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Trenton's Teddy Fully led the Tornadoes to a win over Princeton in 2007.

# Old rivals collide

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Trenton and Princeton have been playing football longer than any other schools in the Colonial Valley Conference.

So it would figure the Tornadoes, who began playing the gridiron game at the start of the 1900s, and the Little Tigers, who fielded their first team around 1914, would have played some pretty memorable games in a rivalry that's almost a century old.

Their meeting tomorrow at 1 p.m. at Trenton's Bill Harvin Memorial Field has the makings of being one of the more memorable in the series even though the team's come in with totally opposite records.

Steve Everette's Princeton squad is 3-0 and off to its best start since it went 4-0-1 to start the 1991 season. Trenton, under first-year coach Carl Jordan, is 0-3, but getting closer each week to ending a losing streak that dates back 14 games over three years.

In fact, the last Trenton win was also the last time Princeton came to Bill Harvin Field. That day the Tornadoes, led by the receiving of sophomore Teddy Fully and the passing of senior QB Devon Hill won, 14-7, for their fourth victory in a 4-6 season.

When they meet tomorrow it will be one of eight games being played on the biggest Saturday ever for CVC teams.

All 16 teams are in action, starting with what looks to be the biggest CVC game of the year as 3-0 Notre Dame makes the half mile trek to Lawrence to take on the 3-0 Cardinals at 11 a.m.

The game will be aired on WHWH (1350 AM), starting with *The Trentonian* Pregame Show at 10:45 a.m.

Other big CVC contests have Hamilton (1-1) visiting West Windsor South (2-1) at 2 p.m., Ewing (1-2) playing at West Windsor North (2-1) at 1 p.m., Hopewell Valley (1-2) hoping to end a two-game losing streak and keep from becoming Steinert's first victim of the season when it visits the 0-2 Spartans at 11 a.m.

Nottingham, the best 0-3 team in the county after losing twice in the fourth quarter, can keep alive its hopes of a winning record if it beats visiting Hightstown (1-2) in a noon kickoff.

Two CVC teams will be at home to host out-of-league rivals as Robbinsville (1-2) entertains Lincoln of Jersey City, a 3-0 team averaging 33 points a game. Allentown (1-2) will

also be home to host a Hudson County squad as it entertains Marist of Bayonne at 1 p.m.

The Trenton/Princeton rivalry has created some memorable moments, even before former THS coach and now vice principal Lawrence Parker was running the ball for Dick Wood's Tigers.

Tomorrow's game is intriguing since the Tornadoes have been playing superb defense, especially in their last two games when they bowed at home to Notre Dame, 25-22, and on the road at West Windsor South, 9-0.

Princeton meanwhile has put up big offensive numbers with the running of Josh Gordon (59-335) and Trevor Barsamian (33-160) and the passing of Mike Olentine (23-50, 386, 3 TDs).

Fully is now Trenton's top run threat with 195 yards and two touchdowns on 57 carries.

"We all know Trenton is a lot better than their record," says Princeton defensive guru Scott Goldsmith, whose unit got a big boost last week when Tom Borchert returned from a first-game injury to record two sacks and force a fumble in a 41-20 romp over previously-unbeaten WW-P North.