

RUTGERS

FOOTBALL

2021

SCHEDULE/RESULTS

SEPTEMBER

4....Temple (BTN) W, 61-14
 11...at Syracuse (ACCN) W, 17-7
 18...Delaware (BTN) W, 45-13
 25...at No. 19 Michigan* (ABC) L, 20-13

OCTOBER

2....No. 11 Ohio State* (BTN) L, 52-13
 9....No. 11 Michigan State* (BTN) L, 31-13
 16...at Northwestern* (BTN) L, 21-7
 30...at Illinois* (BTN) W, 20-14

NOVEMBER

6....Wisconsin* (BTN) L, 52-3
 13...at Indiana* (BTN) W, 38-3
 20...at Penn State* (BTN) 12:01 p.m.
 27...Maryland* (BTN) Noon

* - Big Ten game

All game times Eastern Standard Time

BROADCAST INFORMATION

TV: Big Ten Network (FOX Sports App)

Play-By-Play: Cory Provus

Analyst: Matt Millen

Reporter: Elise Menaker

Radio: RWJBarnabas Health

Rutgers Sports Network

FOX Sports New Jersey 93.5-FM & 1450-AM,

WOR 710-AM, XM 390, Scarlet Knights App

Play-By-Play: Chris Carlin

Analyst: Julian Pinnix-Odrick

Sideline: Anthony Fucilli

Engineer: Paul Shrager

Pre/Post: Marc Malusis & Eric LeGrand

Student Radio: WRSU 88.7-FM

Chris Tsakonas & Jake Schmiel

SERIES HISTORY

All-Time: Penn State leads, 29-2

At Penn State: Penn State leads, 16-2

Last Meeting: Dec. 5, 2020

Penn State 23, Rutgers 7 (at RU)

Last Rutgers Win: Sept. 24, 1988

Rutgers 21, No. 15 Penn State 16 (at PSU)

STAT LEADERS

Passing: Vedral (153-253, 1,590 yds, 7 TDs)

Rushing: Pacheco (146 att, 554 yds, 5 TDs)

Receiving: B. Melton (48 rec, 523 yds, 3 TDs)

All-Purpose: Cruickshank (743 yds)

Tackles: Fatukasi (89)

Sacks: Fatukasi (3.5)

Interceptions: M. Melton (3)

GAME 11 • RUTGERS AT PENN STATE SATURDAY, NOV. 20 • BEAVER STADIUM

SCARLET KNIGHTS

5-5 Record 6-4
 2-5 Big Ten Record 3-4
 NR/NR Ranking (AP/Coaches) RV/RV
 W, 38-3 at Indiana (11/13) Last Game L, 21-17 vs. No. 9 Michigan (11/13)
 Greg Schiano Head Coach James Franklin
 76-78 (13th season) Career Record 90-47 (11th season)
 Same Record at School 66-32 (Eighth season)
 0-1 Record vs. Opponent 7-0
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NITTANY LIONS



RB Isaih Pacheco recorded his fifth career multiple-score game as part of a 218-yard team rushing attack at Indiana. The Vineland, New Jersey, native is one of 15 players in program history with at least 2,000 rushing yards, currently ranked eighth with 2,349 and needing 85 to match Jacki Crooks (1996-99) for seventh.

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NOTABLE

- Rutgers plays a fourth road game in five outings for the first time since 2009 with a trip to Penn State. The Scarlet Knights are 6-3 on the road since 2020 with five Big Ten victories after winning three such contests the first six years in the league.
- Rutgers has won at least five games for the first time since 2014 and seeks to become bowl eligible with one more victory. Head coach Greg Schiano has previously led the Scarlet Knights to six bowl trips, winning five.
- Rutgers is 5-0 this season when committing no turnovers, establishing a +0.7 per game turnover margin overall to rank third in the Big Ten and 17th nationally. The last season with five turnover-free games was 2009, seeking to make it six for the first time since 1993.
- Rutgers has held opponents to 38-for-132 on third down (28.8 percent), the fourth-best percentage nationally. The best mark for a season under Schiano is 30 percent set in 2006 and 2009.

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STAT COMPARISON

Category	RU	PSU	NCAA Ranking	
			RU	PSU
Record	5-5	6-4		
Conference	2-5	3-4		
3rd Down Conversion	0.333	0.390	117	72
3rd Down Conversion Defense	0.288	0.360	4	38
First Down Defense	176	216	20	82
First Down Offense	185	207	102	78
Kickoff Return Defense	17.93	11.00	25	1
Kickoff Returns	18.17	15.30	97	125
Net Punting	45.70	45.53	1	2
Passes Intercepted	7	10	78	31
Passing Offense	180.8	272.2	113	29
Passing Yards Allowed	218.0	213.9	48	44
Passing Yards/Completion	9.83	11.53	126	88
Red Zone Defense	0.741	0.639	20	5
Red Zone Offense	0.816	0.875	80	46
Rushing Defense	154.0	137.9	73	53
Rushing Offense	145.8	106.7	82	119
Sacks Allowed Per Game	1.60	2.70	33	93
Scoring Defense	22.7	17.1	43	9
Scoring Offense	23.0	26.0	104	82
Team Passing Efficiency	116.69	131.96	109	83
Team Passing Efficiency Def.	137.42	111.98	80	10
Team Sacks Per Game	1.70	2.00	97	78
Team Tackles For Loss/Game	4.5	5.9	99	44
Time of Possession	31:03	28:15	30	108
Total Defense	372.0	351.8	58	41
Total Offense	326.6	378.9	114	85
Turnover Margin	0.70	0.60	17	22

RUTGERS NCAA/BIG TEN RANKINGS

Category	NCAA/B1G	Actual
3rd Down Conversion	117/13	0.333
3rd Down Conversion Defense	4/2	0.288
First Down Defense	20/5	176
First Down Offense	102/10	185
Kickoff Return Defense	25/9	17.93
Kickoff Returns	97/6	18.17
Net Punting	1/1	45.70
Passes Intercepted	78/8	7
Passing Offense	113/11	180.8
Passing Yards Allowed	48/8	218.0
Passing Yards/Completion	126/14	9.83
Red Zone Defense	20/3	0.741
Red Zone Offense	80/7	0.816
Rushing Defense	73/11	154.0
Rushing Offense	82/9	145.8
Sacks Allowed Per Game	33/4	1.60
Scoring Defense	43/11	22.7
Scoring Offense	104/11	23.0
Team Passing Efficiency	109/11	116.69
Team Passing Efficiency Def.	80/13	137.42
Team Sacks Per Game	97/10	1.70
Team Tackles For Loss/Game	99/12	4.5
Time of Possession	30/5	31:03
Total Defense	58/9	372.0
Total Offense	114/11	326.6
Turnover Margin	17/3	0.70

- Rutgers leads the nation with a net punt of 45.7, which is higher than the FBS season record set by BYU in 1983 at 45.04.
- Rutgers is fourth in the Big Ten with just 42.1 penalty yards per game. That includes six games with four penalties or less.
- Schiano is second in program history with 76 wins leading the Scarlet Knights. Frank Burns holds the record (78).

VERSUS PENN STATE

- Rutgers and Penn State will meet for the eighth time in a Big Ten contest, 19th time in Pennsylvania and for the 32nd meeting overall. RU has played PSU more in its history than any other Big Ten opponent.
- The series began 103 years ago on Nov. 9, 1918 with a 26-3 Rutgers victory at Penn State. The programs played annually from 1982 until 1995.
- Rutgers last won in the series in 1988 over the 15th-ranked Nittany Lions at Beaver Stadium, 21-16. Mike Botti ran for a pair of touchdowns in the third quarter and the defense clinched the game with a goal-line stand to seal the victory.
- The 2014 game marked the first Big Ten game for Rutgers and was played before a stadium-record 53,774 fans in Piscataway.
- Penn State won last season's meeting in Piscataway, 23-7. WR Bo Melton scored a touchdown on a 3-yard, fourth-down pass from QB Noah Vedral. DB Avery Young recovered a fumble and DB Christian Izien notched an interception defensively.
- Rutgers has 11 players on its roster from the state of Pennsylvania: DL Rashawn Battle (Greentown), LB Drew Bethke (Furlong), LB Tyreek Maddox-Williams (Philadelphia), OL Tyler Needham (Newton), OL Matt Rosso (Fairless Hills), WR Brandon Sanders (Downingtown), QB Evan Simon (Mount Joy), DL Cam'Ron Stewart (Shillington), LB Andrew Vince (Schwenksville), RB Aaron Young (Coatesville) and DB Avery Young (Coatesville).
- Head coach Greg Schiano worked on the Penn State staff for six seasons as a graduate assistant (1990) and secondary coach (1991-95).
- Rutgers game highs versus Penn State:
Rushing Yards: Mike Botti, 112 (1988)
Passing Yards: Eric Hochberg, 367 (1983)
Receiving Yards: Andrew Baker, 210 (1983)

QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location..... New Brunswick, N.J.
 Founded.....1766
 Enrollment.....69,000
 President..... Jonathan Holloway
 Director of Athletics..... Pat Hobbs
 Nickname..... Scarlet Knights
 Website..... Rutgers.Football

STADIUM INFORMATION

Name..... SHI Stadium
 Location.....Piscataway, N.J.
 Capacity.....52,454
 Surface.....FieldTurf
 Largest Crowd.....53,774
 vs. Penn State, 2014

PROGRAM HISTORY

First Year of Football.....1869
 All-Time Bowl Record.....6-4
 All-Americans.....71
 College Football Hall of Famers.....6

LAST TIME OUT

- Rutgers rushed for five touchdowns and recorded six takeaways to top Indiana on the road, 38-3. The 35-point win was the largest margin of victory for the Scarlet Knights in a Big Ten game. It was also the largest margin of victory in program history in a conference road contest.
- Rutgers allowed a team-low three points in a Big Ten game, making it the first time not permitting a touchdown in such game. It was the 20th time overall under head coach Greg Schiano not allowing an offensive touchdown.
- Rutgers allowed just 262 yards of total offense, the least amount permitted in a Big Ten game since joining the league. The defense held Indiana to 1-for-14 on third down and 85 rushing yards, including nine attempts for no gain or a loss.
- LB Mohamed Toure recovered a fumble on the first snap of the game, with DL Ifeanyi Maijeh, LS Billy Taylor and DL Rashawn Battle (on a force by DB Robert Longerbeam) also jumping on loose balls. Both LB Tyreem Powell and DB Max Melton hauled in interceptions. LB Drew Singleton totaled a career-high 10 tackles.
- RB Isaih Pacheco punched in touchdowns on two of the first three drives to make it five career multiple-score games. RB Aaron Young and QB Noah Vedral ran over the goal line, with OL Raiqwon O'Neal scoring his second rushing touchdown in as many years. The Scarlet Knights finished with 218 rushing yards to improve to 30-2 under Schiano when rushing for at least 200 yards. Posting five rushing touchdowns in a Big Ten game had before done once before, 2017 at Illinois.
- Rutgers played its fourth game in 2021 with no turnovers surrendered and one or no sacks allowed.
- Rutgers defeated Indiana for the third time and second time in Bloomington.

ILLINOIS WIN

- Down 14-10 at halftime, Rutgers held Illinois off the scoreboard in the second half and QB Noah Vedral scored a 15-yard rushing touchdown to put the Scarlet Knights ahead with 14:16 left in the fourth quarter in a 20-14 win. The defense allowed just 81 yards and three first downs in the second half.
 - The go-ahead drive spanned 88 yards on 13 plays, including a fourth-down conversion by QB Gavin Wimsatt on a 13-yard pass to WR Bo Melton.
 - PK Valentino Ambrosio tacked on a field goal to increase the lead to six. Illinois drove down to the Rutgers 35-yard line, but DB Kessawn Abraham picked up a tackle-for-loss on fourth down to thwart the drive.
 - RB Kyle Monangai scored the first touchdown of the game on a 7-yard carry in the first quarter. RB Isaih Pacheco registered a game-high 91 rushing yards. Rutgers rushed for a season-high 230 yards.
 - Rutgers won a game for the 13th time under head coach Greg Schiano when trailing in the fourth quarter.
 - After the Illini rushed for 357 yards the previous week at then-No. 7 Penn State, Rutgers' defense held Illinois to just 107 yards, including seven attempts for no gain or a loss. The Scarlet Knights allowed only 10 first downs, the least amount in a Big Ten game, also done in 2016 versus Illinois.
 - In the last nine seasons under Schiano, Rutgers improved to 10-5 coming off an open week.
- AT MICHIGAN**
- Down 20-3 at halftime, Rutgers rallied in the second half to make it a one-score game, but came up short in its Big Ten opener at No. 19 Michigan, 20-13.
 - The Scarlet Knights' defense forced four-straight three-and-outs to start the second half, allowing just 42 yards (35 rushing, seven passing) and two first downs after halftime. Overall, Rutgers held the nation's leading rushing team (350.3 yards per game entering) to 112 yards on the ground, including only 48 after the first drive. The unit also stopped the Wolverines on each of the last seven third downs.
 - QB Noah Vedral connected for a 14-yard touchdown to RB Aaron Young to cap a 91-yard drive, while PK Valentino Ambrosio connected for two field goals. RB Isaih Pacheco rushed for a game-high 107 yards, his seventh career game in triple figures.
 - The 106,943 fans in attendance at Michigan Stadium marked the fourth-largest crowd to watch a Rutgers game, as the road tilt broadcast in front of a national audience on ABC.

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DELAWARE WIN

- Rutgers scored touchdowns on four of its first five offensive drives to run away from Delaware in a 45-13 win. It was the first meeting between the Scarlet Knights and Blue Hens since 1973. RU improved to 3-0 for the first time since 2012.
- Rutgers advanced to 43-19 in non-conference games under Schiano, having won 20 of the last 23. That includes a 26-10 mark at home and winners of 12 of the last 14.
- Rutgers finished non-conference play in the regular season with a 3-0 mark. The last season with a perfect non-conference slate in the regular season was 2014.
- Rutgers scored at least 40 points in each of its first two home games for the third time in program history (1915, 1949).
- QB Noah Vedral topped 300 passing yards for the second time in his career with 323 yards on a 21-for-26 day. That included seven pass plays of at least 20 yards, including a 28-yard passing touchdown to WR Bo Melton and a 62-yarder to WR Brandon Sanders. RB Isaih Pacheco added two scores on the ground, with RB Aaron Young also punching one in from six yards out.
- WR Aron Cruickshank scored his first career punt return touchdown from 62 yards out. The runback earned Big Ten Co-Special Teams Player of the Week. It was also the 56th non-offensive touchdown for the Scarlet Knights under Schiano and fifth since 2020.
- Rutgers went 10-for-14 on third down, tied for the third-best percentage (71.4) in a game under Schiano.
- DL Aaron Lewis and DL Julius Turner each had 1.5 sacks, with the defense posting nine tackles-for-loss, holding UD to 98 passing yards and 3-for-13 on third down.

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SINGLE-GAME RECORDS

RUSHING

Yards (Team: 591 vs. Stevens - 11/21/1914)

1. Ray Rice vs. Ball State (1/5/2008) 280

Attempts (Team: 83 vs. NYU - 10/13/1952)

1. Savon Huggins at Cincinnati (11/17/2012) 41

Jawan Jamison at USF (9/13/2012) 41

Touchdowns (Team: 12 vs. RPI - 10/9/1915)

1. "JJ" Jennings at Princeton (9/29/1973) 5

Howard Talman vs. RPI (10/9/1915) 5

Longest Rushing Play From Scrimmage

1. Mohamed Sanu vs. Tulane (10/2/10) 91

RECEIVING

Yards

1. Tiquan Underwood vs. Buffalo (8/30/2007) 248

Receptions

1. Mohamed Sanu vs. Ohio (9/24/2011) 16

Touchdowns

1. Mark Harrison at Cincinnati (11/20/2010) 4

Chris Brantley vs. Virginia Tech (10/31/1992) 4

Longest Reception

1. George Carter at Temple (11/5/1977) 95

PASSING

Yards (Team: 447 vs. Louisville - 12/4/2008)

1. Mike Teel vs. Louisville (12/4/2008) 447

Attempts (Team: 57, three times, last at Syracuse (10/1/2011))

1. Ryan Hart at Pittsburgh (10/23/2004) 57

Completions (Team: 35 vs. Vanderbilt - 9/17/1988 & vs. West Virginia (10/30/2004))

1. Ryan Hart vs. West Virginia (10/30/2004) 35

Scott Erney vs. Vanderbilt (9/17/1988) 35

Touchdowns (Team: 7 vs. Louisville - 12/4/2008)

1. Mike Teel vs. Louisville (12/4/2008) 7

Longest Completion

1. Bert Kosup at Temple (11/5/1977) 95

DEFENSE

Total Tackles

1. Tyronne Stowe vs. West Virginia (11/8/1986) 27

Sacks

1. Mike Pellowski at Lafayette (9/20/1969) 4

Interceptions

1. Malik Jackson vs. Virginia Tech (10/31/1992) 3

Tony Pawlik vs. Lafayette (10/13/1973) 3

Larry Clymer vs. Colgate (11/21/1970) 3

John Pollock vs. Colgate (11/23/1968) 3

Sam Mudie at Colgate (11/18/1961) 3

Longest Interception Return

1. Mike Wittpen vs. Stevens (TD, 11/20/1915) 98

Longest Fumble Return

1. Paul Rivers vs. Pittsburgh, 10/28/1995 100

SPECIAL TEAMS

Longest Field Goal

1. John Benestad vs. West Virginia (11/10/1990) 55

Field Goal Attempts

1. San San Te at Syracuse (10/1/2011) 7

Jeremy Ito at Illinois (9/3/2005) 7

Jeremy Ito vs. Michigan State (9/4/2004) 7

Field Goals Converted

1. Tom Angstadt vs. Cincinnati (9/29/1984) 5

Extra Point Attempts

1. Howard Talman vs. RPI (10/9/1915) 14

Extra Points Converted

1. Howard Talman vs. RPI (10/9/1915) 12

Longest Punt

1. Adam Korsak vs. Northwestern (10/20/2018) 79

Longest Punt Return

1. Tony Pawlik at Princeton (TD, 9/28/1974) 94

Longest Kickoff Return

1. Aron Cruickshank at Purdue (11/28/20) 100

Janarion Grant vs. Washington State (9/12/2015) 100

Janarion Grant at Fresno State (8/27/2013) 100

Nate Jones at Syracuse (10/26/2002) 100

Nate Jones at #11 Tennessee (9/28/2002) 100

TOTAL OFFENSE

Total Offense (Team: 781 vs. Colgate - 11/23/1974)

1. Mike Teel vs. Louisville (12/4/2008) 447

Scoring (Team: 96 vs. RPI - 10/9/1915)

1. Howard Talman vs. RPI (10/9/1915) 48

Total All-Purpose Yardage

1. Janarion Grant vs. Washington State (9/12/2015) 337

SYRACUSE WIN

• Following a scoreless first half, RB Kyle Monangai rushed for an 11-yard touchdown in the third quarter to break the seal in capping a 13-play drive over 6:15. Syracuse answered with a touchdown, but Rutgers converted a fourth down later in the quarter to lead to a 30-yard scoring pass from QB Noah Vedral to TE Jovani Haskins to put the Scarlet Knights on top. The defense held SU to 31 yards in the fourth quarter, with PK Valentino Ambrosio tacking on a field goal to set a 17-7 final score. Rutgers improved to 2-0 for the first time since 2014.

• The Scarlet Knights won the turnover battle, 3-0. DB Avery Young forced a fumble in the red zone recovered by DB Max Melton, DL Mayan Ahanotu picked up a strip sack in a one-score game that was gathered by DL CJ Onyechi and Melton snagged an interception late to seal the win. Overall, the defense held the Orange to 14 first downs, 67 rushing yards, 2-for-14 on third down and collected six sacks. LB Olakunle Fatukasi notched a game-high 13 tackles.

• P Adam Korsak earned Big Ten Co-Special Teams Player of the Week after averaging 52.2 yards on six attempts with a net of 51.7. The Aussie pinned 5-of-6 inside the 20, had four attempts of at least 50 yards, including a 69-yarder that settled at the 1. Rutgers posted a net advantage of 28.3 yards in the punt game.

• Rutgers beat Syracuse for the seventh time in the last nine matchups and fourth in the last five inside the Carrier Dome. The Scarlet Knights won for the sixth time in the last eight games versus the Orange under Schiano.

• To honor the 37 alumni and all those lost in the Sept. 11 attacks, Rutgers football wore special uniforms in remembrance. The jersey featured stripes in tribute to the first responders, while the helmet showed names of Rutgers alumni lost, including football letterwinner James Martello. "Never Forget" displayed on the helmet and down the sides of the jersey as well.

TEMPLE WIN

• Propelled by an early safety on a sack by LB Olakunle Fatukasi, Rutgers raced out to a 26-0 lead and tacked on to claim a 61-14 season-opening win over Temple. The Scarlet Knights scored at least 10 points in each quarter in a game for the first time since at Fresno State in 2013.

• Rutgers scored five different ways on 10 scores, a safety, a field goal, a rushing touchdown, a receiving touchdown and an interception return touchdown. The Scarlet Knights picked up six rushing touchdowns overall, the most in a game in the Schiano era.

• The 61 points marked the most for Rutgers in a season opener versus an FBS opponent. It was the most points against an FBS opponent overall since posting 63 versus Louisville in 2008. Also the largest margin of victory over an FBS opponent since the 2008 Louisville win.

NFL KNIGHTS (17)

Name	Team	Pos.
Blessuan Austin	Seattle Seahawks	CB
Michael Burton	Kansas City Chiefs	FB
Andrew DePaola	Minnesota Vikings	LS
Michael Dwumfour	Houston Texans	DL
Gus Edwards	Baltimore Ravens	RB
Saquan Hampton	New York Jets	DB
Duron Harmon	Atlanta Falcons	S
Clark Harris	Cincinnati Bengals	LS
Sebastian Joseph-Day	Los Angeles Rams	DT
Tyler Kroft	New York Jets	TE
Devin McCourty	New England Patriots	S
Jason McCourty	Miami Dolphins	CB
Willington Previlon	Green Bay Packers	DT
Logan Ryan	New York Giants	DB
Mohamed Sanu	San Francisco 49ers	WR
Kamaal Seymour	Las Vegas Raiders	OL
Kemoko Turay	Indianapolis Colts	DE/LB

• Rutgers won the turnover battle, 5-0, with three fumbles recovered and two interceptions, including a pick-six by DB Max Melton. The Scarlet Knights also had only one penalty against.

• Rutgers won the field position game by averaging starting at own 47 compared to Temple beginning at own 22.

• The attendance of 52,519 marked the ninth-largest in stadium history.

