

RUTGERS SCARLET KNIGHTS



WR Brandon Coleman

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2012

QUARTERBACKS - In '06 Rutgers had to replace their career passing leader Ryan Hart and then had to replace their new career passing leader Mike Teel (29-13 as st'r) 3 yrs later. In '09 VHT true frosh 6'5" Tom Savage (PS#9) set Big East frosh rec's for pass yds and td's (2211, 52%, 14-7). Savage struggled with rib and hand inj's in '10 and had to feel like Wally Pipp as true frosh Chas Dodd st'd the rest of the year. Dodd is generously listed at 6'0" but in HS he threw for over 10,000 yds in the same type of off. Dodd threw for 1,637 (55%, 11-7). LY Savage transferred and the bkps were a pair of true frosh in VHT Gary Nova (PS#27) and Mike Bimonte (PS#67). Nova had better measurables than Dodd and guided the comeback win over Syr and st'd the next 5. Dodd led the team to a come-from-behind win vs USF and st'd the final 4 while Nova threw for 298 in the 4Q (down 40-10) vs Conn. Nova (1533, 51.1%, 11-9) has tremendous upside, but I look for a lot of TO's while Dodd threw for 1,574 (56.7%, 10-7). I look for new HC Kyle Flood to have a clear cut starter going into the ssn but no matter who wins the job, they should see improved production.

RUNNING BACKS - From 2002-'04 Rutgers avg'd just 91 ypg rush (2.5) but in '05 true frosh Ray Rice became the 2nd 1,000 yd rusher here in 30 yrs (Terrell Willis '93 & '94) with 1,120 (5.7). In '06 Rice set RU and BE rec's with 1,794 (5.4) and reset those rec's in '07 with 2,012 (5.3). Rutgers slipped to just 115 ypg rush (3.3) in the 4 yrs since he left. Jose Martinek led in '09 with 967 (4.7) but was inj'd in '10 (276, 3.2). They convy true frosh WR Jordan Thomas to RB and he led, but with only 417 (4.4, lowest for 1 s'02). Thomas was moved to DB and Martinek to FB LY as they added VHT true frosh Savon Huggins (PS#7). Huggins scored the team's first td but it was very surprising that he rushed for just 146 (2.6) in 9 gms prior to a ssn ending knee injury. Jawan Jamison missed NC (gm 2) but became the most effective back, leading with 897 (3.9) incl 200 vs Cincy and 131 in the bowl. TY they lose Martinek (8 st, 123, 5.1, #5 rec) but I expect significant improvement upon LY's paltry 98 ypg (2.8) especially if Huggins lives up to his VHT status.

RECEIVERS - In '05 Tres Moses left as RU's #1 career receiver. It took Kenny Britt just 3 yrs to top his numbers. They had to replace #1 & #7 DC's in '09. Tim Brown (5'8") became just the 4th RU player with 1,000+ rec yds (1150, 20.9%). True frosh Mohamed Sanu was #2 (639, 12.5) while also finishing as the #2 rusher (346, 5.6) being utilized out of the Wildcat. In '10 they had to replace Brown. Mark Harrison is 6'3" 230 with 4.38 spd and had 240 yds vs Cincy LY and 4 td's (tied RU rec). He

finished with 829 (18.8). Sanu was Savage's favorite target (21 rec 1st 4) but had just 23 over the final 8 (inj). LY Sanu focused purely on being a WR and set a BE single season record for rec with 115 rec's (Larry Fitzgerald, '02) and led with 1,206 (10.5) becoming the career receptions leader with 210 (Brian Leonard, 207). VHT Brandon Coleman (PS#35) is 6'6" 220 with speed but had only 3 rec in the first 7. In the last 6, he had 480 yds (223 vs Conn) and appears to be the next great RU WR. Quon Pratt was #3 (327, 10.2) while Harrison (5 st, 274, 19.6) was banged up. TE DC Jefferson (PS#20QB) is a solid blocker. TY they must replace 4th Tm AA Sanu (#3DC CIN) but this unit has excellent size and speed and is still one of the top BE units.

