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EXTRA POINTS

- Congratulations to Brian Leonard for breaking the Rutgers career reception mark previously held by Tres Moses. Also, congratulations are in order to Brian for breaking the Big East record for consecutive games with a reception
- Congratulations to Jeremy Ito for breaking the RU record for field goals made....especially that last one against Louisville!!
- Congratulations to Ray Rice for tying the Rutgers mark for consecutive 100 yard games and being named a Walter Camp award finalist.
- Congratulations to Coach Schiano who has been named a finalist for the inaugural Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award.



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

How's it feel to be a Rutgers football fan? Do you have friends calling you that you haven't heard from in years? I know, you feel great and people who told you for years to get a life are now begging you for tickets. What a season it has been thus far. As we head into our nationally televised match-up against West Virginia on Saturday nite December 2nd the Scarlet Knights stand at 10 and 1 and are ranked 13th in the most recent BCS polls. Bring it on Mountaineers!!

This fall has been like a magical Disneyworld ride. A dream we do not want to be woken up from. Coach Greg Schiano and our beloved Scarlet Knights have taken us to places some of us never dreamed. Nationally ranked, BCS and national championship are words you can use around our football team. It can happen with this program which has a super solid foundation in place for years to come.

The TD Club E-Board has been busy this season. We have had two meetings thus far this fall and have had another successful annual trip raffle (West Virginia) which was drawn at

halftime of the Louisville game. Congratulations to Carl Weigner of Somerville, the winner!! We have also had 50-50's at all home games thus far which have raised about \$10,000 for football. For the North Carolina, South Florida and Pitt games we hosted tailgate parties at the Olive Branch in New Brunswick for those you could not travel to the games. We are also planning a tailgate party for the WVU game, also to be held at the Olive Branch. (Way to go RU-Lou!) Now we are busy preparing for our annual Football Awards Banquet to be held on December 10th at the East Brunswick Hilton. Busy, busy, but it sure is easier when we are winning.

Our new 2006 Rutgers Nike Merchandise has been moving rapidly. There is still some due in that we will have shortly. Keep an eye out at meetings and for our table above the North End Zone. Wear red and look sharp!!! Get that holiday shopping in early.

Keep driving new members to join us. Get friends to join. We are over 1100 paid members and growing!!! Swell the ranks of the team behind the team!

Go Rutgers!! Keep the magic going in the 2006 season!!!!



NY Yankees recognize RU victory over Louisville




The Empire State Building cast a scarlet glow across Manhattan for the Louisville game

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THE KNIGHTS' NIGHT

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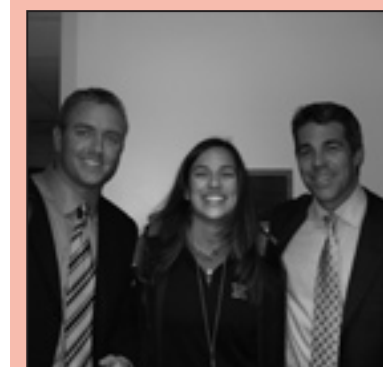




Ramel Meekins stands ready for action at UNC

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

- NAME:** Ramel Meekins
- NICKNAMES:** JR, Spoonie
- NUMBER:** 60
- POSITION:** Defensive Tackle
- CLASS OF :** 2007
- MAJOR:** Sociology, Criminal Justice
- FAMILY:** Father: Eugene, Mother: Debra, Brother: Marvin, Sisters: Tasha, Rashima
- HOMETOWN/ HIGH SCHOOL:** Westwood
- FAVORITE RESTAURANT AT RUTGERS:** Old Man Rafferty's
- FAVORITE CLASS:** Business Principles
- IN FIVE YEARS I WILL HOPEFULLY BE:** Managing a prominent business, Real Estate
- HOBBIES:** Music, hanging out with my girlfriend, playing other sports
- IF COACH SCHIANO GAVE ME A DAY OFF FROM PRACTICE, I WOULD:** lift, rest, or watch film
- THE BEST MOVIE I EVER SAW WAS:** *The Graduate*
- MY FAVORITE FOOD IS:** Baked Ziti
- MY FAVORITE MUSICIAN (BAND) IS:** The Roots
- FAVORITE SONG:** Notorious B.I.G. – "Been Around The World"
- THE TV SHOW I CAN'T MISS:** *The Simpsons*
- FAVORITE HOLIDAY:** Christmas
- EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:** Lifting, listening to music, speaking to younger kids
- MY DREAM VACATION IS:** An island with clear water
- FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM:** Rutgers Scarlet Knights and Cowboys
- GREATEST SPORTS MEMORIES:** Playing football at Rutgers and winning two state championships in high school



Lisa Gonzalez, Director of Athletic Development with the Scarlet R Club and the TD Club liaison greets ESPN Gameday broadcasters, Kirk Herbstreit and Chris Fowler prior to the Louisville game.

