

RUTGERS BASKETBALL

2008 - 09 SCARLET KNIGHTS GAME NOTES

2008-09 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME/RESULT
11/14	Marist#	W, 63-61
11/16	at Delaware#	4:00 p.m.
11/21	Robert Morris#	8:00 p.m.
11/23	St. Bonaventure# (SNY)	2:00 p.m.
11/26	Lehigh	7:30 p.m.
11/30	St. Peter's	2:00 p.m.
12/3	at Rider	7:00 p.m.
12/6	Binghamton	2:00 p.m.
12/10	at Princeton (ESPNU)	9:00 p.m.
12/14	Delaware State	2:00 p.m.
12/20	Bryant College	2:00 p.m.
12/23	NJIT	7:30 p.m.
12/28	at North Carolina (FSN/MSG+)	7:45 p.m.
12/31	Pittsburgh* (MSG)	2:00 p.m.
1/3	at UConn* (SNY)	7:00 p.m.
1/7	Marquette* (MSG+)	7:30 p.m.
1/10	Syracuse* (SNY)	7:30 p.m.
1/14	at Cincinnati* (SNY)	7:30 p.m.
1/21	Louisville* (ESPNU)	7:00 p.m.
1/24	at St. John's* (MSG+)	7:00 p.m.
1/29	at Seton Hall* (ESPN/ESPN2)	9:00 p.m.
1/31	DePaul* (ESPNU)	8:00 p.m.
2/3	at Georgetown* (SNY)	7:00 p.m.
2/8	Seton Hall* (ESPNU)	12 noon
2/14	at Providence* (SNY)	7:00 p.m.
2/19	at Villanova* (ESPN/ESPN2)	9:00 p.m.
2/22	West Virginia* (SNY)	3:00 p.m.
2/25	at Notre Dame* (ESPNU)	7:00 p.m.
3/1	Providence* (ESPNU)	2:00 p.m.
3/3	at Syracuse* (ESPNU)	9:00 p.m.
3/7	USF* (ESPN 360)	2:00 p.m.

BIG EAST Championship March 10-14 at MSG

Listed times Eastern. #-Denotes Garden State Challenge Game.
*Denotes BIG EAST Game

RUTGERS SCARLET KNIGHTS (1-0)

AT DELAWARE BLUE HENS (0-0)

SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 16, 2008 • 4:00 P.M. ET
BOB CARPENTER CENTER (5,000) • NEWARK, DELAWARE

Radio: The contest will be broadcast live on the Rutgers Radio Network, WOR 710 AM in New York City and WCTC 1450 AM in New Brunswick. Chris Carlin will serve as play-by-play announcer and Dick Lloyd will provide commentary. WRSU 88.7 FM will also broadcast the game.

The Rutgers men's basketball team plays its second game in a span of three days in the Garden State Challenge, when the team travels to Delaware on Sunday for a 4:00 p.m. tip-off against the Blue Hens at the 5,000-seat Carpenter Center. The GSC features five teams: Rutgers, Delaware, Robert Morris, St. Bonaventure and Marist. Six of the 10 tournament games will take place at the RAC. The Scarlet Knights will play three home games in the tournament, while also playing at UD.

Rutgers is 33-13 all-time against Delaware. The two teams have not met since Jan. 8, 1994, when RU defeated the Blue Hens 62-59 at the RAC. Rutgers has won 19 of the previous 22 meetings between the two schools. In Newark, Del., the Scarlet Knights are 11-8.

The Scarlet Knights are coming off a 63-61 victory over Marist at the RAC on Friday evening. RU used a 16-2 run in the middle of the second half and clutch defensive stops late in the game en route to the GSC-opening win. Rutgers tied the school record with 16 blocks, eight courtesy of Hamady Ndiaye, who set a new career-high for rejections. Rutgers was led by the stellar play of freshmen Gregory Echenique and Mike Rosario. Rosario scored 17 points, the most by an RU rookie in a career opener since Charles Jones scored 19 in 1993. Echenique was a forced to be reckoned with in the post, lighting up the stat sheet with 11 points, 15 rebounds and six blocks. His 15 boards marked the most for a RU player in a season opener since then junior Rashod Kent had 18 rebounds versus FDU in 2000. It also marked the most rebounds in a game for an RU player since Adrian Hill grabbed 18 against Notre Dame in 2007.

Delaware, under the leadership of third-year head coach Monte Ross, returns four starters from a 14-17 2007-08 squad. UD was picked fifth in the in the CAA Preseason Poll. Senior guard Marc Egerson was named to the Preseason All-CAA First Team. He averaged 13.4 points per game last season.

RUTGERS PROBABLE STARTING LINEUP

No.	Name	Cl	Pos	Ht	Notes
2	Anthony Farmer	Sr.	G	6-1	2007-08 Team MVP...Has started 89 of 92 career games
3	Mike Rosario	Fr.	G	6-3	Scored a team-high 17 points versus Marist, most for RU freshman in season opener since 1993
11	Earl Pettis	So.	G	6-5	Had a career-high three steals against Marist...Scored 18 points versus UConn in Feb.
00	Gregory Echenique	Fr.	F	6-9	Had 15 rebounds, 11 points and six blocks in team-high 36 minutes against Marist
5	Hamady Ndiaye	Jr.	C	6-11	Had career-high eight blocks versus Marist...Ranked 10th nationally in blocked shots in 2007-08
OFF THE BENCH					
1	Corey Chandler	So.	G	6-2	2007-08 BIG EAST All-Rookie selection...Set RU freshman record with 51 steals last season
15	JR Inman	Sr.	F	6-9	Has led team in both scoring and rebounding in each of the past two seasons
22	Mike Kuhn	Fr.	G	6-1	Walk-on...Was an all-shore and all county selection under former RU standout Geoff Billett
23	Patrick Jackson	Fr.	F	6-6	Nationally-rated 2008 recruit by ESPN...A NYSSWA All-State choice
30	Kofi Genfi	So.	F	6-4	Walk-on...Engineering major who was a 2007-08 BIG EAST All-Academic selection
31	Mike Coburn	So.	G	6-0	Led team in minutes played and free throw pct. in BIG EAST games as a freshman in 2007-08
32	Jaron Griffin	Sr.	G/F	6-7	Only player to start all 31 games in 2007-08...Enters season having competed in 93 contests
40	Tomasz Kokosinski	Fr.	F	6-7	Walk-on...led North Jersey in rebounding as a senior with an average of 18.7 boards per game
52	Christian Morris	Fr.	F	6-9	Honorable Mention High School All-American...Has dropped 50 pounds since arriving on campus

QUICK FACTS

Location:New Brunswick, NJ 08901
 Founded:1766
 Enrollment:37,204
 Nickname:Scarlet Knights
 Home Court (capacity)Louis Brown Athletic Center (8,000)
 Conference:BIG EAST
 President:Dr. Richard L. McCormick
 Director of Athletics:Robert E. Mulcahy III
 First Year of Basketball:1906-07
 All-Time MBB Record:1143-1063

Head Coach:Fred Hill
 Alma Mater/Year:Montclair State '81
 Record at RU/ Years:22-39/Third Year
 Assistant Coaches:Jim Carr, Craig Carter, Darren Savino
 Senior Dir. of Basketball Operations:Dennis Gregory
 Dir. of Player Development:Danny Nee
 Director of Basketball Operations:Oliver Winterbone
 Basketball Operations Coordinator:Matt Bloom
 Strength & Conditioning Coach:Phil Dyer
 Athletic Trainer:Eric Bridenbaugh
 Academic Advisor:Randi Larson

SCARLET KNIGHTS ACTIVE ROSTER

NO.	NAME	CL.	POS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL
00	Gregory Echenique	F	6-9	260	Fr.	Guatire, Venezuela/St. Benedict's Prep
1	Corey Chandler	G	6-2	190	So.	Newark, N.J./East Side HS
2	Anthony Farmer	G	6-1	190	Sr.	Millville, N.J./St. Augustine's Prep
3	Mike Rosario	G	6-3	180	Fr.	Jersey City, N.J./Saint Anthony HS
5	Hamady Ndiaye	C	6-11	235	Jr.	Dakar, Senegal/Stoneridge Prep (Calif.)
11	Earl Pettis	G	6-5	225	So.	Philadelphia, Pa./Patterson (N.C.)
15	JR Inman	F	6-9	220	Sr.	Pomona, N.Y./St. Joseph's Reg. HS (N.J.)
22	Mike Kuhn	G	6-1	180	Fr.	Oceanport, N.J./Christian Brothers Acad.
23	Patrick Jackson	F	6-6	200	Fr.	Brooklyn, N.Y./Boys & Girls HS
30	Kofi Genfi	F	6-4	195	So.	Sayreville, N.J./Sayreville War Mem. HS
31	Mike Coburn	G	6-0	195	So.	Mt. Vernon, N.Y./Mount Vernon HS
32	Jaron Griffin	G	6-7	210	Sr.	Manchester, N.J./Manchester Twp. HS
40	Tomasz Kokosinski	F	6-7	230	Fr.	Bergenfield, N.J./Bergen County Tech. HS
52	Christian Morris	F	6-9	280	Fr.	Bronx, N.Y./South Kent School (Conn.)

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RUTGERS BASKETBALL MEDIA POLICIES:

In-Season Interview Policy: Requests for Coach Hill and Rutgers players should be made at least 24 hours in advance. All interviews must be coordinated through the Office of Athletic Communications. Note: Rutgers players are **NOT AVAILABLE** for interviews on game days.

Post-Game Press Conference: Post-game press conferences begin approximately 10 minutes after the conclusion of each game. A member of the Rutgers Athletic Communications Department will escort Rutgers head coach Fred Hill and select players to the interview area, located in the media center. The Rutgers locker room is closed to the media. Please see a member of the staff with any questions or specific requests for interviews.

Web Sites: The latest and most up-to-date information on the Rutgers men's basketball program is available at www.scarletknights.com. Statistics, game recaps/notes, player and coach bios, and more are available on the site. In addition, BIG EAST Conference information can be accessed at www.bigeast.org.

FRED HILL RADIO SHOW:

Monday evenings during the BIG EAST season beginning in January, the Fred Hill Radio Show will be broadcast on WOR 710 AM, WCTC 1450 AM and www.scarletknights.com. Dates and times for the show are still to be finalized.

INSIDE RUTGERS BASKETBALL

Veteran sports announcer Bruce Beck is the host of Fred Hill's weekly, 30-minute television show which airs on SportNet New York (SNY) and Comcast SportsNet in Philadelphia. The 2009 edition of *Inside Rutgers Basketball* will be produced in high definition. The show features a magazine format designed to provide insight into the people and personalities that make Scarlet Knights basketball go. The show features highlights, interviews, a review of the previous week's games, and previews of the upcoming opponents. *Inside Rutgers Basketball* will air eight consecutive weeks during the BIG EAST season. Check local listings for exact times each week.