OFFENSIVE LINE - This unit has struggled in recent years. They had 86 car sts ret in '09 and their OL coach said it could be their best unit yet but they slipped to 3.6 ypc and 40 sks (12.2%). In '10 they had to replace three 3Y st's (#1DC) and dropped to 101 ypg (2.7) and a modern NCAA record 61 sks (18.8%). LY they ret'd 4 st's (89 car sts) but shuffled their positions through the first 5 gms before finally settling. Their numbers dropped to 98 ypg rush (2.8) but with half the sks (30, 6.3%). TY they lose 1st Tm BE RG Art Forst (8 st, 4Y st'r), 2nd Tm BE LG Desmond Wynn (13 st, 2Y st'r), Caleb Ruch (9 st, 3Y st'r) and RT Desmond Stapleton (2 st '11, 12 st '10). While the Knights have just 2 st's back (43 car sts) and lose their 2 all-con OL's, they should improve upon last year's rushing numbers especially with adding in MD transfer RJ Dill (33 car sts) and PS#23, #25, #42 and #91 VHT frosh.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In '09 RU had to replace 2 st's but did return rfr Scott Vallone (lightning quick for his size) and bkp DE Jonathan Freney who led in sks (9.5). The Knights improved allowing 103 ypg (3.0) with 40 sks. In '10 they had to replace one st'r (3rd Tm BE, 6.5 sk) and ret'd 6 of their top 8. Rutgers was devastated with a tragic loss vs Army when Eric LeGrand suffered a paralyzing neck injury (13 tkl, 2 fl). The tm had allowed 14.4 ppg and 270 ypg over the first 5 but 35.1 ppg and 448 ypg after. LY they had to replace 3 st's (3rd Tm BE). Projected starting DE Jamil Merrell missed the first 4 (inj) then DE Michael Larrow was lost after 5 sts. With basically 2 ret sts (Abreu st'd at LB '10) RU's rush D improved to 139 ypg (3.8, 36 sk) but that was still 7th in the BE. TY they lose DE Abreu (10 st, 29 tkl, 3 sk, 3 fl) and 3rd Tm BE DT Justin Francis (13 st, 64 tkl, 6.5 sk, 6.5 fl) but do have 8 of their top 10 back including Vallone and VHT true frosh Darius Hamilton (PS#6) and look stronger.

LINEBACKERS - In '10 the unit had to replace their #1 and #3 tkl'rs. RU allowed 26.5 ppg, their highest s'04. LY they had to replace their #1 tkl'r and moved their #7 tkl'r to DE. They ret'd their #3 tkl'r and moved FS Khaseem Greene (#4 tkl'r) to LB so they had 2 st's back. The Knights improved to 18.3 ppg while Greene proved to be a tackling machine (BE co-DPOY, 141 tkl). Jamal Merrell moved to DE in the spring but back to LB in the fall and he st'd 12. TY they return their top 3 st's (#1, #2 and #8 tkl'rs) making the unit more exp'd and stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - With exp'd units in '06 and '07 RU moved up to #42 and #32 in my PDR. They only lost 1 st'r in '08 but dropped to #106. In '09 they had to replace 2 st's (#6, #7DC's) but climbed to #51 (56%, 13-15). In '10 they had to replace 2 st's but fell to #103 (62%, 19-8). LY they moved FS Greene to LB and had just 1 st'r back. I still called for them to climb in my PDR and that they did all the way up to #14 (51.8%) with an impressive 8-19 ratio. TY the Knights lose SS David Rowe (13 st, 59 tkl, 3 int, 4 pbu) but have 7 of their top 8 back and get back Mason Robinson (PS#59RB) who tore his ACL Wk 1. This is the best secondary in the Big East.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Rutgers finished #40 in my ST rankings in '04, #21 in both '05 and '06 and after a surprising drop

to #103 in '07, they were #57, #25 and #41 the next 3 yrs. LY the ST had some great efforts which won gms but also some poor efforts that lost some. San San Te hit 20-31 (LSO). JUCO P Justin Doerner edged out VHT true frosh Anthony DiPaula (PS#8) and avg 40.3 (36.6 net) and had 7 TB on 68 KO. Top RM Mason Robinson RS while Jeremy Deering was exciting as a KR (31.2) incl a 98 yd KR vs USF (key play). Rutgers is #1 in the NCAA w/21 blk'd kicks the L2Y. The Knights moved up to #15 and this year despite only losing San San Te (4Y K) could find it difficult to remain near the top.

COACHES - NJ native and former HC Greg Schiano was here for 11 seasons. He led RU to their first ever Top 10 ranking in '06 (FWAA's COY) and took them to bowls in 6 of the L7Y. He left for the NFL (Tampa Bay) just days prior to signing day and took many of his asst's with him. Kyle Flood (asst here s'07, co-OC '09-'10) takes over the head coaching duties. The new OC will be Dave Brock who comes over after 3 yrs as BC's TE cch and 10 gms as the interim OC there LY. He was also the OC at Kan St ('08) and Temple ('02-'04). The new DC is Robb Smith (4 yr asst here) and they add LB cch Dave Cohen (DC WMich 2 yr) who was also the HC at Hofstra ('06-'09).