DEBUTS

• Collegiate debut (21): DL Wesley Bailey, LB Khayri Banton, DB Alijah Clark, LB Austin Dean, DL Kyonte Hamilton, DB Desmond Igbinosun, DL René Konga, DB Shaquan Loyal, DB Elijuwan Mack, OL Kamar Missouri, WR Nasir Montgomery, WR Shawn Munnerlyn, WR Jessie Parson III, DB Max Patterson, LB Tyreem Powell, OL Troy Rainey, QB Evan Simon, DL Cam'Ron Stewart, DL Jordan Thompson, QB Gavin Wimsatt, OL Gus Zilinskas

• Rutgers debut (27): DL Wesley Bailey, LB Khayri Banton, DB Alijah Clark, LB Austin Dean, DL Kyonte Hamilton, DB Desmond Igbinosun, DL René Konga, DB Shaquan Loyal, DB Elijuwan Mack, DL Ifeanyi Maijeh, OL Kamar Missouri, WR Nasir Montgomery, WR Shawn Munnerlyn, OL David Nwaogwugwu, WR Jessie Parson III, DB Max Patterson, LB Tyreem Powell, OL Troy Rainey, DB Keenan Reid, DB Patrice Rene, WR Brandon Sanders, QB Evan Simon, DL Cam'Ron Stewart, DL Jordan Thompson, WR Joshua Youngblood, QB Gavin Wimsatt, OL Gus Zilinskas

• First Career Start (7): DB Kessawn Abraham, OL Ireland Brown, DL Kyonte Hamilton, OL Hollin Pierce, LB Tyreem Powell, OL Troy Rainey, LB Mohamed Toure

• True Freshmen (12): LB Khayri Banton, DB Alijah Clark, LB Austin Dean, DL Kyonte Hamilton, DB Desmond Igbinosun, DB Shaquan Loyal, WR Shawn Munnerlyn, DB Max Patterson, DL Cam'Ron Stewart, DL Jordan Thompson, QB Gavin Wimsatt, OL Gus Zilinskas

EXPERIENCE

- Rutgers has nine players on the roster in their sixth season playing college football: DB Tre Avery, DL Rashawn Battle, TE Jovani Haskins, OL Nick Krimin, LB Tyreek Maddox-Williams, LB Aslan Pugh, DB Patrice Rene, DB Lawrence Stevens, DL Julius Turner.
- LS Billy Taylor and DL Julius Turner hold the program record with 55 career games played. WR Bo Melton is third with 54.

AWARDS & HONORS

Preseason All-America

- (CBS Sports, Walter Camp, Phil Steele)
- WR/KR Aron Cruickshank

Butkus Award Watch List

- (honors the nation’s top linebacker)
- LB Olakunle Fatukasi
- > Named semifinalist (Nov. 1)

Bednarik Award Watch List

- (presented annually to the top defensive player in college football)
- LB Olakunle Fatukasi
- > Bednarik Player of the Week (Sept. 8)

Biletnikoff Award Watch List

- (recognizes the college football season’s outstanding FBS receiver, regardless of position)
- WR Bo Melton

Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week

- P Adam Korsak (Sept. 13)
- WR Aron Cruickshank (Sept. 20)
- P Adam Korsak (Nov. 1)

Burlsworth Trophy

- (given to the most outstanding football player who began as a walk-on and has shown outstanding performance on the field)
- LS Billy Taylor

Campbell Trophy

- (recognizes an individual as the absolute best football scholar-athlete in the nation for combined academic success, football performance and exemplary leadership)
- QB Noah Vedral

Ray Guy Award Watch List

- (honors the nation’s best collegiate punter)
- P Adam Korsak
- > Named semifinalist (Nov. 10)
- > Ray Guy Punter of the Week (Sept. 8, Sept. 14, Oct. 12)
- > Ray’s 8 (Oct. 18, Nov. 1)

Paul Hornung Award Watch List

- (honors the most versatile player in college football)
- WR Aron Cruickshank

Patrick Mannelly Award Watch List

- (presented to the best FBS senior long snapper)
- LS Billy Taylor

Nagurski Trophy Watch List

- (presented to the National Defensive Player of the Year)
- LB Olakunle Fatukasi

Reese’s Senior Bowl Watch List

- LB Olakunle Fatukasi
- LB Tyshon Fogg
- DL Ifeanyi Maijeh
- WR Bo Melton
- RB Isaih Pacheco

NFLPA Collegiate Bowl Big Board

- LB Olakunle Fatukasi
- DL Ifeanyi Maijeh
- WR Bo Melton
- RB Isaih Pacheco
- DB Avery Young

Frank R. Burns Award

- (given to the player who displays extraordinary mental and physical toughness during spring practice)
- DB Robert Longerbeam

Mark Mills Second Effort Award

- (given to the most improved offensive player during spring practice)
- OL Hollin Pierce

Douglas A. Smith Award

- (given to the most improved defensive player during spring practice)
- LB Tyreem Powell

2020 REVIEW

- Rutgers matched the program high with three Big Ten victories last season, all on the road. The Scarlet Knights had three Big Ten road victories combined the previous six seasons. Two of the wins came when trailing at halftime, as the team only had two such comeback Big Ten wins previously since joining the conference in 2014.
- The Scarlet Knights had 14 players recognized in the All-Big Ten voting, the most for the program since joining the league. The previous high was eight total honorees in 2017. That included four on the top-three teams in 2020 after totaling six combined the previous six years in the Big Ten and two over the last four seasons.
- The Scarlet Knights were one of just two teams in the conference to play all nine of its scheduled games.

RECORD BREAKDOWN

	2021	GS
Overall	5-5	76-78
Home	2-3	43-40
Away	3-2	28-37
Neutral	0-0	5-1
Night	0-0	25-20
Overtime	0-0	4-3
Ranked in AP Poll	0-0	10-6
Against Ranked Opponent (AP Poll)	0-3	4-23
Scoring First	5-1	57-28
Leading at Halftime	3-0	54-19
Leading After Third Quarter	4-0	63-9
Score 20+ Points	4-0	69-30
Score 30+ Points	3-0	44-13
Score 40+ Points	2-0	17-2
Score 50+ Points	1-0	6-0
Allow < 10 Points	2-0	25-0
Allow < 20 Points	5-0	53-5
Allow < 30 Points	5-2	72-25
Score 3+ Offensive Touchdowns	3-0	52-21
Allow < 3 Offensive Touchdowns	5-1	58-18
More Total Offense	4-1	53-14
More Rushing Yards	4-1	54-8
More Rushing Attempts	5-1	57-15
More Passing Yards	1-0	45-35
More Passing Attempts	3-4	28-57
More Sacks	4-0	55-17
Fewer Turnovers	3-1	53-19
Fewer Penalties	3-3	39-33
300+ Yards Total Offense	4-3	62-36
400+ Yards Total Offense	1-0	31-17
500+ Yards Total Offense	0-0	9-4
Allow < 200 Yards Total Offense	0-0	16-0
Allow < 300 Yards Total Offense	5-1	44-6
200+ Yards Rushing	3-0	30-2
300+ Yards Rushing	0-0	2-0
Allow < 100 Yards Rushing	2-0	38-10
Allow < 200 Yards Rushing	5-2	67-37
200+ Yards Passing	1-2	43-38
300+ Yards Passing	1-0	12-16
Allow < 100 Yards Passing	1-0	13-4
Allow < 200 Yards Passing	5-1	47-31
20+ First Downs	3-2	35-25
25+ First Downs	0-0	10-7
Allow < 20 First Downs	5-1	57-33
40 Percent+ Third Downs	1-1	42-18
50 Percent+ Third Downs	1-0	21-7
Allow < 40 Percent Third Downs	5-3	62-41
Allow < 50 Percent Third Downs	5-3	70-58
3+ Sacks	3-0	46-17
4+ Sacks	2-0	32-5
5+ Sacks	2-0	26-2
Allow < 4 Sacks	3-2	65-44
Allow No Sacks	4-0	26-2
Commit No Turnovers	5-0	25-8
Commit < 3 Turnovers	5-4	58-41
Force 3+ Turnovers	3-0	39-18
Force 4+ Turnovers	2-0	22-6
Commit < 6 Penalties	4-2	36-28
Commit < 3 Penalties	2-0	9-3
Score a Defensive/ST Touchdown	2-0	33-16
Block a Kick	1-0	27-20

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Coaches

Andrew Aurich	Aw-rick
Nunzio Campanile	campa-nell-E
Adam Scheier	shy-ur

Student-Athletes

Kessawn Abraham	kuh-sawn
Mayan Ahanotu	MY-in / uh-HON-uh-too
Matt Alaimo	uh-lie-mo
Dami Awoyinka	da-me / uh-way-fa
Aron Cruickshank	crook-shank
Olakunle Fatukasi	oh-la-koon-lay / fah-too-kah-see
Tunde Fatukasi	tune-day / fah-too-kah-see
Nyjon Freeman	ny-john
Moses Gbagbe-Sowah	G-so-ah
Keshon Griffin	Key-shawn
John Guaimano	Gwah-mano
Kyonte Hamilton	key-on-tay
Jovani Haskins	joe-vaughn-E
Desmond Igbinosun	lg-bin-o-sun
Zukudo Igwenagu	ze-ku-doo / ee-gwan-a-goo
Christian Izien	is-e-in
Shameen Jones	SHA-meen
Victor Konopka	con-nope-ka
Jamree Kromah	crow-muh
Beau Lanzidelle	lan-zi-dell
Ifeanyi Maijeh	ee-FINE / my-JAY
Kyle Monangai	mon-ung-guy
David Nwaogwugwu	Woah-goo-goo
Raiqwon O'Neal	ray-quon
CJ Onyechi	on-yech-E
Isaih Pacheco	pa-check-co
Cedrice Paillant	ced-reese / pay-lent
Patrice Rene	ruh-nay
Calebe Silva	ka-leh-B
Al-Shadee Salaam	al-shad-ee / sal-amm
Mohamed Toure	tur-ray
Kevin Toth	toe-th
Mike Tverdov	tah-ver-dov
Brian Ugwu	oo-goo
Noah Vedral	VED-drull
Sam Vretman	vret-man
Gus Zilinskas	zil-in-skas

2020 VICTORIES

• At Maryland: In a game that featured seven lead changes, Rutgers rallied from a 24-21 deficit with 2:56 remaining with an 11-play drive over 61 yards that ended with PK Valentino Ambrosio hitting a 39-yard field goal to force overtime. After Ambrosio connected from 42 yards, the defense held Maryland without a first down on its series, with DL Mike Tverdov recording a sack on third down to force a 50-yard field goal attempt, which sailed wide left and set a 27-24 final score. Rutgers notched season highs with 13 tackles-for-loss and seven sacks, which set a team Big Ten record. Tverdov became the fourth player in program history to record at

least three sacks in a game.

• At Purdue: Rutgers overcame a 23-13 half-time deficit by outscoring Purdue in the second half, 24-7, to claim a 37-30 victory in its first visit to Ross-Ade Stadium. The Scarlet Knights dominated time of possession in the second half with 21:57 of ball control. That included an 18-play drive lasting 9:38 from the third quarter into the fourth, the longest drive by the Scarlet Knights by time since a 10:40 season-opening march versus Cincinnati in 2009. After a three-and-out capped by a tackle-for-loss by DL Mike Tverdov, RU converted two first downs on rushes by QB Johnny Langan to wipe off the final 5:26. Purdue took its last offensive snap with 6:09 remaining on the clock and ran only three plays in the fourth quarter, as RU possessed for 13:17 in the last period. Langan rushed for 95 yards, his second-most in a game, on 21 carries with nine first downs picked up on a ground. WR Aron Cruickshank ripped off a 100-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in the third quarter after Purdue scored to take a 30-20 lead. Defensively, Rutgers held Purdue to a season-low 237 passing yards after entering averaging 320.8 per game.

• At Michigan State: Rutgers put together a 75-yard touchdown drive on the first possession and forced a fumble on its first defensive play on the way to a wire-to-wire 38-27 win at Michigan State in the return of head coach Greg Schiano. The 11-point victory tied for the largest margin of win in a Big Ten road game (35-24 at Illinois in 2017). Rutgers collected seven takeaways (five fumble recoveries, two interceptions), the most for the team in a game since 2000, and held the Spartans to 50 rushing yards.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

• Rutgers posted its highest GPA ever as a program during the spring 2020 semester.

• Rutgers had 11 student-athletes earn Big Ten Distinguished Scholar status last season for maintaining at least a 3.7 GPA. Seven return to the 2021 roster: QB Austin Albericci, LB Matt Gibney, TE Brandon Myers, LS Brendan Shank, LS Billy Taylor, DL Mike Tverdov and QB Noah Vedral (4.0 GPA).

• Rutgers saw 46 student-athletes earn a spot on the Fall 2020 Academic All-Big Ten list, its most since joining the conference. A cumulative GPA of 3.0 for at least 12 months in required to earn a spot and list and 34 return: TE Matt Alaimo, QB Austin Albericci, PK Valentino Ambrosio, LB Drew Bethke, OL Brendan Bordner, DB Jameer Campbell, LB Chris Conti, RB Parker Day, WR Christian Dremel, PK Guy Fava, LB Tyshon Fogg, LB Matt Gibney, DB John Guaimano, OL CJ Hanson, TE Cooper Heisey, DB Christian Izien, DB Najee Jones, P Adam Korsak, QB Johnny Langan, OL Jason LaVigna, LB Tyreek Maddox-Williams, TE Brandon Myers, LB Jonathan Pimentel, LB Aslan Pugh, LS Brendan Shank, DB Calebe Silva, DB Lawrence Stevens, OL Reggie Sutton, LS Billy Taylor, DL Mike Tverdov, DL Brian Ugwu, OL Sam Vretman, RB Aaron Young and DB Avery Young.

• Rutgers has 17 graduate students on its roster: DL Rashawn Battle, OL Brendan Bordner, DB Christian Braswell, LB Tyshon Fogg, TE Jovani Haskins, P Adam Korsak, OL Nick Krimin, LB Tyreek Maddox-Williams, LB Aslan Pugh, DB Patrice Rene, LS Brendan Shank, DB Lawrence Stevens, LS Billy Taylor, DL Julius Turner, DL Mike Tverdov, QB Noah Vedral and OL Sam Vretman.

2021 CAPTAINS

• Following a team vote, Olakunle Fatukasi (defense), Adam Korsak (special teams), Bo Melton (offense), Isaih Pacheco (offense), Julius Turner (defense) and Noah Vedral (offense) were selected as the 2021 Rutgers football captains.

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

• Returner (93), Newcomer (39)

• Freshman (64), Sophomore (19), Junior (21), Senior (28)

• QB (7), RB (8), WR (14), TE (8), OL (23), DL (23), LB (16), DB (25), LS (3), PK (4), P (1)

• New Jersey (73), New York (15), Pennsylvania (11), Florida (7), Maryland (6), Canada (3), Ohio (3), Virginia (2), Australia (1), Colorado (1), Connecticut (1), Delaware (1), Illinois (1), Kentucky (1), Massachusetts (1), Mississippi (1), Nebraska (1), South Carolina (1), Sweden (1), Washington, D.C. (1)

RUTGERS FOOTBALL STORY

• The Rutgers Football Story, a weekly show that gives fans exclusive, behind-the-scenes access to the Scarlet Knights airs weekly. It shows on Florida Sun, Mid Atlantic Sports Network (MASN), MSG Network and NBC Sports Philadelphia+ throughout the season.

• Check your local listings for showings in addition to the regular appearances below. Each episode will also be posted to the Rutgers Football YouTube channel with featured segments available on Rutgers.Football.

> Florida Sun: Saturdays at 7:30 a.m.

> MASN: Saturdays 8:30 a.m.

> MSG+: Fridays at 11:30 p.m., Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

> NBC Sports Philadelphia+: Fridays at 10 p.m.

RUTGERS.FOOTBALL

• Displaying all things Rutgers football, videos with head coach Greg Schiano describing the core pillars of the program, F.A.M.I.L.Y, TRUST and CHOP, are showcased right at the top. More clips on how Rutgers gets you ready and past archives from the "Knight Vault" are found throughout, as well as on the YouTube channel.

OFFENSE

- A native of Glen Ridge, New Jersey, Sean Gleeson is in his second season as offensive coordinator. Gleeson was one of 56 nominees for the 2020 Broyles Award, which annually honors the top assistant coach in college football, out of approximately 1,270 assistant coaches representing 127 Division I programs across the country.
- Rutgers has shown offensive statistical improvements the last two seasons compared to 2019.

Stat/Per Game...	2021	2020	2019
Points.....	23.0	26.7	13.2
First Downs.....	18.5	19.0	13.3
Passing Yards	180.8	198.8	139.3
Total Offense	326.5	339.1	273.1

- Rutgers allowed one or no sacks in 6-of-10 games, topping 300 yards of total offense in 7-of-10 games.
- Rutgers has gone for it on fourth down 30 times, the most in the Big Ten and eighth nationally. The Scarlet Knights have 13 conversions.
- Rutgers posted four passing plays of at least 20 yards in the win at Illinois. The season-high is seven such passing plays versus Delaware. The Scarlet Knights had five runs of at least 10 yards at Michigan. Against Michigan State, the offense added three passing plays of at least 25 yards and posted a 46-yard passing gain at Northwestern.
- Rutgers posted a program-best 26.7 points per game in a Big Ten season in 2020. The Scarlet Knights scored at least 20 points in eight games after reaching the mark five times the previous four seasons and 12 times in the first 52 Big Ten games. The 26.7 points per game ranked eighth in the Big Ten, improving from No. 14 the preceding season, as the previous best ranking in Big Ten-only games was 11th. The mark signaled the best production in Big Ten play since joining the league in 2014.
- Rutgers finished as the fourth-most improved team in the nation by scoring offense (+13.4 points per game). The Scarlet Knights scored 81 more points than in 2019 (playing three fewer games), the sixth-best improvement in the nation in total points scored (the five higher teams all played 12 games). In addition, RU was the most improved in the Big Ten total in touchdowns scored (+12) and offensive touchdowns (+9).
- Rutgers averaged over 300 yards per game (339.1) in a Big Ten season for the first time since 2015. The increase of 66 yards per game overall was the best improvement among Big Ten teams. The 3,052 yards of total offense was 1,172 more than the previous year in Big Ten play.

Quarterbacks

Johnny Langan

- Threw seventh career passing touchdown against Michigan State.
- Set career highs with 42 receiving yards on three receptions versus Delaware. Had a career-long 27-yard catch on a third down to extend eventual go-ahead drive in win at Illinois.
- Rushed for two touchdowns in the win over Temple.
- Led the offense with four rushing touchdowns and second with 201 rushing yards on 56 carries last season. Picked up 14 first downs.
- Rushed for nine first downs at Purdue while running for 95 yards on the ground, including 53 in the fourth quarter. Also completed all three passes with a 62-yard touchdown strike.
- Started eight games in 2019 and led the team with 1,231 yards of total offense. Accounted for seven touchdowns (four passing, three rushing).
- Rushed for 391 yards, the most by a Rutgers quarterback since Sam Mudie had 401 in 1961 and third-most by a Big Ten quarterback following the 2019 regular season. Rushed for a team-high 30 first downs.
- Rushed for 118 yards in the win over Liberty to become the first Rutgers quarterback to reach the century mark in a game since Sam Mudie (105) versus Lehigh in 1961. Named Big Ten Co-Freshman of the Week after the performance.
- Redshirted 2018 season at Boston College. Transferred to Rutgers for spring semester and ruled eligible for 2019 season after appeal.
- Played high school football for Nunzio Campanile, now Rutgers tight ends coach, at Bergen Catholic.

Evan Simon

- Completed all five passes against Ohio State.
- Made collegiate debut versus Delaware.
- Completed 154 passes for 2,625 yards and 25 touchdowns as a senior at Manheim Central High School. Also ran for 930 yards and 15 rushing touchdowns and collected Class 4-6A Mr. PA Football award for the 2019 season.

Cole Snyder

- Is 21-for-31 passing in career, including 7-for-8 performance with first touchdown versus Ohio State. Added five completions for 54 yards against Michigan State.
- Completed two passes and rushed for 25 yards in the win over Delaware.
- Went 3-for-3 passing for 35 yards and ran for a first down in a series of action at Penn State in 2019.
- Completed 140-of-222 passes for 2,069 yards and 37 touchdowns as a senior at Southwestern High School. Named the 2018 Class C South Play of the Year.

Noah Vedral

- Started 17 games for Rutgers and has 31 games of collegiate experience.
- A semifinalist for the 2021 William V. Campbell Trophy. The award recognizes an individual as the absolute best football scholar-athlete in the nation for his combined academic success, football performance and exemplary leadership. Having earned his undergraduate degree in communications studies with a 3.96 GPA, holds a perfect 4.0 GPA as a Rutgers University graduate student working towards a master's degree in communication, information and media.
- Has passed for 1,590 yards, the most by a Rutgers quarterback in a season since Chris Lavianio totaled 2,247 in 2015.
- Recorded second rushing touchdown of the season and ninth career on a 9-yard carry at Indiana. First rushing score of the season came from 15 yards out to put team ahead in fourth quarter at Illinois. Has three games this year with at least 45 rushing yards and 267 yards overall.
- Ranks seventh in the Big Ten with 15.3 completions per game, eighth with 185.7 yards of total offense per game and eighth with 159 passing yards per game.
- Has 21 completions in 2021 of at least 20 yards.
- Notched sixth game as a Scarlet Knight with at least 20 completions in a 21-for-26 performance versus Delaware, which followed a 22-for-28 game at Syracuse.
- Top completion percentages by a Rutgers quarterback since 2000:
> Noah Vedral, 80.8 (2021 vs. Delaware)
> Mike Teel, 80.8 (2008 vs. Louisville)
> Chris Lavianio, 79.3 (2015 vs. Washington St.)
> Noah Vedral, 78.6 (2021 at Syracuse)
- Rushed for a career-high 71 yards versus Temple and threw a 40-yard touchdown pass. Added a career-long rush of 33 yards versus Michigan State.
- Ranked third in the Big Ten in 2020 with a 61.5 completion percentage (136-for-221), third with 19.43 completions per game, fifth with nine passing touchdowns, seven with 1,253 passing yards, seventh with 206.6 yards of total offense per game and 10th with 64 points responsible for.
- Registered 16 completions of at least 20 yards with two touchdown throws of over 60 yards.
- Tied for the team lead with 20 rushing first downs picked up. Rushed for 193 yards overall, third on the team, and a score.
- Passed for a career-high 381 yards against Michigan, eighth-most in a game in program history, on 29 completions with three touchdowns. Became third Rutgers quarterback to pass for over 300 yards in a Big Ten game (Gary Nova, Chris Lavianio).

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- Started games versus Minnesota and Indiana in 2019 for Nebraska. Led the Cornhuskers on a game-ending six-play, 42-yard, one-minute scoring drive that culminated with the game-winning 24-yard field goal to beat Northwestern. Had six completions of at least 30 yards.
- Started career in 2017 as the backup quarterback for UCF, who went 13-0 as the nation's only undefeated team. Completed 22-of-29 passes for 276 yards and one touchdown, adding 77 rushing yards and two touchdowns on the ground.
- A two-time Big Ten Distinguished Scholar.

Gavin Wimsatt

- Rushed for 20 yards at Indiana.
- Made collegiate debut with a 13-yard completion on fourth down during the go-ahead drive at Illinois.
- Threw for 504 yards and five touchdowns in two games for Owensboro as a senior in 2021 before enrolling at Rutgers in September.
- Finished high school career with 5,304 passing yards and 62 passing touchdowns.
- A consensus four-star prospect, an ESPN300 recruit and the No. 4 dual-threat quarterback nationally by *Rivals*.

Running Backs

Kyle Monangai

- Second on the team with four rushing touchdowns, most recently from seven yards out at Illinois. Recorded career highs with 15 carries and 77 yards in win over Fighting Illini.
- Rushed for first two collegiate touchdowns against Temple. Put Rutgers on top in third quarter with an 11-yard score at Syracuse.

