WEEK FOUR INDIANA AT RUTGERS

PISCATAWAY, N.J. -- Indiana got away with playing half a game against downtrodden Rutgers.

Final

The Scarlet Knights didn't see it that way. They believed they finally showed signs of being able to win a couple of game this season.

Peyton Ramsey ran for a touchdown and threw another and Indiana scored on its first four possessions and held off Rutgers 24-17 on Saturday, sending the Scarlet Knights to their fourth-straight loss.

"We still have a lot of things to work on," said receiver J-Shun Harris II, who caught a 2-yard touchdown pass in the Hoosiers' 17-point second quarter. "We learned from this game coming out on the first half and we didn't finish. We just have to continue to strive for that greatness because as we get further into the conference the second half is going to be more important for us."

Ramsey scored the go-ahead touchdown on a 1-yard run on the first play of the second quarter and led four long scoring drives that carried the Hoosiers $(4-1,\ 1-1\ \text{Big Ten})$ over Rutgers $(1-4,\ 0-2)$.

"A win is a win, especially in the Big Ten. We came away with one," said Ramsey, who also ran for 51 yards. "Obviously we're not satisfied. We're going to go and we're going to learn from it."

Scottie Stevens tallied on a 16-yard run on Indiana's first possession and Logan Justice kicked a 44-yard field goal on their last possession of the half as the Hoosiers built a 24-7 lead.

Freshman Art Sitkowski (18 of 35 for 154 yards) threw an 11-yard touchdown pass to Shameen Jones on the opening possession of the game to give Rutgers a short-lived 7-0 lead.

The Scarlet Knights threatened in the fourth quarter, cutting the lead to a 24-17 on a 1-yard run by Jonathan Hilliman and a 52-yard field goal by Justin Davidovicz with 3:52 to play.

"Challenged our guys at halftime to finish and we did not," Indiana coach Tom Allen said. "That's something we have to grow from and learn from. We let them hang around and hang around and they made it interesting at the end."

Ramsey, who was 27 of 40 for 288 yards, made sure Rutgers didn't get a chance to tie the game. The redshirt sophomore completed a 25-yard, fourth-down pass to Peyton Hendershot from the Hoosiers 34 to ice the game in the closing minutes.

Ramsey's go-ahead, fourth-down score came after Indiana had a fumble overturned and Ramsey TD's run upheld on consecutive replays.

While Rutgers lost again, this was an improvement from three straight blowout setbacks.

"It's something to build off of," said Sitkowski, who didn't finish the last three games because of injury or ineffective play. "It's going to give us confidence going into the next game with Illinois. I'm really excited for what that brings us."

THE TAKEAWAY

Indiana: The start is the best for Indiana since going 4-0 in 2015. The problem is the Hoosiers have Ohio State, Iowa and No. 9 Penn State as their next three opponents.

Rutgers: If Rutgers plays as well as it did in the second half, they might win a few more games.

"This team's got a lot of fight in it," coach Chris Ash said. "You guys have asked me before, has this team quit, this team hasn't quit, there's a lot of fight in this team, this team won't quit."

TURNOVER BATTLE

Indiana came into the game ranked seventh nationally with nine takeaways. Rutgers won the turnover battle 2-1 as Damon Hayes had an interception and Deonte Roberts, who had a game-high 14 tack-les, recovered a fumble. Jamar Johnson had his first career interception for Indiana.

IND	7	2 17	0	0		-	
RUTG	7	0	0	10	0 1	7	
Scoring Summary							
FIRST QUARTER					IND	RUTG	,
RUTG TD 10:46 Shameen Jones 11 Y	d pass	from Ar	tur Sit	kowski	(Justi	n Davidovic	17
Kick)	_		our bro	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,			_
10 plays, 75 yards IND TD 7:33	, 4:14				0	7	
Stevie Scott 16 Yd		ogan Ju	stus Ki	.ck)	7	7	
10 plays, 75 yards SECOND QUARTER	, 3:13				IND	RUTG	
IND TD 14:56 Peyton Ramsey 1 Yd	Pun (T	ogan Ju	etne Ki	ck)			
16 plays, 88 yards		ogan ou	scus Ki	CK)	14	7	
IND TD 9:21 J-Shun Harris II 2	Yd pas	s from	Pevton	Ramsev	(Logan	Justus Kic	·k
10 plays, 68 yards		J 110111	10,000	rumbo _j	21	7	
IND FG 0:20 Logan Justus 44 Yd	Field	Goal					
11 plays, 54 yards					24 IND	7 RUTG	
FOURTH QUARTER RUTG TD 10:40					IND	RUTG	
Jonathan Hilliman	1 Yd Ru	n (Just	in Davi	dovicz	Kick)	14	
3 plays, 55 yards, RUTG FG 3:52					2.1		
Justin Davidovicz 14 plays, 46 yards		ield Go	al		24	17	
II PIMID, IN JULUD	,						
Team Stats			IND		RUTG		
First Downs			24		19		
Total Yards			451		291		
Total Plays Avg Gain Per Pla	137		82 5.5		59 4.9		
Net Yards Rushin			163		98		
Rushes			42		23		
Yards Per Rush Net Yards Passin	ıa		3.9 288		4.3 193		
Comp-Att	- 9		27-40		19-3	6	
Yards Per Pass Times Sacked			7.2 1		5.4 2		
Yds Lost To Sack	s		<u>-</u> 7		-8		
Interceptions			1		1		
Punts Punt Average			2		4 0.0		
Penalties			5		6		
Penalty Yards			60		63		
Fumbles Fumbles Lost			1		0 0		
Possession			35:24		24:3	6	
Individual Stats							
RUSHING	•						
IND	Rush				TD	Long	
Stevie Scott Peyton Ramsey	18 10	58 51	3.2 5.1		1 1	16 23	
Ronnie Walker Jr. Reese Taylor	7 3	35 26	5.0 8.7		0	19 19	
Mike Majette	1	0	0.0		0	0	
Team RUTG	3 Rus l	-7 1 Yds	-2.3 Avg		0 TD	0 Long	
Raheem Blackshear	8	64	8.0		0	36	
Jonathan Hilliman Bo Melton	9 1	29 14	3.2 14.0		1 0	9 14	
Isaih Pacheco	2	1	0.5		0	1	
Team Artur Sitkowski	1 2	-2 -8	-2.0 -4.0		0	0 0	
PASSING	_			/-			
IND Peyton Ramsey	Comp 27	Att 40	Yds 288	Y/A 7.2	TD 1	<pre>Int QBRat 1 88.1</pre>	
RUTG	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int QBRat	:
Artur Sitkowski Isaih Pacheco	18 1	35 1	154 39	4.4 39.0	1 0	1 30.9 0 100.0	,
RECEIVING				_			
IND Ty Fryfogle	Rec 5	Yds 70	Avg 14.0	T :		Long 25	
Nick Westbrook J-Shun Harris II	4 7	62 54	15.5 7.7	0 1		23 25	
Peyton Hendershot	2	47	23.5	C)	25	
Donavan Hale Reese Taylor	3 4	29 16	9.7 4.0	C		12 6	
Stevie Scott	2	10	5.0	C)	5	
RUTG Jerome Washington	Rec 2	Yds 55	Avg 27.5	T :		L ong 39	
Shameen Jones	3	34	11.3	1	-	17	
Bo Melton Eddie Lewis	4	32 23	8.0 7.7	C		13 15	
Raheem Blackshear	4	22	5.5	C)	11	
Jonathan Hilliman Max Anthony	2 1	18 9	9.0 9.0	C		13 9	
-							