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Penn rally overtakes determined Tiger

By Justin Feil

PHILADELPHIA — The rushing yards, the passing yards, even the turnovers, first downs and time of possession were all nearly equal in Princeton's football game against Pennsylvania on Saturday. Only one yard of total offense separated Princeton from the Quakers, yet Penn came out on top, 21-10, because it found a way to make the plays to win. Penn was 3-for-3 on fourth down attempts while Princeton finished 0-for-2.

The Tiger has been in every Ivy League game, but just hasn't been able to find the plays to get the victories. Saturday was another example as Ivy co-leader Pennsylvania showed the value of experience in making the crucial second-half plays to defeat Princeton before 18,810 fans at Franklin Field. Princeton started just four senior players to Penn's 16, but the Tiger gave the Quakers all they could handle.



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An aggressive Princeton defense surrounds a Penn ballcarrier Saturday at Franklin Field.

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"I thought they competed very well," said Penn head coach Al Bagnoli, whose team improved to 7-0 this season, 5-0 in Ivy play. "They're just not getting that key play at the right time when they need it."

Penn made the plays when it needed them in the second half to come back from a 10-7 deficit. Princeton took an early 3-0 lead on a 37-yard field goal from **Taylor Northrop '02**. It was the senior's 11th field goal this season and tied **Alex Sierk '99** for the Princeton career record of 36. Penn responded with a 61-yard drive that ended with a three-yard touchdown pass for a 7-3 lead with 2:11 to play in the first quarter.

Princeton answered with its own long drive, going 74 yards in 10 plays, the last a three-yard scramble by **David Splithoff '04** in which he broke one tackle and dived between two other defenders

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From the President ...

Over the course of 132 seasons Princeton has played many different opponents. But very early on the significance of any game was heightened by the development of a rivalry. For many years, the oldest rivalry in the country was Rutgers-Princeton. Unfortunately, that game is no longer played. But the oldest rivalry in the country is represented by the Yale-Princeton game dating back to the first meeting in 1873. Other teams have played more games but no two teams predate that 1873 game.

Right from the first meeting, the Yale-Princeton game was a major match that for the next half century would have national championship implications. These were the two dominant football powers in the country. Both schools were instrumental in the spread of football to campuses all over the country. Both schools produced some of the best coaches that were in-

mand by schools wanting to improve their level of play. Both schools were instrumental in changing and improving the rules and techniques of play.

Yale is not just another opponent. Yale is an ancient and worthy opponent both on and off the playing field. A simple examination of our record over the first 50 years reveals that if it had not been for Yale Princeton would have had many, many more undefeated seasons. I'm also happy to report that we were able to return the favor more than once. For years the awarding of a varsity letter in football was dependent on whether the player got into the Yale game. One play was enough!

For many of us the Yale is still the team to beat. In case anyone has forgotten the battle cry: BEAT YALE!

Stanislaw Maliszewski '66

GAME STATISTICS

PRINCETON	3	7	0	0	10
Pennsylvania	7	0	0	14	21

HOW THEY SCORED:

1st Quarter: 8:17, P — FG, Northrop, 37; 2:11, PE — TD, Smith, 3-yard pass from Hoffman, Galas kick.

2nd Quarter: 13:59, P — TD, Splithoff, 3-yard run, Northrop kick.

3rd Quarter: None.

4th Quarter: 11:20, PE — TD, Ryan, 1-yard run, Galas kick; 5:11, PE — TD, Keslosky, 2-yard run, Galas kick.

	PRI	PE
First Downs	24	23
Rushes/Yds	42-141	47-192
Passing Yds	217	167
Comp/Att/Int	19/34/0	16/30/0
Plays/Yards	76/358	77/359
Return Yds	38	68
Punts/Avg	4/37.5	6/33.8
Penalties/Yds	7/65	6/49
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	1/1
Intercept/Yds	0/0	0/0
Possession Time	28:27	31:33

Attendance: 18,810

PRINCETON PERFORMANCE

OFFENSE:

RUSHING: Veach, 14-66; Splithoff, 20-55; Benson, 6-25; Bowden, 1-1; Bryant, 1-(-6); Szymanski, 1-(-13).