Isaih Pacheco

- Owns 2,349 career rushing yards, one of 15 players in program history to rush for over 2,000 yards.
- > 6. Glen Kehler (1975-78): 2,567
- > 7. Jacki Crooks (1996-99): 2,434
- > 8. Isaih Pacheco (2018-present): 2,349
- > 9. Bryant Mitchell (1966-68): 2,286
- Ranks eighth in program history in career rushing attempts.
- > 5. Jacki Crooks (1996-99): 570
- > 6. Bruce Presley (1992-95): 551
- > 7. Albert Smith (1982-85): 542
- > 8. Isaih Pacheco (2018-present): 541
- > 9. Glen Kehler (1975-78): 537
- Rushed for 107 yards at Michigan for seventh career game in triple figures and third against a ranked opponent.
- Rushed for two scores against Indiana and Delaware. Now owns 18 career rushing touchdowns with five multiple-score games.
- Owns 17 career rushes of at least 20 yards and three of 50 or more, with career-best being an 80-yarder for a touchdown versus fourth-ranked Michigan in 2018, the longest run by a true freshman in program history.

- Led the team and ranked eighth in the Big Ten with 515 rushing yards on 116 carries last season.
- Tied for first on the team with 20 rushing first downs and added five in the pass game last year.
- Set career highs with five receptions for 40 yards at Maryland, including first collegiate receiving touchdown. Had 19 catches on the season after totaling 15 combined the previous two years.
- Led the team in 2019 with 729 rushing yards, 169 carries, seven rushing touchdowns and 31 first downs. Finished second with 812 all-purpose yards.
- Ranked sixth among Big Ten freshmen and 26th among all freshmen nationally with 45.9 rushing yards per game in 2018. Finished second on the team with 910 all-purpose yards (551 rushing, 348 kickoff return, 11 receiving) as a true freshman.

Aaron Young

- Recorded at least one reception in 17 of the last 21 games. Scored first collegiate receiving touchdown on a 14-yard catch at Michigan.
- Scored fourth career rushing touchdown against Indiana, also scoring versus Delaware and Temple in 2021. Scored first collegiate touchdown on a 1-yard run to give Rutgers a lead it would not relinquish in win at Purdue last year.
- Led the team with 823 all-purpose yards (550 kickoff return, 153 rushing, 113 receiving, seven punt return) as a rookie in 2019. Had three games with over 100 all-purpose yards and led the team in six contests.
- Ranked fourth in the Big Ten following the regular season with 557 combined kick return yards (550 kickoff, seven punt).
- Younger brother of defensive back Avery Young.

Wide Receivers

Aron Cruickshank

- Suffered an injury against Wisconsin and out for the season.
- Leads the team with 743 all-purpose yards (316 kickoff return, 153 punt return, 244 receiving, 30 rushing). Recorded a career-high 206 all-purpose yards versus Temple (113 kick return, 55 punt return, 24 receiving, 14 rushing).
- Scored 10th career touchdown (four kickoff return, three receiving, two rushing, one punt return) against Michigan State on a 4-yard catch. Contributed a career-long 75-yard touchdown reception the previous week versus Ohio State, finishing with a personal-best 102 receiving yards.
- In winning Big Ten Co-Special Teams Player of the Week, scored first punt return touchdown (62 yards) against Delaware for fifth career kick return touchdown. Needs three more to tie the NCAA record.
- Selected Preseason All-America (*CBS Sports*, *Phil Steele*, *Walter Camp*) and to the watch list for the Hornung Award.

- Voted 2020 Big Ten Rodgers-Dwight Return Specialist of the Year and First Team All-Big Ten by the coaches and media. Picked honorable mention All-America by *Phil Steele*.
- Led the nation with two kickoff return touchdowns as one of four players with multiple scores. Had a 98-yard touchdown versus Nebraska and a 100-yarder at Purdue. Ranked fourth nationally and first in the Big Ten with 671 combined kick return yards. Averaged 26.8 yards, second in the Big Ten, on 25 kickoff returns.
- Second on the team with 936 all-purpose yards with an average of 104 per game, 13th in the Big Ten, and five games in triple figures.
- Totaled 37 receptions for 239 yards and one touchdown. Had three games with at least seven catches. Recorded eight receptions for 84 yards versus Michigan, including first collegiate receiving score to help tie the game on a fourth down with 27 seconds remaining.
- Played in 27 games for Wisconsin the previous two seasons. Named Second Team All-Big Ten (coaches & media) in 2019.
- Totaled 674 kickoff return yards on 23 attempts in 2019. Average of 29.3 yards per kickoff return ranked second in the Big Ten and fifth nationally. Had an 89-yard return at Nebraska and a 95-yard return against No. 6 Oregon in the Rose Bowl for touchdowns. The one in Pasadena marked just the third kickoff return score in Rose Bowl history.
- Scored rushing touchdowns versus Purdue in 2019 and against Illinois in 2018.

Shameen Jones

- Posted second career game in triple figures with 109 receiving yards on eight catches, matching career high, versus Michigan State.
- Contributed a five catches at Illinois, has five games reaching the mark as a Scarlet Knight.
- Finished second on the team with 378 receiving yards and third with 34 receptions last season. Hauled in three touchdowns. Averaged 11.1 yards per reception with at least one catch in every game and multiple in eight games. Picked up a first down or touchdown on 17 catches.
- Recorded a pair of 14-yard touchdown receptions at Purdue for first collegiate multi-score game. Totaled a career-high eight catches.
- Had a personal-best 127 receiving yards on seven catches versus Michigan.

Bo Melton

- Matched career high with eight receptions versus Northwestern and Syracuse. Has seven games this season with at least five catches. Ranks seventh in program history with 157 career receptions:
- > 5. Marco Battaglia (1992-95): 171
- > 6. Jim Guarantano (1989-92): 158
- > 7. Bo Melton (2017-present): 157
- > 8. Chris Brantley (1990-93): 144

- Ranks 12th in program history with 1,910 career receiving yards, one of 16 players to reach 1,500 yards:
- > 8. Jim Guarantano (1989-92): 2,065
- > 9. Clark Harris (2003-06): 2,015
- > 10. Tiquan Underwood (2005-08): 1,931
- > 11. Chris Brantley (1990-93): 1,914
- > 12. Bo Melton (2017-present): 1,910
- > 13. Brian Leonard (2003-06): 1,868
- Had 101 receiving yards at Northwestern and 125 versus Delaware, owning five career games in triple figures. One of 11 players in program history with at least five career 100-yard receiving games.
- Scored 11th career receiving touchdown at Northwestern. Needs two more to tie for 10th in the program record book.
- Selected to the watch list for the Biletnikoff Award for the second consecutive year.
- Named honorable mention All-Big Ten in the media and coaches' vote in 2020.
- Ranked third in the Big Ten with nine total touchdowns (six receiving, two rushing, one punt return), fifth with six receiving touchdowns, fifth with 638 receiving yards, fifth with 235 combined kick return yards, sixth with 47 receptions, sixth with 54 points, seventh with 5.2 receptions per game and 10th with 104.67 all-purpose yards per game.
- One of three receivers in the Big Ten to rank in the top six in receptions, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns.
- Had seven games with at least 100 all-purpose yards and three games scoring multiple touchdowns.
- Has 33 career games with multiple catches.
- Has led the team in receiving yards 22 times in career overall.
- Registered a catch that result in a first down or touchdown 27 times in 2020. Totaled 10 receptions of at least 20 yards with a long of 66. Owns 23 career receptions of at least 20 yards.
- Leads the offense with 54 games of experience and 40 starts. One of three players in program history with at least 54 games played.
- Father, Gary, played wide receiver and running back at Rutgers (1987-91) and mother, Vicky, competed for Rutgers women's basketball (1989-93). Younger brother, Max, is a defensive back.

Brandon Sanders

- Led the team with seven receptions against Ohio State.
- Recorded a 62-yard receiving touchdown against Delaware for first score as a Scarlet Knight.
- Played in 23 games for Bucknell with 125 receptions for 1,310 yards and five touchdowns. A two-time All-Patriot League First Team selection (2021 Spring, 2019).
- Set Bucknell program record with 14 catches in 2019 game versus Holy Cross.

Isaiah Washington

- Has 11 career games with multiple catches, including four versus Ohio State and Michigan State.
- Scored first career touchdown on a 51-yard reception versus Liberty in 2018.

Joshua Youngblood

- Recorded a 22-yard kickoff return at Indiana.
- Scored first touchdown as a Scarlet Knight on a 12-yard reception versus Ohio State.
- In 2019, returned a nation-leading three kick-off returns for touchdowns en route to being named the Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Year by the league's coaches, earning All-America honors from *ESPN*, Second Team All-America accolades from *CBS Sports* and the *Football Writers Association of America* (FWAA), and Freshman All-America honors from the FWAA and *The Athletic*. Also named First Team All-Big 12 as a kick returner.
- Kick return touchdowns occurred at Texas, at Texas Tech and against Iowa State. Averaged 35.9 yards per return.

Tight Ends

Matt Alaimo

- Had fifth career game with multiple receptions versus Michigan State.
- Collected 17 career receptions for 116 yards.
- Spent 2018 season at UCLA.

Jovani Haskins

- Recorded a career-high 52 receiving yards versus Michigan State.
- Collected a go-ahead 30-yard touchdown at Syracuse for longest collegiate reception.
- Registered receiving touchdowns against Michigan and Ohio State last year. Had 4-of-6 catches result in a first down or touchdown
- Played in 23 games for West Virginia the previous two seasons, recording 20 catches for 166 yards. Had receiving a touchdown versus Kansas in 2018. Named to the 2019 Mackey Award preseason watch list.
- Started career at Miami (Fla.) in 2016 and red-shirted.

Offensive Line

- Rutgers returns all seven players who made starts last season.

Nick Krimin

- Leads the position group with 50 games of collegiate experience and 34 starts.

Raiqwon O'Neal

- Scored a 7-yard rushing touchdown at Indiana, second career score. Also scored a 4-yard rushing touchdown on a lateral at Ohio State last season.
- Started eight games at left tackle in 2020 and earned honorable mention All-Big Ten.

Reggie Sutton

- Suffered a season-ending knee injury at practice prior to the game at Michigan.
- Started all nine games last season and earned honorable mention All-Big Ten.

DEFENSE

- Robb Smith is in his second season back as defensive coordinator. He previously spent four seasons on the Scarlet Knights' staff from 2009-12 and also worked with Schiano at the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.
- Rutgers ranks fourth nationally holding opponents to 28.8 percent on third down. That includes eight games allowing five or less conversion with a season-best 1-for-14 at Indiana.
- Rutgers has allowed just 10 points in the fourth quarter.
- Rutgers has six games this season holding the opponent to under 300 yards of total offense.
- Rutgers allowed just 98 passing yards to Delaware, the 17th time under Schiano holding an opponent under 100.
- Rutgers recorded four fumble recoveries and two interceptions at Indiana. It was the 10th time under head coach Greg Schiano with at least five turnovers gained and third time with at least six takeaways.
- Rutgers held Syracuse to 14 first downs, 67 rushing yards, 2-for-14 on third down and collected a season-high six sacks.
- Rutgers forced five turnovers versus Temple, allowed only 12 first downs, picked up nine tackles-for-loss and held the Owls to 2-for-13 on third down.
- Scored on a pick-six versus Temple.
- Rutgers gained 19 turnovers in 2020, most in a season for the team since 2012, an increase of 10 from the preceding season. That included at least one takeaway in eight games, multiple in four games and at least four two times highlighted by seven (most for Rutgers in a game since 2000) in the season-opening win at Michigan State.
- Rutgers led the Big Ten and ranked No. 11 nationally with 7.8 tackles-for-loss per game. Had three games in double figures with a high of 13 in the win at Maryland.
- Rutgers posted 21 sacks, most in a Big Ten season and an increase of eight from the previous season.

Defensive Line

Mayan Ahanotu

- Collected a strip sack to gain possession in a one-score game at Syracuse.
- Recorded first career sack at Maryland last season.
- Started career at Minnesota, reuniting with defensive line coach Jim Panagos at Rutgers.
- Father, Chidi, played college football at California and then played 12 years at defensive end in the NFL with five different teams, totaling 436 career tackles, 46.5 sacks and seven fumble recoveries.

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Rashawn Battle

- Posted a career-high nine tackles in second career start versus Penn State in 2020.
- Owns three career sacks.
- Recorded an interception in collegiate debut versus Morgan State in 2017.

Kyonte Hamilton

- Contributed five stops with one for a loss at Indiana.
- Became first true freshman to start this season against Wisconsin.
- Named the 2020 Metropolitan Wrestler of the Year by *The Washington Post*.

Aaron Lewis

- Posted a strip sack versus Wisconsin.
- Recorded a career-high 1.5 sacks versus Delaware.
- Had three games with multiple stops last season, including a sack in win at Maryland.

Ifeanyi Maijeh

- Recovered a fumble at Indiana.
- Made first Rutgers start versus Wisconsin.
- Posted two tackles-for-loss with a sack in the win at Syracuse.
- Played in 27 games with 19 starts for Temple the previous three seasons.
- Named to the Bednarik Award, Nagurski Trophy and Outland Trophy watch lists in 2020.
- Earned First Team All-American Athletic Conference in 2019 after totaling 52 tackles with 10 for loss, 6.5 sacks and a forced fumble.

CJ Onyechi

- Recovered first career fumble in the win at Syracuse. Added a sack versus Delaware.
- In on a tackle-for-loss in each of the first six games last season, totaling 11.0 career tackles-for-loss with five sacks.

Julius Turner

- Tied for the program record with 55 games of experience and holds the most starts (41) on the defense.
- Batted down fifth career pass at Indiana.
- Leads the defensive line with 33 tackles and five tackles-for-loss.
- Forced a fumble at Northwestern.
- Picked up 1.5 sacks on five stops against Delaware.
- Tied for second on the active roster with 19.5 career tackles-for-loss.
- Earned honorable mention All-Big Ten in 2020 after totaling 35 tackles with 34 against the run. Had multiple stops in 8-of-9 games with a tackle-for-loss in seven different contests.
- Ranked eighth in the Big Ten with eight tackles-for-loss overall.
- Led the defensive line with 45 tackles in 2019, with 41 coming against the run. One of 15 players nationally to block two kicks in the regular season.

Mike Tverdov

- Posted three tackles at Illinois and a tackle-for-loss against Delaware.
- Selected honorable mention All-Big Ten in 2020 after ranking tied for third in the Big Ten with 10.5 tackles-for-loss. Totaled 40 tackles overall with four sacks.
- Became the fourth player in program history with at least three sacks in a game by posting three at Maryland. It was the first such game by a Scarlet Knight since 2008.
- Dropped the ball carrier for a five-yard loss on third down to force a punt and let Rutgers run out the clock in win at Purdue.
- Second on the active roster with 19.5 career tackles-for-loss.
- Totaled 43 tackles with 2.5 for loss, an assisted sack, two pass breakups and a blocked kick in 2019.
- Brother, Pete, was a four-year standout for the Scarlet Knights from 2005-08 along the defensive line.
- A two-time Big Ten Distinguished Scholar.

Linebackers

- Position group enters week with a combined 97 career starts.

Olakunle Fatukasi

- Named one of 16 national semifinalists (three from Big Ten) for the 2021 Butkus Award, which honors the best linebacker in the country, second-straight year earning the distinction.
- Ranks 13th nationally and fourth in the Big Ten with 9.9 tackles per game.
- Leads the active roster with 302 career tackles. One of 12 players in program history to reach 300 career tackles:
 - > 10. Keith Woetzel (1980-82): 323
 - > 11. Tim Blanchard (1975-78): 312
 - > 12. Olakunle Fatukasi (2017-): 302
- Contributed two tackles-for-loss versus Michigan State and Delaware, leads the team with 11 in 2021 and leads active roster with 28 in career.
- Had season-high 13 stops at Syracuse and Northwestern, has 12 career games in double figures.
- Picked up a sack in the end zone for a safety to start the scoring versus Temple. Recorded career-highs with 4.0 tackles-for-loss and 3.0 sacks, adding a forced fumble to earn Bednarik Award Player of the Week for second time in career. The last Scarlet Knight with 4.0 tackles-for-loss in a game was Justin Francis versus USF in 2011. Became the fifth Rutgers player with at least three sacks in a game in program history.
- A member of the Bednarik Award, Butkus Award and Nagurski Trophy watch lists.
- Earned First Team All-Big Ten by the media after leading the Big Ten with 101 tackles.
- Average of 11.2 tackles per game ranked ninth nationally, first in the conference and most by a Scarlet Knight since 1999.

- Recorded 71 stops against the run, 25 against the pass, three sacks, one on punt coverage and one forcing a fumble. Recorded double-digit stops in 6-of-9 games. Posted a career-high 17 tackles against Michigan and Penn State.
- Ranked second in the Big Ten with 11 tackles-for-loss, matching the most by a Rutgers player in a Big Ten season, by registering in seven different games.
- Named Bednarik Award National Player of the Week and Big Ten Co-Defensive Player of the Week after posting 10 tackles, two fumble recoveries and a forced fumble at Michigan State.
- Older Brother, Folorunso, is a member of the New York Jets. Younger brother, Tunde, is an offensive lineman with the Scarlet Knights.

Tyshon Fogg

- Second on the active roster with 279 career stops.
- Selected honorable mention All-Big Ten in 2020 after ranking seventh in the league with 8.5 tackles per game. Added 4.5 tackles-for-loss with a sack, a forced fumble and a pass breakup.
- Has recorded double-digit stops in a game eight times. Led or tied the team lead in tackles in a game 11 times.
- Selected honorable mention All-Big Ten and named to the All-ECAC Defense in 2019. Led the team and ranked third in the Big Ten following the regular season with 104 tackles. Had a team-high 83 stops against the run.
- Originally from Asbury Park, New Jersey before moving to Maryland in sixth grade.
- A two-time Big Ten Distinguished Scholar.

Deion Jennings

- Totaled 22 tackles in 2020 and 38 in 2019.
- Hauled in an interception in the end zone versus Michigan State in 2019. Collected three tackles-for-loss versus Minnesota.

Tyreek Maddox-Williams

- Third on the active roster with 201 career tackles.
- Four-time Academic All-Big Ten.

Tyreem Powell

- Made first collegiate start at Indiana and recorded six tackles with an interception.
- Recovered a fumble versus Michigan State.
- Earned the Douglas A. Smith Award as the most improved defensive player during spring practice.
- Attended Vineland South, the same high school as RB Isaih Pacheco.

Drew Singleton

- Posted a career-high 10 tackles at Indiana.
- Had four games with multiple stops in 2020.
- Led the team in tackles in two games in 2019.
- Started career at Michigan and appeared in seven games on special teams in 2018.
- Rated No. 1 prospect in New Jersey by *247Sports* out of high school.

Mohamed Toure

- Recovered a fumble on the first snap of the game at Indiana and added a sack.
- Earned first career start versus Wisconsin.
- Recorded a career-high seven tackles at Northwestern.
- Posted first sack of the season at Syracuse.
- Led the team with 4.5 sacks and ranked eighth in the Big Ten with 0.5 sacks per game last season. Totaled 20 tackles overall with five for loss.
- One of two players on the defense to record a sack, an interception and a forced fumble on the season.
- Recorded first career interception that led to the go-ahead score at Purdue.
- Second on the team with six tackles on special teams, all on kickoff coverage
- Forced two fumbles on two sacks and added a pass deflection at Michigan State. First Scarlet Knight with at least two sacks and two forced fumbles in a game since Ramel Meekins (2.0 sacks, three forced fumbles) at Navy in 2006.
- Cousin of former Scarlet Knight and current member of the Indianapolis Colts, Kemoko Turay.

Defensive Backs

Kessawn Abraham

- Sealed the win at Illinois with a tackle-for-loss on fourth down with 1:08 remaining.
- Earned first career start at Syracuse and broke up a pass. Added two breakups the following week against Delaware and two more at Northwestern. Tied for the team lead with seven pass breakups overall.
- Tied for the team lead with four tackles on special teams in 2018.

Tre Avery

- Recorded a tackle-for-loss at Indiana.
- Posted a career-high two pass breakups at Michigan.
- Registered fourth career interception versus Temple.
- Named Third Team All-Big Ten in 2020 after totaling 37 tackles with eight passes defended (seven breakups, one interception). Seven breakups tied for fourth-most in the Big Ten and ranked tied for ninth in the conference with 0.89 passes defended per game.
- Recorded six tackles with a breakup as the primary defender of Purdue's All-American Rondale Moore, as Rutgers held the Boilermakers to a season-low 237 passing yards after entering with an average of 320.8 per game.
- Had a career-high seven tackles versus Michigan and Michigan State.
- Tied for the team lead with two interceptions (Penn State, Massachusetts) in 2019. Posted third career pick in 2020 season opener at Michigan State.
- Recorded first career sack, which forced a fumble and led to a touchdown, against Ohio State.

Alijah Clark

- Recorded first career interception versus Michigan State.

Christian Izien

- Recorded a career-high three tackles-for-loss on 10 stops versus Michigan State. Added two tackles-for-loss the following week at Northwestern, 1.5 at Indiana and has nine for the season.
- Selected honorable mention All-Big Ten in 2020 after leading the team with four interceptions, all over the last three games, and three fumble recoveries to gain seven turnovers on the season. Three fumble recoveries ranked tied for third nationally and second in the Big Ten, with the four picks ranked tied for third in the Big Ten and eighth nationally.
- Paced the secondary with 66 tackles with two games in double figures. Has four career games with 10 or more tackles.
- Recorded two interceptions and two fumble recoveries against Nebraska after notching first career interception versus Penn State and adding another the following week at Maryland.
- Led the secondary with 78 tackles in 2019, tying for the team lead with 27 stops against the pass. Added five tackles on kickoff coverage to pace the team.

Naijee Jones

- Recorded four tackles in first start of the season at Northwestern.
- Started final three games of 2020 at safety, recording a career-high 12 tackles versus Penn State and first career interception at Maryland.
- One of two players on the defense to record a sack, an interception and a forced fumble on the season.

Robert Longerbeam

- Tied for the team lead with seven pass breakups.
- Recorded four pass breakups at Northwestern, the first Scarlet Knight to reach the mark in a game since Saquan Hampton versus Buffalo in 2018.
- Picked up five tackles versus Michigan State and at Northwestern.
- Earned the Frank R. Burns Award as the player who displays extraordinary mental and physical toughness during spring practice.

Max Melton

- Notched team-leading third pick of the season at Indiana.
- Recorded an interception, fumble recovery, pass breakup, blocked punt and two tackles in win at Syracuse.
- Collected a 46-yard pick-six for a touchdown against Temple with two pass breakups. First interception return score for a Scarlet Knight since Kiy Hester versus Maryland in 2017.
- First true freshman to start last season, picking up four solo tackles at Ohio State.

- Father, Gary, played wide receiver and running back at Rutgers (1987-91) and mother, Vicky, competed for Rutgers women's basketball (1989-93). Older brother, Bo, is a senior wide receiver.

Patrice Rene

- Made Rutgers debut at Michigan and started following week versus Ohio State.
- Played in 45 games for North Carolina the previous five seasons, totaling 103 tackles, 12 pass breakups and two interceptions.
- Joins fellow Canadians Wesley Bailey and René Konga on the Scarlet Knights' roster.

Lawrence Stevens

- Owns 34 career tackles on special teams to lead the active roster, including seven in 2021 and 2020 to lead the team.
- A three-time Academic All-Big Ten honoree.

