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Princeton's Michael Olentine looks to throw against Steinert earlier this season.

Princeton looks to upset ND

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Ransford Quarrie and his senior teammates on Notre Dame High's unbeaten football team return to the scene of one of their most memorable wins this morning.

They hope to celebrate it with another big win in a late-season showdown between the winningest teams in the Colonial Valley Conference.

The 7-0 Irish head to Princeton to take on the 6-1 Little Tigers in an 11 a.m. kickoff that has been anticipated ever since the CVC Colonial Division and Valley Division leaders got through September unbeaten.

The game will be broadcast on WHWH (1350 AM) starting with *The Trentonian Pregame Show*.

While Chappy Moore's Irish and Steve Everette's Little Tigers are headed back to the playoffs, each needs a win today to lock up a home field playoff game on Nov. 13-14.

Several other interesting CVC matchups are on tap in Week 7.

Maybe the most anticipated pits two of the hottest teams when West Windsor South (4-

visits Steinert (4-2) at 2 p.m. The Spartans have won four in a row and are bidding for their first playoff berth in six seasons.

That game also will be broadcast on WHWH (1350 AM).

Other CVC games have Lawrence (5-2) looking for its second win in a row and clinching a playoff game when it plays at Hopewell Valley ((2-5) at 1 p.m., while Hamilton (4-2) hosts West Windsor North (4-3) at 1 p.m. Trenton (0-7) tries again to snap a 3-year, 17-game losing streak in a 1 p.m. game against a 1-6 Hightstown squad.

Allentown (3-3) plays at Ramsey (5-1) in a non-CVC game.

Quarrie will always remember Princeton's turf field since it is where he got his first taste of running the ball two years ago when he was converted from linebacker to put more punch in the offense at halftime.

He responded by gaining 54 yards and scoring the clinching TD in the final period as the Irish scored 23 in the fourth quarter for a comeback 30-14 win to go to 3-1. A year ago ND also had to work late to

beat Princeton, securing a 28-20 win as Vail Grafton ran a kickoff back 86 yards for a touchdown after the Tigers got within 21-20 in the fourth period.

Quarrie had 59 yards that night.

Now he is on his way to being one of ND's all-time rushing leaders with 875 yards, second most in the CVC, and 12 scores.

"We were hoping to be undefeated when we got to this game," said Princeton defensive coach Scott Goldsmith, who knows the key to the Tigers ending ND's perfect season is for his lineman like Josh McNulty and Jay Dwyer to contain Quarrie while linebackers Doug Borchert and Andy Zinsmeister can disrupt Irish quarterback Anthony Perna and force him to throw passes deep that Skye Ettin can intercept.

"They (ND) are very methodical in what they do, with no fancy stuff," says Goldsmith. "They know what to do, and how to win in tough situations."

Princeton will try to be even tougher in their biggest test yet in what is becoming their finest season.