

Summer 2011

# FIRST & TEN

The Rutgers Touchdown Club Newsletter



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Greetings TD Club members!!

Welcome to the 2011 Rutgers University Football season. Camp is underway and the season opener on September 1<sup>st</sup> is just around the corner. Our first meeting of the season will be on August 30<sup>th</sup> featuring Head Coach Greg Schiano and we will be handing out our annual giveaway and unveil our new logo. As you are all aware, this is my first year as president and I would like to thank everyone for your support and understanding during this transition period.

As in years past, please look for our Rutgers student athletes who will be selling game day 50-50's throughout the parking lots and outside the stadium. This year we will have a more visible presence around the stadium. We have also made some changes to protect against potential fraud including different colored tickets for every game.

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**Next General Membership  
Save the Date:**

**August 30, 2011**

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We will also be conducting our 2nd annual season long 50-50 and hope to build on the foundation started last year. There will be Club sponsored bus trips to 3 away games this year: Army, Syracuse, and Connecticut, with discounted rates for our members. For those of you going to the North Carolina game, there will be a tailgate party at the Kenan Center beginning at 10:00am with more details to follow.

So don't forget to come out to our monthly meetings, participate in our fundraisers, and most of all, come out and cheer our team on to victory. Please contact me if you have any concerns or ideas to improve the TD Club, and as always, we can use more volunteers.

I can be reached via e-mail at [president@rutgerstdclub.com](mailto:president@rutgerstdclub.com) or by phone at 732-248-0897.

GO KNIGHTS!!!

Sincerely,  
Aaron Mansbach  
President





## Behind the Facemask with David Rowe

**NAME:** David Rowe

**NICKNAMES:** D-Rowe

**NUMBER:** 4

**POSITION:** Defensive Back

**CLASS OF:** 2012

**MAJOR:** Communication

**FAMILY:** Mother (Louise), Father (James Jr.), Brother (James III)

**HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL:** Cocoa, Fla. / Cocoa HS

**FAVORITE RESTAURANT AT RUTGERS:** Joe's Crab Shack

**FAVORITE CLASS:** Coaching Theories

**HOBBIES:** Fishing

**IF COACH SCHIANO GAVE ME A DAY OFF FROM PRACTICE, I WOULD:** Fish

**THE BEST MOVIE I EVER SAW WAS:** Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (the original)

**MY FAVORITE FOOD IS:** Grilled Chicken

**FAVORITE HOLIDAY:** Christmas

**MY DREAM VACATION IS:** Dubai

**FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM:** Rutgers and Cocoa High School

**GREATEST SPORTS MEMORIES:** Winning my first bowl game in the PapaJohns.com Bowl in Birmingham, Ala. in 2008

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*Pictured Below:  
David Rowe in action  
for the Scarlet Knights*



## **TD Club Member Spotlight: A Man for All Seasons: John Cummins**

(Editor's note: The word we know as season generally refers to a period of time in the year or an ingredient we add to food for flavor, but its root word serere means "to sow.")

For many of us there are just two real seasons on our calendars – the college football season and the rest of the year. The rest of the year exists for us to savor the ups and to anguish over the downs of the previous season and to gear up for the upcoming season. For other people there are four seasons to appreciate over the course of a year – each with its own natural treats and challenges.

However, there are a few people whose lives need to be measured not by the passage of periods of time, but rather by what they have sown in life. One such person is John Cummins, a charter member of the Rutgers Touchdown Club.

### **Background**

John was born in 1931 in Newark. He grew up in Summit, and he spent many summers during his youth in Petersburg, Virginia (sometimes playing the vast crater created by Union soldiers during the siege of Petersburg near the end of the Civil War). John presently lives in Roselle where he has resided since 1943. In 1984 he retired from the US Postal Service as a letter carrier for 35 years. John has been married to his wife, Maurice, for 57 years.

John and Maurice's association with Rutgers goes back to the 1970s. Each of their three children was an undergraduate at Rutgers. Beverly (RC '78), an administrator at Waycross College in Georgia, Robert (LC '82) an executive with Wells Fargo Bank in Jacksonville, FL, Johnny (LC '85), an executive with Verizon attended RU. Their association with Rutgers intensified during the years 1982-1984 when Johnny was a defensive back for the Scarlet Knights and a three-time letter winner.

### **Anecdote**

One of John's proudest achievements is that he was the first African-American to qualify for and operate an anti-mortar anti-artillery piece in our Armed Forces.

