

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

# FLASH

# GORDON

## Big plays from Little Tiger

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**TRENTON** — His coach swears he's the best player in the Colonial Valley Conference.

Yesterday, Josh Gordon may also have been the luckiest.

A pinball interception in the end zone by Princeton's tailback halted a potential game-winning drive by Trenton, sealing a 17-14 comeback victory for the undefeated Little Tigers (4-0) and sending the Tornadoes (0-4) to their 14th-straight loss.

With under a minute remaining and Trenton fifteen yards away from the go-ahead score, quarterback Kile Johnson threaded a pass that ricocheted among a crowd of white and black jerseys.

"It tipped, like, three times,

**PRINCETON 17,  
TRENTON 14**

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Trenton (0-4) 7700 - 14

T - Fully 7 run (Fully kick good)  
T - Stokes 68 punt return (Fully kick good)  
F - Safety - punt blocked in end zone  
F - Bryant 22 pass from Oleniine (Velen kick good)  
F - Gordon 52 run (Barsamian run for conversion)

	Princ.	Tren.
First Downs	14	27
Rushing	96-181	81-52
Passing	7-16-3	10-10
Pass Yards	90	2-15
Sacks by/7/yds.	1-8	2-1
Fumbles/Lost	1-0	2-1
Penalty/Yards	4-35	7-55
Punts/Avg	5-31	5-27

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**PRINCETON**  
RUSHING: Josh Gordon 21-147, Trevor Barsamian 11-42, Michael Oleniine 3-1, Eric Shorter 1-1  
PASSING: Oleniine 7-16-3, 90 yards, 1 TD  
RECEIVING: Shorter 1-32, Nick Miranda 2-32, Doug Bryant 2-30, Tom Borcher 1-2, Gordon 1-1  
SACKS: McNulty  
INTERCEPTIONS: Bryant, Gordon  
**TRENTON**  
RUSHING: Teddy Fully 23-97, Keith Upshur 3-5, Kile Johnson 1- (8)  
PASSING: Johnson 8-15-2, 100 yards  
RECEIVING: Isiah Perry 3-32, Bernard Darrin 2-25, Upshur 2-24, Kyree Stokes 1-18  
SACKS: Burton, Burrell  
INTERCEPTIONS: King 2, Hoffman

and then it went into the Trenton player's hands, and then he just missed it," Gordon said. "He pretty much gave me the ball."

"I was in the right place at the right time," Gordon played a crucial role in the comeback effort for Princeton, which faced a two-touchdown deficit at halftime.

Tailback Teddy Fullely found pay dirt on Trenton's first drive of the afternoon — a seven-yard rush to put the Tornadoes up 7-0.

Late in the second quarter, the Little Tigers offense found itself heading another stalled drive. Kyree Stokes took the down the right sideline for a 68-yard touchdown, giving Trenton a 14-0 lead.

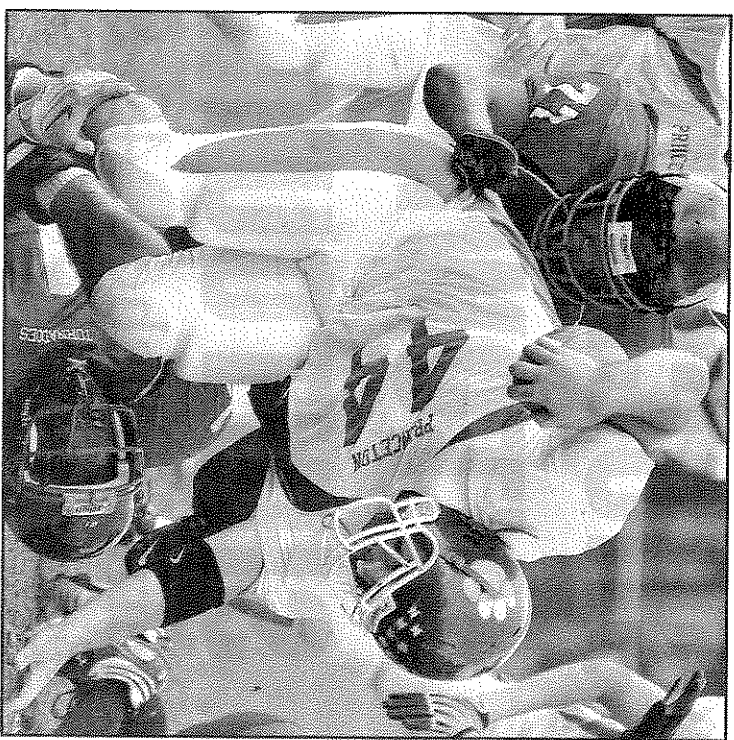
Princeton may have been down on the road, but it cer-

tainly was not out.

"It's nice having seniors, our senior didn't panic," Princeton coach Steve Everettte said. "We picked it up in the second half. Our offensive line started giving us some nice seams. Josh got a little angry, and started to make some big runs."

Senior defensive lineman Josh McNulty blocked and recovered a Trenton punt from the end zone late in the third quarter for a safety, cutting the Trenton lead to 14-2.

On the next Princeton possession, quarterback Michael Oleniine shook off three earlier interceptions and connected with Eric Shorter over the middle for a 32-yard gain to



Trentonian Photo/JACKIE SCHEAR  
Princeton High School's Trevor Barsamian during yesterday's game.

the Trenton 22.

One snap later, Oleniine floated a pass to wideout Doug Bryant for a touchdown, bringing the Little Tigers to within five.

Princeton continued to feed the ball to Gordon, who collected 52 of his game-high 147 rushing yards on a touchdown run with six minutes left to give the Little Tigers a 17-14 lead.

And when Johnson's last-

second pass attempt bounced around bodies in the end zone, only to find the hands of Gordon, the Tornadoes could not help but feel they let a win slip through their fingers.

"It's difficult when you have a team that's on a 14-game losing streak, especially the seniors, they were devastated," Trenton coach Carl Jordan said. "They could taste that victory and to not pull it off, it's difficult for them."