ALSO ON ROSTER:	FB Sean Barowski 6'2" 236 rfr	DL David Milewski 6'4" 231 So
QB Paul Hammersma 6'3" 177 rfr	FB Paul Canevari 5'11" 220 rfr	DL Jawaun Wynn 6'3" 210 So
RB Vince DePaola 5'11" 195 rfr	TE Tyler Bellia 6'4" 225 Jr	LB Anthony Milto 5'11" 248 rfr
TE Beau Bachey 6'4" 259 Sr	DL Kallie Barksdale 6'2" 275 rfr	LB Dallas Whitaker 6'2" 210 rfr
FB Sam Bergen 6'0" 235 So	DL Myles Jackson 6'4" 230 rfr	DB CJ Still 5'8" 190 rfr
FB Robert Joseph 6'2" 220 Jr	DL Max Issaka 6'3" 255 rfr	CB John Clarke 5'9" 174 rfr

PHIL'S FORECAST

Greg Schiano had his moments in his tenure at Rutgers. RU had endured a 25-gm Big East losing streak (ended in Schiano's 3rd ssn '03) and coming into '06 they had just 5 winning seasons the previous 25 yrs. They got as high as #7 in '06, finished 11-2 at #12 after earning their first bowl win in their 137 year history. Their 11 wins tied the 1976 team record while the D allowed just 14.3 ppg (best s'80). In '07 they opened up #16 AP but finished just 8-5. They still were the first team in NCAA history to have a 3,000 yd passer, 2,000 yd rusher (Ray Rice) and two 1,000 yd rec's in the same season. In '08 they opened 1-5 but won their last 7 and were a Big East best +62.4 ypg. In '09 they had a great shot at the Big East Title due to their schedule. Even benefitting from +20 in TO's they shockingly finished just 3-4 in BE play. In '10 they had just 12 st's back and just 3 Big East HG's. Those factors had me calling them 6th (5th BE media). RU did lose a pair of #1DC's and finished 1-6 in the BE and was -132 ypg (worst) and 4-8 overall, their first losing season s'04. LY they got the benefit of 4 BE HG's and had 14 st's back (3rd most BE) and brought in a super class of true frosh. They were the media's pick for last place in the BE but I had them a couple notches higher. RU opened with a 48-0 win over NCCU. They then benefitted from +5 in TO's vs NC but still lost 24-22 (outgained 405-244). They outgained Ohio by 6 yds and won by 12. They went into Syr and had a 23-15 FD edge and won by 3 in 2 OT's. The yds were even vs Pitt but they won 34-10 after some fortunate Panther TO's in the 2H. They trailed Navy 17-7 in the 3Q but prevailed 21-20. At L'ville they dropped an open td pass mid-4Q and missed 31 and 25 yd FG's losing by 2. Against WV in the snow, they had a 31-21 lead at half but in the 4Q were int'd in the EZ then had a poor throw on a fake FG and another fumble that led to a WV td and they lost by 10. RU trailed USF 17-3 mid-4Q but prevailed in OT with USF missing a 27 yd FG at the end of reg. RU got past Army 27-12 and then Cincy had a soph QB making his first road st and RU held them to 225 yds in their 20-3 win. RU had a 430-290 yd edge vs Conn with an outside shot at winning the Big East but lost 40-22 as they were -5 in TO's. The bowl was played in RU's backyard and they beat Iowa St 27-13. Schiano left for Tampa Bay and Kyle Flood has 15 st's back but had beneficial off (12.8) and def (17.0) ypp's. They have 4 AG's in the BE (just 3 HG) but have the league's best defense and will contend for the BE Title.

