

College Football

MARYLAND TEAM STATISTICS

CATEGORY	MARYLAND	OPP
Passing Yards-Rushing Yards	637-645	571-624
Passing Completions-Attempts	68-99	55-99
Rushing Attempts-Average	184-3.5	138-4.5
First Downs	76	59
Third-Down Efficiency	24-59 (41%)	19-49 (39%)
Fourth-Down Efficiency	1-3 (33%)	1-5 (20%)
Kickoff Return-Average	16-19.6	19-18.1
Punt Return-Average	9-7.6	12-7.1
Punts-Average	23-39.6	21-36.7
Interceptions-Yards	6-85	6-143
Sacks-Yards	6-33	16-119
Penalties-Yards	19-46.5	17-31.5
Time of Possession	34:16	29:29

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

PASSING	CMP	ATT	YDS	TD	INT
Jordan Steffy	64	92	604	1	4
RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Keon Lattimore	86	409	4.8	7	24
Lance Bell	43	171	4.0	2	15
Darrius Heyward-Bey	3	64	21.3	0	16
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Darrius Heyward-Bey	14	197	14.1	0	33
Keon Lattimore	12	54	4.5	0	14
Danny Oquendo	9	91	10.1	1	22
KICKING	PAT	FG	LG		
Obi Egekeze	12-12	3-4	42		

SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Won vs. Villanova, 31-14	Oct. 20 vs. Virginia, TBA
Won at Florida Int'l, 26-10	Oct. 27 vs. Clemson, TBA
Lost vs. W. Virginia, 31-14	Nov. 3 at N. Carolina, TBA
Lost at Wake Forest, 31-24	Nov. 10 vs. B.C., TBA
Today at Rutgers, 3:30	Nov. 17 at Florida St., TBA
Oct. 6 vs. Ga. Tech, noon	Nov. 24 at N.C. State, TBA

142.8

Average passing yards allowed by Maryland this season, tops in the ACC

MARYLAND AT NO. 10 RUTGERS



WHEN: 3:30 p.m. **WHERE:** Rutgers Stadium, Piscataway, N.J. (42,000). **FORECAST:** Sunny, low 70s.
TV: WJLA (Channel 7), WMAR (Channel 2). **RADIO:** WJGS (105.7 FM), WJFK (106.7 FM), WFMD (930 AM), WJFK (1300 AM), WPTX (1690 AM). **RECORDS:** Terrapins 2-2; Scarlet Knights 3-0.
COACHES: Ralph Friedgen (52-26, seventh year); Greg Schiano (33-39, seventh year).



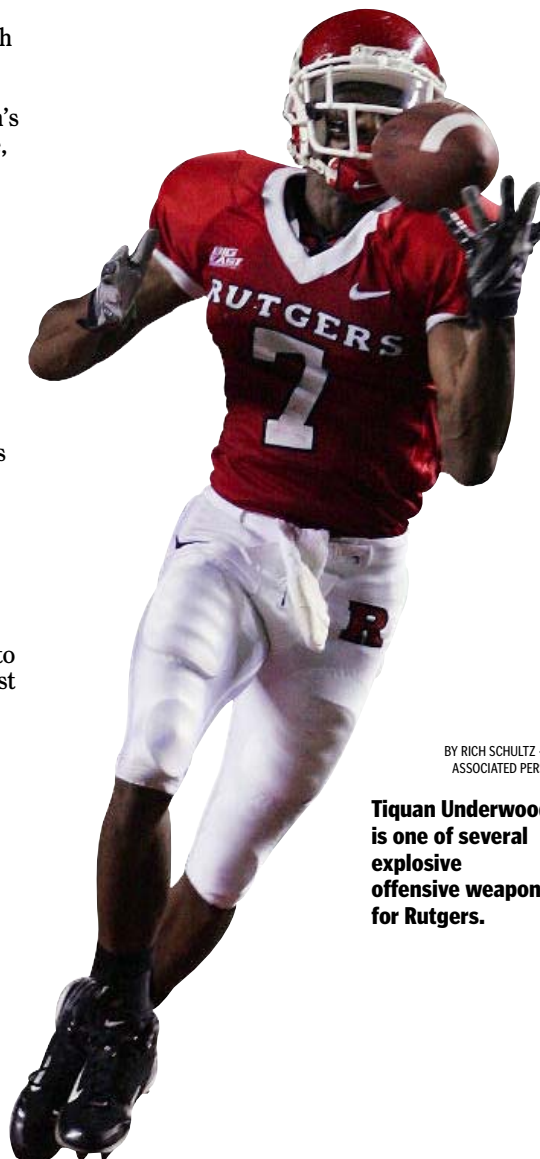
WHEN THE TERRAPINS HAVE THE BALL: Much of the scrutiny surrounding the Terrapins has been trained on the offense, which continues to struggle in several key areas, including pass protection. Running backs Keon Lattimore and Lance Ball, as expected, have been steady. But the chemistry between the team's wide receivers and quarterback Jordan Steffy has yet to improve, partly because Steffy hasn't received adequate protection. The challenge doesn't get easier against Rutgers's physical defense. Eric Foster and Courtney Greene anchor the defensive line and secondary, respectively. "I don't see a lot of weaknesses," Terrapins Coach Ralph Friedgen said. "I think they've got the best defense we've played, easily."