GARDEN STATE CHALLENGE SCHEDULE

Date	Game	Site	Time/Res.
11/14	Robert Morris @ St. Bonaventure	Olean, N.Y.	SBU 72, RMC 62
11/14	Marist @ Rutgers	RAC	RU 63, MC 61
11/16	Rutgers @ Delaware	Newark, Del.	4:00 p.m.
11/17	St. Bonaventure @ Marist	Poughkeepsie, N.Y.	7:30 p.m.
11/18	Delaware @ Robert Morris	Moon Township, Pa.	7:00 p.m.
11/21	St. Bonaventure vs. Delaware	RAC	6:00 p.m.
11/21	Robert Morris vs. Rutgers	RAC	8:00 p.m.
11/22	Robert Morris vs. Marist	RAC	5:30 p.m.
11/23	St. Bonaventure vs. Rutgers	RAC	2:00 p.m.
11/23	Marist vs. Delaware	RAC	4:00 p.m.

QUICK HITS

- Rutgers is 1-0 all-time on Nov. 16. The Scarlet Knights defeated FDU 70-66 in 2001, as part of the BCA Invitational in Raleigh, N.C. RU is 34-62 all-time in road openers.
- Rutgers is 56-23 all-time against the CAA, including a 33-13 mark against Delaware.
- Delaware is 6-18 all-time against current members of the BIG EAST Conference. Since the league was formed in 1991, UD is 0-4 against BIG EAST foes.
- Delaware head coach Monte Ross, as well as assistants R. C. Kehoe and Stephen Stewart all grew up in Philadelphia, Pa., the hometown of RU sophomore guard Earl Pettis.
- In September of 2006, UD head coach Monte Ross and assistant Stephen Stewart visited Dakar, Senegal, the hometown of RU junior center Hamady Ndiaye, to conduct youth basketball clinics and a coaching seminar as part of a United States Department of State-funded International Basketball Initiative. They worked in conjunction with Basketball Without Borders Africa, a community relations outreach program of the NBA and also with the Senegalese Basketball Federation and the nonprofit organization Sports for Education and Economic Development in Senegal.
- Delaware senior forward Jim Ledsome played at Nebraska in 2006-07. The Scarlet Knights defeated the Cornhuskers 75-73 at the RAC that season. Anthony Farmer shot 4-7 and scored nine points in that game.
- Delaware senior guard Marc Egerson played at Georgetown in 2005-06 and 2006-07. The Hoyas captured wins over RU in both of those seasons.
- Delaware freshman guard/forward Brian Kelly hails from nearby Clark, N.J., where he played scholastically at Lawrenceville Prep.

2008-09 RUTGERS MEN'S BASKETBALL GAME NOTES

RUTGERS: THE TEAM FROM THE TURNPIKE

The New Jersey Turnpike is one of the most densely traveled roadways in the nation. Completed in 1951, the highway connects the Philadelphia metropolitan area to the New York metropolitan area and provides access to most talent-rich areas in the basketball world. As such, Rutgers head coach Fred Hill often speaks of the program's mission to "recruit the Turnpike." Accordingly, every member of the Scarlet Knights men's basketball program has a connection to the 148-mile stretch.



Exit	Program Member
3	Senior guard Anthony Farmer (hometown is Millville, N.J.)
4	Sophomore guard Earl Pettis (hometown is Philadelphia, Pa.), Basketball SID Kevin Lorincz (hometown is Cinnaminson, N.J.)
5	Junior center Hamady Ndiaye (played at Life Center Academy in Burlington, N.J.)
7A	Senior G/F Jaron Griffin (hometown is Manchester, N.J.); Academic Advisor Randi Larson (hometown is Morrisville, Pa.)
8	Assistant to the Head Coach Jamie Carr (hometown is Freehold, N.J.)
8A	Radio color analyst Dick Lloyd (former RU administrator and basketball coach raised his family in Montgomery Twp., N.J.)
9	Assistant Coach Jim Carr (In his 10th season working at Rutgers with the men's basketball program); Athletic Trainer Eric Bridenbaugh (RU graduate in his 10th season as men's basketball trainer); Equipment manager Gene Wells (former RU student-athlete and grad, hometown is Piscataway, N.J.)
11	Sophomore forward Kofi Genfi (hometown is Sayreville, N.J.); Freshman guard Mike Kuhn (hometown is Oceanport, N.J.); Director of Basketball Operations Oliver Winterbone (RU grad, hometown is Fair Haven, N.J.); Administrative assistant Nancy Russo (hometown is Wall, N.J.)
13	Director of Player Development Danny Nee (hometown is Brooklyn, N.Y.)
13A	Sophomore guard Corey Chandler (hometown is Newark, N.J.); Freshman forward Gregory Echenique (graduated from St. Benedict's Prep in Newark)
14	Radio play-by-play announcer Chris Carlin (hometown is Chatham, N.J.)
14C	Freshman forward Patrick Jackson (hometown is Brooklyn, N.Y.); Assistant coach Craig Carter (RU grad and former guard, hometown is Brooklyn, N.Y.)
15E	Freshman guard Mike Rosario (hometown is Jersey City, N.J.); Assistant coach Darren Savino (hometown is Jersey City, N.J.)
15W	Head Coach Fred Hill (Father entering 26th season as RU baseball coach, hometown is Verona, N.J.); Strength and Conditioning Coach Phil Dyer (owner of Dynamic Fitness Formula which serves central and Northern NJ, multiple coaching and training positions at the high school and college level in the Garden State); Inside Rutgers Basketball host Bruce Beck (hometown is Livingston, N.J. Mother, Doris, was mayor of Livingston and the first female mayor of any Essex County municipality)
16W	Freshman forward Tomasz Kokosinski (hometown is Bergenfield, N.J.); Senior Director of Basketball Operations Dennis Gregory (hometown is Rutherford, N.J.)
18E	Sophomore guard Mike Coburn (hometown is Mt. Vernon, N.Y.); Senior forward JR Inman (hometown is Pomona, N.Y.); Junior forward Jonathan Mitchell (hometown is Mt. Vernon, N.Y.); freshman forward Christian Morris (hometown is Bronx, N.Y.)
18W	Basketball operations coordinator Matt Bloom (hometown is Teaneck, N.J.)

MILLER & JOHNSON SIGN WITH SCARLET KNIGHTS

Rutgers announced On November 12 that forwards Dane Miller (Henrietta, N.Y./Rush-Henrietta HS), and Austin Johnson (Cheltenham, Pa./Blair Academy) have signed National Letters of Intent to compete for the Scarlet Knights. Miller and Johnson are both nationally-rated prospects and captains of their respective teams.

"We are extremely pleased to welcome Dane and Austin into the program," said Head Coach Fred Hill. "Our mission at Rutgers is to compete for a BIG EAST and a National Championship. Both of these young men have the talent, character and commitment to contribute toward this goal. They are unselfish players who each bring a little something different to the forward position."

The signings follow a four player (Gregory Echenique, Patrick Jackson, Christian Morris, Mile Rosario) 2007-08 recruiting class that was nationally ranked by multiple outlets, including a No. 19 ranking from Scout.com. In 2006-07, the Scarlet Knights signed three (Corey Chandler, Mike Coburn, Earl Pettis) nationally-rated prospects, each of which earned starts as freshmen last season. In 2005-06, RU inked all-conference candidate Hamady Ndiaye, who arrived on the Banks as the nation's 68-ranked overall player and No. 9 center.

RUTGERS DEFEATS CALDWELL 91-56 IN EXHIBITION ACTION

Rutgers junior center Hamady Ndiaye registered a triple double, scoring 11 points, grabbing 10 rebounds and registering 10 blocks in a 91-56 exhibition win over Caldwell Monday evening at the RAC. The Scarlet Knights shot 53.4 percent (31-58) from the field and dished out 18 assists to enter their regular-season opener Friday evening on a positive note.

"What I saw tonight was a group of guys that gave unbelievable effort and played with enthusiasm and passion," said head coach Fred Hill. "They did a great job of playing together and sharing the basketball. We played hard on the defensive end and we were able to get out and run a bit."

Freshman Mike Rosario was as good as advertised in his collegiate hardwood debut, shooting eight-of-16 from the field and five-of-eight from behind the arc, to score a game-high 23 points. Fellow rookie Gregory Echenique also shined, shooting five-of-six, en route to 14 points, while also grabbing eight rebounds. Echenique played a game-high 30 minutes.

The Scarlet Knights took a 9-6 lead on a Rosario three-pointer with 16:53 showing in the opening half and never looked back. Rutgers built its lead to 17 points prior to the midpoint and then proceeded to dominate the second half. The 91-56 final score, capped by a Christian Morris slam dunk, marked the home squad's largest advantage of the evening. All five starters scored in double figures for RU, including Anthony Farmer, who had 13 points, and Earl Pettis, who contributed. Every player that saw action for the Scarlet Knights scored a point and grabbed a rebound.

Caldwell was limited to a 30.8 percent (20-65) shooting mark.

FARMER, NDIAYE NAMED RUTGERS TEAM CAPTAINS

Senior guard Anthony Farmer and junior center Hamady Ndiaye have been named team captains for the 2008-09 season by the Rutgers men's basketball program. Farmer and Ndiaye were selected captains via a team vote.

"Anthony and Hamady are not only gifted basketball players, they are exceptional young men," said head coach Fred Hill. "I am very proud of the team's selection of them as captains. I have every confidence in their abilities to provide the leadership we will require to be successful."

Farmer is a stalwart at both ends of the floor. The 2007-08 team MVP, he directs the offense from the point guard position, while often receiving the unenviable task of guarding the opponent's best offensive player. A fourth-year senior who enters 2008-09 with three years of starting experience, he has started 88 of 91 career games and has paced the team the past two seasons in both assists and three-point field goal percentage. Ndiaye is a defensive force who has played his best basketball against some of the top centers in the country. Last season, he ranked 10th nationally and second in the BIG EAST in blocked shots, while tallying 93 rejections, fifth-most in RU season annals. He was also a top candidate for BIG EAST most improved player honors. In just two seasons, has 142 career blocks, sixth on the RU all-time chart.

2008-09 RUTGERS MEN'S BASKETBALL GAME NOTES

RU'S TOP 20 RECRUITING CLASS

Scout.com ranked Rutgers' 2008 scholastic recruiting class, comprised of four nationally-rated prospects, 19th nationally. The class was also rated tied-for-22nd nationally by *Hoop Scoop* and 30th by *Rivals.com*. The class is comprised of All-American guard Mike Rosario, forward Greg Echenique, forward Christian Morris and forward Patrick Jackson. Junior forward Jonathan Mitchell, who won a national championship at Florida and was the State of New York's Mr. Basketball in 2006, is not included in the recruiting class rankings. Mitchell will participate in all team activities in 2008-09 for RU, but will be unable to compete in games under NCAA transfer guidelines.