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN SCARLET

QB 15 GARY NOVA SO.	6-2 210	PS#27.5 st, 10 gm, 1553 (51%, 11-9) LY. 19 Chas Dodd (6'0" 200 Jr) PS#83.
7 st, 1637 (55%, 11-7) true. 8 st, 9 gm, 1574 (57%, 10-7) LY. 16 Mike Bimonte (6'4" 219 rfr) PS#67. Blake Rankin is PS#62.		
RB 28 SAVON HUGGINS SO.	6-0 200	PS#7. 146 (2.6) LY. 23 Jawan Jamison (5'8" 198 So) PS#129. 9 st, 12 gm, 897 (3.9), 3rd Tm BE LY. Desmond Peoples is PS#81. 34 Paul James (6'0" 195 rfr), 36 Vince DePaola (5'11" 195 rfr).
WR 5 TIMOTHY WRIGHT SR.	6-4 221	PS#101. OFY '10. 4 st, 12 gm, 147 (13.4) LY. 7 Quon Pratt (6'0" 185 Jr) PS#196. 7 gm '10, OFY. 5 st, 13 gm, 327 (10.2) LY. FB 46 Michael Burton (6'0" 232 So) PS#481. 3 st, 44 (4.4) LY.
WR 17 BRANDON COLEMAN SO.	6-6 220	PS#35. 4 st, 552 (32.5) rfr LY. 18 Jeremy Deering (6'2" 205 Jr) PS#174. 5 st, 338 (21.1), 352 rush (4.6) as true. 1 st, 12 gm, 65 rec (16.2), 169 rush (3.6), 2nd Tm BE RS LY. 44 Joe Worth (6'1" 208 rfr).
WR 81 MARK HARRISON SR.	6-3 230	PS#110. 4.38 spd. 11 st, 829 (18.8), 2nd Tm BE '10. 5 st, 12 gm, 274 (19.6) LY. 14 Miles Shuler (5'10" 170 So) PS#22. 7 gm, 42 rush (7.0) true. 9 Tejay Johnson (6'2" 186 rfr) PS#67. RS LY. OFS.
TE 10 DC JEFFERSON SR.	6-6 258	PS#20QB. 10 st, 108 (21.6) rfr. 12 st, 166 (16.6) '10. 9 st, 13 gm, 118 (9.8) LY.
89 Paul Carrezola (6'2" 241 Jr) PS#18. 3 st, 35 (8.8) LY. 88 Malcolm Butt (6'4" 245 Jr) PS#20. Tyler Kroft (6'6" 220 rfr) PS#47.		
C 65 Dallas Hendrickson Jr.	6-2 295	PS#188JC. 68 Matt McBride (6'6" 294 Jr) 1 gm '10. 11 gm bkp OL LY. Brandon Arcidiaceno PS#91. LS 85 Robert Jones (6'0" 210 Jr) 24 gm L2Y. 43 Nick DePaola (6'0" 205 Jr) 16 gm, 13 tkl LY. Also LB.
RG 75 Antwan Lowery Jr.	6-4 301	PS#50. RS. 09.5 st (3RG, 2FB), 10 gm '10. 3 st, 4 gm LY. 59 David Osei (6'4" 280 Jr) PS#330. 1 gm '10. 5 st (4C, 1LT) 7 gm LY. 57 Frank Quartucci (6'4" 300 So) PS#182. Derrick Nelson is PS#130.
LG 66 ANDRE CIVIL JR.	6-3 275	PS#64DL. 1 st RT, 2 gm '10. 12 st LT LY. 55 Betim Bujari (6'4" 290 So) PS#126. 2 st RG, 10 gm LY. 71 Devon Watkins (6'7" 316 Sr) PS#137. 4 st, 9 gm '10. DNP LY. Ryan Brodie (6'5" 300 Jr) PS#42.
RT 76 RJ DILL SR.	6-7 310	PS#149. 33 st, 2L at Maryland, grad trans DC LY. 61 Taj Alexander (6'4" 290 So) PS#342. 1 gm LY. 62 Chris Fonti (6'7" 308 So) PS#99. 1 gm bkp OL LY. 61 Bryan Leoni (6'6" 270 Sr) PS#541.
LT 72 KALEB JOHNSON SO.	6-4 298	PS#180. 11 st as true, 3rd Tm FR AA LY. 74 Keith Lumpkin (6'8" 292 rfr) PS#46. RS LY. JJ Denman (6'6" 310 Jr) PS#23. 79 Jorge Vicioso (6'6" 296 So) PS#146. 1 gm ST LY. Hugh Ahen (6'7" 289 So).
K 1 Kyle Federico Fr.	6-0 185	PS#32. IFS. 4 FG in spg scrimmage. 8-13 FG's as HS senior. 85 Nick DeLouisia (6'3" 196 So) DNP LY. Battled in spring, will challenge for #1. 93 Nick Borgese (5'11" 173 rfr). RS LY.