Avery Young

- Second on the defense with 39 career starts.
- Recorded second career interception versus Wisconsin. Leads the active roster with 20 career passes defended (18 breakups, two interceptions).
- Picked up first career sack in win at Syracuse, posting seven solo tackles with a forced fumble.
- Named honorable mention All-Big Ten in 2020 after leading the Big Ten with three forced fumbles, totaling 58 tackles with 3.5 for loss and three pass breakups.
- Has 35 career punt returns with a long of 22 yards. Also threw a cross-field lateral on a punt return to setup a 58-yard touchdown by Bo Melton at Ohio State last season.
- Older brother of running back Aaron Young.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- Adam Scheier is in his second season as Rutgers' special teams coordinator. A native of The Bronx, New York, Scheier brings 25 years of collegiate coaching experience into 2021, including the last 21 working with special teams.
- Rutgers leads the nation with a net punt of 45.7, which is higher than the FBS season record set by BYU in 1983 at 45.04.
- Reset the school record with a net punt of 42.27 in 2020, second in the Big Ten and eighth nationally.
- Rutgers scored its first special teams touchdown of the season against Delaware on a 62-yard punt return by WR Aron Cruickshank.
- The kick return units scored three touchdowns (two kickoff, one punt) last season. Rutgers finished as one of four teams nationally, and only in the Big Ten, to reach the mark and one of 10 teams in the country with at least one kickoff and one punt return score. Rutgers led the Big Ten and ranked No. 16 nationally with 25.73 yards per kickoff return.
- Rutgers has the national leaders in kickoff return touchdowns from 2020 (Aron Cruickshank) and 2019 (Joshua Youngblood) on the roster.

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- Since 2009, Rutgers has blocked 56 kicks (field goals, extra points & punts) on special teams. Breaking down the blocked kicks since 2009, Rutgers has swatted 24 punts, 24 field goals and eight extra points. The Scarlet Knights have scored directly nine times after a block, picking up eight touchdowns and one safety. The Scarlet Knights have 91 rejections overall since 2002.

- RU has blocked 61 kicks under Schiano, including a punt by DB Max Melton at Syracuse.

Valentino Ambrosio

- Is 20-for-26 career on field goals with a long of 42. Has seven games with multiple makes.

- Connected for a field goal and eight extra points for a career-high 11 points versus Temple. Handled kickoffs for the first time with four touchbacks.

- Converted 9-of-11 field goals with a long of 42 three times in 2020. Ranked tied for fourth in the Big Ten with nine field goals and fifth with an 81.8 percentage.

- Converted from 39 yards to force overtime and from 42 (career long) to win the game at Maryland. First game-winning field goal by a Scarlet Knight in the fourth quarter or overtime since Kyle Federico at Indiana in 2015.

- Made college football debut against Illinois with two successful field goals (long of 29) and two extra points.

- Played in 18 games with 12 starts for Rutgers men's soccer in 2019 and saw action in 13 games for Fairleigh Dickinson in 2018.

- Named *NJ.com* 2017 First Team All-State as kicker with five field goals (long of 45) and 21 extra points.

Guy Fava

- Recorded second career tackle at Indiana.

- Posted a career-high three touchbacks at Illinois.

- Made season debut with two touchbacks on four kickoffs versus Michigan State.

- Made a 44-yard field goal and all five extra points in first collegiate game as place kicker at Michigan State.

- Booted 52 career kickoffs with 11 for touchbacks.

Adam Korsak

- A semifinalist for the Ray Guy Award.

- See page 13.

Billy Taylor

- Played in 55 career games (tied for program record), all as the starting long snapper.

- A nominee for the Burlsworth Trophy, which is given to the most outstanding football player who began as a walk-on and has shown outstanding performance on the field.

- Named to the Patrick Mannelly Award (top FBS senior long snapper) preseason watch list in August, as well as being Preseason All-Big Ten by *Phil Steele*.

- Earned Big Ten Sportsmanship Award in 2020.

- A semifinalist for the 2020 William V. Campbell Trophy. The award recognizes an individual as the absolute best football scholar-athlete in the nation for his combined academic success, football performance and exemplary leadership. A finance major with a concentration in business analytics, holding a 3.8 GPA, and worked internships with TD Bank and Mass Mutual/RU Financial.

- A three-time Big Ten Distinguished Scholar.

UP NEXT

- Rutgers closes out the regular season by hosting Maryland Nov. 27 at SHI Stadium. Kickoff is set for noon on Big Ten Network.

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2021

11/13 at Indiana

- Downed 5-of-9 inside the 20 with two at the 10
- Forced six fair catches with no positive returns against and one muff recovered for a turnover

11/6 vs. Wisconsin

- Downed 3-of-5 inside the 20
- 0 return yards against

10/30 at Illinois

- Big Ten Co-Special Teams Player of the Week
- Downed punts at the 20, 15, 4 and 1
- Had no returns on all six attempts with a net of 47

10/16 at Northwestern

- Averaged 44.8 yards on nine attempts with a net of 44.4
- Downed four inside the 20 and two inside the 10, including settling a kick out-of-bounds at the 2

10/9 vs. Michigan State

- Ray Guy Award Punter of the Week
- Dropped 6-of-7 attempts inside the 20 and three inside the 10 with an average of 46.1 yards and a long of 57

10/2 vs. Ohio State

- Lifted a 55-yard punt on four attempts

9/25 at Michigan

- Booted a 48-yard punt on two attempts

9/18 vs. Delaware

- Career-best net and average of 56.5 yards
- Two attempts, downing at the 1 and 18

9/11 vs. Syracuse

- Ray Guy Award Punter of the Week
- Pinned 5-of-6 attempts inside the 20 with four attempts of at least 50 yards
- Launched a 69-yarder, seventh-longest in program history, that settled at the 1
- RU registered a net advantage of 28.3 yards over the Orange in the punt game

9/4 vs. Temple

- Ray Guy Award Punter of the Week
- 49.7 average and net on six attempts
- First punt of the season went 56 yards and landed at the 1-yard line, leading to a safety

ADAM KORSAK

RAY GUY AWARD & ALL-AMERICA CANDIDATE

Ray Guy Award Semifinalist
 Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week (Two Times)
 Ray Guy Award Punter of the Week (Three Times)
 Ray's 8 Weekly List (Five Times)
 Team Captain

45.7
 Net Punt
 (Leads Nation)

108
 Consecutive Touchback-Less Punts
 (Longest Active Streak Nationally)

54-of-56
 Punts With Return
 of <4 Yards

NET PUNTING

- NCAA Leaders (through 11/13)
- > 1. Rutgers: 45.70
- > 2. Penn State: 45.53
- > 3. San Diego State: 44.41
- > 4. Texas: 44.28
- > 5. Tulane: 44.19

- All-Time FBS Season Leaders
- > 1. Rutgers (2021): 45.70
- > 2. Penn State (2021): 45.53
- > 3. BYU (1983): 45.04
- > 4. Miami (FL) (2020): 44.96
- > 5. San Diego State (2021): 44.41
- * tracked since 1975

PRECISION

- 0 touchbacks on 56 attempts
- 4 downed at the 1
- 8 downed at the 5 or closer
- 14 downed at the 10 or closer
- 21 downed at the 15 or closer
- 31 downed inside the 20
- 33 downed inside the 20 or closer
- 37 downed at the 25 or closer

DISTANCE

- 17 of at least 50 yards
- 10 of at least 55 yards
- 2 of at least 60 yards (long of 69)
- Rutgers Single-Season Average Record
- > 1. Adam Korsak (2021): 46.3
- > 2. Ryan Anderson (2017): 44.4
- > 3. Joe Radigan (2006): 44.1
- > 4. Adam Korsak (2019): 43.8
- > 5. Adam Korsak (2020): 43.0
- > 6. Adam Korsak (2018): 42.7

FLIPPING THE FIELD

- Average opponent start: Own 20.5
- 51 attempts with zero or negative return
- 54 attempts with a return of three or less yards

CAREER NOTES

- Played in 43 career games, all as the starting punter, since debuting in 2018.
- Named to the Ray Guy Award watch list for the fourth consecutive year. Six-time Ray Guy Award Punter of the Week.
- Named Second Team All-Big Ten in 2020 and 2019, honorable mention in 2018.
- 108 consecutive attempts without a touchback dating back to 2019 (19 games). Only five career touchbacks (1.9 percent of attempts) with 106 downed inside the 20 (41.0 percent).
- Averaging 43.8 yards per punt, second in program history, on 258 career attempts. Booted 47 at least 50 yards, 10 of 60 or more yards.
- Holds the school record with 11,313 career punting yards.
- 97 career fair catches forced.
- Has never had a punt blocked or returned for a touchdown in 258 career attempts.
- Reset the Rutgers net punt season record three previous years, on pace to break again.
- Picked up a first down on a 17-yard rush versus Nebraska in 2020.
- Set the school record, which had stood since 2006, with a career-long 79-yard punt against Northwestern in 2018.
- Two-time Academic All-Big Ten (2019-20) and a Big Ten Distinguished Scholar (2020).
- Working towards a master's degree in communication, information and media.
- Prepped at Maribyrnong College, where he competed in Australian rules football, cricket and golf. A four-time state representative in Australian football and cricket. A native of Melbourne, Australia.

"He's the best I've ever been around."

- Head Coach Greg Schiano

CAREER HIGHS

OFFENSE

QUARTERBACKS

JOHNNY LANGAN

Pass Att 26, Ohio State (11/16/19)
 Completions 15, Liberty (10/26/19)
 Pass Yds 192, Liberty (10/26/19)
 Pass TDs 2, Liberty (10/26/19)
 Pass LG 62, Purdue (11/28/20)
 Rush Yds 118, Liberty (10/26/19)
 Rush LG 32, Indiana (10/12/19)
 Rush TDs 2, two times
 Receptions 3, Delaware (9/18/21)
 LG Reception 27, Illinois (10/30/21)

EVAN SIMON

Pass Att 6, Wisconsin (11/6/21)
 Completions 5, Ohio State (10/2/21)
 Pass Yds 27, Ohio State (10/2/21)
 Pass TDs
 Pass LG 18, Wisconsin (11/6/21)
 Rush Yds 2, two times
 Rush LG 11, Ohio State (10/2/21)
 Rush TDs

COLE SNYDER

Pass Att 9, Michigan State (10/9/21)
 Completions 7, Ohio State (10/2/21)
 Pass Yds 56, Ohio State (10/2/21)
 Pass TDs 1, Ohio State (10/2/21)
 Pass LG 25, Michigan State (10/9/21)
 Rush Yds 25, Delaware (9/18/21)
 Rush LG 9, Delaware (9/18/21)
 Rush TDs

NOAH VEDRAL

Pass Att 43, Michigan (11/21/20)
 Completions 29, Michigan (11/21/20)
 Pass Yds 381, Michigan (11/21/20)
 Pass TDs 3, Michigan (11/21/20)
 Pass LG 75, Ohio State (10/2/21)
 Rush Yds 71, Temple (9/4/21)
 Rush LG 33, Michigan State (10/9/21)
 Rush TDs 2, Indiana (10/26/19)

GAVIN WIMSATT

Pass Att 1, Illinois (10/30/21)
 Completions 1, Illinois (10/30/21)
 Pass Yds 13, Illinois (10/30/21)
 Pass TDs
 Pass LG 13, Illinois (10/30/21)
 Rush Yds 20, Indiana (11/13/21)
 Rush LG 20, Indiana (11/13/21)
 Rush TDs

RUNNING BACKS

KYLE MONANGAI

Rush Att 15, Illinois (10/30/21)
 Rush Yds 77, Illinois (10/30/21)
 LG Rush 20, Illinois (10/30/21)
 Rush TDs 2, Temple (9/4/21)
 Receptions 3, Northwestern (10/16/21)
 Rec. Yds 20, Northwestern (10/16/21)
 LG Reception 17, Temple (9/4/21)
 Rec. TDs
 All-Purpose Yds 77, Illinois (10/30/21)

ISAIH PACHECO

Rush Att 22, Maryland (10/13/18)
 Rush Yds 156, Massachusetts (8/30/19)
 LG Rush 80, Michigan (11/10/18)
 Rush TDs 4, Massachusetts (8/30/19)
 Receptions 5, two times
 Rec. Yds 40, Maryland (12/12/20)
 LG Reception 23, Iowa (9/7/19)
 Rec. TDs 1, Maryland (12/12/20)
 All-Purpose Yds 213, Michigan (11/10/18)

JAMIER WRIGHT-COLLINS

Rush Att 5, Delaware (9/18/21)
 Rush Yds 39, Ohio State (10/2/21)
 LG Rush 21, two times
 Rush TDs
 Receptions 2, Ohio State (10/2/21)
 Rec. Yds 18, Ohio State (10/2/21)
 LG Reception 10, Ohio State (10/2/21)
 Rec. TDs
 All-Purpose Yds 57, Ohio State (10/2/21)

AARON YOUNG

Rush Att 13, Illinois (11/2/19)
 Rush Yds 67, Illinois (11/2/19)
 LG Rush 17, Illinois (11/2/19)
 Rush TDs 1, four times
 Receptions 5, two times
 Rec. Yds 39, Penn State (11/30/19)
 LG Reception 39, Penn State (11/30/19)
 Rec. TDs 1, Michigan (9/25/21)
 KOR LG 48, Maryland (10/5/19)
 PR LG 14, Northwestern (10/16/21)
 All-Purpose Yds 191, Maryland (10/5/19)

WIDE RECEIVERS

ARON CRUICKSHANK

Receptions 8, Michigan (11/21/20)
 Rec. Yards 102, Ohio State (10/2/21)
 LG Reception 75, Ohio State (10/2/21)
 Rec. TDs 1, three times
 Rush Att 3, Purdue (11/23/19)
 Rush Yds 47, Purdue (11/23/19)
 Rush LG 27, two times
 Rush TDs 1, two times
 KOR Yds 194, Oregon (1/1/20)
 KOR LG 100, Purdue (11/28/20)
 KOR TDs 1, four times
 PR Yds 77, Delaware (9/18/21)
 PR LG 62, Delaware (9/18/21)
 PR TDs 1, Delaware (9/18/21)
 All-Purpose Yds 206, Temple (9/4/21)

CHRISTIAN DREMEL

Receptions 2, Penn State (11/30/19)
 Rec. Yards 19, Penn State (11/30/19)
 LG Reception 14, Purdue (11/28/20)
 Rec. TDs
 All-Purpose Yds 19, Penn State (11/30/19)

SHAMEEN JONES

Receptions 8, two times
 Rec. Yards 127, Michigan (11/21/20)
 LG Reception 38, Michigan (11/21/20)
 Rec. TDs 2, Purdue (11/28/20)
 Rush Att 3, Ohio State (10/2/21)
 Rush Yds 14, Ohio State (10/2/21)
 Rush LG 7, Ohio State (10/2/21)
 Rush TDs
 All-Purpose Yds 127, Michigan (11/21/20)

BO MELTON

Receptions 8, two times
 Rec. Yards 150, Illinois (11/14/20)
 LG Reception 66, Illinois (11/14/20)
 Rec. TDs 2, two times
 Rush Att 2, three times
 Rush Yds 62, Maryland (12/12/20)
 Rush LG 44, Maryland (12/12/20)
 Rush TDs 2, Maryland (12/12/20)
 PR LG 58, Ohio State (11/7/20)
 KOR LG 39, Michigan State (10/24/20)
 All-Purpose Yds 184, Nebraska (12/18/20)

JESSIE PARSON III

Receptions
 Rec. Yards
 LG Reception
 Rec. TDs
 All-Purpose Yds 50, Northwestern (10/16/21)
 KOR LG 31, Michigan State (10/9/21)

BRANDON SANDERS

Receptions 14, Holy Cross (10/5/21)
 Rec. Yards 179, Lafayette (3/27/21)
 LG Reception 62, Delaware (9/18/21)
 Rec. TDs 2, two times
 All-Purpose Yds 179, Lafayette (3/27/21)

ISAIH WASHINGTON

Receptions 4, five times
 Rec. Yards 89, Liberty (10/26/19)
 LG Reception 51, Liberty (10/26/19)
 Rec. TDs 1, Liberty (10/26/19)
 All-Purpose Yds 89, Liberty (10/26/19)

CAREER HIGHS

JOSHUA YOUNGBLOOD

Receptions..... 3, Oklahoma (10/26/19)
 Rec. Yards 15, two times
 LG Reception 12, three times
 Rec. TDs 1, Ohio State (10/2/21)
 Rush Att 3, two times
 Rush Yds 26, Iowa State (11/30/19)
 Rush LG 12, West Virginia (11/16/19)
 Rush TDs 1, Oklahoma (10/26/19)
 KOR Yds 100, two times
 KOR LG 100, Texas Tech (11/23/19)
 KOR TDs 1, three times
 PR Yds 60, TCU (10/19/19)
 PR LG 9, Kansas (11/2/19)
 All-Purpose Yds 138, Iowa State (11/30/19)

TIGHT ENDS

MATT ALAIMO

Receptions..... 2, five times
 Rec. Yards 32, Massachusetts (8/30/19)
 LG Reception 17, Massachusetts (8/30/19)
 Rec. TDs
 All-Purpose Yds.... 32, Massachusetts (8/30/19)

JOVANI HASKINS

Receptions..... 4, Texas (11/3/18)
 Rec. Yards 52, Michigan State (10/9/21)
 LG Reception 30, Syracuse (9/11/21)
 Rec. TDs 1, four times
 All-Purpose Yds.... 52, Michigan State (10/9/21)

VICTOR KONOPKA

Receptions..... 2, Wisconsin (11/6/21)
 Rec. Yards 20, Illinois (10/30/21)
 LG Reception 20, Illinois (10/30/21)
 Rec. TDs
 All-Purpose Yds 20, Illinois (10/30/21)

DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE LINE

MAYAN AHANOTU

Tackles 4, Nebraska (12/18/20)
 TFLs..... 1.5, Maryland (12/12/20)
 Sacks..... 1.0, Syracuse (9/11/21)
 Interceptions
 PBUs

WESLEY BAILEY

Tackles 2, two times
 TFLs..... 1.5, Ohio State (10/2/21)
 Sacks..... 1.0, Ohio State (10/2/21)
 Interceptions
 PBUs

RASHAWN BATTLE

Tackles 9, Penn State (12/5/20)
 TFLs..... 2.0, Maryland (12/12/20)
 Sacks..... 1.0, three times
 Interceptions 1, Morgan State (9/16/17)
 PBUs 1, two times

KYONTE HAMILTON

Tackles 5, Indiana (11/13/21)
 TFLs..... 1.0, Indiana (11/13/21)
 Sacks.....
 Interceptions
 PBUs

RENÉ KONGA

Tackles 1, Ohio State (10/2/21)
 TFLs.....
 Sacks.....
 Interceptions
 PBUs

JAMREE KROMAH

Tackles 3, two times
 TFLs..... 1.0, Michigan State (10/9/21)
 Sacks..... 0.5, Massachusetts (8/30/19)
 Interceptions
 PBUs

AARON LEWIS

Tackles 6, Wisconsin (11/6/21)
 TFLs..... 1.5, Delaware (9/18/21)
 Sacks..... 1.5, Delaware (9/18/21)
 Interceptions
 PBUs

IFEANYI MAIJEH

Tackles 9, Cincinnati (11/23/19)
 TFLs..... 2.0, four times
 Sacks..... 1.5, Maryland (9/14/19)
 Interceptions
 PBUs

CJ ONYECHI

Tackles 6, Michigan State (10/24/20)
 TFLs..... 1.5, Massachusetts (8/30/19)
 Sacks..... 1.0, five times
 Interceptions
 PBUs

JULIUS TURNER

Tackles 8, Michigan State (11/23/19)
 TFLs..... 3.0, Ohio State (11/7/20)
 Sacks..... 1.5, Delaware (9/18/21)
 Interceptions
 PBUs 1, five times

MIKE TVERDOV

Tackles 10, Penn State (12/5/20)
 TFLs..... 3.0, Maryland (12/12/20)
 Sacks..... 3.0, Maryland (12/12/20)
 Interceptions
 PBUs 1, four times

BRIAN UGWU

Tackles 1, Massachusetts (8/30/19)
 TFLs.....
 Sacks.....
 Interceptions
 PBUs

LINEBACKERS

CHRIS CONTI

Tackles 2, two times
 TFLs.....
 Sacks.....
 Interceptions
 PBUs

OLAKUNLE FATUKASI

Tackles 17, two times
 TFLs..... 4.0, Temple (9/4/21)
 Sacks..... 3.0, Temple (9/4/21)
 Interceptions
 PBUs 1, seven times

TYSHON FOGG

Tackles 15, Boston College (9/21/19)
 TFLs..... 2.5, Nebraska (12/18/20)
 Sacks..... 1.5, Penn State (11/30/19)
 Interceptions 1, Morgan State (9/16/17)
 PBUs 1, two times

DEION JENNINGS

Tackles 10, Nebraska (12/18/20)
 TFLs..... 3.0, Minnesota (10/19/19)
 Sacks.....
 Interceptions 1, Michigan State (11/23/19)
 PBUs 1, two times

TYREEK MADDOX-WILLIAMS

Tackles 12, Nebraska (12/18/20)
 TFLs..... 1.0, 11 times
 Sacks..... 1.0, Michigan (9/28/19)
 Interceptions
 PBUs 1, nine times

TYREEM POWELL

Tackles 6, Indiana (11/13/21)
 TFLs.....
 Sacks.....
 Interceptions 1, Indiana (11/13/21)
 PBUs

ASLAN PUGH

Tackles 2, two times
 TFLs.....
 Sacks.....
 Interceptions
 PBUs

DREW SINGLETON

Tackles 10, Indiana (11/13/21)
 TFLs..... 1.0, three times
 Sacks..... 1.0, Maryland (10/5/19)
 Interceptions
 PBUs

MOHAMED TOURE

Tackles 7, Northwestern (10/16/21)
 TFLs..... 2.0, Michigan State (10/24/20)
 Sacks..... 2.0, Michigan State (10/24/20)
 Interceptions 1, Purdue (11/28/20)
 PBUs 1, Michigan State (10/24/20)

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CAREER HIGHS

DEFENSIVE BACKS

KESSAWN ABRAHAM

Tackles 7, Ohio State (10/2/21)
 TFLs..... 1.0, two times
 Sacks.....
 Interceptions
 PBUs 2, two times

TRE AVERY

Tackles 8, Michigan State (10/9/21)
 TFLs..... 1.0, four times
 Sacks..... 1.0, Ohio State (11/16/19)
 Interceptions 1, four times
 PBUs 2, Michigan (9/25/21)
 KOR Yds..... 54, Michigan (9/28/19)
 KOR LG 28, two times

CHRISTIAN BRASWELL

Tackles 6, three times
 TFLs.....
 Sacks.....
 Interceptions 1, three times
 PBUs 3, SMU (10/19/19)

ALIJAH CLARK

Tackles 3, Northwestern (10/16/21)
 TFLs..... 0.5, Ohio State (10/2/21)
 Sacks.....
 Interceptions 1, Michigan State (10/9/21)
 PBUs

DESMOND IGBINOSUN

Tackles 5, Wisconsin (11/6/21)
 TFLs.....
 Sacks.....
 Interceptions
 PBUs

CHRISTIAN IZIEN

Tackles 11, two times
 TFLs..... 3.0, Michigan State (10/9/21)
 Sacks.....
 Interceptions 2, Nebraska (12/18/20)
 PBUs 2, two times

NAIJEE JONES

Tackles 12, two times
 TFLs..... 0.5, Penn State (12/5/20)
 Sacks..... 0.5, Penn State (12/5/20)
 Interceptions 1, Maryland (12/12/20)
 PBUs 1, two times

CHRIS LONG

Tackles 1, two times
 TFLs.....
 Sacks.....
 Interceptions
 PBUs
 KOR Yds..... 60, Wisconsin (11/6/21)
 KOR LG 23, Wisconsin (11/6/21)