The Scarlet Knights are one of five BIG EAST schools recognized in the top 20 by Scout. The ranking placed the Scarlet Knights' recruiting class in the top fivepercent of all Division I basketball schools.

THE BIG EAST RULES THE RANKINGS

A record seven BIG EAST teams appear in both the 2008-09 Associated Press and ESPN/*USA Today* preseason polls. Four teams are ranked among the nation's top nine in both polls. It marks the first time that an AP preseason poll has had seven teams from the same conference. Syracuse and West Virginia are receiving votes in both polls. Eight BIG EAST teams received NCAA Tournament bids in 2007-08.

CELEBRITY GOLF OUTING RAISES \$25,000 FOR V FOUNDATION

The annual Fred Hill Celebrity Golf Classic was held under sunny skies on September 22 at Spring Lake Golf Club. The exciting event was a resounding success and saw a check in the amount of \$25,000 presented to Bob Valvano, Jim's brother, for the V Foundation for Cancer Research.

Among the celebrities that attended the Classic were Nets assistant coach Tom Barrise, former NFL and RU tight end Marco Battaglia, WNBC 4 sportscaster Bruce Beck, Nets analyst Tim Capstraw, N.Y. Metropolitan sports personality Chris Carlin, MSG's Jimmy Cavallo, ESPN commentator John Celestand, former N.J. Devils defenseman Ken Daneyko, four-time NBA champion Ron Harper, Nets assistant and former NBA head coach Brian Hill, former NBA player Eric Murdock, WPLJ's Joe Nolan, former NBA player and current TV analyst Jim Spanarkel, former NBA All-Star Kelly Tripucka, ESPN Radio sportscaster Bob Valvano, and Chairman and Managing Partner of the Devils Jeff Vanderbeek.

FORMER RU ASSISTANT DICK VITALE INDUCTED INTO HOF

Former Rutgers assistant men's basketball coach Dick Vitale was formally inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame on September 5. A native of Passaic, N.J., Vitale served as an assistant under head coach and current RU radio analyst Dick Lloyd for the Scarlet Knights for the 1971-72 and 1972-73 seasons and helped RU to an NIT berth in 1972-73.

Vitale helped mentor many notable Scarlet Knights during his tenure, including eventual All-Americans Phil Sellers and Mike Dabney, as well as future RU Hall of Famer Gene Armstead. Vitale was instrumental in bringing in the 1972-73 freshmen class of Sellers, Dabney, Mike Palko, Bruce Scherer and Jeff Kleinbaum. The group would lead the Scarlet Knights to an undefeated regular season and the Final Four as seniors in 1976-76.

GETTING THE JOB DONE IN THE CLASSROOM

All seven men's basketball seniors have earned diplomas since the program has been under the direction of Fred Hill. In 2007-08, Byron Joynes graduated with a degree in criminal justice with a minor in Africana Studies. In 2006-07, all six seniors on the roster earned diplomas. It marked the highest number of graduates in the BIG EAST Conference. Sophomore Kofi Genfi, an engineering major, was cited on the Dean's List and was named to the 2007-08 BIG EAST All-Academic team. Three Scarlet Knights were on the 2006-07 BIG EAST All-Academic team.

In the NCAA's recently released Academic Progress Rate public report, Rutgers received a multiyear score of 953, which ranked in the top 30 percent of Division I men's basketball programs.

INMAN, GRIFFIN SERVING SUSPENSIONS

Head Coach Fred Hill announced on Sept. 5 that seniors Jaron Griffin and JR Inman will be suspended from game competition at the beginning of 2008-09 season for violating team policies. Griffin and Inman continue to participate in team activities, including practices.

"Accountability is extremely important in the development of a successful program," said Hill. "Jaron and JR are team leaders and valuable members of our basketball family. How they respond to what has been asked of them will determine the lengths of their suspensions. We expect them to grow from their mistakes and serve as positive role models for our underclassmen."

NEW JERSEY'S COACHING FAMILY

Coaching is in Fred Hill's bloodlines as his father, Fred Hill Sr., is the long-time, highly-successful head baseball coach at Rutgers. The duo is the only father-son combo to serve as head coaches at the same university at the Division I level. In 2007, the elder Hill was named the ABCA East Region Division I Coach of The Year after leading his team to a BIG EAST title and the NCAA Regional. In addition, his uncle, Brian Hill, has been a head coach on both the collegiate and NBA levels, and is currently an assistant with the New Jersey Nets. Hill worked under his uncle Brian as an assistant at Lehigh in 1982-83.

THE BIG EAST - THE NATION'S PREMIER BASKETBALL LEAGUE

- A BIG EAST team has made the Final Four 13 times in the league's 29-year history. A BIG EAST team has played in the national title game 10 times. Overall in their histories, fifteen of the Conference's 16 members have competed in the Final Four.
- For the second time in three seasons, the BIG EAST earned a record eight bids to the NCAA Championship in 2008. In addition, the BIG EAST is the only conference to place at least one team in every Elite Eight since 2002. Since the league began play in 1979-80, BIG EAST teams own a 238-145 (.621) record in NCAA play.
- Four BIG EAST men's basketball players were selected in the 2008 NBA Draft. The BIG EAST has had 21 players selected in the last three NBA Drafts, including 12 first-round picks.
- The BIG EAST has always been acknowledged as a leader in college sports television. Twelve of the 16 conference schools are located in the top 34 media markets in the country. For the second straight season, the league schedule includes a record number of national television appearances and all 144 regular-season league games on television. In total, 49 of the 144 regular-season BIG EAST games (or 34 percent) will be on national television. The remaining games will be carried on ESPNU, ESPN360 or ESPN Regional/BIG EAST Network.
- The 2009 BIG EAST Championship will take place at Madison Square Garden from March 10-14. All 16 teams will compete, with the top four teams in the final regular season standings earning byes through two rounds and the 5-8 seeds receiving first round byes.

BIG EAST PRESEASON COACHES' POLL

School	Points
1. Connecticut (9)	214
2. Louisville (3)	205
3. Pittsburgh (3)	200
4. Notre Dame (1)	195
5. Villanova	153
6. Marquette	146
7. Georgetown	141
8. Syracuse	139
9. West Virginia	121
10. Providence	99
11. Cincinnati	91
12. Rutgers	53
13. Seton Hall	50
14. St. John's	44
15. DePaul	43
16. USF	26

First-place votes in parentheses.

THE INCOMING SCARLET KNIGHTS

DANE MILLER

6-7, 210 / FORWARD

HENRIETTA, N.Y. / RUSH-HENRIETTA HS

SCHOLASTIC: Attends Rush-Henrietta HS in Henrietta, N.Y...Team captain...Averaged 22.0 points, 16.0 rebounds and 5.0 blocks as a junior to earn All-Greater Rochester Player of the Year honors from the *Democrat and Chronicle*...Led team to a 19-5 record and the Section V Class AAA title under head coach Chris Reed...Ranked as the country's 36th forward by *ESPN.com* and 87th overall player by *Hoop Scoop*...A Rivals four star recruit rated by the service as the nation's 94th overall player...Was a 2007-08 NYSSWA All-State selection and the Monroe County Division I Co-Player of the Year...A Reebok All-America Camp participant...Named RHHS's 2007-08 Outstanding Male Athlete in a Team Sport...Plays AAU basketball for Upstate Basketball.

HILL ON MILLER: "Dane is a very versatile performer who plays at the rim and also excels in the open floor. A crafty scorer, he is always looking to get his teammates involved."

AUSTIN JOHNSON

6-8, 220 / FORWARD

CHELTENHAM, PA. / BLAIR ACADEMY (N.J.)

SCHOLASTIC: Attends Blair Academy in Blairstown, N.J....Team captain...Averaged 19 points and 11 rebounds per game as a junior under head coach Joe Mantegna to earn First Team All-Mid-Atlantic Prep League honors...A Reebok All-America Camp participant rated as the fifth-best prospect in the Garden State by *NJHoops.com*...Cited by *ESPN.com* as the nation's 59th power forward prospect...Was selected MVP of the Hoop Group Southern Invitational in Charlottesville, Va. as a sophomore...Plays AAU basketball for the Playaz Basketball Club and was a teammate of current RU guard Mike Rosario...Blair has produced numerous Division I basketball prospects, including current NBA players Royal Ivey, Luol Deng and Charlie Villanueva.

HILL ON JOHNSON: "Austin is a skilled forward with a tremendous understanding of the game. He is comfortable playing with his back to the basket and is a great passer out of the post."



THE LAST TIME...

RU SCORED 100 POINTS:

Feb. 17, 2004 Rutgers 102, Northern Colorado 52

RU ALLOWED 100 POINTS:

Nov. 24, 2006 Bradley 101, RU 72

RU SCORED BETWEEN 90-99 POINTS:

Dec. 5, 2007 Rutgers 90, Lafayette 79

RU DEFEATED A NATIONALLY RANKED OPPONENT:

Jan. 26, 2008 Rutgers 77, No. 13 Pittsburgh 64

RU WON VIA A BUZZER-BEATING SHOT:

March 9, 2008 Rutgers 64, Seton Hall 61

RU WON AN OVERTIME GAME:

Jan. 27, 2007 Rutgers 74, Seton Hall 70 (2-OT)

RU LOST AN OVERTIME GAME:

Feb. 9, 2008 Cincinnati 72, Rutgers 68 (OT)

RU HELD UNDER 40 POINTS:

Jan. 13, 2007 DePaul 60, Rutgers 37

RU HELD AN OPPONENT UNDER 40 POINTS:

Nov. 18, 2002 Rutgers 60, Columbia 36

RU WON BY 30 OR MORE POINTS:

Dec. 15, 2005 Rutgers 91, Maine 56

RU LOST BY 30 OR MORE POINTS:

Feb. 23, 2008 Marquette 78, Rutgers 48

ALL 5 RU STARTERS SCORED IN DOUBLE DIGITS:

Jan. 27, 2007 Rutgers 74, Seton Hall 70 (2-OT)

Adrian Hill 18

JR Inman 14

Anthony Farmer 12

Marquis Webb 11

Jaron Griffin 11

6 RU PLAYERS SCORED IN DOUBLE DIGITS:

Dec. 7, 2005 Rutgers 92, Maryland Eastern Shore 50

Quincy Douby 18

Anthony Farmer 15

JR Inman 12

Ollie Bailey 10

Jaron Griffin 10

Byron Joynes 10

RU COMMITTED BETWEEN SIX AND NINE TURNOVERS:

Feb. 17, 2008 9, Notre Dame 71, Rutgers 68

RU COMMITTED FIVE TURNOVERS OR LESS:

Jan. 8, 2005 3, Pittsburgh 66, Rutgers 63 (OT)

RU PLAYER HAD 10 OR MORE ASSISTS:

Juel Wiggan 10

Jan. 28, 2004 Rutgers 71, Villanova 68

RU HAD TWO PLAYERS SCORE 20 OR MORE POINTS

Mike Coburn (23), Anthony Farmer (23)

Jan. 23, 2008 Rutgers 80, No. 18 Villanova 68

RU PLAYER HAD 15 OR MORE REBOUNDS:

Gregory Echenique 15

November 14, 2008 Rutgers 63, Marist 61

RU PLAYER HAD 6 OR MORE STEALS:

Corey Chandler 6

Nov. 25, 2007 Rutgers 58, St. Peter's 65

RU PLAYER HAD 7 OR MORE BLOCKS:

Hamady Ndiaye 8

Nov. 14, 2008 Rutgers 63, Marist 61

RU PLAYER SCORED 30-39 POINTS:

March 16, 2006 Quincy Douby (30) vs. St. Joseph's

RU PLAYER SCORED 40 POINTS:

Feb. 1, 2006 Quincy Douby (41) vs. Syracuse

RU OPPONENT SCORED 30-39 POINTS:

March 30, 2004 Curtis Stinson (32), Iowa State

RU OPPONENT SCORED 40 POINTS:

March 6, 2003 Marcus Hatten (44), St. John's

2008-09 RUTGERS MEN'S BASKETBALL GAME NOTES

SCARLET KNIGHTS CAREER TOTALS

Double-Digit Scoring Games

Name	2008-09	Total
JR Inman	.0	.54
Anthony Farmer	.0	.37
Jaron Griffin	.0	.25
Corey Chandler	.0	.18
Mike Coburn	.0	.9
Hamady Ndiaye	.0	.2
Earl Pettis	.0	.2
Gregory Echenique	.1	.1
Mike Rosario	.1	.1

20 + Point Games

Name	2008-09	Total
JR Inman	.0	.5
Corey Chandler	.0	.2
Mike Coburn	.0	.2
Anthony Farmer	.0	.1
Jaron Griffin	.0	.1

Led Team in Scoring

Name	2008-09	Total
JR Inman	.0	.25
Corey Chandler	.0	.10
Anthony Farmer	.0	.6
Jaron Griffin	.0	.7
Mike Coburn	.0	.4
Earl Pettis	.0	.2
Mike Rosario	.1	.1

10+ Rebound Games

Name	2008-09	Total
Byron Joynes	.0	.12
JR Inman	.0	.11
Hamady Ndiaye	.0	.3
Gregory Echenique	.1	.1

Led Team in Rebounding

Name	2008-09	Total
JR Inman	.0	.33
Hamady Ndiaye	.0	.12
Jaron Griffin	.0	.4
Anthony Farmer	.0	.2
Corey Chandler	.0	.1
Mike Coburn	.0	.1
Gregory Echenique	.1	.1

Double-Doubles

Name	2008-09	Total
JR Inman	.0	.8
Gregory Echenique	.1	.1
Hamady Ndiaye	.0	.1

5+ Assist Games

Name	2008-09	Total
Anthony Farmer	.0	.20
Mike Coburn	.0	.2
Jaron Griffin	.0	.1
Earl Pettis	.0	.1
Corey Chandler	.0	.1

3+ Steal Games

Name	2008-09	Total
Anthony Farmer	.0	.9
Corey Chandler	.0	.7
JR Inman	.0	.4
Mike Coburn	.0	.1
Jaron Griffin	.0	.1
Hamady Ndiaye	.1	.1
Earl Pettis	.1	.1

3+ Block Games

Name	2008-09	Total
Hamady Ndiaye	.1	.24
JR Inman	.0	.9
Gregory Echenique	.1	.1
Corey Chandler	.0	.1
Anthony Farmer	.0	.1

AP Top 25 (11/10)

1. North Carolina (72)	.0-0 1,800
2. Connecticut	.0-0 1,661
3. Louisville	.0-0 1,638
4. UCLA	.0-0 1,487
5. Pittsburgh	.0-0 1,319
6. Michigan State	.0-0 1,311
7. Texas	.0-0 1,259
8. Duke	.0-0 1,250
9. Notre Dame	.0-0 1,243
10. Gonzaga	.0-0 1,162
11. Purdue	.0-0 1,099
12. Oklahoma	.0-0 987
13. Memphis	.0-0 977
14. Tennessee	.0-0 920
15. Arizona State	.0-0 645
16. Marquette	.0-0 592
17. Miami (FL)	.0-0 570
18. USC	.0-0 414
19. Florida	.0-0 403
20. Davidson	.0-0 347
21. Wake Forest	.0-0 312
22. Georgetown	.0-0 311
23. Villanova	.0-0 256
24. Kansas	.0-0 233
25. Wisconsin	.0-0 196

Others Receiving Votes: Xavier 154, UNLV 143, Baylor 128, Saint Mary's 112, **Syracuse 83**, Kentucky 75, Ohio State 64, LSU 31, Texas A&M 30, Washington 19, **West Virginia 17**, Virginia Tech 16, Brigham Young 16, Alabama 16, Siena 13, Washington State 11, Vanderbilt 11, Clemson 11, Arizona 11, Temple 10, Virginia Commonwealth 8, Creighton 7, Butler 7, New Mexico 3, Cleveland State 2, UAB 2, Stanford 2, San Diego 1, American University 1, Cal State Northridge 1, Saint Joseph's 1, Drake 1, Miami (OH) 1.

ESPN/USA Today Top 25 (11/10)

1. North Carolina (31)	.0-0 775
2. Connecticut	.0-0 707
3. Louisville	.0-0 694
4. UCLA	.0-0 650
5. Duke	.0-0 578
6. Pittsburgh	.0-0 576
7. Michigan State	.0-0 572
8. Texas	.0-0 538
9. Notre Dame	.0-0 525
10. Purdue	.0-0 465
11. Gonzaga	.0-0 437
12. Memphis	.0-0 425
13. Tennessee	.0-0 408
14. Oklahoma	.0-0 387
15. Arizona State	.0-0 304
16. Miami (FL)	.0-0 233
17. Marquette	.0-0 219
18. Georgetown	.0-0 175
19. Florida	.0-0 161
20. Davidson	.0-0 158
21. USC	.0-0 153
22. Wisconsin	.0-0 153
23. Kansas	.0-0 130
24. Wake Forest	.0-0 129
25. Villanova	.0-0 122

Others Receiving Votes: UNLV 60, Saint Mary's 59, Ohio State 54, Baylor 47, Xavier 27, **Syracuse 23**, Texas A&M 19, LSU 19, Arizona 18, Virginia Tech 15, Brigham Young 13, **West Virginia 10**, Washington 8, Siena 8, Kentucky 7, Vanderbilt 7, Oklahoma State 4, Clemson 2, Washington St. 1.

2008-09 Rutgers opponents in bold italics.

SCARLET KNIGHTS IN THE CAREER BOOKS

CAREER SCORING

1. Phil Sellers	(1972-76)	2,399
43. Anthony Duckett	(1985-90)	917
44. JR Inman	(2005-)	912
45. Chris Remley	(1981-85)	908

CAREER REBOUNDS

1. Phil Sellers	(1972-76)	1111
27. Lee Perry	(1986-90)	555
28. Byron Joynes	(2003-2008)	554
29. Jeff Greer	(1997-01)	553
30. JR Inman	(2005-)	545
31. Emory Ward	(1985-89)	544

CAREER REBOUNDING AVERAGE (MIN. 40 GAMES)

1. Swede Sundstrom	(1951-54)	17.1
21. Hollis Copeland	(1974-78)	7.0
22. Dave Stires	(1953-56)	6.7
Steve Kaplan	(1969-72)	6.7
23. JR Inman	(2005-)	6.6

CAREER ASSISTS

1. Eddie Jordan	(1973-77)	585
12. Rich Brunson	(1979-83)	289
13. Earl Johnson	(1996-99)	287
14. Anthony Farmer	(2005-)	284

CAREER BLOCKS

1. Roy Hinson	(1979-83)	355
5. Eric Clark	(1994-98)	183
6. Hamady Ndiaye	(2005-)	150
7. Steve Perry	(1984-85)	115
8. Sean Axani	(2000-04)	103
9. Gene Armstead	(1970-73)	100
10. Eugene Dabney	(1998-02)	97
11. Rashod Kent	(1998-02)	90
12. JR Inman	(2005-)	89



HEAD COACH FRED HILL

A "throwback, old-school coach," Fred Hill is in his third season directing Rutgers' men's basketball program. The Verona, N.J. native enters 2008-09 with 27 seasons of Division I coaching experience and eight BIG EAST postseason appearances on his resume.

Rutgers recently recognized the progress the program had made under Hill's leadership and announced a two-year contract extension on May 29, 2008. The extension provides that his contract will continue through the 2012-13 campaign.

"Fred Hill's unwavering commitment to Rutgers and his relentless pursuit of excellence have established a foundation for future success," said Director of Athletics Robert E. Mulcahy III. "Freddie's passion for Rutgers University, his student-athletes, and the state of New Jersey is genuine and tangible. I am very proud to re-affirm our commitment to him. We look forward to the realization of the goals he has set forth for this program."

Under Hill's direction, Rutgers signed a 2008-09 recruiting class that is one of the most heralded in program history. The class, ranked No. 19 nationally by *Scout.com*, includes four nationally-rated scholastic prospects and the first McDonald's All-American (Mike Rosario) in team annals. It came on the heels of a 2007-08 campaign that saw Hill lead his young team to back-to-back wins over nationally-ranked foes (#18 Villanova, #13 Pittsburgh). The team boasted a sophomore ranked among the nation's top shot blockers (center Hamady Ndiaye), a National Freshman of the Week (guard Mike Coburn) and a BIG EAST All-Rookie honoree (guard Corey Chandler).

In addition, all seven men's basketball seniors have earned their diplomas under Hill's guidance. In the NCAA's most recent Academic Progress Rate public report, Rutgers received a multiyear score of 953, which ranked in the top 30 percent of Division I men's basketball programs.

"There is no other program that I would rather be coaching basketball at than Rutgers, our state university. This is home," said Hill when his contract extension was announced. "I am extremely grateful for the confidence that Rutgers University has shown in me. I fully understand the responsibility that comes along with it, and I look forward to delivering a championship program that Rutgers and the State of New Jersey will be proud of."

Born and raised in the Garden State, Hill recognized a life-long dream when he was named head coach of the Scarlet Knights on March 27, 2006.