2012 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

DE NA

D NA Darius Hamilton Fr.	6-4 260	PS#6. 90 Michael Larrow (6'4" 265 Jr) PS#105. 5 st, 10 tkl, 1.5 sk, broke ankle, OFY LY. 48 Marcus Thompson (6'2" 260 Jr) PS#173. 5 gm as true. 2 st, 1 gm, 13 tkl, 2.5 fl, 3 qb LY.
DT 94 SCOTT VALLONE SR.	6-3 275	PS#56. 13 st, 41 tkl, 9 fl, Fr AA. 12 st, 44 tkl, 6.5 fl '10. 13 st, 58 tkl, 8.5 fl, 3rd Tm BE LY. OFS. 95 Kenneth Kirksey (6'1" 270 So) PS#265. DNP FORK '10. 9 gm, 9 tkl, 2.5 fl as true LY.
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NT 72 Isaac Holmes Jr.	6-3 272	PS#44. 13 gm, 12 tkl, 2.5 fl '10. 7B Marquise Wright (6'3" 295 rfr) PS#41.
93 Diwany Miera (6'4" 260 rfr) PS#286.		
99 Al Page (6'2" 280 rfr) PS#79.		
98 Daryl Stephenson (6'3" 280 rfr) PS#142.		
DE 13 KA'ILIA GLAUD SR.	6-2 230	PS#88. 8 tkl true. 2 st LB, 11 gm, 19 tkl, 2 fl '10. 2 st, 13 gm, 20 tkl, 4 fl, LY. Jamil Merrell (6'4" 255 Jr) PS#104. 1 gm '10. 6 st, 9 gm, 18 tkl, 2.5 fl, LY. Marvin Booker (6'2" 240 Sr) PS#96. 6 tkl 4Y.
SLB 37 JAMAL MERRELL JR.	6-4 220	PS#118. RS. 09. DNP '10. 12 st, 44 tkl, 3 fl, LY. 50 Quentin Gause (6'1" 224 rfr) PS#44. 58 Fred Overstreet (6'1" 223 So). Nick DePaola (6'0" 205 Jr), 43 Griffin Murray (6'1" 219 rfr).
MLB 42 STEVE BEAUHARNAIS SR.	6-2 235	PS#92. 4 st, 13 gm, 36 tkl, 5 sk true. 12 st, 79 tkl, 6 fl '10. 13 st, 77 tkl, 16 fl, 3 int, 3rd Tm BE LY. Quanzell Lambert (6'2" 220 Jr) PS#132. Justin Mills (6'1" 228 So).
WLB 20 KHAHEEM GREENE SR.	6-1 220	PS#456. 1 st NB, 33 tkl, 2 sk, 2 int rfr. 12 st FS, 77 tkl, 2.5 fl, 3 pbu, 3 int '10. 13 st, 14 tkl, 14 fl, 4 qb, BE co-DPOY LY. 45 Kevin Snyder (6'3" 225 So) PS#113. 13 gm, 40 tkl, 2.5 fl as true LY.
CB 11 LOGAN RYAN JR.	6-0 190	PS#105. 1 st, 9 tkl, '10. 13 st, 67 tkl, 17 pd, 2nd Tm BE LY. 12 Marcus Cooper (6'2" 187 Sr) PS#127. 1 st, 16 tkl, 2 pbu '10. 13 gm, 30 tkl LY. 2 Gareef Glashen (5'10" 181 So) 4 gm, 2 tkl LY.
CB 25 BRANDON JONES SR.	6-1 186	PS#262. 1 st, 11 gm, 8 tkl, 1 int rfr. 12 gm, 11 tkl, 1 st '10. 13 st, 39 tkl, 3.5 fl, 6 pd LY. 24 Mason Robinson (5'10" 185 Sr) PS#59RB. 1067 all-ppr yd RB 4Y. RS LY. 30 Ben Martin (5'11" 186 rfr) PS#91.
SS 21 Lorenzo Waters So.	6-0 195	PS#102. 11 gm, 10 tkl LY. 27 Wayne Warren (6'1" 205 Sr) PS#46QB. 6 tkl '10. 13 gm, 28 st, 2.5 fl, 4 pd, 5 qb LY. 26 Johnathan Aiken (5'11" 166 So) PS#146. 3 gm, 1 tkl as true. 33 Moe Cooper (6'0" 202 Jr).
FS 32 DUREN HARMON SR.	6-1 201	PS#65. 12 gm, 9 tkl true. 1 st NB, 21 tkl '10. 13 st, 49 tkl, 2.5 fl, 5 int, 1st Tm BE LY. Rashad Knight (5'11" 192 So) PS#81. DNP LY. JT Tartacoff (5'11" 191 So) PS#122. 1 st, 9 gm WR true. 6 gm ST LY.
P 97 JUSTIN DOERNER SR.	6-2 200	PS#543JC. 64 punts, 40.3 avg (net 36.6), 7 TB on 68 KO, 2nd Tm BE LY. 96 Anthony DiPaula (6'1" 190 rfr) PS#8. 43.4 punt avg, 10-12 FG L46 as a senior in HS. RS here LY.