ROBERT LONGERBEAM

Tackles 5, two times
 TFLs.....
 Sacks.....
 Interceptions
 PBUs 4, Northwestern (10/16/21)

JOE LUSARDI

Tackles 3, Wisconsin (11/6/21)
 TFLs.....
 Sacks.....
 Interceptions
 PBUs 1, Indiana (11/13/21)

SHAQUAN LOYAL

Tackles 2, Indiana (11/13/21)
 TFLs.....
 Sacks.....
 Interceptions
 PBUs

ELIJUWAN MACK

Tackles 1, two times
 TFLs.....
 Sacks.....
 Interceptions
 PBUs 1, Indiana (11/13/21)

MAX MELTON

Tackles 6, Michigan State (10/24/20)
 TFLs..... 1.0, two times
 Sacks.....
 Interceptions 1, three times
 PBUs 2, Temple (9/4/21)

PATRICE RENE

Tackles 9, two times
 TFLs..... 2.0, Duke (11/7/20)
 Sacks.....
 Interceptions 1, two times
 PBUs 2, Virginia Tech (10/13/18)

LAWRENCE STEVENS

Tackles 7, Illinois (11/14/20)
 TFLs.....
 Sacks.....
 Interceptions
 PBUs

AVERY YOUNG

Tackles 12, Nebraska (12/18/20)
 TFLs..... 1.0, six times
 Sacks..... 1.0, Syracuse (9/11/21)
 Interceptions 1, two times
 PBUs 3, Michigan State (11/24/18)
 PR Yds 25, Buffalo (9/22/18)
 PR LG 22, Buffalo (9/22/18)
 KOR Yds..... 12, Indiana (11/13/21)
 KOR LG 12, Indiana (11/13/21)

SPECIALISTS

VALENTINO AMBROSIO

Points..... 11, Temple (9/4/21)
 FGM..... 2, seven times
 FGA..... 3, four times
 FG LG 42, three times
 PATs..... 8, Temple (9/4/21)
 KO Att 10, Temple (9/4/21)
 Touchbacks 4, two times

GUY FAVA

Points..... 8, Michigan State (10/24/20)
 FGM..... 1, two times
 FGA..... 1, two times
 FG LG 44, Michigan State (10/24/20)
 PATs..... 5, Michigan State (10/24/20)
 KO Att 7, two times
 Touchbacks 3, Illinois (10/30/21)
 Tackles 1, two times

ADAM KORSACK

Punts 10, four times
 Yards 476, Iowa (9/7/19)
 Average..... 56.5, Delaware (9/18/21)
 Inside 20 7, Iowa (9/7/19)
 LG 79, Northwestern (10/20/18)
 Tackles 1, Buffalo (9/22/18)

BILLY TAYLOR

Tackles 1, seven times

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OFFENSE

DEFENSE

OT	71	Raiqwon O’Neal Jr., 6-4, 305
	76	Matt Rosso Jr., 6-5, 290
OG	54	Cedrice Paillant Jr., 6-4, 310
	65	Bryan Felter Fr., 6-3, 315
OC	66	Nick Krimin Sr., 6-5, 315
	59	Gus Zilinskas Fr., 6-3, 295
OG	51	Troy Rainey Fr., 6-4, 315
	58	David Nwaogwugwu Jr., 6-5, 310
OT	69	Brendan Bordner Sr., 6-5, 305
	72	Hollin Pierce Fr., 6-8, 325
TE	5	Jovani Haskins Sr., 6-6, 250
	10	Matt Alaimo Jr., 6-5, 245
WR	2	Aron Cruickshank Jr., 5-10, 170
	12	Brandon Sanders Sr., 6-0, 205
WR	18	Bo Melton Sr., 5-11, 195
	83	Joshua Youngblood So., 5-10, 180
WR	7	Shameen Jones Sr., 6-2, 185
	14	Isaiah Washington So., 6-3, 210
RB	1	Isaih Pacheco Jr., 5-11, 215
	4	Aaron Young So., 5-10, 205
QB	0	Noah Vedral Sr., 6-1, 200
	3	Evan Simon OR Fr., 6-3, 210
	15	Cole Snyder So., 6-2, 205

DE	97	Mike Tverdov Sr., 6-4, 275
	71	Aaron Lewis Fr., 6-5, 255
DE	26	CJ Onyechi Sr., 6-1, 250
	58	Mohamed Toure So., 6-2, 235
DT	92	Mayan Ahanotu Jr., 6-4, 285
	88	Ifeanyi Maijeh Sr., 6-2, 280
DT	50	Julius Turner Sr., 6-0, 275
	45	Jamree Kromah Jr., 6-4, 275
LB	8	Tyshon Fogg OR Sr., 6-2, 245
	9	Tyreek Maddox-Williams Sr., 6-2, 235
LB	3	Olakunle Fatukasi Sr., 6-2, 240
	22	Tyreem Powell Fr., 6-5, 225
LB	11	Drew Singleton Sr., 6-2, 235
	17	Deion Jennings Jr., 6-1, 225
CB	21	Tre Avery Sr., 5-11, 190
	7	Robert Longerbeam Fr., 5-11, 170
CB	5	Kessawn Abraham OR Jr., 5-10, 185
	24	Patrice Rene Sr., 6-2, 205
S	0	Christian Izien Jr., 5-10, 200
	4	Naijee Jones Sr., 6-0, 205
S	2	Avery Young Jr., 6-1, 205
	29	Lawrence Stevens Sr., 5-9, 180

SPECIALISTS

LS	47	Billy Taylor Sr., 6-1, 220
	49	Zack Taylor Fr., 5-11, 215
P	94	Adam Korsak Sr., 6-2, 180
	96	Guy Fava So., 6-0, 195
PK	1	Valentino Ambrosio Jr., 5-9, 160
	96	Guy Fava So., 6-0, 195

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0	Christian Izien	DB	Jr.	5-10	200	Far Rockaway, N.Y./Erasmus Hall
0	Noah Vedral	QB	Sr.	6-1	200	Wahoo, Neb./Bishop Neumann
1	Valentino Ambrosio	PK	Jr.	5-9	160	Cranford, N.J./Cranford
1	Isaih Pacheco	RB	Jr.	5-11	215	Vineland, N.J./Vineland South
2	Aron Cruickshank	WR	Jr.	5-10	170	Brooklyn, N.Y./Erasmus Hall
2	Avery Young	DB	Jr.	6-1	205	Coatesville, Pa./Coatesville
3	Olakunle Fatukasi	LB	Sr.	6-2	240	Far Rockaway, N.Y./Grand Street Campus
3	Evan Simon	QB	Fr.	6-3	210	Mount Joy, Pa./Manheim Central
4	Naijee Jones	DB	Sr.	6-0	205	Camden, N.J./Timber Creek
4	Aaron Young	RB	So.	5-10	205	Coatesville, Pa./Coatesville
5	Kessawn Abraham	DB	Jr.	5-10	185	Brooklyn, N.Y./Erasmus Hall
5	Jovani Haskins	TE	Sr.	6-6	250	Bergenfield, N.J./Bergenfield
6	Rashawn Battle	DL	Sr.	6-2	240	Grentown, Pa./Wallenpaupack
6	Christian Braswell	DB	Jr.	5-10	170	Washington, D.C./Friendship College Academy
6	Christian Dremel	WR	So.	5-9	180	Caldwell, N.J./Don Bosco Prep
7	Shameen Jones	WR	Sr.	6-2	185	Bronx, N.Y./Cardinal Hayes
7	Robert Longerbeam	DB	Fr.	5-11	170	Alexandria, Va./T.C. Williams
8	Tyshon Fogg	LB	Sr.	6-2	245	Baltimore, Md./Calvert Hall
8	Jamier Wright-Collins	RB	Fr.	6-1	215	Paterson, N.J./John F. Kennedy
9	Tyreek Maddox-Williams	LB	Sr.	6-2	235	Philadelphia, Pa./Timber Creek [N.J.]
9	Gavin Wimsatt	QB	Fr.	6-3	200	Owensboro, Ky./Owensboro
10	Matt Alaimo	TE	Jr.	6-5	245	Paramus, N.J./St. Joseph Regional [Montvale]
10	Shawn Collins	DL	Fr.	6-5	245	Montclair, N.J./Montclair
11	Shawn Munnerlyn	WR	Fr.	6-5	220	Columbus, Ohio/Independence
11	Drew Singleton	LB	Sr.	6-2	235	Newark, N.J./Paramus Catholic
12	Khayri Banton	LB	Fr.	6-3	225	East Orange, N.J./West Side
12	Brandon Sanders	WR	Sr.	6-0	205	Downingtown, Pa./St. Joseph's Prep
13	Zukudo Igwenagu	TE	So.	6-4	230	Worcester, Mass./Worcester Academy
13	Chris Long	DB	Fr.	6-0	170	Willingboro, N.J./Willingboro
14	Jordan Thompson	DL	Fr.	6-2	245	Parsippany, N.J./Parsippany Hills
14	Isaiah Washington	WR	So.	6-3	210	Jacksonville, Fla./Trinity Christian Academy
15	Alijah Clark	DB	Fr.	6-1	195	Camden, N.J./Camden
15	Cole Snyder	QB	So.	6-2	205	Lakewood, N.Y./Southwestern
16	Max Melton	DB	Fr.	6-0	190	Mays Landing, N.J./Cedar Creek
16	Michael O'Connor	PK	Fr.	6-3	180	Middletown, N.J./Red Bank Catholic
17	Deion Jennings	LB	Jr.	6-1	225	Sicklerville, N.J./Timber Creek
17	Gavin Rupp	QB	Fr.	6-2	200	Tampa, Fla./Berkeley Prep
18	Bo Melton	WR	Sr.	5-11	195	Mays Landing, N.J./Cedar Creek
18	Keenan Reid	DB	Sr.	5-10	180	Somerset, N.J./Franklin
19	Austin Albericci	QB	Jr.	5-11	175	Closter, N.J./Demarest
19	Calebe Silva	DB	Sr.	5-9	180	Garfield, N.J./Garfield (Hudson Valley CC)
20	Elijuwan Mack	DB	Fr.	5-11	185	Newark, N.J./St. Joseph Regional [Montvale]
21	Tre Avery	DB	Sr.	5-11	190	Baltimore, Md./Franklin
21	Johnny Langan	QB	Jr.	6-3	235	Wayne, N.J./Bergen Catholic
22	Tyreem Powell	LB	Fr.	6-5	225	Vineland, N.J./Vineland South
23	Wesley Bailey	DL	Fr.	6-5	250	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada/Clearwater Academy International [Fla.]
23	Kyle Monangai	RB	Fr.	5-9	200	Roseland, N.J./Don Bosco Prep
24	Patrice Rene	DB	Sr.	6-2	205	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada/Episcopal [Va.]
25	Shaquan Loyal	DB	Fr.	6-0	185	Newark, N.J./West Side
26	CJ Onyechi	DL	Sr.	6-1	250	West Orange, N.J./West Orange
26	Al-Shadee Salaam	RB	Fr.	5-9	180	East Orange, N.J./East Orange
27	Jameer Campbell	DB	Sr.	5-9	175	Manville, N.J./Manville
28	Nasir Montgomery	WR	Fr.	6-1	195	East Orange, N.J./East Orange
28	Aslan Pugh	LB	Sr.	6-1	230	Wilmington, Del./Wilmington Charter
29	Lawrence Stevens	DB	Sr.	5-9	180	Lawrenceville, N.J./Don Bosco Prep
30	Chris Conti	LB	So.	6-2	230	Wyckoff, N.J./DePaul Catholic
31	Michael Robinson II	DB	Fr.	6-1	185	Montclair, N.J./Montclair
32	John Guaimano	DB	So.	6-0	200	Cedar Grove, N.J./Cedar Grove
33	Parker Day	RB	Sr.	5-10	190	Toms River, N.J./Toms River North
33	Andrew Vince	LB	Fr.	6-4	230	Schwenksville, Pa./Souderton
34	Desmond Igbinosun	DB	Fr.	6-3	205	Union, N.J./Union
35	Max Patterson	DB	Fr.	6-0	175	Arlington, Va./Yorktown
35	Jonathan Pimentel	LB	Jr.	6-3	230	Manalapan, N.J./Manalapan
37	Joe Lusardi	DB	Fr.	5-11	195	Summit, N.J./Summit
38	Austin Dean	LB	Fr.	6-1	220	Tampa, Fla./Berkeley Prep
39	Amir Byrd	DB	So.	5-7	165	Mount Laurel, N.J./Lenape
39	Nyjon Freeman	RB	Fr.	6-0	215	Hoboken, N.J./Hoboken
40	Adrian Taffe	DB	Fr.	6-2	205	Hackensack, N.J./Bergen Catholic
41	Todd Bowles Jr.	DB	Fr.	6-1	190	Tampa, Fla./Jesuit
41	Jordan Kinsler	RB	Fr.	5-9	190	Franklin Park, N.J./St. Joseph [Metuchen]
43	Dami Awoyinfa	LB	Fr.	6-1	225	Linden, N.J./Linden
44	Brian Ugwu	DL	So.	6-3	250	Hillside, N.J./Hillside
45	Jamree Kromah	DL	Jr.	6-4	275	Glenarden, Md./CH Flowers

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45	Brandon Myers	TE	Jr.	6-1	235	Bridgewater, N.J./Bridgewater-Raritan
46	Matt Gibney	LB	So.	6-0	215	Woodridge, N.J./St. Joseph Regional [Montvale]
46	Brendan Shank	LS	Jr.	6-0	220	Franklin Township, N.J./St. Joseph [Metuchen]
47	Billy Taylor	LS	Sr.	6-1	220	Parsippany, N.J./Parsippany Hills
48	Kyonte Hamilton	DL	Fr.	6-4	275	District Heights, Md./Georgetown Prep
49	Zack Taylor	LS	Fr.	5-11	215	Parsippany, N.J./Parsippany Hills
50	CJ Hanson	OL	So.	6-5	310	Jackson, N.J./St. John Vianney
50	Julius Turner	DL	Sr.	6-0	275	Meridian, Miss./Meridian
51	Troy Rainey	OL	Fr.	6-4	315	Bridgeport, Conn./Harding
53	Tunde Fatukasi	OL	Fr.	6-4	300	Far Rockaway, N.Y./Erasmus Hall
54	Cedrice Paillant	OL	Jr.	6-4	310	New Rochelle, N.Y./New Rochelle (Monroe College)
55	Zaire Angoy	DL	Fr.	6-3	365	Irvington, N.J./Irvington
55	Kamar Missouri	OL	Fr.	6-5	295	Baltimore, Md./Mergenthaler Vo-Tech
56	Sean Cooper	DL	Fr.	6-5	215	Stanhope, N.J./Lenape Valley
56	Tyler Needham	OL	Fr.	6-4	280	Newton, Pa./William Penn Charter
57	Ireland Brown	OL	So.	6-3	300	Jamaica, N.Y./Pope John XXIII
57	Stanley Dennis II	DL	Fr.	5-11	280	Jersey City, N.J./St. Peter's Prep (The Taft School)
58	David Nwaogwugwu	OL	Jr.	6-5	310	Bronx, N.Y./DeWitt Clinton
58	Mohamed Toure	LB	So.	6-2	235	Pleasantville, N.J./Pleasantville
59	Drew Bethke	LB	So.	6-3	250	Furlong, Pa./Central Bucks East
59	Gus Zilinskas	OL	Fr.	6-3	295	Englewood, Colo./Cherry Creek
60	Moses Gbagbe-Sowah	OL	Fr.	6-2	365	Newark, N.J./West Side
65	Bryan Felter	OL	Fr.	6-3	315	Westfield, N.J./Bergen Catholic
66	Nick Krimin	OL	Sr.	6-5	315	South Amboy, N.J./St. Joseph [Metuchen]
67	Kevin Schaeffer	OL	Fr.	6-5	265	Hewitt, N.J./West Milford
69	Brendan Bordner	OL	Sr.	6-5	305	Columbus, Ohio/Hilliard Bradley
69	Caleb Patterson	DL	Fr.	6-2	260	Jamesville, N.Y./Jamesville-DeWitt
70	Reggie Sutton	OL	Jr.	6-4	305	Towson, Md./Calvert Hall
71	Aaron Lewis	DL	Fr.	6-5	255	Williamstown, N.J./Williamstown
71	Raiqwon O'Neal	OL	Jr.	6-4	305	Conway, S.C./Conway
72	Hollin Pierce	OL	Fr.	6-8	325	Trenton, N.J./Trenton Central (Fork Union Military Academy)
73	Terrence Salami	OL	Fr.	6-3	300	Willingboro, N.J./Holy Cross Prep
74	Isaiah Wright	OL	Fr.	6-4	305	North Plainfield, N.J./St. Peter's Prep
75	Beau Lanzidelle	OL	Fr.	6-4	310	Medford, N.J./Shawnee/The Hun School
76	Matt Rosso	OL	Jr.	6-5	290	Fairless Hills, Pa./Pennsbury
77	Sam Vretman	OL	Sr.	6-6	300	Upplands Vasby, Sweden/Cheshire Academy [Conn.]
78	Kevin Toth Jr.	OL	Fr.	6-6	295	Hudson, Ohio/Hudson
79	Jason LaVigna	OL	So.	6-3	285	Holland Township, N.J./Delaware Valley
80	Frederik Krebs	WR	Fr.	6-4	210	Metuchen, N.J./Metuchen
81	Zach Goodale	WR	Fr.	6-0	175	Toms River, N.J./Toms River North
82	Myles Goddard	TE	Fr.	6-6	210	Amityville, N.Y./Amityville Memorial
83	Joshua Youngblood	WR	So.	5-10	180	Tampa, Fla./Berkeley Prep
84	Ahmirr Robinson	WR	Fr.	6-2	185	Vauxhall, N.J./Union
85	Jessie Parson III	WR	Fr.	5-10	170	New Rochelle, N.Y./New Rochelle
86	Cooper Heisey	TE	So.	6-4	240	Scotch Plains, N.J./Scotch Plains-Fanwood (Wyoming Seminary)
87	Tahjay Moore	TE	Fr.	6-6	235	New Brunswick, N.J./New Brunswick
88	Carnell Davis	WR	Fr.	6-1	175	Galloway, N.J./Eau Gallie [Fla.]
88	Ifeanyi Maijeh	DL	Sr.	6-2	280	Far Rockaway, N.Y./Poly Prep
89	Victor Konopka	TE	Fr.	6-7	250	Kinnelon, N.J./Blair Academy/Don Bosco Prep
90	René Konga	DL	Fr.	6-4	275	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada/Colonel By Secondary School
91	Cam'Ron Stewart	DL	Fr.	6-4	245	Shillington, Pa./Governor Mifflin
92	Mayan Ahanotu	DL	Jr.	6-4	285	Tampa, Fla./Berkeley Prep
94	Adam Korsak	P	Sr.	6-2	180	Melbourne, Australia/Maribyrnong College (Victoria University)
95	Henry Hughes Jr.	DL	Fr.	6-5	260	Tampa, Fla./Tampa Bay Tech
96	Guy Fava	PK	So.	6-0	195	Mahwah, N.J./Don Bosco Prep
96	Keshon Griffin	DL	Fr.	6-4	280	Sicklerville, N.J./St. Joseph Academy
97	Mike Tverdov	DL	Sr.	6-4	275	Union, N.J./Union
99	Eric Bernstein	PK	So.	6-2	230	East Meadow, N.Y./East Meadow
99	Ryan Keeler	DL	Fr.	6-5	265	Chicago, Ill./Nazareth Academy

Coaching Staff

Greg Schiano	Head Coach
Sean Gleeson	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
Robb Smith	Defensive Coordinator
Adam Scheier	Special Teams Coordinator
Andrew Aurich	Offensive Line
Fran Brown	Secondary
Nunzio Campanile	Tight Ends
Bob Fraser	Linebackers
Augie Hoffmann	Running Backs
Jim Panagos	Defensive Line
Tiquan Underwood	Wide Receivers
Jay Butler	Director of Sports Performance
Joe Susan	Special Assistant to the Head Coach

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STREAKS

Most Games Played	
Player	Total
Billy Taylor	55
Julius Turner	55
Bo Melton	54
Olakunle Fatukasi	53
Tyreek Maddox-Williams	50
Nick Krimin	50
Lawrence Stevens	50
Patrice Rene	49
Consecutive Games Played	
Player	Streak
Billy Taylor	55
Julius Turner	55
Adam Korsak	43
Most Games Started	
Player	Total
Adam Korsak	43
Julius Turner	41
Bo Melton	40
Avery Young	39
Nick Krimin	34
Consecutive Games Started	
Player	Streak
Adam Korsak	43
Nick Krimin	31
Christian Izien	26
G - Games Played	
S - Games Started	
FBS games only	
Rutgers Career Games Played	
1. Billy Taylor (2017-)	55
Julius Turner (2017-)	55
3. Bo Melton (2017-)	54
4. Olakunle Fatukasi (2017-)	53
Scott Vallone (2008-12)	53
Devin McCourty (2006-09)	52
7. Steve Beauharnais (2009-12)	51
Quentin Gause (2012-15)	51
Courtney Greene (2005-08)	51
Khaseem Greene (2009-12)	51
Darius Hamilton (2012-16)	51
George Johnson (2006-09)	51
Robert Jones (2010-13)	51
Damaso Munoz (2006-09)	51
David Rowe (2008-11)	51
Kevin Snyder (2011-14)	51
San San Te (2008-11)	51
18. Sebastian Joseph (2013-17)	50
Jack Corcoran (2006-09)	50
Ryan D'Imperio (2006-09)	50
Duron Harmon (2009-12)	50
Clark Harris (2003-06)	50
D.C. Jefferson (2009-12)	50
Kaleb Johnson (2011-14)	50
Nick Krimin (2017-)	50
Joe Lefeged (2007-10)	50
Tyreek Maddox-Williams (2016-)	50
Chris Muller (2013-16)	50
Lawrence Stevens (2016-)	50
Tiquan Underwood (2005-08)	50
Jamaal Westerman (2005-08)	50