"Our program will be built on basic characteristics," said Hill. "We're going to be known for our toughness, our togetherness, our hard work, our passion and our pride in Rutgers University. Players need to be put in the right role. Ideally, with the personnel we bring in, I'd like to get up and down the floor on offense and use multiple defensive looks, but again, it comes down to putting guys in the right position to be successful."

At the core of Hill's coaching and personal philosophy is a commitment to community service. Echoing John Wooden's famous quotation that "You can't live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you," he takes a proactive approach to civic responsibility. He is a strong supporter of the Jimmy V Foundation, founded by ESPN and the late Jim Valvano, who co-captained the 1966-67 Rutgers squad. Proceeds from Hill's annual Celebrity Golf Classic benefit the foundation. He is also active with Jack's Kids, an initiative to raise money to combat childhood cancer.

Rutgers men's basketball players are active in community outreach under Hill's leadership. The team participates annually in the national "Read Across America" program and reads to children at local elementary schools. In addition, every player is assigned a pen pal at a local elementary school via "Scarlet Letters," a program sponsored by men's basketball that further enables the Scarlet Knights to serve as positive role models in the surrounding communities.

Hill is the driving force behind the annual "New Jersey Legends of Basketball Clinic," sponsored by Rutgers and the NJSIAA, which held its third clinic this past October. It is open to all coaches and covers a wide range of topics, including scoring strategies, specialty plays, multiple defenses and basketball philosophies. Among the legendary hardwood mentors to participate are Tom Brennan, Hubie Brown, Pete Carril, John Carroll, Patty Coyle, Bob Farrell, Mike Fratello, Brian Hill, Bob Hurley, Sr. and Rollie Massimino.

The Legends clinic is not the only camp to achieve success under Hill. This Scarlet Knights' summer clinics attract over 1,000 scholastic players and more than 100 high school teams.

Since taking the helm "On The Banks," Hill has made great strides in improving team resources and operations. A locker room renovation, the hiring of a strength and conditioning specialist exclusively for basketball and streamlined team travel have been achieved during his tenure. The Scarlet Knights charter to away contests, enabling players to spend more time in the classroom.

Widely regarded as one of the Eastern basketball's top recruiters, Hill has helped recruit and mentor seven BIG EAST Student-Athletes that have gone on to the NBA careers since 2001. Included in the group is former Rutgers guard and 2006 first round pick Quincy Douby.

Prior to being named the program's 16th head coach, Hill served as Associate Head Coach for the Scarlet Knights during the 2005-06 season. In this capacity, he earned his first courtside victory at the helm. He led Rutgers to a 91-84 win over Marquette on Feb. 12, 2006, while serving as acting head coach that afternoon.

Before Rutgers, Hill spent four seasons as an assistant coach at Villanova University, including the final two as associate head coach. He was a major factor in the recruitment of Villanova's highly-acclaimed recruiting classes of 2002 and 2003, and played a key role in on-court teaching and in-game strategy. Villanova reached the Sweet 16 in 2005 and advanced to the Elite Eight in 2006.

Hill served three seasons (1998-2001) as an assistant coach at Seton Hall University, where he was part of the staff that helped steer the Pirates to the Sweet 16 in 2000 and secure the top-ranked recruiting class in the nation that year.

Prior to his stint at Seton Hall, Hill served seven years as an assistant coach at Fairleigh Dickinson University, including his final three seasons as associate head coach. In Hill's final season at FDU, the Knights were 23-7 and captured the NEC title. The team advanced to the NCAA tournament to face No. 2 seed Connecticut. Guard Elijah Allen scored 43 points, the third highest output all-time in the East Region, but the 15th-seeded Knights dropped a hard-fought 93-85 decision to the Huskies.

Hill has also served as an assistant coach at the University of Maine (1988-91), Marquette University (1986-88), Rider College (1983-86) and Lehigh University (1982-83). His first college coaching position was at his alma mater, Montclair State College, in 1981-82.

Born March 26, 1959, Hill is a 1977 graduate of Verona High School and a 1981 graduate of Montclair State College. At MSC, he was an All-Conference guard as a senior on a team that reached the NCAA Division III Tournament. He earned a degree in business administration.

Coaching is in Hill's bloodlines as his father, Fred Hill Sr., is the long-time, highly-successful head baseball coach at Rutgers. The duo is the only father-son combo to serve as head coaches at the same university at the Division I level. The elder Hill completed his 25th season at Rutgers in 2008 and was named the ABCA East Region Division I Coach of The Year in 2007 after leading his team to a BIG EAST title and the NCAA Regional. In addition, his uncle, Brian Hill, has been a head coach on both the collegiate and NBA levels, and is currently an assistant with the New Jersey Nets. The Hills are often referred to as "New Jersey's Coaching Family."

#00 GREGORY ECHENIQUE

Courtside with Gregory Echenique

Best friend on another collegiate team: David Cubillan, Marquette
One word to describe yourself: Competitive
Person you most admire: My dad
Person you would most like to meet: Jessica Alba
Your current ring tone: *Cancion De Amor* by Don Omar
Favorite all-time holiday present: The original Playstation
Most admired professional athlete: Tim Duncan
Favorite movie: *Man on Fire*
Favorite TV show: *The Fresh Prince of Bel Air*
Favorite food: Wings, chicken, empanadas
People might be surprised to know: I listen to heavy metal music
Things most proud of: Being able to do all this without my family in the USA
Thing you most love about basketball: Competing against people that think they are better than you
Why you chose Rutgers: The coaching staff believed in me since day one
To improve as a player I need to: Get in better shape
Things you most like to do in your spare time: Listen to music and hang out with friends

Had 15 rebounds, 11 points and six blocks in team-high 36 minutes against Marist...Was most rebounds in season opener for RU player since Rashod Kent had 18 versus FDU in 2000...Also marked the most rebounds in a game for an RU player since Adrian Hill grabbed 18 against Notre Dame in 2007...Arrived "On The Banks" as the nation's 15th-rated overall prospect by *Hoop Scoop* and the *Basketball Times*...An honor student rated by ESPN as the No. 2 center and ninth overall prospect for 2009 before matriculating to Rutgers in 2008...Played this past summer for his home country of Venezuela in the FIBA Americas U18 Championship in Formosa, Argentina...Led the tournament in scoring [22.2], blocked shots [3.6] and free throws made [8.2], while placing second in rebounding [13.6]...Also competed for Latin America in the Adidas Basketball Experience in Houston, Texas...Helped St. Benedict's Preparatory School to a 24-1 record and a No. 2 ranking nationally in both the *USA Today* Super 25 and ESPN High Elite 25 polls in 2007-08 under head coach Dan Hurley...Is one of four members of RU's 19th-rated scholastic recruiting class.

#1 COREY CHANDLER

Courtside with Corey Chandler

Best friend on another college team: Keon Lawrence, Seton Hall
Best player ever faced: Corey Fisher
One word to describe yourself: Modest
Person you would most like to meet: T.I.
Favorite all-time Rutgers basketball player: Quincy Douby
Favorite all-time holiday present: Spending time with family
Most admired professional athlete: Allen Iverson
Favorite movies: *ATL, Love & Basketball*
Best actor to play you in a movie: T.I.
Favorite book: *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*
Favorite TV show: *Martin*
Favorite food: Chicken
People might be surprised to know: I'm a down to earth person
Thing in life you are most proud of: My college education
Best advice received: My mother has always told me to "stay focused"
Thing you most love about basketball: Everything. The entire game
Why you chose Rutgers: To play for Coach Hill and to stay close to home
To improve as a player I need to: Be a leader every day
Why you selected your jersey #: There is only 1 Corey Chandler
Thing you most like to do in your spare time: Hang out with friends

Dynamic athlete who generates highlight-reel plays at both ends of the floor...A 2007-08 BIG EAST All-Rookie selection...Had 51 steals last season, the most for a freshman in Rutgers men's basketball history...Scored in double figures 18 times, including nine of his first 11 contests... Averaged a team-best 10.5 points in BIG EAST games...Was cited by RU as its top newcomer.

CHANDLER'S CAREER HIGHS

Points25 at Nebraska (12-09-07)
 FGM10 at Nebraska (12-09-07)
 FGA20 at Nebraska (12-09-07)
 3FGM3 (twice) last vs. UC (2-9-08)
 3FGA10 vs. Cincinnati (2-9-08)
 Rebounds8 vs. UNC (12-16-07)
 Assists5 vs. No. Dakota St. (11-11-07)
 Blocks3 vs. Villanova (1-23-08)
 Steals6 at St. Peter's (11-25-07)
 Minutes35 vs. Seton Hall (OT) (1-30-08)

CHANDLER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Season	GP/GS	Min	TOTAL			3-PTS			FT	FTA	Pct	REBOUNDS				PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
			FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct				Off	Def	Tot	Avg								
2007-08	28/12	706	120	302	.397	34	107	.318	59	95	.621	36	77	113	4.0	56	0	42	85	12	51	333	11.9
2008-09	1/0	17	3	8	.375	0	1	.000	1	3	.333	1	4	5	5.0	3	0	1	1	0	0	7	7.0
Totals	29/12	723	123	310	.397	34	108	.315	60	98	.612	37	81	118	4.1	59	0	43	86	12	51	340	11.7

#2 ANTHONY FARMER

Courtside with Anthony Farmer

Best friend on another collegiate team: Paul Gause, Seton Hall
Best player ever faced: Randy Foye
How to describe yourself: Self motivated
Person you most admire: My father
Person you would most like to meet: Muhammad Ali
Your current ring tone: Set to vibrate
Favorite all-time Rutgers basketball player: Eddie Jordan
Favorite all-time holiday present: A Buffalo Bills jacket
Most admired professional athlete: Michael Jordan
Favorite movie: *Scarface*
Best actor to play you in a movie: Denzel Washington
Favorite book: *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*
Favorite TV show: ESPN *Sportscenter*
Favorite food: Fried whiting
People might be surprised to know: I am very family oriented
Thing in life you are most proud of: My son Anthony
Best advice you have received: My dad has always told me to "be proud of who I am, not who people want me to be"
Thing you most love about basketball: The competitiveness
Why you chose Rutgers: I wanted to share my college experience with those who got me here
To improve as a player I need to: Anticipate the game better
Thing you most like to do in your spare time: Hang out with family

Team co-captain...Veteran leader who excels in "crunch time"...2007-08 Team MVP...A stalwart on both ends of the floor who directs the offense from the point guard position, while often receiving the unenviable task of guarding the opponent's best offensive player...Fourth-year senior who enters 2008-09 with three years of starting experience...Has started 89 of 92 career games...Has paced the team the past two seasons in both assists and three-point field goal percentage...Entered 2008-09 in 9th place on RU's all-time 3-pt. FG pct. chart (.371) and 14th in all-time assists with 284 career helpers...A 2006 BIG EAST All-Rookie Team selection.

