

## Unable to Overcome 6-Minute Implosion, PHS Football Falls 34-14 to Notre Dame

Battling powerful Notre Dame last Saturday, the Princeton High football team outscored the Fighting Irish 14-10 over the last 25 minutes of the contest.

Unfortunately, the Little Tigers dug themselves a 24-0 hole in the first 23 minutes of the game as the final numbers added up to a 34-14 loss to undefeated Notre Dame (8-0).

In reflecting on the setback, PHS head coach Steve Everette rued his team's sloppy start.

"We played badly for six minutes; we imploded on ourselves," said Everette, whose team dropped to 6-2 on the season.

"We had a turnover; we had 10 men on the field, and we had a blocked punt all within a six-minute stretch and it made a hole for us."

After falling behind 24-0, the Little Tigers showed life as quarterback Mike Olen-tine hit Nick Miranda for a 22-yard scoring strike that brought PHS within 24-7.

"We thought we could come in and have some success in the throwing game and we did," said Everette. "We just couldn't do it where we could keep it balanced."

PHS' ability to keep balanced on offense was hampered by an ankle injury to star running back Josh Gordon, who left the game on the Little Tigers' first possession of the day.

"He is probably one of the best players in the CVC," said Everette. "We didn't have him; that's the big play guy in our running game."

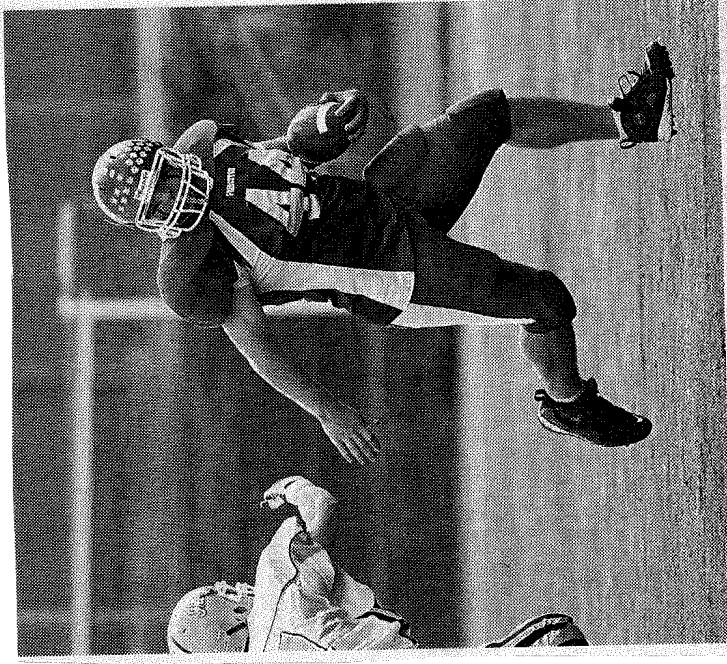
and by Tuesday, he'll be good to go."

PHS will have to be good next Saturday as it hosts rival WW/P-S, looking to tune up for a playoff run.

"We are using these games to gear us up for the playoffs; I am pretty confident that we are going to get in, whether it is the 6th, 7th or 8th seed," said Everette.

"These games are going to help us prepare for that. We need to not make mistakes and have other people step and make plays. We'll see what happens once we get there."

**-Bill Alden**



**CARRYING THE LOAD:** Princeton High senior running back Trevor Barsamian eludes a Notre Dame defender last Saturday in PHS' 34-14 loss to the undefeated Fighting Irish (8-0). With running mate Josh Gordon sidelined early in the contest, Barsamian carried the load for PHS as he rushed for 131 yards and a touchdown. The Little Tigers, now 6-2, host WW/P-S (5-3) on November 7.

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