



Tiger's Lair

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Tilghman, Billings help honor players

It was an evening that joined Princeton Football's storied past and traditions with the present and the future.

Members of Princeton Football's future, the underclassmen, watched as the present, this year's senior class, was celebrated by members of Princeton Football's past at the annual Donald B. Lourie '22 Football Banquet.

Included among this year's guests was **Princeton President Shirley Tilghman**, who said she was happily reacquainted with football this season after growing up in Winnipeg, Manitoba, where she associated the game with down-filled clothing and snow on the field.

Held Nov. 19 at the Hyatt Regency just outside Princeton, the banquet was enlivened by the spirit of Princeton's oldest living captain, **F. Tremaine (Josh) Billings Jr. '33**. Mr. Billings presented the Colman Scholar-Athlete Award and was later inducted into the Order of Robe for his special contributions to Princeton Football by **Princeton Football Association President Stanislaw Maliszewski '66**.

The Tiger team, in its 133rd year of gridiron competition, was treated to a rendition of Princeton fight songs by the Princeton Band as dinner began. The team, coaches, staff and PFA members were joined at the banquet by parents of the players, who were well represented.

Princeton then honored its departing seniors as well as deserving underclassmen with its annual awards. Running back **Jon Veach '05** and wide receiver **B.J.**

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From the President ...

One of the lessons we learn from playing football is to appreciate the importance of basics. All of us can become enamored with a new play or a trick play but we all know that the best way to win consistently is to be able to execute the basic fundamentals of blocking and tackling. There is a simple truth as to why the tried and true works – it has been tested over time.

The same principle applies to increasing our membership in the **Princeton Football Association** that in turn enables us to meet the pressing needs of Princeton Football. There is no substitute for our asking the people who are most interested in Princeton Football to continue and possibly increase their support. I want to impress upon everyone that the things we support enhance the quality of Princeton Football. These are items that would not be available to our players and staff if not for our involvement.

Head Coach Roger Hughes has outlined some priority items that include state-of-the-art TV monitors. These will enable the coaches to better analyze game film on the Princeton team and our opponents, and to better evaluate tape provided by recruits. Our donations fund the all-important recruiting effort that includes flying in the players. He depends on the **Princeton Football Association** to provide those items that are not included in the university budget.

I strongly encourage everyone to get involved in the blocking and tackling that will help Princeton Football win a championship and continue to make Princeton Football a special experience for all of us. Please fill in the form below and send it in with your donation. Thank you for your help.

Stanislaw Maliszewski '66

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Honor

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Szymanski '05 received the Donald B. Lourie award from **Douglas S. James '67** as the top freshmen players on offense.

Both made significant contributions in their first season. Veach gained playing time each week and finished the season as the top understudy to running back **Cameron Atkinson '03**. Veach gained 266 yards on 61 carries and scored one touchdown.

Szymanski, a Texas native, played in seven games and made eight catches for 213 yards. He showed speed and game-breaking potential against Yale when he scored two touchdowns.

The top first-year defenders, **Nick Brown '05** and **Chris Browne '05**, were presented the Harland "Pink" Baker Award by **Anthony DiTommaso '86**. In his seven games Brown recorded seven solo tackles and provided six assists. Browne also had seven solo tackles and provided one assist.

The award for excellence in special teams play, The Class of '52 Football Award, was presented to **Rob Currey '03** and **Taylor Northrop '02** by **Christopher Lutz '91**. Currey, who appeared in just six games due to injury, finished the season with 17 solo tackles and 12 assists. He also made one interception.

Place kicker and punter Northrop completed a record-setting career at Princeton, tying the Tiger record for most career field goals with his predecessor, **Alex Sierk '99**. He also is tied for second in Ivy League history with 38 career field goals after going 13 for 17 on field goal attempts and 16 for 16 on extra points this season. He also hit the crossbar on a 57-yard attempt against Cornell that would have been the longest field goal in Ivy history. Northrop, a three-time Ivy League Special Teams Player of the Week, averaged 39.4 yards on 43 punts.

Peter C. Milano '88 presented the Ronald A Rogerson Award to **Jon Ganter '02**

for his spirit and love of the game.



Princeton University President Shirley Tilghman addressed the team and Princeton Football Association members.

Ganter, a defensive back, made seven solo tackles and had six assists in seven games this season.

Offensive lineman **Matt Peluse '02** received the Dr. Harry Roemer McPhee Award from presenter **Dr. Ronald D. Grossman '67** for his qualities of durability and fortitude. Peluse often played with injuries this season.

The Charles W. Caldwell Memorial Trophy, presented by **David G. Chandler '80**, was awarded to **Captain Bob Farrell '02**

for his improvement during his Princeton career. A linebacker, Farrell was third on the team in tackles with 39 unassisted tackles and 21 assists. He had four tackles for 10 yards in losses and one sack this season.

David Czehut '02 was presented the Richard Colman Scholar-Athlete Award for his football and classroom prowess. He was presented the award by **Josh Billings '33** who delighted the guests with his recollections.