FARMER'S CAREER HIGHS

Points23 vs. Villanova (1-23-08)
 FGM8 vs. USF (3-1-08)
 FGA15 at USF (1-2-08)
 3FGM.....3 (7x) last vs. UConn (2-26-08)
 3FGA6 (2x) last vs. UND (2-17-08)
 Rebounds7 (2x) last 7 at Pitt (1-26-08)
 Assists.....8 (2x) last vs. UL (1-28-06)
 Blocks.....3 vs. Seton Hall (1-27-07)
 Steals5 vs. STA (11-19-06)
 Min.....49 vs. Seton Hall (2ot) (1-27-07)

FARMER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Season	GP/GS	Min	TOTAL			3FG	3-PTS		FT	FTA	Pct	REBOUNDS			PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg	
			FG	FGA	Pct		FGA	Pct				Off	Def	Tot									Avg
2005-06	32/31	1036	84	219	.384	24	63	.381	75	114	.658	11	74	85	2.7	76	3	124	69	14	22	267	8.3
2006-07	28/27	915	73	226	.323	19	59	.322	52	88	.591	16	50	66	2.4	68	1	88	63	11	26	217	7.8
2007-08	31/30	931	102	243	.420	30	75	.400	82	107	.766	19	60	79	2.5	59	1	72	52	4	25	316	10.2
2008-09	1/1	31	2	5	.400	0	0	.000	3	6	.500	1	3	4	4.0	0	0	2	0	1	7	7.0	
Totals	92/89	2913	261	693	.377	73	197	.371	212	315	.673	47	187	234	2.5	203	5	284	186	29	74	807	8.8

#3 MIKE ROSARIO

Courtside with Mike Rosario

Best friends on other collegiate teams: Tyshawn Taylor, Kansas; Jio Fontan, Fordham
Best player ever faced: Brandon Jennings
One word to describe yourself: Dedicated
Person you most admire: Michael Jordan
Person you would most like to meet: Ray Allen
Your current ring tone: *Mrs. Officer* by Lil' Wayne
Favorite all-time Rutgers basketball player: Quincy Douby
Favorite all-time holiday present: PS2
Most admired professional athlete: Paul Pierce
Favorite movie: *ATL*
Best actor to play you in a movie: Michael Epps
Favorite book: *The Miracle of St. Anthony: A Season with Coach Bob Hurley and Basketball's Most Improbable Dynasty*
Favorite TV show: ESPN *Sports Center*
Favorite food: Pizza
Best advice you have received: Coach Hurley always said "Work hard. It will pay off"
Thing you most love about basketball: Making three's
Why you choose Rutgers: I'm loyal to New Jersey and Rutgers was the best fit for me
To improve as a player I need to: Work on ball handling, defense and getting stronger
Why you selected your jersey #: My grandmother passed away on the 3rd
Thing you most like to do in your spare time: Hang out with my teammates

Scored a team-high 17 points versus Marist, most for RU freshman in season opener since 1993 (Charles Jones, 19) ...The first McDonald's All-American in the history of the Rutgers men's basketball program...A 2008 Second Team All-America choice by both *Parade* and *USA Today*...Rated by ESPN as the 16th-best overall player and fifth-rated shooting guard prospect for 2008...Rated 19th overall nationally by *Hoop Scoop* and the *Basketball Times*...The 2008 *Newark Star-Ledger* New Jersey Player of the Year...Served as team captain for Saint Anthony as a senior, helping the Friars to a 32-0 record and the No. 1 national ranking in both the *USA Today* Super 25 and the ESPN High Elite 25 polls under head coach Bob Hurley, Sr...Was a two-time Associated Press First Team All-State selection...Is the first SAHS product to arrive "On The Banks" since Myles Dixon (1985-89).

#5 HAMADY NDIAYE

Courtside with Hamady Ndiaye

Best friend on another collegiate team: Ibrahima Thomas, Oklahoma State
Best player ever faced: Aleks Maric
One word to describe yourself: Passionate
Person you most admire: My father
Person you would most like to meet: Lil' Wayne
Web site you most visit: www.scarletknights.com
Your current ring tone: Foolish by Shawty Lo
Favorite all-time Rutgers basketball player: Byron Joynes
Favorite all-time holiday present: My watch
Most admired professional athlete: Kevin Garnett
Favorite movie: Coming To America
Best actor to play you in a movie: Eddie Murphy
Favorite books: The Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling
Favorite TV show: Monk
Favorite food: Double cheeseburgers
People might be surprised to know: Four years ago I didn't speak English and didn't play basketball
Thing you are most proud of: Becoming an independent man
Best advice you have received: My high school coach told me to never forget where I come from
Thing you most love about basketball: Blocking shots
Why you chose Rutgers: I wanted to help change the program
To improve as a player I need to: Work on my free throws
Why you selected your jersey #: It's the number of players we have on the court
Thing you most like to do in your spare time: Listen to music

Had a career-best eight blocks versus Marist to help team to a school record-tying total of 16...Also had a career-best three steals and attempted his first 3-pointer...Team co-captain...A defensive force who has played his best basketball against some of the top centers in the country...Ranked 10th nationally and second in the BIG EAST in blocks last season...Was a top candidate for BIG EAST most improved player honors...Already has 142 career blocks, sixth on the RU all-time chart...Has played in 60 career games (32 starts)...A relative newcomer to the game

NDIAYE'S CAREER HIGHS

Points 14 vs. Cincinnati (2-9-08)
 FGM 5 vs. Cincinnati (2-9-08)
 FGA 9 vs. Georgetown (1-5-08)
 3FGM N/A
 3FGA 1 vs. Marist (11-14-08)
 Reb. 12 vs. Seton Hall (1-30-08)
 Asst. 2 (4x) last at Marquette (2-23-08)
 Blocks..... 8 vs. Marist (11-14-08)
 Steals 3 vs. Marist (11-14-08)
 Min. 34 (2x) last vs. UC (ot) (2-9-08)

NDIAYE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Season	GP-GS	Min	TOTAL			3-PTS			REBOUNDS			PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg				
			FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct									Off	Def	Tot	Avg
2006-07	29-2	387	28	56	.500	0	0	.000	21	42	.500	31	54	85	2.9	57	4	5	25	49	8	77	2.7
2007-08	31-30	705	61	132	.462	0	0	.000	38	70	.543	58	124	182	5.9	94	2	16	49	93	11	160	5.2
2008-09	1-1	31	3	8	.375	0	1	.000	2	3	.667	2	5	7	7.0	1	0	0	1	8	3	8	8.0
Totals	61-33	1123	92	196	.469	0	1	.000	61	115	.530	91	183	274	4.5	152	6	21	75	150	22	245	4.0

#11 EARL PETTIS

Courtside with Earl Pettis

Best friends on another collegiate team: Scoop Jardine and Rick Jackson, Syracuse
Best player ever faced: Brandon Rush
One word to describe yourself: Smooth
Person you most admire: My brother
Person you would most like to meet: Michael Jordan
Your current ring tone: Swagger Like Us by T.I.
Favorite all-time Rutgers basketball player: Quincy Douby
Favorite all-time holiday present: PS2
Most admired professional athlete: Carmelo Anthony
Best actor to play you in a movie: Will Smith
Favorite book: Slam!
Favorite TV show: The Bernie Mac Show
Favorite food: My mom's fried chicken
Things in life you are most proud of: Playing college basketball
Best advice you have received: My mom has always told me to stay humble
Why you choose Rutgers: I like everything about the school
To improve as a player I need to: Go hard all the time
Why you selected your jersey #: My brother wears it overseas
Things you most like to do in your spare time: Sleep and talk on the phone

Had a career-high three steals against Marist...Smooth player with a high basketball IQ and well-developed passing skills...Recipient of the team's 2007-08 sportsmanship award...Played in 29 games (three starts) as a true freshman...Twice registered double figures in the month of February...Led the team in scoring with a career-high 18 points against Connecticut...Brother, Robert Taylor, played at Rider and currently competes overseas in Germany.

PETTIS' CAREER HIGHS

Points 18 vs. Connecticut (2-26-08)
 FGM 8 vs. Connecticut (2-26-08)
 FGA 11 vs. Connecticut (2-26-08)
 3FGM 2 (2x) last vs. UConn (2-26-08)
 3FGA 3 (2x) last at WVU (2-14-08)
 Reb. 7 vs. Notre Dame (2-17-08)
 Assists 5 vs. Tenn. Tech (11-19-07)
 Blocks 1 (2x) last vs. UND (2-17-08)
 Steals 3 vs. Marist (11-14-08)
 Minutes 29 vs. Notre Dame (2-17-08)

PETTIS' CAREER STATISTICS

Season	GP/GS	Min	TOTAL			3-PTS			REBOUNDS			PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg				
			FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct									Off	Def	Tot	Avg
2007-08	29-3	384	37	99	.374	11	31	.355	9	15	.600	15	43	58	2.0	36	0	28	39	2	10	94	3.2
2008-09	1-1	23	3	8	.375	0	2	.000	0	0	.000	0	4	4	4.0	5	1	1	2	1	3	6	6.0
Totals	30-4	407	40	107	.374	11	33	.333	9	15	.600	15	47	62	2.1	41	1	29	41	3	13	100	3.3

#15 JR INMAN

Courtside with JR Inman

Best friend on another collegiate team: Tyrell Biggs, Pittsburgh
Best player ever faced: Ron Artest
One word to describe yourself: Diverse
Person you most admire: Malcolm X
Person you would most like to meet: Barack Obama
Favorite all-time Rutgers basketball player: Cappie Pondexter
Favorite all-time holiday present: Playstation
Most admired professional athlete: Jackie Robinson
Favorite movies: *Forrest Gump, Oliver Twist, Friday*
Best actor to play you in a movie: Will Smith
Favorite book: *When the Air Comes Out of the ball* by JR Inman
Favorite TV shows: *The Jamie Foxx Show, The Fresh Prince of Bel Air*
Favorite foods: Curry goat, shrimp stew, shrimp salad, shrimp gumbo
People might be surprised to know: I like long walks on the beach.
Things in life you are most proud of: My education, knowledge is power
Best advice you received: "I am the master of my fate; I am the captain of my soul." *Invictus* by William Ernest Henley
Thing most loved about basketball: Putting the ball in the hoop and stopping my man from scoring
Why you choose Rutgers: Its prestigious academic standing and its reputation for instilling knowledge in its students. It gives me the opportunity to excel not only in basketball, but in life
To improve as a player I need to: Eliminate distractions and use my God given ability
Why you selected your jersey #: Vince Carter wears it
Things you most like to do in your spare time: Sing, write, sleep

Multi-talented player who has led the team in both scoring and rebounding the past two seasons...Fourth-year senior who enters 2008-09 with three years of starting experience...Has started 76 of 82 career games...Enters 2008-09 in 12th place on RU's all-time blocks chart (89), 30th in re-bounds (545) and 44th in all-time scoring (912)...A 2006 BIG EAST All-Rookie Team selection.