RUTGERS PARTICIPATION CHART

	Career		2021		2020		2019		2018		2017		2016		Streak	
	G	S	G	S	G	S	G	S	G	S	G	S	G	S	G	S
Kessawn Abraham	33	9	10	9	7		4		12						10	9
Mayan Ahanotu	24	9	10	8	9	1	3		2						19	
Matt Alaimo	31	14	10	2	9	2	12	10							31	
Valentino Ambrosio	16	16	10	10	6	6									16	16
Tre Avery	33	20	10	7	9	9	12	4	2						31	1
Wesley Bailey	6		6												3	
Kharyi Banton	4		4													
Rashawn Battle	40	3	7		7	2	11		11	1	4				1	
Brendan Bordner	39	8	10	5	9	3	12		8						35	
Christian Braswell	30	16			6	6	12	9	12	1						
Ireland Brown	21	4	7	4	5		9								4	4
Amir Byrd	1				1											
Jameer Campbell	2				2											
Alijah Clark	7		7													
Chris Conti	11		2		5		4								1	
Aron Cruickshank	43	13	7	6	9	7	14		13							
Parker Day	20		5		1		12		2						3	
Austin Dean	5		5												5	
Christian Dremel	17		4		9		4								1	
Olakunle Fatukasi	53	28	9	9	9	9	12	10	11		12					
Guy Fava	15	3	5		6	3	4								5	
Bryan Felter	18	6	10		8	6									18	
Tyshon Fogg	47	28	9	9	8	7	12	12	12		6					
Kyonte Hamilton	10	1	10	1											10	
CJ Hanson	4				2		2									
Jovani Haskins	42	22	10	10	9	9	11	3	12						23	19
Cooper Heisey	4						4									
Desmond Igbinosun	5		5												3	
Zukudo Igwenagu	6		2		3		1									
Christian Izien	35	26	10	10	9	9	12	7	4						31	26
Deion Jennings	31	4	10		9	1	12	3							31	
Naijee Jones	24	4	4	1	9	3	11									
Shameen Jones	41	24	10	8	9	9	10		12	7					22	5
René Konga	2		2												1	
Victor Konopka	14		10		4										14	
Adam Korsak	43	43	10	10	9	9	12	12	12	12					43	43
Nick Krimin	50	34	10	10	9	9	12	12	10	3	9				35	31
Jamree Kromah	21		10		2		9								11	
Johnny Langan	30	10	10	2	9		11	8							28	2
Aaron Lewis	17		9		8										2	
Chris Long	9		7		2										4	
Robert Longbeam	15		10		5										13	
Shaquan Loyal	3		3												3	
Joe Lusardi	11		6		5										3	
Elijuwan Mack	2		2												1	
Tyreek Maddox-Williams	50	27	6		9	1	12	8	12	12			11	6		
Ifeanyi Maijeh	37	21	10	2	7	7	12	12	8						20	2
Bo Melton	54	40	9	9	9	9	12	12	12	7	12	3			4	4
Max Melton	16	13	7	7	9	6									4	4
Kamar Missouri	1		1													
Kyle Monangai	15		10		5										14	
Nasir Montgomery	1		1													
Tahjay Moore	1				1											
Shawn Munnerlyn	2		2													
Brandon Myers	19	2			7		12	2								
David Nwaogwugwu	14	2	4		4	2	6									
Raiqwon O'Neal	29	18	8	6	8	8	9	4	4						3	3
CJ Onyechi	41	15	9	8	8	5	12	2			12				1	
Isaih Pacheco	42	32	10	10	9	9	11	10	12	3					22	22
Cedrice Paillant	18	13	9	6	9	7										
Jessie Parson III	2		2													
Max Patterson	3		3												2	
Hollin Pierce	11	9	10	9	1										10	9
Jonathan Pimentel	13				3		10									
Tyreek Powell	10	1	10	1											10	1
Aslan Pugh	22		1		7		12		1		1				1	
Troy Rainey	9	7	9	7											8	7
Keenan Reid	4		4												2	
Patrice Rene	49	28	4	2	10	6	2	1	11	11	11	3	11	5	1	
Ahmirr Robinson	5		1		4											
Matt Rosso	11		3				8									
Brandon Sanders	9	3	9	3											1	
Evan Simon	4		4													
Drew Singleton	38	9	10	6	9	1	12	2	7						31	4
Cole Snyder	9		6		1		2									
Lawrence Stevens	50	1	10		9	1	12		6		10		3		35	
Cam'Ron Stewart	2		2												1	
Reggie Sutton	22	13	3	3	9	9	6		4	1						
Billy Taylor	55		10		9		12		12		12				55	
Jordan Thompson	2		2												2	
Mohamed Toure	21	2	10	2	9		2								19	2
Julius Turner	55	41	10	10	9	8	12	12	12	11	12				55	18
Mike Tverdov	42	30	9	9	9	9	12	10	12	2					1	1
Brian Ugwu	3		2		1											
Noah Vedral	32	19	10	10	7	7	6	2	1		8				10	10
Sam Vretman	22	5			5	3	4		5	2	8					
Isaiah Washington	31	11	10		9		12	11							31	
Gavin Wimsatt	2		2												1	
Jamier Wright-Collins	16		7		9											
Aaron Young	31	4	10		9		12	4							31	
Avery Young	42	39	9	9	9	9	12	10	12	11					3	3
Joshua Youngblood	21	4	6		2	1	13	3							3	
Gus Zilinskas	4		4												1	

RUTGERS GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Opponent	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	QB	RB	WR	WR	WR	PK
Temple	O'Neal	Paillant	Krimin	Sutton	Bordner	Haskins	Vedral	Pacheco	Cruickshank	Melton	Jones	Ambrosio
Syracuse	O'Neal	Paillant	Krimin	Sutton	Pierce	Haskins	Vedral	Pacheco	Cruickshank	Melton	Jones	Ambrosio
Delaware	Bordner	Paillant	Krimin	Sutton	Pierce	Haskins	Vedral	Pacheco	Cruickshank	Melton	Jones	Ambrosio
Michigan	Bordner	Paillant	Krimin	Rainey	Pierce	Haskins	Vedral	Pacheco	Cruickshank	Melton	Alaimo^	Ambrosio
Ohio State	O'Neal	Paillant	Krimin	Rainey	Pierce	Haskins	Vedral	Pacheco	Cruickshank	Melton	Alaimo^	Ambrosio
Michigan State	Bordner	Paillant	Krimin	Rainey	Pierce	Haskins	Vedral	Pacheco	Cruickshank	Sanders	Jones	Ambrosio
Northwestern	Bordner	Brown	Krimin	Rainey	Pierce	Haskins	Vedral	Pacheco	Sanders	Melton	Jones	Ambrosio
Illinois	O'Neal	Brown	Krimin	Rainey	Pierce	Haskins	Vedral	Pacheco	Sanders	Melton	Jones	Ambrosio
Wisconsin	O'Neal	Brown	Krimin	Rainey	Pierce	Haskins	Vedral	Pacheco	Langan^	Melton	Jones	Ambrosio
Indiana	O'Neal	Brown	Krimin	Rainey	Pierce	Haskins	Vedral	Pacheco	Langan^	Melton	Jones	Ambrosio
Penn State												
Maryland												

^ - tight end

Opponent	DE	DT	DT	DE	LB	LB	LB	CB	S	S	CB	P
Temple	Tverdov	Ahanotu	Turner	Onyechi	Fogg	Fatukasi	Singleton	Avery	Izien	Young	Melton	Korsak
Syracuse	Tverdov	Ahanotu	Turner	Onyechi	Fogg	Fatukasi	Abraham*	Avery	Izien	Young	Melton	Korsak
Delaware	Tverdov	Ahanotu	Turner	Onyechi	Fogg	Fatukasi	Abraham*	Avery	Izien	Young	Melton	Korsak
Michigan	Tverdov	Ahanotu	Turner	Onyechi	Fogg	Fatukasi	Singleton	Avery	Izien	Young	Abraham	Korsak
Ohio State	Tverdov	Ahanotu	Turner	Onyechi	Fogg	Fatukasi	Rene*	Avery	Izien	Young	Abraham	Korsak
Michigan State	Tverdov	Ahanotu	Turner	Onyechi	Fogg	Fatukasi	Rene*	Avery	Izien	Young	Abraham	Korsak
Northwestern	Tverdov	Ahanotu	Turner	Onyechi	Fogg	Fatukasi	Singleton	Abraham	Izien	Jones	Melton	Korsak
Illinois	Tverdov	Ahanotu	Turner	Onyechi	Fogg	Fatukasi	Singleton	Abraham	Izien	Young	Melton	Korsak
Wisconsin	Toure	Hamilton	Turner	Maijeh	Fogg	Fatukasi	Singleton	Abraham	Izien	Young	Melton	Korsak
Indiana	Tverdov	Maijeh	Turner	Toure	Singleton	Powell	Avery*	Abraham	Izien	Young	Melton	Korsak
Penn State												
Maryland												

* - cornerback

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2021 RUTGERS SCORING PLAYS

Quarter	Time	Scoring Play (Conversion)	Plays	Yards	TOP	Score (Rutgers-OPP)
Temple						
1	11:54	Fatukasi safety	-	-	-	2-0
1	8:52	Ambrosio 25-yard field goal	8	26	2:51	5-0
1	1:44	Langan 2-yard run (Ambrosio kick)	1	2	0:03	12-0
2	14:15	Langan 1-yard run (Ambrosio kick)	6	28	2:23	19-0
2	10:59	Monangai 2-yard run (Ambrosio kick)	4	22	1:24	26-0
3	8:05	B. Melton 40-yard pass from Vedral (Ambrosio kick)	2	55	0:33	33-14
3	6:57	M. Melton 46-yard interception return (Ambrosio kick)	-	-	-	40-14
4	14:57	Pacheco 2-yard run (Ambrosio kick)	12	64	5:29	47-14
4	11:26	Young 1-yard run (Ambrosio kick)	4	17	1:29	54-14
4	3:09	Monangai 7-yard run (Ambrosio kick)	13	62	6:37	61-14
Syracuse						
3	6:46	Monangai 11-yard run (Ambrosio kick)	13	63	6:15	7-0
3	0:24	Haskins 30-yard pass from Vedral (Ambrosio kick)	6	41	2:55	14-7
4	8:23	Ambrosio 27-yard field goal	4	1	2:05	17-7
Delaware						
1	9:34	B. Melton 28-yard pass from Vedral (Ambrosio kick)	8	67	3:09	7-0
2	12:39	Pacheco 20-yard run (Ambrosio kick)	4	84	1:37	14-0
2	11:28	Sanders 62-yard pass from Vedral (Ambrosio kick)	1	62	0:10	21-7
2	4:22	Young 6-yard run (Ambrosio kick)	8	60	3:15	28-10
2	2:12	Cruikshank 62-yard punt return (Ambrosio kick)	-	-	-	35-10
3	11:52	Ambrosio 34-yard field goal	8	59	3:08	38-10
4	10:16	Pacheco 1-yard run (Ambrosio kick)	12	75	5:37	45-13
Michigan						
1	1:08	Ambrosio 40-yard field goal	13	53	6:08	3-7
3	6:30	Young 14-yard pass from Vedral (Ambrosio kick)	12	91	5:31	10-20
4	14:09	Ambrosio 25-yard field goal	12	58	4:39	13-20
Ohio State						
1	2:23	Cruikshank 75-yard pass from Vedral (Ambrosio kick blocked)	1	75	0:11	6-24
4	7:40	Youngblood 12-yard pass from Snyder (Ambrosio kick)	11	70	5:07	13-52
Michigan State						
1	6:51	Cruikshank 4-yard pass from Langan (Ambrosio kick)	9	72	3:22	7-0
2	12:10	Ambrosio 26-yard field goal	10	72	3:41	10-7
2	6:21	Ambrosio 29-yard field goal	4	2	1:03	13-14
Northwestern						
2	8:44	B. Melton 18-yard pass from Vedral (Ambrosio kick)	7	97	2:48	7-7
Illinois						
1	4:20	Monangai 7-yard run (Ambrosio kick)	10	61	4:58	7-0
2	5:42	Ambrosio 35-yard field goal	10	62	4:24	10-7
4	14:16	Vedral 15-yard run (Ambrosio kick)	13	88	5:04	17-14
4	3:53	Ambrosio 35-yard field goal	7	36	3:36	20-14
Wisconsin						
1	4:34	Ambrosio 24-yard field goal	10	68	4:32	3-7
Indiana						
1	13:47	Pacheco 8-yard run (Ambrosio kick)	4	21	1:07	7-0
1	3:21	Pacheco 3-yard run (Ambrosio kick)	9	70	3:13	14-0
2	14:10	Ambrosio 38-yard field goal	4	4	1:00	17-0
3	12:27	Young 10-yard run (Ambrosio kick)	1	10	0:08	24-3
3	0:32	O'Neal 7-yard run (Ambrosio kick)	4	39	1:39	31-3
4	7:00	Vedral 9-yard run (Ambrosio kick)	13	53	8:00	38-3

OFFENSIVE TOUCHDOWN SUMMARY

Yards	TDs	TD Drives	Poss. Time	TD Drives	Plays	TD Drives
0-9	14	1	0:01-0:30	4	1	4
10-19	6	2	0:31-1:00	1	2	1
20-29	2	3	1:01-1:30	2	3	0
30-39	1	1	1:31-2:00	3	4	5
40-49	1	1	2:01-3:00	3	5	0
50-59	0	2	3:01-4:00	4	6	2
60-69	1	7	4:01-5:00	1	7	1
70-79	1	5	5:01-6:00	5	8	2
80-89	0	2	6:01-7:00	2	9	2
90-99	0	2	7:01+	1	10	1
			OT	0	11+	8

Most plays on a TD drive:

13, 4x, last at Indiana (Vedral 9-yard run)

Fewest plays on a TD drive:

1, 4x, last at Indiana (Young 10-yard run)

Longest TD Drive (yards):

97, at Northwestern (Melton 18-yard reception)

Shortest TD drive (yards):

2, Temple (Langan 1-yard run)

Longest TD drive (time):

8:00, at Indiana (Vedral 9-yard run)

Shortest TD drive (time):

0:03, Temple (Langan 1-yard run)

Most Plays on a drive:

16, Michigan State (Downs)

Longest Drive (time):

8:00, at Indiana (Vedral 9-yard TD run)

Longest Drive (yards):

97, at Northwestern (Melton 18-yard TD reception)

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THE LAST TIME

Rutgers

RUSHING

30-39 attempts	31 - Justin Goodwin vs. Houston, 10/26/13
40+ attempts	41 - Savon Huggins at Cincinnati, 11/17/12
100-199 yards	107 - Isaih Pachecho at Michigan, 9/25/21
200+ yards	202 - Josh Hicks vs. North Carolina, 12/26/14
4 TDs	Isaih Pachecho vs. Massachusetts, 8/30/19
3 TDs	Paul James at Army, 11/21/15
Two 100-yard performances (same game)	118 - Johnny Langan vs. Liberty, 10/26/19
	107 - Isaih Pachecho vs. Liberty, 10/26/19
Four consecutive 100 yard games (same season)	Jawan Jamison
	112 at Tulane, 9/1/12; 110 vs. Howard, 9/8/12; 151 at USF, 9/13/12; 118 at Arkansas, 9/22/12

PASSING

30-39 attempts	30 - Noah Vedral at Northwestern, 10/16/21
40-49 attempts	43 - Noah Vedral vs. Michigan, 11/21/20
50+ attempts	52 - Mike Teel vs. Connecticut, 11/3/07
20-29 completions	21 - Noah Vedral vs. Delaware, 9/18/21
30-39 completions	32 - Mike Teel vs. Connecticut, 11/3/07
300-399 yards	323 - Noah Vedral vs. Delaware, 9/18/21
400+ yards	404 - Gary Nova vs. Michigan, 10/4/14
3 TDs	Noah Vedral vs. Michigan, 11/21/20
4 TDs	Chris Laviano vs. Maryland, 11/28/15
5 TDs	Gary Nova at Fresno State, 8/29/13
6 TDs	Mike Teel at Pittsburgh, 10/25/08
7 TDs	Mike Teel vs. Louisville, 12/4/08
4 interceptions	Artur Sitkowski at Maryland, 10/13/18
5+ interceptions	5 - Gary Nova vs. Penn State, 9/13/14

RECEIVING

10+ receptions	13 - Mohamed Sanu at Army, 11/12/11
100-199 yards	101 - Bo Melton at Northwestern, 10/16/21
200+ yards	240 - Mark Harrison at Cincinnati, 11/20/10
3 TDs	Leonte Carroo at Indiana, 10/17/15
Two 100-yard performances (same game)	127 - Shameen Jones vs. Michigan, 11/21/20
	109 - Bo Melton vs. Michigan, 11/21/20
Three 100-yard performances (same game)	105 - Janarion Grant at Maryland, 11/29/14
	104 - Leonte Carroo at Maryland, 11/29/14
	101 - Andre Patton at Maryland, 11/29/14

TOTAL OFFENSE

400+ yards	409 - Gary Nova vs. Michigan, 10/4/14
300-399 yards	392 - Noah Vedral vs. Michigan, 11/21/20

FIELD GOALS

50 yards	50 - Justin Davidovic vs. Boston College, 9/21/19
4 FG made	4 - San San Te at Syracuse, 10/1/11
5 FG made	5 - Tom Angstadt vs. Cincinnati, 9/29/84
6 FG attempted	7 - Jeremy Ito vs. Illinois, 9/3/05

TOUCHDOWN RETURNS (YARDAGE)

Kickoff	198 - Aron Cruickshank vs. Nebraska, 12/18/20
Punt	62 - Aron Cruickshank vs. Delaware, 9/18/21
Interception	46 - Max Melton vs. Temple, 9/4/21
Fumble	0 - Olakunle Fatukasi vs. Texas State, 9/1/18
Blocked Field Goal	64 - Deonte Roberts at Kansas, 9/15/18
Blocked Punt	0 - Andre Patton at UCF, 11/21/13
Two TD returns by same player	Janarion Grant vs. Washington State, 9/12/15
	100 - Kick Return & 55 - Punt Return

RUN/PASS DISTANCE

90+ run	91 - Mohamed Sanu vs. Tulane, 10/2/10
80-89 run	80 - Isaih Pachecho vs. Michigan, 11/10/18
70-79 run	74 - Gus Edwards vs. Purdue, 10/21/17
60-69 run	66 - Isaih Pachecho at Ohio State, 11/7/20
50-59 run	57 - Isaih Pachecho vs. Massachusetts, 8/30/19
40-49 run	44 - Bo Melton at Maryland, 12/12/20
90+ pass	93 - Gary Nova to Andrew Turzilli vs. Tulane, 9/27/14
80-89 pass	80 - Gary Nova to Andrew Turzilli vs. Michigan, 10/4/14
70-79 pass	75 - Noah Vedral to Aron Cruickshank vs. Ohio State, 10/2/21
60-69 pass	62 - Noah Vedral to Brandon Sanders vs. Delaware, 9/18/21

TEAM

Shut out opponent at home	65-0 vs. Morgan State, 9/16/17
Shut out opponent on road	34-0 vs. Navy, 10/14/06
Shut out opponents, back-to-back	35-0 vs. Lafayette, 11/9/74
	6-0 vs. Boston University, 11/16/74
	Fort Monmouth, 11/14/42
Scoreless tie	27-24 at Maryland, 12/12/20
Forced five turnovers	6 - 38-3 win at Indiana, 11/13/21
Scored 40-49 points	45-13 win vs. Delaware, 9/18/21
Scored 50-59 points	52-14 win vs. Howard, 9/10/16
Scored 60-69 points	61-14 win vs. Temple, 9/4/21
Scored 70-79 points	70-0 win vs. NYU, 1915
Scored 80-89 points	83-0 win vs. Stevens, 1914
Scored 90+ points	90-0 win vs. Fort Wadsworth, 1917
Scored safety	Olakunle Fatukasi sack vs. Temple, 9/4/21
500 yards of total offense	554 vs. Massachusetts, 8/30/19
7-win season	7-5 in 2005
8-win season	8-5 in 2014
9-win season	9-4 in 2012
11-win season	11-2 in 2006
Undeclared season	11-0 in 1976
Double-digit winning streak	18 between 10/18/75 and 11/20/76

MISCELLANEOUS

300+ all-purpose yards	337 - Janarion Grant vs. Washington State, 9/12/15
Kickoff and punt return for TD in same game	Janarion Grant vs. Washington State, 9/12/15
3 rushing TDs & 3 receiving TDs in same game	Robert Martin (Rushing), Leonte Carroo (Receiving) at Indiana, 12/17/15
Game-winning field goal (4Q/OT)	42 yards, Valentino Ambrosio at Maryland, 12/12/20
Two interceptions	Christian Izien, 12/18/20
Blocked a punt	Max Melton at Syracuse, 9/11/21
Blocked a field goal	Mike Tverdov vs. Maryland, 10/5/19
Blocked an extra point	Julius Turner at Penn State, 11/30/19
Blocked multiple kicks	Julius Turner (extra point), Mike Tverdov (field goal) vs. Maryland, 10/5/19
Two-point conversion	Artur Sitkowski pass to Bo Melton vs. Nebraska, 12/18/20
Recovered on-side kick	Christian Izien vs. Indiana, 10/31/20

Opponents

RUSHING

30+ attempts	31 - Isaiah Williams, Illinois, 11/14/20
300+ yards	307 - Tevin Coleman, Indiana, 11/15/14
200-299 yards	233 - Kenneth Walker III, Michigan State, 10/9/21
4 TDs	Isaiah Pead, Cincinnati, 11/20/10
3 TDs	Journey Brown, Penn State, 11/30/19
Two 100-yard performances (same game)	191 - Dedrick Mills, Nebraska, 12/18/20
	157 - Adrian Martinez, Nebraska, 12/18/20
Three 100-yard performances (same game)	127 - Demetrius Perry, Army, 10/12/96
	126 - Adam Thompson, Army, 10/12/96
	117 - Paul Hewitt, Army, 10/12/96

PASSING

30-39 attempts	33 - Ryan Hilinski, Northwestern, 10/16/21
40-49 attempts	44 - Rocky Lombardi, Michigan State, 10/24/20
50-59 attempts	56 - Connor Halliday, Washington State, 8/28/14
60+ attempts	66 - Luke Falk, Washington State, 9/12/15
20-29 completions	24 - Adrian Martinez, Nebraska, 12/18/20
30-39 completions	31 - Rocky Lombardi, Michigan State, 10/24/20
40+ completions	47 - Luke Falk, Washington State, 9/12/15
300-399 yards	339 - Payton Thorne, Michigan State, 10/9/21
400+ yards	464 - Nate Sudfeld, Indiana, 10/17/15
3 TDs	Graham Mertz, Wisconsin, 11/6/21
4 TDs	Cade McNamara, Michigan, 11/21/20
5 TDs	C.J. Stroud, Ohio State, 10/2/21
6 TDs	Ricky Santos, New Hampshire, 9/11/04
7 TDs	Pete Gonzalez, Pittsburgh, 10/25/97
4 interceptions	Chandler Whitmer, Connecticut, 10/6/12
5+ interceptions	5 - Clint Park, Villanova, 8/31/96

RECEIVING

10+ receptions	11 - Jayden Reed, Michigan State, 10/24/20
200+ yards	221 - Jalen Nailor, Michigan State, 10/9/21
175-200 yards	182 - Whop Philyor, Indiana, 10/12/19
150-174 yards	156 - Aaron Burbridge, Michigan State, 10/10/15
140-149 yards	149 - Taj Harris, Syracuse, 9/11/21
130-139 yards	137 - Whop Philyor, Indiana, 10/31/20
3 TDs	Jalen Nailor, Michigan State, 11/23/19
4 TDs	Billy Davis, Pittsburgh, 11/19/94

TOTAL OFFENSE

500+ yards	507 - Luke Falk, Washington State, 9/12/15
400-499 yards	412 - Adrian Martinez, Nebraska, 12/18/20
300-399 yards	348 - Payton Thorne, Michigan State, 10/9/21

FIELD GOALS

50+ yards	53 - Ryan Coe, Delaware, 9/18/21
5+ FG attempts	5 - James McCourt, Illinois, 11/14/20
4 FG made	4 - Matt Coghlin, Michigan State, 11/27/17

TOUCHDOWN RETURNS

Kickoff	95 - Giles Jackson, Michigan, 11/21/20
Punt	61 - Dante Pettis, Washington, 9/1/17
Interception	29 - Caesar Williams, Wisconsin, 11/6/21
Fumble	36 - Nate Hobbs, Illinois, 11/2/19
Blocked Punt	0 - Da'Mon Merckerson, Syracuse, 11/8/08

RUN/PASS DISTANCE

80+ run	94 - Kenneth Walker III, Michigan State, 10/9/21
70-79 run	71 - Dejon Lee, Delaware, 9/18/21
60-69 run	61 - Chris Evans, Michigan, 11/10/18
50-59 run	54 - Brandon Peters, Illinois, 11/2/19
90+ pass	91 - Alex Van Pelt to Dietrich Jells, Pittsburgh, 9/17/92
80-89 pass	80 - Josh Jackson to Dontay Demus, Maryland, 10/5/19
70-79 pass	72 - Graham Mertz to Danny Davis III, 11/6/21

TEAM

Shut out Rutgers at home	27-0 by Michigan State, 11/23/19
Shut out Rutgers on road	35-0 at Indiana, 10/12/19
Shut out Rutgers back-to-back	49-0 at Michigan State, 11/12/16
	39-0 by Penn State, 11/19/16
Scored 30-39 points	31-13 Michigan State win, 10/9/21
Scored 40-49 points	48-42 Michigan victory, 11/21/20
Scored 50-59 points	52-3 Wisconsin win, 11/6/21
Scored 60+ points	78-0 Michigan victory, 10/8/16
Scored safety	Purdue, 11/28/20
Blocked a field goal	Maryland, 10/5/19
Blocked a punt	Penn State, 11/19/16
Blocked an extra point	Ohio State, 10/2/21
Two-point conversion	Flynn Nagel pass from Clayton Thorson, Northwestern, 10/20/18
Recovered on-side kick	Tyler Rudolph, Penn State, 11/30/19

HEAD COACH GREG SCHIANO (13TH SEASON)



Greg Schiano, who previously led Rutgers to new heights from 2001-11, is in his second season back as the head football coach “On the Banks.” The Wyckoff, New Jersey, native returned home to Piscataway on Dec. 3, 2019 and immediately made an impact on and off the field in 2020.