Robert C. Holly '82 presented the John P. Poe/Richard W. Kazmaier Award in recognition of the team's most valuable player to **Chris Roser-Jones '02**. Roser-Jones was forced to miss two games due to injury but he recorded 23 solo tackles and 12 assists. Seven tackles went for 22 yards in losses and he had one sack. Roser-Jones, one of the nation's top pass defenders, had four interceptions and 190 yards in returns. He also knocked away six passes.

Roser-Jones, who was cited for his leadership by example, thanked his teammates, coaches and parents for making his success possible.

Head Coach Roger Hughes, in his summary of the season and his outlook, took heart from the improvement that his Princeton team showed throughout the season, battling with the two top teams in the Ivy League in Harvard and Pennsylvania, and finishing with strong victories over Yale and Dartmouth.

He said that Princeton will look to be a stronger, more physical team as it heads into its 134th season.

Atkinson named an Academic All-America

Princeton running back **Cameron Atkinson '03** was among three Ivy League players to be named to the Verizon Academic All-American Football Second Team.

Atkinson, of Mantua, N.J., was second-team following an exceptional campaign. He racked up more than 1,000 all-purpose yards for the Tiger, including 660 rushing yards and nine scores. Atkinson, who carries a 3.30 grade point average in chemistry, averaged 5.8 yards per carry.

Atkinson was joined by Yale wide receiver Billy Brown and Harvard running back Josh Staph.

Earlier Atkinson was named a first-team District II Academic All-America along with teammates **Bob Farrell '02** and **Tim Kirby '04**.



Award winners, from left, are Jon Veach '05, Rob Currey '03, B.J. Szymanski '05, Chris Roser-Jones '02, Matt Peluse '02, Josh Billings '33, David Czehut '02, Taylor Northrop '02, Nick Brown '05, Chris Browne '05, Jon Ganter '02 and Capt. Bob Farrell '02.



Above, the award winners visit with Josh Billings '33 after the banquet. At far left, Josh Billings '33 receives the Order of the Robe from Princeton Football Association President Stanislaw Maliszewski '66 as Head Coach Roger Hughes looks on. At left, Taylor Northrop '02 accepts the Class of '52 Football Award.

Photos by Stacie Traube

Three Tiger players are first team all-Ivy

Chris Roser-Jones '02, one of the top pass interceptors in Division I-AA history, is one of three Princeton football players to be named first-team All-Ivy League. The team was selected by a vote of the eight head coaches.

In addition to Roser-Jones, Princeton's first-team selections were place kicker **Taylor Northrop '02** and safety **Kevin Kongsli '03**. Northrop was also a second-team selection as the punter.

Princeton had four honorable mention selections: running back **Cameron Atkinson '03**, linebacker **Bob Farrell '02**, defensive lineman **Tim Kirby '04** and offensive lineman **Matt Peluse '02**.

Roser-Jones extended Princeton's streak of having at least one first- or second-team linebacker to 11 straight years. Roser-Jones intercepted four passes this season for 190 return yards, an average of 47.5 per interception. He finished his career with 13 interceptions and averaged 25 yards per return, coming within 13 yards of the Divi-

Northrop named to All-America teams

Taylor Northrop '02 has been named to the first-team of the American Football Coaches Assoc.'s I-AA All America Team. In addition he will be a member of the East team in the annual East-West Shrine Game to be played Jan. 12 at Pacbell Park in San Francisco. Northrop was also named a third-team all-American by the Sports Network.

sion I-AA record. He also had 35 tackles, 23 unassisted and seven tackles for loss. He returned three interceptions in his career for touchdowns.

Northrop finished his career first at Princeton and tied for second in Ivy history with 38 career field goals. Considered the top NFL prospect in the league, Northrop was 13 for 17 on field goal attempts and 16 for 16 on extra points. He also hit the

crossbar on a 57-yard attempt against Cornell that would have been the longest field goal in Ivy history. Northrop, a three-time Ivy League Special Teams Player of the Week, averaged 39.4 yards on 43 punts.

Kongsli led the Tiger with five interceptions, which he returned for 78 yards. He was also the fourth-leading tackler on the team from his secondary spot, with 43 tackles, 234 unassisted.

Atkinson led the team with 660 yards, and nine touchdowns. He also averaged 5.8 yards per carry, the most at Princeton since **Keith Elias '94** averaged 6.4 in 1993.

Farrell, the team captain, was third on the team with 60 tackles, 39 unassisted, while Kirby had 41 tackles, five for loss.

Peluse was the lone returning starter on an offensive line that helped Princeton increase its rushing yardage.

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Stanislaw Maliszewski '66, *President*

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September

21 at Lehigh
28 Lafayette

October

5 at Columbia
12 at Colgate
19 Brown
26 Harvard

November

2 at Cornell
9 Pennsylvania
16 at Yale
23 Dartmouth