### **The Seasons of Life**

The common elements in each of the seasons of John's life are devotion and optimism: a season for Duty when he protected our nation, often in desolate and dangerous terrain as an electronics specialist during the Korean War; a season for Faith in which he assisted his congregation as a member of the Heard AME Church; and, a season for Youth as he helped mold countless boys into men as a Scout Master for a troop in his neighborhood. Our nation, our neighbors, and our friends will reap the fruits of what John has sown for years to come.

### **Note from the Editor: Spotlight on TD Club Members**

The TD Club would like to continue this feature in First and Ten in which the work that TD Club members do with the Rutgers community, as well as the larger community, are spotlighted. If you would like to submit something for the next edition of First and Ten, please contact Jim O'Kelly at [newsletter@rutgerstdclub.com](mailto:newsletter@rutgerstdclub.com).

# Club News



## TD Club in Action

The TD Club has been involved with a number of events this season to support our Scarlet Knights on and off the field.

Events for Eric LeGrand: Members of the TD Club have been participating energetically in the many events that have taken place in recent months to help support Eric and his family as he works toward a recovery from his injury. Many TD Club members attended the Laugh to Heal Comedy Fest on February 19, A Walk to Believe on June 4, and the Bowl with NFL Alumni and Sports Celebrities on June 18. The TD Club will keep members up-to-date about upcoming events.

Bus Trips: Support the Scarlet Knights on the road! There will be three bus trips this season, Syracuse (Oct. 1), Army (Nov. 12 at Yankee Stadium), and UCONN (Nov. 26). Please check the TD Club website (<http://www.rutgerstdclub.com/>) for pricing and departure information. You may also contact Lou Nordone at 908-507-4534 or via e-mail at [bustrips@rutgerstdclub.com](mailto:bustrips@rutgerstdclub.com)

Raffles: This year, as in every year, your Touchdown Club will be sponsoring the Game Day raffle. Keep your eyes open for volunteers as they canvas the parking lots and areas adjacent to the stadium selling raffles.

If you are looking for great seats this season consider the 2011 Season Raffle sponsored the Touchdown Club in conjunction with the Rutgers University Foundation.

- 1st Prize: 2 Season Tickets located in the Loge Box of the Rutgers Stadium Club with Season Parking Pass.
- 2nd Prize: 2 Season Tickets in the Loge Box of the Rutgers Stadium Club.
- 3rd Prize: 2 Season Tickets located in Lower Level of Rutgers Stadium near the 50-yard line.

The drawing will be held on August 21, 2011. Raffle tickets cost \$20 each/ 6 raffle tickets for \$100. If you are interested, you may order tickets by sending an e-mail to Raffle Chairmen, Bob Connell at [ltrjc@verizon.net](mailto:ltrjc@verizon.net) Be sure to include the number of tickets that you would like to purchase and your mailing address.

The Rutgers Touchdown Club in conjunction with the Rutgers University Foundation is pleased to announce details for our 2011 Season Long 50-50 Raffle.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: 30% of Total Amount Raised. Up to Maximum of \$60,000  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: 15% of Total Amount Raised. Up to Maximum of \$30,000  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: 5% of Total Amount Raised. Up to Maximum of \$10,000  
Drawing to be held on December 30, 2011

\$100 per Chance

To order tickets send an e-mail request to: [season5050@rutgerstdclub.com](mailto:season5050@rutgerstdclub.com)  
Tickets will also be sold on all Game Day's and at all TD Club Events

## General Membership Meetings

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Draw a big scarlet circle around the 30 on your August calendar. On that date the Touchdown Club will hold its first general membership meeting of the 2011 Scarlet Knights football season. As always the TD Club will provide a light meal and, as is traditional at the first meeting of the football season, there will be a souvenir!!!!

Members who attended the June 2nd meeting munched on pizza and ice cream while experiencing a double scoop of football wisdom. The two main speakers were former Scarlet Knights football great Ray Lucas and Head Coach Greg Schiano. Ray treated the members to delightful anecdotes of his days as a quarterback with the Scarlet Knights. Coach Schiano provided a thoughtful, nuanced overview of the program including recruiting, training, and game day strategy... but you had to be there to know the details!



