

PRINCETON TIGERS

7-2 overall, 5-1 Ivy

PRINCETON DEFENSE

STEVE VERBIT – CO-DC/DL – FIELD

- 32nd season on PU staff (longest-tenured coach)

JIM SALGADO – CO-DC/DB – BOOTH

- 7th season at Princeton – 4th as Co-DC.

REVAMPED SECONDARY

Graduated three starters (over 90 combined starts)
Anthony Gaffney: 3x First-Team All-Ivy CB (40)
John Hill: Three-year starter at CB (30 starts)
Khamal Brown: Starting strong safety LY (23)

PASS DEFENSE – FIRST TWO vs. LAST SEVEN

FIRST TWO WEEKS ► 820 yards, 79.4%, 7 TDs, 2 INTs
 • 2nd-worst pass defense FCS (410 yards per game)
 • **Nick Shafnisky** = 461 yards (29-of-36), 4 TD, 0 INT
 • **Drew Reed (LAF)** = 356 yards ► Started 9-for-9
 LAST 7 WEEKS ► allowing 178 yards per game.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

- Last 44 drives in regulation – allowed 1 TD.
- L3 games ► outscored opponents 115-10
 Cornell scored TD when score was 35-0
 Yale kicked FG after INT gave them ball at PU 10.
- +11 turnover margin ► 9th FCS
 Best in the Ivy League ► Penn 2nd +3
 Defense has forced league-best 21 turnovers.
 Forced 5 turnovers @ Georgetown – Week 4

DEFENSIVE EFFORTS – LAST FIVE WEEKS

- LW - 31-3 win - Yale's only trip into red zone was drive that started at the Princeton 10 after an INT – Bulldogs = 200 yards of total offense.
- Shut out Penn for first time since 1978.
- Held Cornell to 7 points
- Held Harvard w/o TD nearly 40:00 (9:51 2nd).
- Held Brown scoreless until 1:01 left (58:59).

KO RETURN	37 Trevor OSBORNE
	Senior • 6-2 • 215 • Phoenix, Ariz.
	14 kick returns (22.3) LONG = 46 (Harvard) Had a 42-yard KO return Week 6 vs. Harvard Dre Nelson was primary KO in 2015 (27.2)

PUNT RETURN	2 James FRUSCIANTE
	Senior • 6-0 • 185 • Westport, Conn.
	9 punt returns (6.7) LONG = 19 (Harvard) Tiger Bech (12.3 on 9 returns – long 30) Max Lescano was primary PR LY (6.2)

#91 – JOE PERCIVAL Sophomore LB Melville, N.Y.
• Long Island Native – St. Anthony's HS • 0 games this year – DNP LY (Nov. '14)

#95 – JEREMIAH TYLER Freshman LB Detroit, Mich.
• 1st career sack vs. Brown • Recovered blocked punt TD vs. Penn

#96 – KHALIL BRYANT Junior DL Fleming Island, Fla.
• Had a sack Week 2 at Lehigh

DEFENSIVE END	
90 Kurt HOLUBA	Junior • 6-3 • 260 • Ho-Ho-Kus, N.J.
32 tackles, 7.0 sacks, 9 TFL, 1 INT, 3 sacks vs. Harvard ► CH 10 tackles ► POTW Injured 3 games into LY (17 tackles, 3 TFL) 2x First-Team All-State at BC (5 sacks in gm) 20 FBS offers (FSU, Michigan St., Stanford)	
98 Joey DEMARCO	Sophomore • 6-4 • 245 • Del Mar, Calif.
8 tackles, 0.5 sacks, 2.0 TFL 2 tackles in 5 games LY First career sack in finale @ Dartmouth LY	

NOSE GUARD	
66 Henry SCHLOSSBERG	Senior • 6-4 • 280 • Los Angeles, Calif.
37 tackles, 2.0 sacks (7.0 TFL), 2 FR 2 sacks Week 3 at Columbia ► 8 tackles LW HS w/ Chad Kanoff @ Harvard-Westlake LY: All-Ivy HM in first season as starter 3.5 sacks (tied team lead), 5 TFL	
71 Jake STRAIN	Sophomore • 6-0 • 255 • Springfield, Pa.
4 tackles Played in four games LY Played some DE in blowout at Columbia	

DEFENSIVE END	
44 Ty DESIRÉ	Junior • 6-5 • 290 • Uniondale, N.Y.
14 tackles, 1.0 sack, 3 QBH Missed Columbia & Georgetown w/ leg injury DNP in 2015 – 5 TFL, 3 sacks in 2014 2014 as Soph: Second-Team All-Ivy Turns 21 on Tuesday	
48 Brannon JONES	Senior • 6-1 • 250 • Greenwood Village, CO
20 tackles, 1.5 sacks, 4.0 TFL Sack + forced fumble/recovery @ Columbia From just outside Denver – LB and RB in HS Mechanical Engineering – 800 on math SAT	