PASSING: Splithoff, 19-34-217.

RECEIVING: Morrison, 6-59;

Lindell, 5-57; Opara, 4-72;

Bowden, 2-8; Schottel, 1-13;

Veach, 1-8.

DEFENSE:

SACKS (No./Yds): Mueller, 1-0.

INTERCEPTIONS (No./Yds):

None.

TACKLES (U/A): Keasey, 8-5;

Farrell, 7-3; Mueller, 4-4; Kirby, 5-2;

McCareins, 3-1; Kongslie, 2-2;

Micsky, 1-3; Baninecz, 3-0;

Jackman, 2-1; Pilcher, 2-1; Roser-

Jones, 2-0; Browne, 2-0;

Snyder, 2-0; Simbi, 1-1;

Sauder, 1-0; Currey, 1-0; Cox, 1-

0; Releford, 1-0; Brown, 1-0;

Scott, 0-1; Ganter, 0-1; Lebeis,

0-1; Devers, 0-1.

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for the score that gave the Tiger a 10-7 lead with 13:59 to play in the second quarter. That score held at halftime.

"I thought we came out fired up both halves," said **Princeton Head Coach Roger Hughes** after his team fell to 1-6 overall, 1-4 in Ivy play. "I'm proud of how we played. We gave it a good effort. It just wasn't good enough to win the game."

Princeton missed a chance to build its lead when its first possession of the second half ended when Northrop was wide left with a 51-yard field goal that had plenty of distance. After the teams traded possessions, Princeton had a golden opportunity to build its lead, but saw the momentum swing the other way.

The Tiger marched 80 yards to the Penn 2, but on fourth-and-goal after three straight runs by **Branden Benson '05**, Splithoff's pass to **Mike Chiusano '03** was knocked away by a Quaker defensive back.

"We had the play ready for a two-point conversion, and we thought they were going to be in the same defense," Coach Hughes said. "We thought with the motion, they would go with the receiver and it would leave the tight end alone. No. 47, to his credit, stayed at home. I don't regret going for it at all. We weren't playing that well and I thought it could give us some momentum."

Instead, Penn seized control and converted two fourth-down plays, one from its own 22, to begin the fourth quarter. It took the ball and used 6:11 to drive 98 yards in 18 plays. The Quakers took a 14-10 lead with 11:20 to play and Princeton would get no closer. Hughes, though, remained confident in his team.

"They don't have a very good field goal kicker," the second-year head coach said in explaining his decision to go for the touch-

down on fourth down. "They have the type of offense that I felt we needed to score more than three points. I felt they were going to score again. If we get the touch-down, they would need to score 10 points. As it turned out, it didn't matter."

On Princeton's next possession, Splithoff fumbled at his own 41 when he was tackled after a 6-yard quarterback draw. Penn then put together a 10-play drive that ended with a two-yard touch-down run with 5:11 to play. Penn's defense did the rest.

"I thought we moved the ball well," said Splithoff, who finished the game 19-for-34 for 217 yards passing and 81 yards rushing, though he lost 26 of those yards on five sacks at the end of the game. "We surprised them with the no huddle in the beginning. We had a lot of quick throws and we let our guys run with the ball."

Princeton nearly played spoiler to Penn's perfect season as it came out with a balanced attack that included the most successful rushing effort against the Quakers this season. Penn, the Division I-AA leader in rushing defense, watched as Princeton back-up **Jon Veach '05** filled in capably for injured starter **Cameron Atkinson '03**. The freshman rushed 11 times for 53 yards and Splithoff added another 46 yards on nine carries to give Princeton 94 yards on the ground early.

Princeton hopes to build on its effort when it hosts Yale at 1 p.m. Saturday. The Tiger would like to make it a special day, but it means Princeton will have to make special plays.

"We looked brilliant at times and not at others," Coach Hughes said. "We have to make the plays. We have to make them all the time. In big situations, we have to make big plays."

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Instincts help former players survive terrorist attacks on World Trade towers

Jerry Price, assistant director of athletics for public affairs, spoke to several former Princeton football players Sept. 12, the day after terrorists attacked and demolished the World Trade Center towers in New York.