INMAN'S CAREER HIGHS

Points26 vs. Lafayette (12-5-07)
 FGM9 at DePaul (1-19-08)
 FGA 16 at NJIT (12-13-07)
 3FGM4 vs. Lafayette (12-5-07)
 3FGA.....7 at Temple (11-29-06)
 Rebounds..... 14 (2x) last at USF (1-2-08)
 Asst.4 (2x) last vs. Providence (1-25-06)
 Blocks.....5 (3x) last vs. SHU (1-27-07)
 Steals3 (4x) last vs. Princeton (12-1-07)
 Min.41 vs. Seton Hall (ot) (1-30-08)

INMAN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Season	GP/GS	Min	TOTAL			3-PTS			REBOUNDS														
			FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2005-06	24-22	617	67	166	.404	28	72	.389	47	62	.758	35	92	127	5.3	63	1	17	43	42	19	209	8.7
2006-07	27-26	835	109	270	.404	29	91	.319	77	106	.726	60	136	196	7.3	68	2	16	60	26	17	324	12.0
2007-08	31-28	1017	144	342	.421	28	89	.315	63	103	.612	64	158	222	7.2	67	1	21	76	21	19	379	12.2
Totals	82-76	2469	320	778	.411	85	252	.337	187	271	.690	159	386	545	6.6	198	4	54	179	89	55	912	11.1

#23 PATRICK JACKSON

Courtside with Patrick Jackson

Best friend on another collegiate team: Bilal Dixon, Providence
Best Player ever faced: Kevin Durant
One word to describe yourself: Driven
Person, past or present, you would most like to meet: Michael Jordan
Your current ring tone: *Whatever You Like* by T.I.
Favorite all-time Rutgers basketball player: Craig Carter
Favorite all-time holiday present: Jordan package
Most admired professional athlete: Michael Jordan
Favorite movie: *He Got Game*
Best actor to play you in a movie: Will Smith
Favorite book: *The Last Season: A Team in Search of its Soul*
Favorite TV show: *The Wayans Brothers*
Favorite food: Steak
People might be surprised to know: Before every game I listen to R&B
Best advice you have received: My dad always told me to "always have more than one goal"
Thing you most love about basketball: Competing
Why you choose Rutgers: To become part of building the program
To improve as a player I need to: Stay dedicated and repetition
Why you selected your jersey #: Michael Jordan is my favorite player
Thing you most like to do in your spare time: Watch DVDs on Michael Jordan

Played seven minutes against Marist and grabbed one rebound...Arrived "On The Banks" rated as the nation's 28th best small forward recruit for 2008 by ESPN...Was one of the top players in the New York PSAL... Is one of four members of RU's 19th-rated scholastic recruiting class...Averaged 19.6 points and 8.9 rebounds per game for BGHS in 2007-08 to earn NYSSWA All-State honors...Scored 20 points and grabbed eight rebounds for New York City in the 2008 Jordan Brand Regional All-Star Game at Madison Square Garden...Was selected as MVP of the 2007 Eastern Invitational All-Star Game.

#31 MIKE COBURN

Courtside with Mike Coburn

Best player ever faced: Sebastian Telfair
One word to describe yourself: Realistic
Person you would most like to meet: Muhammad Ali
Web site you most visit: yahoo.com
Your current ring tone: "Jockin'" by Jay Z
Favorite Rutgers basketball player: Eddie Jordan
Favorite all-time holiday present: Playstation
Most admired professional athlete: Michael Jordan
Favorite movies: Life, American Gangster
Best actor to play you in a movie: Denzel Washington
Favorite book: The Autobiography of Malcolm X
Favorite TV show: Martin
Favorite food: Chicken and pasta
People might be surprised to know: I'm a quiet person
Thing in life you are most proud of: My education and basketball
Best advice you received and who gave it to you: My mother always told me that "hard work will pay off"
Thing you most love about basketball: The opportunities the game presents.
Why you chose Rutgers: It's not too far or too close to home and my family and friends can watch me play
To improve as a player I need to: Put in extra time in the gym
Things you most like to do in your spare time: Watch movies, play cards and listen to music

Savvy competitor loaded with intangibles...Named the Rivals National Freshman of the Week and the BIG EAST Rookie of the Week last season for his play in consecutive wins over No. 18 Villanova and No. 13 Pittsburgh...Led the team in both minutes played (31.9) and free throw percentage (.760) in BIG EAST games...Played in all 31 games (20 starts) as a true freshman...Scored in double figures nine times and shot 50 percent or better from the field in 12 games

COBURN'S CAREER HIGHS

Points.....23 (2x) last vs. SHU (1-30-08)
 FGM.....8 vs. Villanova (1-23-08)
 FGA.....14 vs. Seton Hall (1-30-08)
 3FGM.....3 (2x) last vs. SHU (1-30-08)
 3FGA.....5 vs. St. John's (2-6-08)
 Rebounds.....9 vs. Seton Hall (1-30-08)
 Assists.....5 (2x) last at Pitt (1-26-08)
 Blocks.....1 at Pittsburgh (1-26-08)
 Steals.....3 at Florida (11-17-07)
 Min.....38 (2x) last vs. SHU (ot) (1-30-08)

COBURN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Season	GP/GS	Min	TOTAL			3-PTS			REBOUNDS														
			FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2007-08	31/20	841	81	218	.372	24	68	.353	62	84	.738	19	64	83	2.7	51	1	69	62	1	27	248	8.0
2008-09	1/0	17	2	3	.667	0	0	.000	3	6	.500	1	2	3	3.0	0	0	1	0	0	7	7.0	
Totals	32/20	858	83	221	.376	24	68	.353	65	90	.722	20	66	86	2.7	51	1	70	62	1	27	255	8.0

#32 JARON GRIFFIN

Courtside with Jaron Griffin

Best player ever faced: Randy Foye
Person you most admire: My grandmother
Person you would most like to meet: Mike Epps
Web site you most visit: Youtube.com
Your current ring tone: Emotional by Jim Jones
Favorite all-time Rutgers basketball player: Jaron Griffin
Favorite all-time holiday present: Sega
Most admired professional athlete: Kobe Bryant
Favorite movie: Friday
Best actor to play you in a movie: Chris Tucker
Favorite book: The Cat in the Hat
Favorite TV show: Martin
Favorite food: Lasagna
People might be surprised to know: I'm quiet
Best advice you received: My grandma always told me to be a man
Why you chose Rutgers: The opportunity to represent my state university
To improve as a player I need to: Utilize better shot selection
Why you selected your jersey #: I wore it in high school

Veteran with unwavering resolve who has hit his biggest shots in the biggest games...Fourth-year senior who enters 2008-09 with two seasons of starting experience...Has competed in 93 career games and made 61 starts... Started all 31 games as a third-year junior in 2007-08...Was the only player to start every contest...Scored in double figures nine times.

GRIFFIN'S CAREER HIGHS

Points.....23 vs. Louisville (1-13-08)
 FGM.....8 vs. West Virginia (1-31-07)
 FGA.....17 (2x) last vs. Rider (12-21-07)
 3FGM.....4 (2x) last vs. Louisville (1-13-08)
 3FGA.....10 vs. UNH (12-6-06)
 Reb.....8 (3x) last at St. John's (2-15-07)
 Assists.....5 vs. STA (12-12-05)
 Blocks.....2 vs. Louisville (1-13-08)
 Steals.....3 at Syracuse (1-16-08)
 Minutes.....40 at Seton Hall (1-3-07)

GRIFFIN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Season	GP/GS	Min	TOTAL			3-PTS			REBOUNDS														
			FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2005-06	33/2	440	38	118	.322	14	63	.222	21	27	.778	18	44	62	1.9	51	1	18	17	10	11	111	3.4
2006-07	29/28	877	90	277	.325	39	139	.281	31	47	.660	36	70	106	3.7	68	1	36	41	16	23	250	8.6
2007-08	31/31	780	81	248	.327	32	122	.262	37	49	.755	28	71	99	3.2	37	1	23	43	8	12	231	7.5
Totals	93/61	2097	209	641	.326	85	314	.271	89	123	.724	82	185	267	2.9	156	3	77	101	34	46	592	6.4

#52 CHRISTIAN MORRIS

Courtside with Christian Morris

Best friend on another collegiate team: Devin Ebanks, West Virginia
Best player ever faced: Angel Garcia
One word to describe yourself: Beast
Person you would most like to meet: Steve Harvey
Your current ring tone: "Paper Planes" by M.I.A.
Most admired professional athlete: LeBron James
Favorite movie: *Paid in Full, Friday, Remember the Titans*
Favorite book: *Push* by Sapphire
Favorite TV shows: *The Fresh Prince of Bel Air, Family Matters, The Steve Harvey Show*
Favorite foods: Chicken, steak, fish
Best advice you have received: "Keep working hard and don't give in" from Coach Craig Carter
Thing you most love about basketball: The competition.
Why you chose Rutgers: Because it was close to home and the coaches were very cool
To improve as a player I need to: Keep working hard
Why you selected your jersey #: My mother's birthday is May 2
Thing you most like to do in your spare time: To chill with my friends back at home

#22 MIKE KUHN

Courtside with Mike Kuhn

Best friend on another collegiate team: Dan Werner, Florida
Best player ever faced: Troy Murphy
One word to describe yourself: Fun
Person you most admire: My mother
Your current ring tone: *Hungry Heart* by Bruce Springsteen
Favorite all-time Rutgers basketball player: Geoff Billet
Favorite all-time holiday present: A bike that was previously stolen from me
Most admired professional athlete: Steve Nash
Favorite movies: *Wedding Crashers, Boondock Saints, Scarface*
Favorite books: *My Losing Season* by Pat Conroy, *Five-Point Play* by Mike Krzyzewski
Favorite TV show: *Dexter*
Favorite food: Chicken parmesan
Thing you are most proud of: Going to college and getting an education
Best advice you have received: My dad told me "believe nothing of what you hear and half of what you see"
Thing you most love about basketball: Having fun while playing
Why you chose Rutgers: Great academics and close to home
To improve as a player I need to: Work hard every day
Thing you most like to do in your spare time: Hang out with my friends

#30 KOFI GENFI

Courtside with Kofi Genfi

One word to describe yourself: Swag
Person you most admire: My mother
Person you would most like to meet: Alicia Keys
Your current ring tone: standard ring tone
Favorite all-time Rutgers basketball players: Anthony Farmer, Jaron Griffin and JR Inman
Favorite all-time holiday present: A scrapbook that Ms. Leah made for me.
Most admired professional athlete: Kevin Garnett
Best actor to play you in a movie: Denzel Washington
Favorite books: *Angels and Demons* by Dan Brown
Favorite TV show: *A Different World*
Favorite food: Rice and beans with Spanish chicken
People might be surprised to know: I'm a ghost writer. Ask JR Inman, I make tougher songs than Neo.
Person in life you are most proud of: My little cousin Nana Boadu. He has will power and determination that exceed all expectation.
Best advice you have received: My cousin Mawolum Nenenene says "anything in the world worth loving is worth working for."
Thing you most love about basketball: The competitive nature of the game.
Why you chose Rutgers: Rutgers has the overall package, academically, athletically and socially.
To improve as a player I need to: Eat, sleep and dream basketball.
Thing you most like to do in your spare time: Chill out and just chat with my sisters Yacha and Afia.