SCORING DEFENSE: 15.9
 1st Ivy League - 4th FCS
 TOTAL DEFENSE: 311.2
 1st Ivy League
 RUSHING DEFENSE: 82.2 (2.5)
 Best in Ivy – 6th FCS (of 122)
 158.6 LY = 2nd-worst Ivy
 PASSING DEFENSE: 229.0
 3rd Ivy League
 271.6 LY = 7th-worst FCS
 RED-ZONE DEFENSE:
 Opponents 16-of-22 (73%)
 T-best Ivy League (Harvard)
 3RD DOWN: Opp. 31.9% (2nd)
 4TH DOWN: Opp. 3-for-10
 Best Ivy - stopping 4th down

OUTSIDE LB – EDGE RUSHER	
94 Birk OLSON	Senior • 6-2 • 260 • Monticello, Minn.
16 tackles, 5.5 TFL, 1 sack, 2 fumble rec. LY: All-Ivy HM – 3.5 sacks – edge rusher Second season as a starter	
99 Mike WAGNER	Sophomore • 6-1 • 225 • Victor, N.Y.
18 tackles, 2.5 sacks, 3 QBH Moved to rush LB position midway LY From just outside Rochester, NY	

WIL	
33 Luke CATARIUS	Senior • 6-0 • 235 • Sandwich, Mass.
68 tackles, 2.0 sacks, 1 interception Team's leading tackler ► 9th Ivy League Averaged 13 per game L3 games of 2015 LY: 6th Ivy tackles – only started 5 games Averaged 13.3 L3 games (15 vs. Yale)	
43 Mark FOSSATI	Junior • 5-9 • 220 • Upper Saddle River, NJ
25 tackles, 2.5 TFL St. Joseph's Regional HS – 3 State Titles NJ POTY as Sr. – KO and S same play Older brother, Anthony = played @ Lehigh	

MIDDLE LB	
54 Rohan HYLTON	Senior • 5-11 • 225 • Orlando, Fla.
51 tackles, 2.5 sacks, 1 interception, 1 FF 1st career interception vs. Harvard Week 6 ► Returned 30 yards Early 4th quarter Out L5 games LY ► Sprained MCL @ Brown 2nd-Team All-Ivy 2014 (11.5 TFL, 4.5 sacks)	
35 Nick FEKULA <i>FECK-you-luh</i>	Senior • 6-4 • 230 • Monongahela, Pa.
17 tackles Converted DB ► Played in 9 games LY 12 tackles LY @ Dartmouth ► Previous CH 5	

SAM	
21 Quincy WOLFF	Junior • 5'11 • 210 • Atlanta, Ga.
13 tackles Father, Jerald, played DL Northwestern ► Under late Dennis Green (passed away in July - NFL HC w/ Minn. + Ariz.).	
34 Thomas JOHNSON	Sophomore • 6-0 • 220 • Moorestown, N.J.
6 tackles Missed 3 games w/ injury earlier this year Pink Baker Award LY (team's top Def. Fresh.)	

CORNERBACK	
17 James GALES	Senior • 5-10 • 200 • New York, N.Y.
33 tackles, 3 interceptions, 1 fumble rec. INT 3 straight weeks vs. Cornell, Penn, Yale Returned fumble 35 yards @ Georgetown 9 tackles in 1st career start vs. Lafayette LY: Team's 3rd CB – Played in all 10 games	
13 Connor GROGAN	Senior • 5-8 • 180 • Manasquan, N.J.
11 tackles Out of Manasquan HS	

FREE SAFETY	
3 Dorian WILLIAMS	Senior • 6-0 • 210 • Streesboro, Ohio
46 tackles, 2 interceptions (4 career), 2 FF Has started every game of career (40 today) Poe-Kazmaier winner LY (3rd Jr. since 1916) LY: 2nd Ivy tackles (91, -1 lead) » 15 vs. Yale Second-Team All-Ivy each of L2 seasons	
19 T.J. FLOYD	Freshman • 5'10 • 180 • Jacksonville, Fla.
20 tackles Father played college football (WR UNLV) Slated to play safety in nickel Bolles School - Corky Rogers - Most wins FL	

STRONG SAFETY	
10 Sam HUFFMAN	Senior • 6-2 • 190 • Lima, Ohio
33 tackles, 1 interception Recorded 1st interception of season vs. HAR ► 2nd straight season w/ INT vs. Harvard LY: 6 tackles, 1 interception (at Harvard) Father, Matt = 4th term, Ohio House of Rep.	
24 Benjamin ELLIS	Sophomore • 6-0 • 200 • Memphis, Tenn.
8 tackles CH 4 tackles Week 3 @ Columbia	

CORNERBACK	
22 Chance MELANCON <i>mel-ON-sun</i>	Junior • 5-8 • 200 • Allen, Texas
20 tackles, 1 forced fumble (Georgetown) Started L6 ► Out of TX powerhouse Allen HS ► Won pair of state titles (52-4 over 4yrs) Appeared in just 1 game in 2015	
11 Markus PHOX	Senior • 6-0 • 200 • Wichita, Kan.
21 tackles, 1 interception LY: 14 tackles as backup CB, special teams Father is Princeton HS graduate Grandfather Floyd Phox = Coin Toss vs. LAF ► 25 years for PU Building Services	