

**WEEK FOUR
BUFFALO AT RUTGERS**

PISCATAWAY, N.J. -- Rutgers has become the latest team to find out just how good Buffalo and quarterback Tyree Jackson are.

Jackson threw for 263 yards and three touchdowns and the Bulls used their big-play offense to remain unbeaten and roll over the reeling Scarlet Knights 42-13 Saturday.

The win was Buffalo's first over a Big Ten Conference opponent and pushed its record to 4-0. It's the best start for the Mid-American Conference team since 1981 and it also extended its winning streak to seven straight games dating to last season.

What's even more impressive is the Bulls have not won more than eight games since joining the FBS ranks in 1999. That number likely will shatter if they continue to play the same way.

"It's nice to see that the work that these guys have done and the tough times that they've been through -- the upper classmen -- to see them start having it pay off for them," coach Lance Leipold said. "We have a long ways to go this season, but awful proud of where they are right now, but have a huge challenge ahead next week at home against Army."

Rutgers might face a bigger challenge in trying to right the ship. The loss was the third straight blowout setback for the Scarlet Knights (1-3), who have given up given up 149 points in those games.

"It's tough and it's frustrating, absolutely," senior quarterback Gio Rescigno said of trying to remain optimistic. "But we have a really strong locker room. We have built a strong relationship with all of the guys. We believe in the coaches and I think at the end of the day we're going to be all right."

Jackson's scoring passes covered 42 yards to Anthony Johnson, 53 to Charlie Jones and 9 to Tyler Mabry. He also threw a 59-yard rope to Johnson while rolling right to set up a 1-yard run by Kevin Marks. Jackson finished 14 of 28 with two interceptions.

"It's definitely a blessing, but we have to flush this behind us," Jackson, who has 15 TD passes this season. "It's a good win for the team, but we have to focus on Army."

Freshman Jaret Patterson also scored on runs of 42 and 4 yards for the Bulls, who gained 376 yards in total offense in the first half in building a 35-6 lead. He gained 104 yards on 14 carries.

Justin Davidovicz kicked two first-half field goals and Raheem Blackshear scored on a 14-yard run early in the fourth quarter.

Rutgers had its chances early. Davidovicz hit a 31-yard field goal on the Scarlet Knights' opening series and Isaiah Wharton picked off a tipped Jackson pass on the next series. Rutgers couldn't cash in on the turnover, and the big-armed Jackson took over, putting Buffalo on the board with a pinpoint, rainbow-pass to Johnson running down the sideline.

"It was a big momentum shift," said Johnson, who did not play in the second half after tweaking a hamstring. "That big catch for the touchdown, it got the offense going pretty well."

Patterson's 42-yard run pushed the lead to 14-3 and, after Davidovicz hit from 34, Jackson made his NFL-worthy rollout toss to Johnson to set up Marks' touchdown for a 21-6 lead. The Scarlet Knights never got close again as Jackson added two more TD passes before halftime.

"It's not where we wanted to be. It's where we're at," Rutgers coach Chris Ash said of the current skid. "We've just got to keep working. Again, there's no magic formula guys, you've just got to keep working, got to keep practicing and somehow do it better and again, it's a process and it's a painful one right now. Nobody wanted to be here at this spot, and we are, so we've got to deal with it."

THE TAKEAWAY

Buffalo: This team should be the favorite to win the MAC. The offense is potent and no one has sacked the 6-foot-7, 245-pound Jackson in four games. The defense is not as good but the Bulls can put up points to overcome that. They have scored at least 35 points in every game.

Rutgers: The Scarlet Knights might not win another game this season. Coach Chris Ash probably will change his starting quarterbacks after true freshman Art Sitkowski (6 of 13 for 39 yards) was lifted for the third straight game. Rescigno finished 12 of 24 for 129 yards after taking over in the second quarter.

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BUFF	14	21	0	7	42
RUTG	3	3	0	7	13

Scoring Summary -----

	BUFF	RUTG
FIRST QUARTER		
RUTG FG 10:24		
Davidovicz, Justin 31 yd field goal	0	3
BUFF TD 6:22		
JOHNSON, Anthony 42 yd pass from JACKSON, Tyree (MITCHESON, Adam kick)	7	3
BUFF TD 2:27		
PATTERSON, Jaret 42 yd run (MITCHESON, Adam kick)	14	3
SECOND QUARTER		
RUTG FG 13:13		
Davidovicz, Justin 34 yd field goal	14	6
BUFF TD 10:58		
MARKS, Kevin 1 yd run (MITCHESON, Adam kick)	21	6
BUFF TD 8:16		
JONES, Charlie 53 yd pass from JACKSON, Tyree (MITCHESON, Adam kick)	28	6
BUFF TD 2:31		
MABRY, Tyler 9 yd pass from JACKSON, Tyree (MITCHESON, Adam kick)	35	6
FOURTH QUARTER		
RUTG TD 14:54		
Raheem Blackshear 14 Yd Run (Justin Davidovicz Kick)		13
6 plays, 70 yards, 2:18	35	
BUFF TD 3:34		
PATTERSON, Jaret 4 yd run (MITCHESON, Adam kick)	42	13

Team Stats	BUFF	RUTG
First Downs	19	14
Total Yards	445	274
Total Plays	64	75
Avg Gain Per Play	7.0	3.7
Net Yards Rushing	182	116
Rushes	36	38
Yards Per Rush	5.1	3.1
Net Yards Passing	263	158
Comp-Att	14-28	18-37
Yards Per Pass	9.4	4.3
Times Sacked	2	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	-16	0
Interceptions	2	0
Punts	5	10
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	3	9
Penalty Yards	25	97
Fumbles	0	0
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Possession	27:27	32:33

Individual Stats

RUSHING

BUFF	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Jaret Patterson	14	104	7.4	2	42
Kevin Marks	12	63	5.3	1	37
Johnathan Hawkins	5	23	4.6	0	6
Emmanuel Reed	1	0	0.0	0	0
Team	3	-4	-1.3	0	0
K.J. Osborn	1	-4	-4.0	0	0

RUTG	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Raheem Blackshear	15	69	4.6	1	22
Jonathan Hilliman	10	36	3.6	0	12
Isaih Pacheco	5	15	3.0	0	5
Artur Sitkowski	2	3	1.5	0	5
Shameen Jones	1	0	0.0	0	0
Giovanni Rescigno	5	-7	-1.4	0	5

PASSING

BUFF	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Tyree Jackson	14	28	263	9.4	3	2	85.6
RUTG	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Giovanni Rescigno	12	24	129	5.4	0	0	6.2
Artur Sitkowski	6	13	39	3.0	0	0	10.9

RECEIVING

BUFF	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Anthony Johnson	2	101	50.5	1	59
Charlie Jones	1	53	53.0	1	53
K.J. Osborn	3	28	9.3	0	15
George Rushing	1	24	24.0	0	24
Zac Lefebvre	1	20	20.0	0	20
Johnathan Hawkins	1	18	18.0	0	18
Antonio Nunn	2	11	5.5	0	6
Tyler Mabry	3	8	2.7	1	9
RUTG	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Jerome Washington	3	62	20.7	0	25
Eddie Lewis	3	30	10.0	0	24
Bo Melton	3	29	9.7	0	15
Shameen Jones	2	25	12.5	0	17
Jonathan Hilliman	1	9	9.0	0	9
Raheem Blackshear	3	8	2.7	0	10
Daevon Robinson	2	3	1.5	0	2
Hunter Hayek	1	2	2.0	0	2