Saw first career action against Marist...A 2007 *The Sporting News Honorable Mention High School All-American*...Arrives "On The Banks" as the nation's 32nd-ranked center recruit by *Scout.com*...Earned the nickname "The Beast" for his physical play...Shattered a pair of backboards in the summer of 2006, including one at the Nike Peach Jam that gained notoriety via *Youtube.com*...Is one of four members of RU's 19th-rated scholastic recruiting class.

#40 TOMASZ KOKOSINSKI

Courtside with Tomasz Kokosinski

Best player ever faced: Greg Echenique
One word to describe yourself: Determined
People you most admire: My parents
Person you would most like to meet: Gilbert Arenas
Web site you most visit: *ESPN.com*
Your current ring tone: Set to vibrate
Favorite all-time Rutgers basketball player: Quincy Douby
Favorite all-time holiday present: Xbox
Most admired professional athlete: LeBron James
Favorite movie: *The Bourne Ultimatum*
Best actor to play you in a movie: Matt Damon
Favorite book: *Beyond Basketball* by Mike Krzyzewski
Favorite TV show: *That '70's Show*
Favorite food: Chicken
People might be surprised to know: I scored 2160 on the SAT
Thing most proud of: My ability to work hard and stay determined and focused
Best advice received: Never let anybody tell you that you can't do something
Thing you most love about basketball: All the hard work needed to succeed
Why you chose Rutgers: Close to home, great basketball and business programs
To improve as a player I need to: Become a better ball-handler and improve my quickness
Things you most like to do in your spare time: Practice, watch movies and hang out with friends

Rutgers TV/Radio Photo Roster



00 • Gregory Echenique
Fr • 6-9 • 260 • F
Guatire, Venezuela



1 • Corey Chandler
So • 6-2 • 190 • G
Newark, N.J.



2 • Anthony Farmer
Sr • 6-1 • 190 • G
Millville, N.J.



3 • Mike Rosario
Fr • 6-3 • 180 • G
Jersey City, N.J.



5 • Hamady Ndiaye
Jr • 6-11 • 235 • C
Dakar, Senegal



11 • Earl Pettis
So • 6-5 • 225 • G
Philadelphia, Pa.



15 • JR Inman
Sr • 6-9 • 220 • F
Pomona, N.Y.



22 • Mike Kuhn
Fr • 6-1 • 180 • G
Oceanport, N.J.



23 • Patrick Jackson
Fr • 6-6 • 195 • F
Brooklyn, N.Y.



30 • Kofi Genfi
So • 6-4 • 195 • F
Sayreville, N.J.



31 • Mike Coburn
So • 6-0 • 195 • G
Mt. Vernon, N.Y.



32 • Jaron Griffin
Sr • 6-7 • 210 • G/F
Manchester, N.J.



40 • Tomasz Kokosinski
Fr • 6-7 • 230 • F
Bergenfield, N.J.



52 • Christian Morris
Fr • 6-9 • 280 • F
Bronx, N.Y.

Rutgers 63, Marist 61

11/14/08 8:00 p.m. at Piscataway, N.J. - The RAC

VISITORS: Marist 0-1

#	Player	tot-fg		3-pt		rebounds			pf	tp	a	to	blk	s	min				
		fg	fga	fg	fga	ft	fta	of								de	tot		
23	Williams, Lawrence	f	4	8	0	0	6	7	5	1	6	4	14	1	1	0	1	21	
44	Schneider, Ryan	f	2	13	1	9	3	4	0	12	12	4	8	1	2	3	1	37	
21	Gregory, Kaylen	g	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	13	
24	Devezin, David	g	5	12	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	3	10	4	3	0	0	34	
33	Parris, Javon	g	3	14	1	2	1	2	2	2	4	4	8	0	3	0	2	34	
10	Hall, R.J.		2	5	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	2	4	0	0	0	1	12	
11	Goodwin, Dejuan		4	7	2	4	0	1	0	2	2	3	10	0	3	0	1	28	
14	Vouyoukas, Alex		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	
41	Bauer, Korey		1	5	0	1	2	2	1	2	3	2	4	0	0	1	1	16	
TEAM							4			2		6							
Totals.....			22	66	5	17	12	16	14	27	41	25	61	6	12	4	7	200	

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 9-29 31.0%	2nd Half: 13-25 52.0%	Game: 40.7%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 1-7 14.3%	2nd Half: 2-6 33.3%	Game: 23.1%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 8-12 66.7%	2nd Half: 8-18 44.4%	Game: 53.3%	6

HOME TEAM: Rutgers 1-0

#	Player	tot-fg		3-pt		rebounds			pf	tp	a	to	blk	s	min				
		fg	fga	fg	fga	ft	fta	of								de	tot		
00	ECHENIQUE, Gregory	f	2	5	0	0	7	12	6	9	15	2	11	1	0	6	0	36	
05	NDIAYE, Hamady	c	3	8	0	1	2	3	2	5	7	1	8	0	1	8	3	31	
02	FARMER, Anthony	g	2	5	0	0	3	6	1	3	4	0	7	0	2	0	1	31	
03	ROSARIO, Mike	g	7	15	3	8	0	0	0	4	4	1	17	1	5	1	2	33	
11	PETTIS, Earl	g	3	8	0	2	0	0	0	4	4	5	6	1	2	1	3	23	
01	CHANDLER, Corey		3	8	0	1	1	3	1	4	5	3	7	1	1	0	0	17	
22	KUHN, Mike		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	
23	JACKSON, Patrick		0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	7	
31	COBURN, Mike		2	3	0	0	3	6	1	2	3	0	7	1	0	0	0	17	
52	MORRIS, Christian		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	
TEAM							2			1		3							
Totals.....			22	54	3	13	16	30	13	33	46	12	63	5	13	16	10	200	

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 9-29 31.0%	2nd Half: 13-25 52.0%	Game: 40.7%	DEADBALL
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F Throw %	1st Half: 8-12 66.7%	2nd Half: 8-18 44.4%	Game: 53.3%	6

Officials: Jim Burr (R), Tony Crisp and Paul Faia

Technical fouls: Marist-None. Rutgers-CHANDLER, Corey. Attendance: 4822

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Marist	26	35	61
Rutgers	27	36	63

Points in the paint-MARIST 32,RUTGERS 30. Points off turnovers-MARIST 10,RUTGERS 10. 2nd chance points-MARIST 21,RUTGERS 9. Fast break points-MARIST 10,RUTGERS 9. Bench points-MARIST 18,RUTGERS 14. Score tied-7 times. Lead changed-12 times. Last FG-MARIST 2nd-00:00, RUTGERS 2nd-00:55. Largest lead-MARIST by 6 1st-11:52, RUTGERS by 10 2nd-11:27.

RUTGERS POSTGAME NOTES

Rutgers' 16 blocks tied the school record. The Scarlet Knights also had 16 blocks in an 85-51 win over St. Bonaventure on January 16, 1992.

Mike Rosario's 17 points marked the most for an RU freshman in his first collegiate game since Charles Jones scored 19 points in a 70-64 win over Manhattan on November 27, 1993.

Gregory Echenique's 15 rebounds marked the most for a RU player in a season opener since then junior Rashod Kent had 18 rebounds in a 64-61 win over FDU on November 19, 2000. It also marked the most rebounds in a game for an RU player since Adrian Hill grabbed 18 against Notre Dame in 2007.

Hamady Ndiaye's eight blocks marked a new career high. His eight rejections are tied for the eighth-most in a game in RU history. Ndiaye's previous career-high was seven, achieved twice. Ndiaye also had a career-best three steals and attempted his first career three-pointer.

A pair of freshmen led the Scarlet Knights in minutes played, with Gregory Echenique logging 36 minutes and Mike Rosario playing 33. Both were in the starting lineup. The last time a pair of freshmen were in the starting lineup in a season opener was in 2005-06, when current seniors Anthony Farmer and JR Inman started in a 66-46 win over Austin Peay.

Earl Pettis had a career-high three steals.

THE STAT CREW SYSTEM
Rutgers Season Box Score (as of Nov 15, 2008)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0

##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fa	pct	off	def	tot	avg								
00	ECHENIQUE, Gregor	1-1	36	36.0	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	7-12	.583	6	9	15	15.0	2	0	1	0	6	0	11	11.0
01	CHANDLER, Corey	1-0	17	17.0	3-8	.375	0-1	.000	1-3	.333	1	4	5	5.0	3	0	1	1	0	0	7	7.0
02	FARMER, Anthony	1-1	31	31.0	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	3-6	.500	1	3	4	4.0	0	0	0	2	0	1	7	7.0
03	ROSARIO, Mike	1-1	33	33.0	7-15	.467	3-8	.375	0-0	.000	0	4	4	4.0	1	0	1	5	1	2	17	17.0
05	NDIAYE, Hamady	1-1	31	31.0	3-8	.375	0-1	.000	2-3	.667	2	5	7	7.0	1	0	0	1	8	3	8	8.0
11	PETTIS, Earl	1-1	23	23.0	3-8	.375	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	4	4	4.0	5	1	1	2	1	3	6	6.0
22	KUHN, Mike	1-0	1	1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
23	JACKSON, Patrick	1-0	7	7.0	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0.0
31	COBURN, Mike	1-0	17	17.0	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	3-6	.500	1	2	3	3.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	7	7.0
52	MORRIS, Christian	1-0	4	4.0	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											2	1	3									
Total.....		1	200		22-54	.407	3-13	.231	16-30	.533	13	33	46	46.0	12	1	5	13	16	10	63	63.0
Opponents.....		1	200		22-66	.333	5-17	.294	12-16	.750	14	27	41	41.0	25	-	6	12	4	7	61	61.0

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
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Opponents	26	35	61