Schiano has directed the Scarlet Knights to six bowl appearances, coached 85 RU players who signed NFL contracts and guided the program to the top APR score in the nation so far during his time leading Rutgers football. The 2006 National Coach of the Year owns three nine-win campaigns and coached 17 Rutgers All-America selections, posting a 59-40 mark in his last eight seasons at the helm entering 2021. His 76 overall wins are second in school history, behind Frank Burns (78).

“Rutgers University and this football program have meant the world to me and my family,” Schiano said upon returning. “I arrived here in 2000 with the goal to build a program that would

be a source of pride for the state of New Jersey and develop great young men. I look forward to embracing that challenge once again. This is a great opportunity for all of Rutgers to pull together to get us back to where we all know we belong. It will take everyone on this campus and in the State of Rutgers to get this done.”

The 2020 season presented unforeseen challenges dealing with the coronavirus pandemic. Playing a Big Ten-only schedule, the Scarlet Knights were one of just two teams in the conference to play all nine of its scheduled games. RU, despite missing spring and summer camp, matched the program high with three Big Ten victories, all away to equal the number of league road wins the previous six seasons combined. With a commitment to player and culture development, the Scarlet Knights had 14 players recognized in the All-Big Ten voting, the most for the program since joining the conference. That included four on the top-three teams, with wide receiver Aron Cruickshank, the Big Ten Rodgers-Dwight Return Specialist of the Year and honorable mention All-America pick by *Phil Steele*, and linebacker Olakunle Fatukasi both earning first-team honors. Rutgers posted a program-best 26.7 points per game in a Big Ten season, with eight games of at least 20 points after reaching the mark only five times in the prior four years. The 13.4 more points per game than 2019 marked the fourth-best improvement nationally following the regular season, while the scoring differential in Big Ten play was the best for the team by a margin of 8.6. The defense had at least one takeaway in 8-of-9 games with 19 overall, the most since 2012, and led the league with 7.8 tackles-for-loss per game.

Off the field, the Scarlet Knights launched #Chop4Change to spread a message of unity and equality amidst the national social justice discussion, while registering every student-athlete on the team to vote in the 2020 election. The initiative also involved giving back to the community through various forms. The program also achieved academic success with 46 student-athletes recognized on the Fall Academic All-Big Ten list, the most for the Scarlet Knights since joining the conference. The team posted its highest GPA ever as a program during the spring 2020 semester.

After making one prior trip to a bowl game in Rutgers football history, Schiano led the team to six bowls in the final seven seasons of his first stint, including the program’s first bowl victory. The Scarlet Knights won the last five, which was the longest active streak in the nation following the 2011 season. In addition, RU was ranked in 20 weeks during Schiano’s first tenure after appearing in the AP Poll only nine times prior.

Schiano first took over on Dec. 1, 2000. “This program will be built on a rock foundation,” he said. “It will take longer than building it on stilts, but when it’s built, it will be built forever. This is where I started; this is where I was striving to get back to. I’m thrilled to be here. It’s time.”

Building up the Scarlet Knights with three rejuvenating recruiting classes to start, Schiano put together an upset win over Syracuse to close 2003 before knocking off Michigan State to start 2004 in front of the largest crowd in Rutgers Stadium history at the time (42,612). The team broke through in 2005 with a 7-5 record, the first winning season since 1992, and a trip to the Insight Bowl for RU’s first bowl appearance since 1978.

Moving to the memorable 2006 campaign, Rutgers went 11-2, earned the program’s first national top-10 ranking (peaking at No. 7) and won a bowl championship with a convincing 37-10 victory over Kansas State in the Texas Bowl. “Pandemonium in Piscataway” was achieved with a 28-25 upset of No. 3 Louisville in front a raucous home crowd and national television audience. It was the first triumph for the program over a top-25 opponent since 1988. Schiano collected the Eddie Robinson, Walter Camp, Home Depot and Liberty Mutual National Coach of the Year, as well as the Big East Coach of the Year following the season. The final national ranking of No. 12 still stands as the high-water mark in program history.

The momentum continued in 2007 with eight more wins, which included a 30-27 victory over No. 2 USF. The season was capped by running past Ball State, 52-30, in the International Bowl and set school records for scoring (426), first downs (294) and total offense (5,841). The 2008 campaign started 1-5, but the Scarlet Knights reeled off a six-game winning streak to become bowl eligible again and went on to beat NC State, 29-23, in the PapaJohns.com Bowl to finish with seven-straight in the win column. Then in 2009, RU beat a top-25 opponent for the fourth consecutive year and took down UCF, 45-24, in the St. Petersburg Bowl to finish off a 9-4 season.

In 2011, Rutgers had its third nine-win season under Schiano, tying Burns for the most in program history. The Scarlet Knights defeated Iowa State, 27-13, in the Pin-stripe Bowl for the fifth-straight bowl win.

Schiano coached the leading rusher, passer and receiver by yards in Rutgers football history, sending all to the NFL. Ray Rice finished with 4,926 rushing yards, 1,812 more than second place, with 49 touchdowns. He holds the top two spots on the RU single-game rushing leaderboard with a high of 280 in the 2008 International Bowl. Mike Teel was a three-year starting quarterback and is the only signal caller in school history to lead the Scarlet Knights to three bowl victories. Throwing for 9,398 yards overall, he still owns single-game school records for passing yards (447) and touchdowns (7) in Rutgers’ 63-14 victory over Louisville in 2008. Britt was a primary target for Teel, recording 3,403 receiving yards. He once had five consecutive games with over 100 yards and totaled 14 such outings, both school standards.

THE SCHIANO FILE

Full Name: Gregory Edward Schiano
 Birthdate: June 1, 1966
 Hometown: Wyckoff, N.J.
 Alma Mater: Bucknell, 1988
 Wife: Christy
 Children: Joey, John, Matt, Katie

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2020-present: Rutgers (head coach)
 2016-18: Ohio State (associate head coach/defensive coordinator/safeties)
 2012-13: Tampa Bay Buccaneers (head coach)
 2001-11: Rutgers (head coach)
 1999-00: Miami (defensive coordinator)
 1998: Chicago Bears (secondary)
 1996-97: Chicago Bears (defensive assistant)
 1991-95: Penn State (secondary)
 1990: Penn State (graduate assistant)
 1989: Rutgers (graduate assistant)
 1988: Ramapo HS (assistant)

BOWL GAMES

2019 Rose Bowl
 2017 Cotton Bowl
 2016 Fiesta Bowl
 2011 New Era PinStripe Bowl
 2009 St. Petersburg Bowl
 2008 PapaJohns.com Bowl
 2008 International Bowl
 2006 Texas Bowl
 2005 Insight Bowl
 2000 Gator Bowl
 1996 Outback Bowl
 1995 Rose Bowl
 1994 Citrus Bowl
 1993 Blockbuster Bowl
 1992 Fiesta Bowl
 1990 Blockbuster Bowl

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

2018 Ohio State (Big Ten)
 2017 Ohio State (Big Ten)
 2000 Miami (Big East)
 1994 Penn State (Big Ten)

RUTGERS HEAD COACH WINS

1. Frank Burns: 78
2. Greg Schiano: 76
3. Harvey Harmon: 74
4. John Bateman: 73
5. George Foster Sanford: 56

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Schiano also turned special teams in a game-changing force for the Scarlet Knights. RU has blocked 61 kicks during to rank among the nation's leaders, while scoring 56 defensive/special teams touchdowns, including three in 2020. Kicker Jeremy Ito shattered the school record with 80 career field goals and earned All-America status.

While producing victories at a rate unprecedented in the program's history, the Rutgers football team is also committed fully to succeeding in the classroom. In 2010, Rutgers ranked first in the nation in Academic Progress Rate. The team followed that up with the nation's No. 2 ranking in 2011. The program was the lone state university to be ranked in the top 10 percent nationally in APR during each of Schiano's last five seasons of his first term. Nate Jones became the program's first two-time CoSIDA Academic All-America selection (2002-03) and was a member of the National Football Foundation/College Football Hall of Fame National Scholar Class of 2003, one of just eight FBS players honored. In addition, Brandon Renkert earned CoSIDA Academic All-America status in 2007, while Brian Leonard received the prestigious Draddy Trophy, recognized as the "Academic Heisman," in 2006. The emphasis on academics continued in 2020 with a program-high 46 Academic All-Big Ten selections and the highest recorded GPA in team history during the spring 2020 semester.

Known as a tireless recruiter with the ability to spot talent and develop players, Schiano has mentored 85 Scarlet Knights who went on to sign NFL contracts. That includes first-round picks in Kenny Britt (2009), Anthony Davis (2010) and Devin McCourty (2010). Rutgers had never had a player taken in the first round before Britt went 30th overall to the Tennessee Titans. Davis' selection at No. 11 by the San Francisco 49ers marked the highest draftee in school history. McCourty, who went 27th to the New England Patriots, has won three rings in five trips to the Super Bowl. Eleven Scarlet Knights who played for Schiano at Rutgers entered the 2021 season active on the 90-man NFL roster (Michael Burton, Andrew DePaola, Michael Dwumfour, Duron Harmon, Clark Harris, Tyler Kroft, Devin McCourty, Jason McCourty, Logan Ryan, Mohamed Sanu and Brendon White).

Schiano accepted the head coach position for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in Jan. 2012 and spent two seasons at the helm of the NFL franchise.

Schiano returned to the sidelines as the associate head coach and defensive coordinator, also coaching safeties, at Ohio State in 2016. He coached 10 players who were NFL Draft picks, five of whom were first-round selections during his three seasons. There were three first-round picks from the secondary in the 2017 NFL Draft: Malik Hooker (Indianapolis), Gareon Conley (Oakland) and Marshon Lattimore (New Orleans). Hooker, a unanimous All-America pick in 2016, was first nationally with three "pick-sixes" and third nationally with seven interceptions that season. The Buckeyes went 36-5 in Schiano's three years as defensive coordinator and 24-3 against Big Ten opponents. That led to two Big Ten titles plus wins in the 2017 Cotton Bowl and 2019 Rose Bowl. In addition, OSU was No. 6 nationally in total defense under Schiano in 2016 when advancing to the College Football Playoff semifinals. The Buckeyes were one of just three programs to rank in the top 10 in total defense in both 2016 and 2017. Schiano was the No. 2 recruiter in the nation by *247Sports* and *CBSSports.com* for the 2018 signing class.

Schiano served as the defensive coordinator at Miami in 1999 and 2000 before becoming the Rutgers head coach. The Hurricanes posted a 20-5 record during that time, including 11-1, the No. 2 national ranking and a Sugar Bowl win in 2000. That defense finished fifth nationally in scoring defense (15.5) after ranking 12th in the category the year before (17.2). Following the 2000 season, linebacker Dan Morgan, who was the 11th overall pick in the NFL Draft, became the first player in college football history to win the Butkus Award (top linebacker), Nagurski Award (college defensive player of the year) and Bednarik Award (top defensive player) in the same year, in addition to being a consensus first-team All-America selection and the Big East Defensive Player of the Year. Strong safety Ed Reed was also a consensus first-team All-America honoree in 2000 and would later earn a spot in the both the College Football Hall of Fame and Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Prior to his assignment in Miami, Schiano spent three seasons in the NFL with the Chicago Bears (1996-98). The 1997 team placed first in the NFC in third-down defense (31.7 percent), while the 1996 squad climbed from 27th in the NFL to 11th in fewest yards allowed. Schiano was the defensive backfield coach at Penn State from 1991-95 after working as a graduate assistant in 1990. The Nittany Lions picked up 58 wins throughout those years and made six bowl appearances. The 1994 PSU team went 12-0 (8-0 Big Ten) and finished No. 2 in the national rankings after beating Oregon in the Rose Bowl. He previously was a graduate assistant at Rutgers in 1989, beginning his coaching career as an assistant at his alma mater, Ramapo High School the year before.

Schiano was a three-year letterwinner at linebacker for Bucknell (1985-87). He was named to the *Sporting News* All-America Preseason Team in 1987. He served as a team captain his senior year after leading the team with 114 tackles as a junior to earn All-Patriot League honors.

OFFENSIVE BESTS

Points

1.	12/4/2008	Louisville	H	63
2.	9/4/2021	Temple	H	61

Total Offense

1.	12/4/2008	Louisville	H	671
2.	1/5/2008	Ball State	N	595

Plays

1.	10/1/2011	Syracuse	A	95
2.	10/2/2004	Syracuse	A	92
	10/18/2003	Pittsburgh	H	92

Offensive Touchdowns

1.	12/4/2008	Louisville	H	9
2.	10/25/2008	Pittsburgh	A	8
	9/15/2007	Norfolk State	H	8
	9/23/2006	Howard	H	8

Rushing Yards

1.	11/9/2007	Army	A	404
2.	11/26/2005	Cincinnati	H	337

Passing Yards

1.	12/4/2008	Louisville	H	447
2.	11/26/2011	Connecticut	A	439

Best Third Down Percentage

1.	12/4/2008	Louisville	H	80.0%
2.	9/27/2003	Navy	H	76.9%

DEFENSIVE BESTS

Fewest Points Allowed

1.	Nine Times			0
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Fewest Total Yards Allowed

1.	9/27/2008	Morgan State	H	109
2.	9/16/2006	Ohio	H	119

Fewest Rushing Yards Allowed

1.	10/10/2009	Texas Southern	H	-25
2.	11/26/2005	Cincinnati	H	-23

Fewest Passing Yards Allowed

1.	11/22/2008	Army	H	2
2.	10/23/2009	Army	A	16

Most Interceptions

1.	10/8/2011	Pittsburgh	H	4
2.	10 Times			3

Pass Breakups

1.	1/5/2008	Ball State	N	9
	9/13/2003	Army	A	9

Forced Fumbles

1.	10/24/2020	Michigan State	A	5
	10/15/2005	Syracuse	A	5

Tackles-For-Loss

1.	10/12/2002	West Virginia	H	15.5
2.	9/1/2011	NC Central	H	15.0

Sacks

1.	9/1/2011	NC Central	H	9
	11/26/2005	Cincinnati	H	9

Turnovers Forced

1.	10/24/2020	Michigan State	A	7
2.	11/13/2021	Indiana	A	6
	11/15/2008	USF	A	6

Defensive/Special Teams Touchdowns

1.	Seven Times			2
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Blocked Kicks

1.	9/27/2003	Navy	H	3
	11/21/2009	Syracuse	A	3

TEAM BESTS

Time of Possession

1.	11/9/2007	Army	A	41:56
2.	9/4/2004	Michigan State	H	40:14

Fewest Penalties Committed

1.	9/4/2021	Temple	H	1
	11/12/2009	USF	H	1
	10/18/2008	Connecticut	H	1

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GAME
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Rutgers 38, Indiana 3
Nov. 13, 2021 • Bloomington, Ind.
Memorial Stadium • 40,171



Football Runs to Win at Indiana, 38-3

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – Behind a balanced rushing attack and six takeaways on defense, Rutgers football (5-5, 2-5) secured a 38-3 win at Indiana (2-8, 0-7) on Saturday at Memorial Stadium. Isaih Pacheco (two rushing touchdowns), Noah Vedral and Aaron Young all found the end zone, while offensive lineman Raiqwon O'Neal scored in the second half to help the Scarlet Knights to their second Big Ten win of the season and to the program's largest margin of victory in conference play since it joined the league in 2014.

RU collected a season-high six takeaways, which included interceptions from defensive back Max Melton and linebacker Tyreem Powell, and fumble recoveries from defensive linemen Ifeanyi Majieh and Rashawn Battle, linebacker Mohamed Toure and long snapper Billy Taylor. Linebacker Drew Singleton finished with a career-high 10 tackles in the victory.

Pacheco paced the offense with 79 yards on the ground and two touchdowns, while Young crossed the goal line on a 10-yard rush in the third quarter. O'Neal's third-quarter touchdown marked the second of his career after he scored on a similar play last season. The Scarlet Knights finished with 218 rushing yards.

	1	2	3	4	Score
Rutgers	14	3	14	7	38
Indiana	0	3	0	0	3
Rushing:					
	No.		Yds	TD	
RU	Pacheco, Isaih		21	79	2
IU	Tuttle, Jack		3	16	0
Passing:					
	Cmp-Att-Int		Yds	TD	
RU	Vedral, Noah		9-17-0	97	0
IU	McCulley, Donaven		7-20-0	98	0
Receiving:					
	No.		Yds	TD	
RU	Melton, Bo		5	50	0
IU	Fryfogle, Ty		5	51	0
Tackles:					
	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	
RU	Singleton, Drew	6	4	10	0.0-0
IU	Layne, Raheem	7	2	9	0.0-0

GAME
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Wisconsin 52, Rutgers 3
Nov. 6, 2021 • Piscataway, N.J.
SHI Stadium • 40,280



Football Loses to No. 21 Wisconsin

PISCATAWAY, N.J. – Rutgers football (4-5, 1-5) fell to No. 21 Wisconsin (6-3, 4-2) on Saturday afternoon at SHI Stadium, 52-3. The game was presented by Horizon.

Quarterback Noah Vedral threw for 81 yards, while wide receiver Bo Melton paced the team with 61 receiving yards and running back Isaih Pacheco rushed for 55 yards. Placekicker Valentino Ambrosio recorded a 24-yard field goal for the Scarlet Knights.

Defensively, Olakunle Fatukasi notched a game-high 10 total tackles. Avery Young registered an interception and Aaron Lewis added a strip sack in the game.

	1	2	3	4	Score
Wisconsin	7	24	21	0	52
Rutgers	3	0	0	0	3
Rushing:					
	No.		Yds	TD	
UW	Allen, Braelon		15	129	1
RU	Pacheco, Isaih		9	55	0
Passing:					
	Cmp-Att-Int		Yds	TD	
UW	Mertz, Graham		11-16-1	240	3
RU	Vedral, Noah		8-16-2	81	0
Receiving:					
	No.		Yds	TD	
UW	Pryor, Kendric		4	72	1
RU	Melton, Bo		6	61	0
Tackles:					
	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	
UW	Sanborn, Jack	2	7	9	1.0-4
RU	Fatukasi, Olakunle	6	4	10	0.0-0

GAME
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Rutgers 20, Illinois 14
Oct. 30, 2021 • Champaign, Ill.
Memorial Stadium • 36,942



Football Muscles Road Win at Illinois

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. – Rutgers football (4-4, 1-4) earned a come-from-behind 20-14 victory over Illinois (3-6, 2-4) on Saturday afternoon at Memorial Stadium. Down 14-10 at halftime, the Scarlet Knights held the Fighting Illini off the scoreboard in the second half, as a 15-yard touchdown run from quarterback Noah Vedral in the fourth quarter proved to be the difference in RU’s first Big Ten victory of the season.

Vedral completed 10 passes for 138 yards to go along with 56 yards on the ground and a touchdown. Running back Kyle Monangai scored on a seven-yard rush in the first quarter, while running back Isaih Pacheco produced 21 carries for a team-high 91 yards on the ground.

After the Illini rushed for 357 yards last week at No. 7 Penn State, RU’s defense held Illinois to just 107 rushing yards. Linebacker Olakunle Fatukasi collected a team-high eight stops and 1.5 tackles-for-loss, while defensive back Kessawn Abraham added four tackles, including a tackle-for-loss on a fourth down late in the game, and a pass breakup.

	1	2	3	4	Score
Rutgers	7	3	0	10	20
Illinois	0	14	0	0	14
Rushing:		No.	Yds	TD	
RU Pacheco, Isaih		21	91	0	
UI Brown, Chase		18	67	0	
Passing:		Cmp-Att-Int	Yds	TD	
RU Vedral, Noah		10-21-0	138	0	
UI Peters, Brandon		14-19-0	190	2	
Receiving:		No.	Yds	TD	
RU Melton, Bo		5	58	0	
UI Williams, Isaiah		3	67	1	
Tackles:		Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds
RU Fatukasi, Olakunle		5	3	8	1.5-2
UI Barnes, Tarique		4	7	11	0.5-0

GAME
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Northwestern 21, Rutgers 7
Oct. 16, 2021 • Evanston, Ill.
Ryan Field • 30,218



Football Falls at Northwestern

EVANSTON, Ill. – Rutgers football (3-4, 0-4) lost to Northwestern (3-3, 1-2), 21-7, on Saturday afternoon at Ryan Field.

Quarterback Noah Vedral completed 18 passes for 152 yards and an 18-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Bo Melton. In his first game back from injury, Melton produced his second 100-yard receiving game (eight catches for 101 yards) of the season and the fifth of his career to pace the offense.

On defense, Olakunle Fatukasi produced a game-high 13 tackles to go along with a tackle-for-loss in the first half. Defensive back Robert Longere-beam led the secondary with four pass breakups.

	1	2	3	4	Score
Rutgers	0	7	0	0	7
Northwestern	7	7	0	7	21
Rushing:		No.	Yds	TD	
RU Monangai, Kyle		6	31	0	
NU Clair, Andrew		13	63	1	
Passing:		Cmp-Att-Int	Yds	TD	
RU Vedral, Noah		18-30-0	152	1	
NU Hilinski, Ryan		18-33-0	267	0	
Receiving:		No.	Yds	TD	
RU Melton, Bo		8	101	1	
NU Robinson Jr., Stephon		5	115	0	
Tackles:		Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds
RU Fatukasi, Olakunle		7	6	13	1.0-2
NU Bergin, Chris		7	3	10	0.5-2

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GAME 6

No. 11 Michigan State 31, Rutgers 13
 Oct. 9, 2021 • Piscataway, N.J.
 SHI Stadium • 41,117



Football Battles No. 11 Michigan State on Homecoming

PISCATAWAY, N.J. – Rutgers football (3-3, 0-3) battled No. 11 Michigan State (6-0, 3-0) in a 31-13 setback on Saturday afternoon at SHI Stadium. The game was presented by RWJBarnabas Health.