Dan Swingos '99 was a football player. Every Saturday was "a war." He played in three games that went "sudden death." As a defensive end, he always found himself in "the trenches."

And then the real thing hit. Miraculously, he is still here to talk about it.

On the morning of Sept. 11, three years after he led Princeton out of the tunnel onto the Princeton Stadium turf as captain of the first Tiger team to play in the new facility, Swingos found himself at Ground Zero of the attack on the United States.

Swingos woke up and went to work like he always does. His work address was the 60th floor of the World Trade Center, building two. He was on the 45th floor of that building around 9 a.m., when the first hijacked plane struck building one.

"I didn't hear it, but I looked out the window and saw papers flying around everywhere," he said on the morning of Sept. 12. "I said to myself, 'what in the world's going on?'" Then I looked down and saw fires on the ground everywhere and I figured that something had exploded."

Swingos works with former Princeton players **Tim Ligue '01** and **Chuck Hastings '00**. Across the street at the time was former Tiger **Gerry Giurato '00**, who works at the World Financial Center.

"I didn't see the plane hit," Giurato said. "But I heard it coming. I knew it was a plane. At the time, everyone was speculating that it was just an accident, that a plane had lost control and hit the tower. I was thinking that a lot of people might not get out."

When the first plane hit, Swingos was with a few other people. They immediately went for the elevator, but they were told they could not use it. Instead, they went into the stairwell.

It took around 15 minutes to get from the 45th to around the 15th floor, and then they heard an announcement from the loud

speaker.

"They said a plane had hit the other building," Swingos said. "Then they said that we had nothing to worry about, because our building was fine and that we could go back upstairs. We all said no to that. We just wanted to get outside and see what was happening."

Swingos and his group made it to the ground floor, but getting out of the building was another matter. Police were guiding people to the outside and weren't permitting some regular exits to be used.

Swingos thought to get the subway and actually boarded a train, but the train did not move. After that, he opened the door to the subway exit, the same one he normally takes to work.

"I looked outside, and it was a war zone," he said. "There was fire. Shrapnel. And then maybe 10 seconds after I opened the door, I heard it. It was like a missile, and it just tore into the building."

It was no missile. Instead, it was the second hijacked plane, which struck building two, at the base of which he was standing.

"All of the sudden, huge pieces of metal were falling from the sky," Swingos said. "I dove under the entrance to the building that was covered, but I was just halfway under the cover. I couldn't stay there. I had to take off, across a courtyard."

This was the beginning of the most harrowing part. Swingos ran through a maze of falling debris, some of which were huge metal pieces that would have surely killed him.

"I got back to the lobby of the building, and I just saw the metal falling all over," he says. "After that fallout let up, I just got out and started running north."

At the time, he had no idea about Hastings or Ligue, both of whom made it

out of the area that was the workplace for many former Princeton athletes and Princetonians in general.

"It was a madhouse," Giurato said. "I never, ever thought anything like that could happen. A lot of guys have been calling, and to my knowledge, everyone had been accounted for. Obviously, we can't be sure. We may still find out stuff about who isn't safe."

For Swingos, the story didn't end there, however. Around 700 miles away, in his family restaurant outside Cleveland, his anxious family was waiting to hear from him. During this time, they were glued to the TV set, watching first the planes hit and then the buildings collapse.

"I didn't have my cell phone with me," Swingos said. "I couldn't get through. Then this girl was the one on the street with her cell phone and she was getting reception, and she let me borrow her phone. I called the restaurant, because I knew they'd be there. My brother answered, and as soon as he picked up, they went into hysterics. They were sure I hadn't made it out."

But he did make it out, largely by listening to his instincts.

"People were just doing what they had to do to survive," said Swingos, who along with Giurato and the others had to walk several miles north to get home. "I just tried to make good decisions and keep going. I wasn't really thinking about the larger picture at the time. I saw a lot of people who were just frozen, who couldn't move. I hope as many made it out as possible. There are a lot of people I work with still missing. It was a horrible, horrible thing. It was the worst thing ever."

He came through it. Maybe his experiences as an athlete, as a football player, helped him. Maybe he was just lucky.

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