

After a Tough Loss, What's Next For Principia Football?

The Principia football team lost 72-0 on Family Weekend. How will this setback affect their season moving forward?

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Coach Mauk gives a speech to the team after a tough loss against Orchard Farm on October 10, 2025. (Photo used with permission from Principia Media)

The Principia football team faced the toughest team they played all year on Friday, October 10. Before the game one of the coaches, Dante Lewis, took time for an interview about how he thinks the game will go. He states that "Orchard Farm is the best team that we are going to play so far." With that said, under the bright lights and roaring crowd Principia lost in a blowout 72-0 loss. It was a difficult game for players, coaches and fans. It got so bad that even one of the fans left the game during halftime.

Senior Neo Swanson, wide receiver for the Panthers, shook his head with frustration walking into the locker room. "This game definitely hurts the

most cause this is my first time getting blown out like this" he said. "We will bounce back against our rivals, Priory."

This loss was the worst one this whole season, but the coaching staff is planning to learn and plan for the next one. Head Coach for the Panthers, Mathew Mauk, emphasized that setbacks like this one can be powerful learning experiences. "Every great team has moments like these. Now it's on us on how we are going to respond," he said.

Mathew Mauk is moving forward and said "We plan to focus on improving communication on the field, bettering the defense and finding more consistency in their offense." Lewis

said" Practices this week are expected to be intense but constructive."

Some players are already using the loss as motivation. Senior Captain JJ Marshall said "We know we can do better."

Fans and students are rallying behind the team as well showing school pride despite the loss on Friday. Cheerleaders have been being loud at games, doing their best to support the football team.

The road ahead won't be easy, but if Principia can turn this defeat into motivation, there are still a lot of games ahead in the season to bounce back.