Matching up with their third consecutive ranked opponent, quarterback Noah Vedral recorded 208 passing yards to lead the Scarlet Knights. Fellow quarterback Johnny Langan connected with wide receiver Aron Cruickshank for a touchdown grab, while place kicker Valentino Ambrosio posted two field goals for Rutgers.

Defensively, defensive back Christian Izien paced the squad with three tackles-for-loss on 10 stops. Linebacker Olakunle Fatukasi followed with nine tackles with two for a loss, a forced fumble and a pass breakup. Defensive back Alijah Clark recorded an interception for the Scarlet Knights.

	1	2	3	4	Score
Michigan State	7	14	7	3	31
Rutgers	7	6	0	0	13
Rushing:					
	No.	Yds	TD		
MSU Walker III, Kenneth	29	233	1		
RU Pacheco, Isaih	11	47	0		
Passing:					
	Cmp-Att-Int	Yds	TD		
MSU Thorne, Payton	16-27-1	339	3		
RU Vedral, Noah	16-31-0	208	0		
Receiving:					
	No.	Yds	TD		
MSU Nailor, Jalen	5	221	3		
RU Jones, Shameen	8	109	0		
Tackles:					
	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	
MSU Snow, Darius	6	3	9	0.0-0	
RU Izien, Christian	8	2	10	3.0-8	

GAME 5

No. 11 Ohio State 52, Rutgers 13
 Oct. 2, 2021 • Piscataway, N.J.
 SHI Stadium • 51,006



Football Loses to No. 11 Ohio State

PISCATAWAY, N.J. – Rutgers football (3-2, 0-2) lost to No. 11 Ohio State (4-1, 2-0) by a score of 52-13 on Saturday afternoon in front of 51,006 fans at SHI Stadium. The game was presented by Provident Bank.

Quarterback Noah Vedral completed 16-of-26 passes for 152 yards, which included a season-long 75-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Aron Cruickshank in the first half. Cruickshank finished with a team-high 194 all-purpose yards. Wide receiver Joshua Youngblood added his first career receiving touchdown with a 12-yard scoring reception in the second half.

Defensively, linebacker Olakunle Fatukasi produced 10 tackles and a pass breakup, his fifth consecutive game with eight or more stops to begin the season. Linebacker Tyreek Maddox-Williams contributed six tackles, a pass breakup and a tackle-for-loss against the Buckeyes.

	1	2	3	4	Score
Ohio State	24	21	7	0	52
Rutgers	6	0	0	7	13
Rushing:					
	No.	Yds	TD		
OSU Henderson, TreVeyon	8	71	1		
RU Wright-Collins, Jamier	4	39	0		
Passing:					
	Cmp-Att-Int	Yds	TD		
OSU Stroud, C.J.	17-23-0	330	5		
RU Vedral, Noah	16-26-3	152	1		
Receiving:					
	No.	Yds	TD		
OSU Olave, Chris	5	119	2		
RU Sanders, Brandon	7	47	0		
Tackles:					
	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	
OSU Hickman, Ronnie	7	4	11	0.0-0	
RU Fatukasi, Olakunle	3	7	10	0.0-0	

GAME
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No. 19 Michigan 20, Rutgers 13
Sept. 25, 2021 • Ann Arbor, Mich.
Michigan Stadium • 106,943



Football Drops Hard-Fought Big Ten Opener at No. 19 Michigan

ANN ARBOR, Mich. – Despite a late-game rally and an opportunity to tie in the closing minutes, Rutgers football (3-1, 0-1) lost its Big Ten Conference opener at No. 19 Michigan (4-0, 1-0), 20-13, on Saturday in Ann Arbor.

The Scarlet Knights’ defense held the country’s top rushing offense (350.3 yards per game) to just 112 yards on the ground and kept the Wolverines off the scoreboard in the second half. Michigan tallied just 42 total yards in the final 30 minutes of the game and worked just two first downs against the stout RU defense.

The 106,943 fans in attendance at Michigan Stadium marked the fourth-largest crowd to watch a Rutgers game, as the road tilt broadcast in front of a national audience on ABC.

Quarterback Noah Vedral finished 18-of-31 for 156 yards and a 14-yard touchdown pass to running back Aaron Young. Running back Isaih Pacheco added his first 100-yard rushing game of the year with 107 out of the backfield, becoming the 15th player in program history to reach 2,000 career rushing yards.

	1	2	3	4	Score
Rutgers	3	0	7	3	13
Michigan	7	13	0	0	20
Rushing:					
	No.	Yds	TD		
RU	Pacheco, Isaih	20	107	0	
UM	Corum, Blake	21	68	0	
Passing:					
	Cmp-Att-Int	Yds	TD		
RU	Vedral, Noah	18-31-0	156	1	
UM	McNamara, Cade	9-16-0	163	0	
Receiving:					
	No.	Yds	TD		
RU	Cruickshank, Aron	4	32	0	
UM	Johnson, Cornelius	2	33	0	
Tackles:					
	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	
RU	Fatukasi, Olakunle	4	4	8	0.0-0
UM	Hill-Green, Nikhai	6	2	8	1.0-1

GAME
3

Rutgers 45, Delaware 13
Sept. 18, 2021 • Piscataway, N.J.
SHI Stadium • 40,129



Football Defeats Delaware, 45-13

PISCATAWAY, N.J. – Rutgers football (3-0) defeated Delaware (2-1), 45-13, on Saturday afternoon at SHI Stadium. The Scarlet Knights cruised to their first 3-0 start since 2012.

Quarterback Noah Vedral went 21-for-26, including a 62-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Brandon Sanders and 28-yard touchdown toss to wide receiver Bo Melton. Vedral recorded a total of 323 passing yards in the win.

Running back Isaih Pacheco registered two rushing touchdowns for Rutgers. Wide receiver Aron Cruickshank led the Scarlet Knights with 151 all-purpose yards, highlighted by a 62-yard punt return score. Placekicker Valentino Ambrosio contributed a 34-yard field goal.

Defensively, linebacker Olakunle Fatukasi paced the squad with nine total tackles and two for loss. Defensive linemen Aaron Lewis and Julius Turner each registered 1.5 sacks, as the defense posted nine tackles-for-loss.

	1	2	3	4	Score
Delaware	0	10	3	0	13
Rutgers	7	28	3	7	45
Rushing:					
	No.	Yds	TD		
UD	Lee, Dejour	15	127	0	
RU	Pacheco, Isiah	12	67	2	
Passing:					
	Cmp-Att-Int	Yds	TD		
UD	Henderson, Nolan	11-21-0	92	1	
RU	Vedral, Noah	21-26-0	323	2	
Receiving:					
	No.	Yds	TD		
UD	Buckman, Brett	4	57	0	
RU	Melton, Bo	6	125	1	
Tackles:					
	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	
UD	Zubillaga, Joe	4	4	8	0.0-0
RU	Fatukasi, Olakunle	2	7	9	2.0-6

GAME 11: RUTGERS AT PENN STATE

GAME 2

Rutgers 17, Syracuse 7
Sept. 11, 2021 • Syracuse, N.Y.
Carrier Dome • 31,941



Football Downs Syracuse at Carrier Dome, 17-7

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Behind a 14-point third quarter, Rutgers football (2-0) defeated Syracuse (1-1), 17-7, on Saturday afternoon at the Carrier Dome. Quarterback Noah Vedral tossed a 30-yard touchdown pass to tight end Jovani Haskins and running back Kyle Monangai scored an 11-yard touchdown run to help the Scarlet Knights to their first 2-0 start since 2014.

Vedral finished with 22 completions for 145 yards to go with the touchdown pass to Haskins. Linebacker Olakunle Fatukasi led the team with 13 tackles, while the defense forced three turnovers and registered a season-high six sacks, including one from defensive lineman Mayan Ahanotu in the fourth quarter to help secure the win. On special teams, punter Adam Korsak averaged 52.2 yards per attempt on six chances, which included five inside the Syracuse 20-yard line and a long of 69 yards.

	1	2	3	4	Score
Rutgers	0	0	14	3	17
Syracuse	0	0	7	0	7
Rushing:					
	No.		Yds	TD	
RU	Pacheco, Isaih		19	50	0
SU	Tucker, Sean		13	54	1
Passing:					
	Cmp-Att-Int		Yds	TD	
RU	Vedral, Noah		22-28-0	145	1
SU	DeVito, Tommy		15-26-1	42	0
Receiving:					
	No.		Yds	TD	
RU	Melton, Bo		8	43	0
SU	Harris, Taj		8	122	0
Tackles:					
	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	
RU	Fatukasi, Olakunle	10	3	13	0.5-1
SU	Jones, Mikel	7	4	11	2.5-7

GAME 1

Rutgers 61, Temple 14
Sept. 4, 2021 • Piscataway, N.J.
SHI Stadium • 52,519



Football Dominates in Season-Opening Victory Over Temple

PISCATAWAY, N.J. – Rutgers football (1-0) opened its 2021 season with a dominant 61-14 victory over Temple (0-1) on Saturday afternoon in front of 52,519 fans at SHI Stadium.

Quarterback Noah Vedral went 15-for-27 for 138 yards, including a 40-yard touchdown pass. Vedral led the team with a career-high 71 rushing yards, while quarterback Johnny Langan contributed two rushing touchdowns in the first half. Kyle Monangai (first two collegiate touchdowns), Isaih Pacheco and Aaron Young all contributed to the team's six rushing scores.

Wide receiver Bo Melton and defensive back Max Melton each found the end zone in the game. Bo Melton reeled in a 40-yard touchdown grab, which Max Melton followed minutes later with a pick-six.

Wide receiver Aron Cruickshank led the Scarlet Knights with a career-high 206 all-purpose yards.

Defensively, linebacker Olakunle Fatukasi registered three sacks on a team-high nine tackles, which included a safety for the opening points of the game. Fatukasi, running back Jamier Wright-Collins, and defensive back Robert Longerbeam each forced a fumble, while Max Melton and defensive back Tre Avery recorded interceptions in the strong defensive showing that held the Owls to 2-for-13 on third down.

	1	2	3	4	Score
Temple	0	7	7	0	14
Rutgers	12	14	14	21	61
Rushing:					
	No.		Yds	TD	
TU	Saydee, Edward		12	57	1
RU	Vedral, Noah		9	71	0
Passing:					
	Cmp-Att-Int		Yds	TD	
TU	Mathis, D'Wan		8-24-1	148	0
RU	Vedral, Noah		15-27-0	138	1
Receiving:					
	No.		Yds	TD	
TU	Barbon, Jose		2	48	0
RU	Melton, Bo		6	59	1
Tackles:					
	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	
TU	Magee, Jordan	4	4	8	2.5-8
RU	Fatukasi, Olakunle	6	3	9	4.0-16

2021 Rutgers University Football Overall Statistics (as of Nov 15, 2021)

Team Statistics	RUT	OPP
SCORING	230	227
Points Per Game	23.00	22.70
FIRST DOWNS	185	176
Rushing	104	81
Passing	71	77
Penalty	10	18
RUSHING YARDAGE	1457	1540
Yards gained	1687	1795
Yards lost	230	255
Attempts	405	374
Avg Per Attempt	3.6	4.1
Avg Per Game	145.7	154.0
TDs Rushing	17	11
PASSING YARDAGE	1808	2180
Att-Comp-Int	303-184-6	267-145-7
Avg Per Attempt	5.97	8.16
Avg Per Catch	9.83	15.03
Avg Per Game	180.80	218.00
TDs Passing	9	16
TOTAL OFFENSE	3265	3720
Total Plays	708	641
Avg Per Play	4.6	5.8
Avg Per Game	326.5	372.0
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	27-527	17-307
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	19-224	11-32
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	7-88	6-76
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	19.52	18.06
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	11.79	2.91
INT RETURN AVERAGE	12.57	12.67
FUMBLES-LOST	11-4	20-10
PENALTIES-YARDS	49-421	56-492
Avg Per Game	42.10	49.20
PUNTS-YARDS	56-2591	56-2317
Avg Per Punt	46.27	41.38
Net Punt Avg	45.70	36.30
KICKOFFS-YARDS	49-2959	48-2966
Avg Per Kick	60.39	61.79
Net Kick Avg	46.37	42.48
TIME OF POSSESSION	05:10:40	04:49:20
Per Game	31:04	28:56
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	51-153	38-132
3rd-Down Pct	33.33 %	28.79 %
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	13-30	6-15
4th-Down Pct	43.33 %	40.00 %
SACKS BY-YARDS	17-117	17-100
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	28	29
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	11-15	8-14
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	31-38	20-27
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	21-38	14-27
PAT-ATTEMPTS	27-28	29-29
ATTENDANCE	225,051	246,215
Dates-Avg Per Date	5-45,010	5-49,243
Neutral Site #-Avg	-	0-0

Conf	Date	Opponent	WL	Score	Record	Time	Attend
	09/04/2021	TEMPLE	W	61-14	1-0 , 0-0	03:23	52,519
	09/11/2021	at Syracuse	W	17-7	2-0 , 0-0	03:44	31,941
	09/18/2021	DELAWARE	W	45-13	3-0 , 0-0	03:42	40,129
*	09/25/2021	at Michigan	L	13-20	3-1 , 0-1	03:15	106,943
*	10/02/2021	OHIO ST.	L	13-52	3-2 , 0-2	03:25	51,006
*	10/09/2021	MICHIGAN ST.	L	13-31	3-3 , 0-3	03:33	41,117
*	10/16/2021	at Northwestern	L	7-21	3-4 , 0-4	03:20	30,218
*	10/30/2021	at Illinois	W	20-14	4-4 , 1-4	03:12	36,942
*	11/06/2021	WISCONSIN	L	3-52	4-5 , 1-5	03:05	40,280
*	11/13/2021	at Indiana	W	38-3	5-5 , 2-5	03:22	40,171

* = Conference game

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	
Rutgers	59	61	52	58	0	
	Opponents		52	113	52	10

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#	Scoring	TD	FG	PAT					SAF	PTS
				KICK	RUSH	RCV	PASS	DXP		
1	Ambrosio, Valentino	—	11	27-28	—	—	—	—	—	60
1	Pacheco, Isaih	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30
23	Monangai, Kyle	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24
4	Young, Aaron	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24
2	Cruickshank, Aron	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18
18	Melton, Bo	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18
21	Langan, Johnny	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
0	Vedral, Noah	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
5	Haskins, Jovani	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
16	Melton, Max	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
71	O'Neal, Raiqwon	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
71	O'Neal, Raiqwon	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
12	Sanders, Brandon	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
83	Youngblood, Joshua	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
3	Fatukasi, Olakunle	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
Total		29	11	27-28	—	—	—	—	1	236
Opponents		29	8	29-29	—	—	—	—	—	227

#	Field Goals	FGM-FGA	PCT	I20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LG	BLK
1	Ambrosio, Valentino	11-15	73.33 %	0-0	7-9	3-4	1-2	0-0	40	0
Total		11-15	73.33 %	0-0	7-9	3-4	1-2	0-0	40	0
Opponents		8-14	57.14 %	0-2	2-3	3-5	1-2	2-2	53	0

FG Sequence	Rutgers	Opponents
Temple	(25)	-
Syracuse	29,(27)	43
Delaware	(34)	(53),(41)
Michigan	(40),(25),29	(32),(20),47
Ohio St.	-	(23)
Michigan St.	(26),(29)	35,(35)
Northwestern	33	44
Illinois	(35),46,(25)	-
Wisconsin	(24)	35,(29)
Indiana	(38)	35,(47)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

#	Total Offense	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	AVG/G
0	Vedral, Noah	10	336	267	1590	1857	185.70
1	Pacheco, Isaih	10	146	554	0	554	55.40
23	Monangai, Kyle	10	60	227	0	227	22.70
15	Snyder, Cole	6	43	42	130	172	28.67
4	Young, Aaron	10	36	136	0	136	13.60
8	Wright-Collins, Jamier	7	13	93	0	93	13.29
21	Langan, Johnny	10	24	63	16	79	7.90
3	Simon, Evan	4	19	-5	59	54	13.50
9	Wimsatt, Gavin	2	4	20	13	33	16.50
2	Cruickshank, Aron	7	6	30	0	30	4.29
18	Melton, Bo	9	4	20	0	20	2.22
7	Jones, Shameen	10	3	14	0	14	1.40
71	O'Neal, Raiqwon	8	2	14	0	14	1.75
12	Sanders, Brandon	9	3	12	0	12	1.33
33	Day, Parker	5	2	6	0	6	1.20
14	Washington, Isaiah	10	2	-5	0	-5	-0.50
94	Korsak, Adam	10	1	-8	0	-8	-0.80
Team		10	4	-16	0	-16	-1.60
Total		10	708	1464	1808	3272	327.20
Opponents		10	641	1540	2180	3720	372.00

#	Punting	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TB	FC	I20	50+	BLK
94	Korsak, Adam	56	2591	46.27	69	0	21	31	17	0
Total		56	2591	46.27	69	0	21	31	17	0
Opponents		56	2317	41.38	60	3	15	18	9	1

#	Kickoffs	NO	YDS	AVG	TB	OB
1	Ambrosio, Valentino	29	1770	61.0	11	2
96	Fava, Guy	20	1189	59.5	8	1
Total		49	2959	60.4	19	3
Opponents		48	2966	61.8	20	0

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Overall Statistics (as of Nov 15, 2021)**

#	All Purpose	G	RUSH	RCV	PR	KR	IR	Total	AVG/G
2	Cruickshank, Aron	7	30	244	153	316	0	743	106.14
1	Pacheco, Isaih	10	554	27	0	0	0	581	58.10
18	Melton, Bo	9	20	523	7	0	0	550	61.11
7	Jones, Shameen	10	14	287	0	0	0	301	30.10
23	Monangai, Kyle	10	227	68	0	0	0	295	29.50
0	Vedral, Noah	10	267	0	0	0	0	267	26.70
4	Young, Aaron	10	136	58	22	0	0	216	21.60
12	Sanders, Brandon	9	12	174	0	0	0	186	20.67
21	Langan, Johnny	10	63	120	0	0	0	183	18.30
8	Wright-Collins, Jamier	7	93	18	0	0	0	111	15.86
14	Washington, Isaiah	10	-5	103	0	0	0	98	9.80
5	Haskins, Jovani	10	0	96	0	0	0	96	9.60
13	Long, Chris	7	0	0	0	96	0	96	13.71
85	Parson III, Jessie	2	0	0	0	81	0	81	40.50
16	Melton, Max	7	0	0	14	0	46	60	8.57
2	Young, Avery	9	0	0	16	12	16	44	4.89
15	Snyder, Cole	6	42	0	0	0	0	42	7.00
83	Youngblood, Joshua	6	0	19	0	22	0	41	6.83
89	Konopka, Victor	10	0	34	0	0	0	34	3.40
10	Alaimo, Matt	10	0	33	0	0	0	33	3.30
21	Avery, Tre	10	0	0	0	0	21	21	2.10
9	Wimsatt, Gavin	2	20	0	0	0	0	20	10.00
6	Dremel, Christian	3	0	4	12	0	0	16	5.33
71	O'Neal, Raiqwon	8	14	0	0	0	0	14	1.75
33	Day, Parker	5	6	0	0	0	0	6	1.20
22	Powell, Tyreem	10	0	0	0	0	5	5	0.50
3	Simon, Evan	4	-5	0	0	0	0	-5	-1.25
94	Korsak, Adam	10	-8	0	0	0	0	-8	-0.80
	Team	10	-16	0	0	0	0	-16	-1.60
	Total	10	1464	1808	224	527	88	4111	411.10
	Opponents	10	1540	2180	32	307	76	4135	413.50

2021 Rutgers University Football
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#	Defensive Leaders	GP	Tackles				Sacks NO-YDS	Pass Defense			Fumbles		Blocked	
			Solo	ASST	TOT	TFL-YDS		INT-YDS	BU	QBH	RCV-YDS	FF	KICK	SAF
3	Fatukasi, Olakunle	9	48	41	89.0	11.0-41	3.5-18	—	2	2	—	2	—	1
2	Young, Avery	9	29	29	58.0	1.0-5	1.0-5	1-16	—	—	—	1	—	—
0	Izien, Christian	10	34	23	57.0	9.0-23	—	—	4	1	—	—	—	—
8	Fogg, Tyshon	9	16	23	39.0	2.5-13	1.0-7	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
11	Singleton, Drew	10	13	23	36.0	0.5-1	—	—	—	1	1-0	—	—	—
58	Toure, Mohamed	10	19	17	36.0	4.5-13	2.0-9	—	—	3	1-0	—	—	—
5	Abraham, Kessawn	10	22	12	34.0	2.0-5	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—
50	Turner, Julius	10	12	21	33.0	5.0-32	2.5-17	—	1	4	—	1	—	—
21	Avery, Tre	10	18	14	32.0	1.5-8	—	1-21	3	1	—	—	—	—
26	Onyechi, CJ	9	10	13	23.0	1.5-9	1.0-8	—	—	3	1-0	—	—	—
9	Maddox-Williams, Tyreek	6	13	9	22.0	1.0-4	—	—	2	—	1-0	—	—	—
71	Lewis, Aaron	9	8	13	21.0	2.5-26	2.5-26	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
16	Melton, Max	7	11	9	20.0	2.0-6	—	3-46	5	—	1-0	—	1	—
7	Longerbeam, Robert	10	13	4	17.0	—	—	—	7	—	—	2	—	—
92	Ahanotu, Mayan	10	2	13	15.0	1.5-11	1.0-10	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
48	Hamilton, Kyonte	10	7	8	15.0	1.0-4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
22	Powell, Tyreem	10	5	8	13.0	—	—	1-5	—	—	—	—	—	—
88	Maijeh, Ifeanyi	10	5	7	12.0	3.0-10	1.5-7	—	—	3	1-0	1	—	—
45	Kromah, Jamree	10	3	7	10.0	1.5-2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
97	Tverdov, Mike	9	3	7	10.0	1.0-1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
34	Igbinosun, Desmond	5	2	6	8.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
24	Rene, Patrice	4	5	2	7.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
29	Stevens, Lawrence	10	4	3	7.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6	Battle, Rashawn	7	3	3	6.0	—	—	—	—	—	1-0	—	—	—
15	Clark, Alijah	7	2	4	6.0	0.5-0	—	1-0	—	—	—	—	—	—
23	Bailey, Wesley	6	1	3	4.0	1.5-11	1.0-10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4	Jones, Najjee	4	3	1	4.0	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
17	Jennings, Deion	10	1	2	3.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	Loyal, Shaquan	3	2	1	3.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
37	Lusardi, Joe	6	1	2	3.0	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
8	Wright-Collins, Jamier	7	1	2	3.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
13	Long, Chris	7	1	1	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20	Mack, Elijuwan	2	—	2	2.0	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
23	Monangai, Kyle	10	1	1	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4	Young, Aaron	10	—	2	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
33	Day, Parker	5	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
96	Fava, Guy	5	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
90	Konga, Rene	2	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
66	Krimin, Nick	10	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	Pacheco, Isaih	10	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
72	Pierce, Hollin	10	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18	Reid, Keenan	4	1	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
47	Taylor, Billy	10	—	1	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	Ambrosio, Valentino	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	Cruickshank, Aron	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	Haskins, Jovani	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
21	Langan, Johnny	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18	Melton, Bo	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
71	O'Neal, Raiqwon	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
71	O'Neal, Raiqwon	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
12	Sanders, Brandon	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
0	Vedral, Noah	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
83	Youngblood, Joshua	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total		10	324	338	662.0	54.0-225	17.0-117	7-88	35	21	7-0	10	1	1
Opponents		10	398	378	776.0	66.0-223	17.0-100	6-76	30	23	3-32	9	1	—