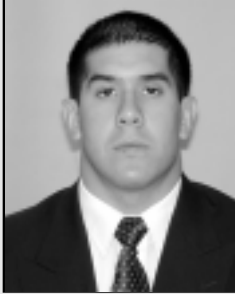
**As a senior player, what advice do you have for this year's freshmen?**

I think the most important piece of advice that I could give to this year's freshman class is that you have to be honest with yourself; not just in football, but also in life. I think one of the most important things that I will take away from football is how much I have learned about myself over the past four years. Not everyone who plays football has the same athletic gifts. Some guys are fast and quick while others are big and strong. The great thing about football is that different positions require different skills. The thing is, you have to be honest with yourself about your own strengths and weaknesses and focus on those things that you can change. In doing this, you can often overcome weaknesses by relying more on your strengths and improving those skills that you have control over.

**As a senior, what lessons from your Princeton Football experience will you take with you into the future?**

I have learned a lot from my Princeton Football experience. The discipline, dedication and camaraderie that I have learned through football will be great assets throughout my life.

The most important thing I learned, however, is that success is not always measured



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**Jon Lee '02**

Harrisburg, Pa.

6-0, 210 pounds

**Fullback**

At Princeton, Jon is an electrical engineering major. ... He was valedictorian of his class at Central Dauphin High School, and a member of the National Honor Society. ... He lettered in football, wrestling and track. ... He played fullback, tight end, guard and linebacker at various times. ... His football team won its district championship and was a state semi-finalist his junior year. ... He was a state qualifier in wrestling.

by the tangibles — playing time, touchdowns, tackles, etc. One of the main reasons I chose to come to this university was to have the opportunity to play college football. I was not a heavily recruited player coming out of high school and would not have even been invited to freshman camp had it not been for someone quitting the team. While I always felt that I could be successful at the college level, the success that I feel I have achieved is not the same success that I envisioned as a freshman. Not every person that dons a Princeton uniform will be a star and some will never even get a chance to take part in a game. However, every person on the team has a role; it's just a matter of figuring out what that role is.

Coming into the program, I always thought that I would be a starter by the time I was a junior or a senior. While I quickly learned that I wasn't the most gifted athlete on the field, I felt that with hard work and dedication I could achieve my goal. Unfortunately, hard work and dedication can only get you so far in this game.

Yet, the same hard work and dedication

that I put in to achieve my goals was the driving factor that kept me on the team. This, along with the fact that I had been through a lot with teammates from my class, kept me on the team.

Now that I'm a senior, I can't imagine not having stuck it out. This past spring, I started in the game we played in Japan. Not only was this the first time I started, but it was also the first time I got to travel with the team.

I have stayed here to train the past two summers and have given myself the best possible opportunity to get on the field. I am in the position to travel and to possibly get in some games. I finally found and accepted my role on this team.

While this may not be what I had envisioned four years ago, I feel that I have achieved an extraordinary amount of success because of how much I have grown over the past four years and because I am one of the few seniors left on this team.

**Career plans:**

My career plans have changed several times over the past few years. As a freshman, I really enjoyed working with computers and electronics and I knew that I wanted to be in electrical engineering.

Even though I knew what I wanted to major in, I wasn't quite sure if I wanted to be a "engineer." I wanted to have a career that was more business oriented and wanted to be in a more managerial role. I thought that I could get my undergraduate degree here, work for a few years, and then go back to get a master's degree in business. From there I could stay in the technology sector, but I would deal more with business.

I also had an interest in going to New York to work on Wall Street. The past two summers I had the opportunity to explore both of these careers. I had internships with Morgan Stanley Dean Witter and Sensors Unlimited Inc. (a small optical electronics firm located in Princeton). From these experiences, I found that I was more interested in and learned more from my job with the optics firm.

While I still hope to work more on the business end of the technology sector, I feel that it is imperative to have a comprehensive understanding of the technology. Not only would I like to be in a managerial position, I also hope to start, run and possibly sell a company of my own some day.

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Brown	2 2	3 3
Columbia	2 2	2 4
<b>PRINCETON</b>	<b>1 3</b>	<b>1 5</b>
Yale	1 3	3 3
Dartmouth	1 3	1 5
Cornell	1 3	1 5

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Pennsylvania 27	.....	Brown 14
Harvard 31	.....	Dartmouth 21
Columbia 28	.....	Yale 14

### 2001 SCHEDULE

	P	O
<b>September</b>		
22 at Lehigh	10	34
<b>29 Columbia</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>October</b>		
<b>6 Colgate</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>35</b>
13 at Brown	24	35
20 at Harvard	26	28
<b>27 Cornell</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>November</b>		
3 at Pennsylvania	12:30 p.m.	
<b>10 Yale</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>	
17 at Dartmouth	12:30 p.m.	

### NEXT WEEK

**Princeton**  
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*Nov. 3*  
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