*Pictures of Ray and Coach Schiano from June's Meeting!!!*

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### Word Scramble

Unscramble the name for each team that our Scarlet Knights will play this season. Use the capitalized letters in each name to form the melodic message. (Answers on Page 7)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Team name</i>
9/1	a s l G e E
9/10	e H s e a l r
9/24	a c b s o b T
10/1	g R a n o e
10/8	n a h p T s r e
10/15	I h n m d E n p i s
10/21	a d a S l c n r i
10/29	o e M t n a r s I e n U
11/5	s L u b L
11/12	c k l b i s a h t g N k
11/19	B t s c a a r e
11/26	S u s e h k i

Melodic Rutgers Message:

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## Overtime:

### History of Rutgers Football: Did You Know That...

- Rockefeller Road is named for Harry Rockefeller who served Rutgers football as a player, head coach, and athletic director during the first half of the 20th century.
- The phrase “Upstream, Red Team” was created by George Foster Sanford, who served as head coach from 1913 – 1923.
- The namesake of the Homer Hazel Award (the MVP award) was a running back who ran with speed and power, kicked field goals and punts, and passed. Hazel was a Walter Camp All-American in 1923 and 1924.
- Ozzie Nelson of The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet was a reserve QB and letterwinner in the 1920s. Mr. Magoo, alas, never stepped on the playing field.
- In 1918 a Rutgers team that included Paul Robeson played the Great Lakes Naval Training Station that included George Halas. (Rutgers lost the game.) In that year Robeson became the first African-American to be named an All-American in successive seasons (1917, 1918).

Source: Rutgers Football: A Gridiron Tradition in Scarlet by Michael J. Pellowski (Rivergate Books, 2008).

### A Look Ahead to the 2011 Football Season

The Scarlet Knights have an outstanding slate of opponents for the 2011 season. The season begins at home on September 1<sup>st</sup> with a visit by the North Carolina Central University Diamond Eagles. The season wraps up with an Away game with UCONN on November 26. The slate includes our traditional Big East rivals along with out-of-conference games with North Carolina Central University, North Carolina, Ohio, Navy, and Army.

Some of the highlights of the schedule include:

- A pre-Labor Day kickoff to the season against North Carolina Central University on September 1. It will be the first meeting of the Scarlet Knights and the Diamond Eagles on the gridiron.
- A visit to Chapel Hill, NC to meet the Tar Heels for the first Away game of the season on September 10.
- Contests with the ever tough Navy squad and the resurgent Black Knights of Army
- Rutgers first visit to the new Yankee Stadium against Army on November 12.
- Five classic Saturday games at Home.
- A regular season finale against UCONN on November 26. (If recent history provides any guidance, it should be a thriller.)
- A third season in a row in which the Scarlet Knights meet the Louisville Cardinals on a Friday.

#### Rutgers 2011 Football Schedule

DATE**	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TV	TIME**
Thursday Sept 1	NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL	High Point Solutions Stadium	ESPN3.com	7:30 PM
Saturday Sept 10	North Carolina	Chapel Hill, N.C.	SNY	12:30PM
Saturday Sept 24	OHIO	High Point Solutions Stadium	ESPN3.com	2:00PM
Saturday Oct 1	Syracuse <b>BIG EAST</b>	Syracuse, N.Y.	SNY	12:00PM
Saturday Oct 8	PITTSBURGH <b>BIG EAST</b>	High Point Solutions Stadium		
Saturday Oct 15	NAVY	High Point Solutions Stadium		
Friday Oct 21	Louisville <b>BIG EAST</b>	Louisville, Ky.	ESPN	8:00 PM
Saturday Oct 29	WEST VIRGINIA <b>BIG EAST</b>	High Point Solutions Stadium		
Saturday Nov 5	USF <b>BIG EAST</b>	High Point Solutions Stadium		
Saturday Nov 12	Army	Yankee Stadium	CBS SN	3:30 PM
Saturday Nov 19	CINCINNATI <b>BIG EAST</b>	High Point Solutions Stadium		
Saturday Nov 26	Connecticut <b>BIG EAST</b>	E. Hartford, Conn.		

Home games in CAPS \*\*Dates and times subject to change

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For updates on Eric's condition or to find out about ways to donate to Eric's recovery, please visit <http://www.scarletknights.com/Believe/> for the latest information and instructions.

Puzzle Answers: eagles, tar heels, bobcats, orange, panthers, midshipmen, cardinals, mountaineers, bulls, black knights, bearcats, huskies  
The Bells Must Ring!!!