"THE GAME" — THE FANS' PERSPECTIVE

In the future Scarlet Knights fans may recall the November 9, 2006 game against Louisville as "The Game" -- The game that vaulted RU into the top 10 of the BCS poll. The Game that made the Scarlet Knights the national Cinderella story. The Game where the under-dog Scarlet Knights overcame the number 3 team in the Country with a thrilling come from behind victory. The Game with a record setting, over-capacity crowd of 44,111 fans. The Game that was capped off with "The Drive" orchestrated by Teel with large portions of Leonard and Rice!

As time passes and memories fade, the attendance number is sure to grow- it will be hard to find a New Jersey resident that was not at Rutgers Stadium to witness the "Pandemonium in Piscataway." In reality, many Scarlet faithful were not able to attend the game -- however, stories abound regarding fans enjoying the game throughout New Jersey, and across the nation. Overflow crowds from Hoboken to Cherry Hill were the norm. An illuminated Empire State Building cast a scarlet glow across Manhattan. Extensive media personnel from New York to Los Angeles reported the feats of Meekins, Foster, Westerman and Devraun from the State of Rutgers all the way across the newly converted Scarlet Nation!

Indeed, as recounted by Karen Schneider, a New Jersey resident, the Game brought Rutgers Football global recognition. "I was honeymooning in Riviera Maya, Mexico. Because it was the NJ teacher's convention and schools were closed there were dozens of people from NJ at our resort. Word quickly spread that one guest, a 1956 Rutgers Alum, had made arrangements for the game to be broadcast in one of the lounges that evening." Of course being from New Jersey and being huge sports

fans "we decided to check out what was going on. My husband, although not an RU alum, donned his red Polo shirt and we headed to the bar. When we got there, there were hundreds of people spilling out of the bar. They had set up three plasma screens and three 20" tv's through out the bar and it was quite a party." Not surprisingly, "the Scarlet Knight was the specialty drink being served (really just some Vodka and cranberry juice)." Despite being across the border, Karen "felt like [she] was in downtown New Brunswick." Indeed, the victory was made even sweeter when the bartenders bought everyone there a round of celebratory cocktails. "The sentiment was much appreciated even though we were staying at an 'all-inclusive' resort!"

Touchdown Club board-member, Wayne Irvine, was also abroad, on a cruise. Wearing his Scarlet garb on the island of Barbados the night before The Game, Wayne heard from many well wishers, including Brian Leonard's High School history teacher! Such an omen could only mean victory! Unable to watch the game, Wayne fell asleep without knowing the game results. At about 3:00 a.m., he heard his wife shouting, "we won, we won!! In a haze, Wayne was thinking that his next decision was to be whether he should choose an annuity or lump-sum payout! The news was far better than a lottery victory -- the Knights had smitten the Cardinals from Louisville! As with many Scarlet Knight fans, Wayne did not sleep that night...all he could think about was "The Game".

In recognition of all the fans that willed the Scarlet Knights to victory, whether in Piscataway or abroad, in lieu of its normal articles, First and Ten has put together a frameworthy souvenir poster which is inserted as

the centerfold to this edition capturing many of the sights from November 9th. The Touchdown Club will be setting up a photo gallery on it web-site as well, www.rutgerstdclub.com. Feel free to e-mail any of our board members photos you would like included in our gallery.

IN MEMORY OF PAST PRESIDENTS/ REFEREES

Recently we lost two loyal RU fans who were each past Referees of the Touchdown Club, Les Nelson and Walter Berger. It is with great sadness that we pass along this news.

Les Nelson, Class of '49, was voted into the Loyal Sons of Rutgers in 2000 and was a staple at Rutgers sporting events with his wife Jo for many, many years. Les seldom missed a football or basketball game until he became ill a few years back.

Walter Berger, Class of '38 was past President of the Rutgers Alumni Association. One of his last acts before falling ill was to attend a Rutgers football practice.

Both the Nelson and Berger families have asked that any donations be made to the Rutgers Scarlet R Club in their memories. The Touchdown Club has made a contribution to the football program in remembrance of each of them.