WHEN THE SCARLET KNIGHTS HAVE THE BALL: Running back Ray Rice is the centerpiece of a balanced Rutgers attack. Rice, a powerful runner, is the third Heisman Trophy hopeful the Terrapins have seen this season. But Rutgers has plenty of other dangerous weapons in quarterback Mike Teel and wide receivers Tiquan Underwood and Kenny Britt. Rutgers has scored 138 points in its first three games, a testament to the team's explosiveness and a trait that will give the Terrapins' secondary its stiffest test thus far. Underwood and Teel have hooked up for five plays of 25 yards or longer. But Maryland is the first BCS conference team Rutgers has faced.

COACHES: Since starting in 2001, Greg Schiano has led Rutgers to two bowl games, though success didn't come right away, with just 12 wins in his first four seasons. "To me that was the key, people believing, and believing even when it wasn't happening right away," Schiano said. Friedgen said this week he hopes Steffy shows more aggressiveness in the passing game, though the coach will have to play his part, too. Friedgen admitted he shied away from calling pass plays last week after Steffy's interception against Wake Forest triggered the Demon Deacons' comeback.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Rutgers place kicker-punter Jeremy Ito is a potential all-American. He is 4 of 6 on field goal attempts this season, though both misses came from 40 yards or beyond. Kick returner Kordell Young is averaging 32 yards per return, including a 56-yard run against Buffalo. Terrapins kick returner DaRel Scott was impressive in his debut last week, so much so that he might see time in the backfield.

— Marc Carig



BY RICH SCHULTZ — ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tiquan Underwood is one of several explosive offensive weapons for Rutgers.

RUTGERS TEAM STATISTICS

CATEGORY	RUTGERS	OPP
Passing Yards-Rushing Yards	891-685	312-334
Passing Completions-Attempts	40-62	37-73
Rushing Attempts-Average	122-5.6	125-2.7
First Downs	73	46
Third-Down Efficiency	16-31 (52%)	15-49 (31%)
Fourth-Down Efficiency	2-3 (67%)	2-6 (33%)
Kickoff Return-Average	7-24.4	24-22.2
Punt Return-Average	6-8.5	2-4.0
Punts-Average	6-32.3	20-37.2
Interceptions-Yards	4-0	1-16
Sacks-Yards	7-50	0-0
Penalties-Yards	29-269	2-241
Time of Possession	29:02	30:58

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

PASSING	CMP	ATT	YDS	TD	INT
Mike Teel	38	57	863	8	1
RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Ray Rice	74	431	5.8	8	41
Jabu Lovelace	17	120	7.1	2	16
Kordell Young	18	58	3.2	0	7
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Tiquan Underwood	20	500	25.0	3	66
Kenny Britt	11	279	25.4	3	53
Ray Rice	5	61	21.2	1	22
KICKING	PAT	FG	LG		
Jeremy Ito	18-18	4-6	38		

SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Won vs. Buffalo, 38-3	Oct. 18 vs. S. Florida, 7:30
Won vs. Navy, 41-24	Oct. 27 vs. W. Virginia, TBA
Won vs. Norfolk State, 59-0	Nov. 3 at Connecticut, TBA
Today vs. Maryland, 3:30	Nov. 9 at Army, 8
Oct. 6 vs. Cincinnati, TBA	Nov. 17 vs. Pittsburgh, TBA
Oct. 13 at Syracuse, TBA	Nov. 29 at Louisville, 7:30

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Consecutive weeks the Scarlet Knights have been ranked in the polls, dating from last season. It's the longest stretch in school history.