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PISCATAWAY, N.J. - Following two road games and an open week, Rutgers returns to SHI Stadium to host Wisconsin on Saturday. The game is presented by Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey. The Scarlet Knights most recently earned their fourth win of the season defeating Illinois.

- Military Appreciation Day will involve a pregame flyover, recognition of each branch and more in and around SHI Stadium.
- Rutgers is .500 or better through eight games for the first time since 2014, seeking to have a winning record through nine games for the first time since 2013. The last season with at least five wins was 2014 (8-5).
- Rutgers is 4-0 this season when committing no turnovers and when permitting less than 20 points. The Scarlet Knights last had four games in a season with no turnovers in 2009 (five games).
- Rutgers ranks first nationally in net punt (46.6) and 11th in third down defense (29.2 percent).
- LS Billy Taylor and DL Julius Turner are tied for the program record with offensive assistant Scott Vallone at 53 career games played.
- Head coach Greg Schiano is second in program history with 75 wins leading the Scarlet Knights. Frank Burns holds the record with 78 victories.

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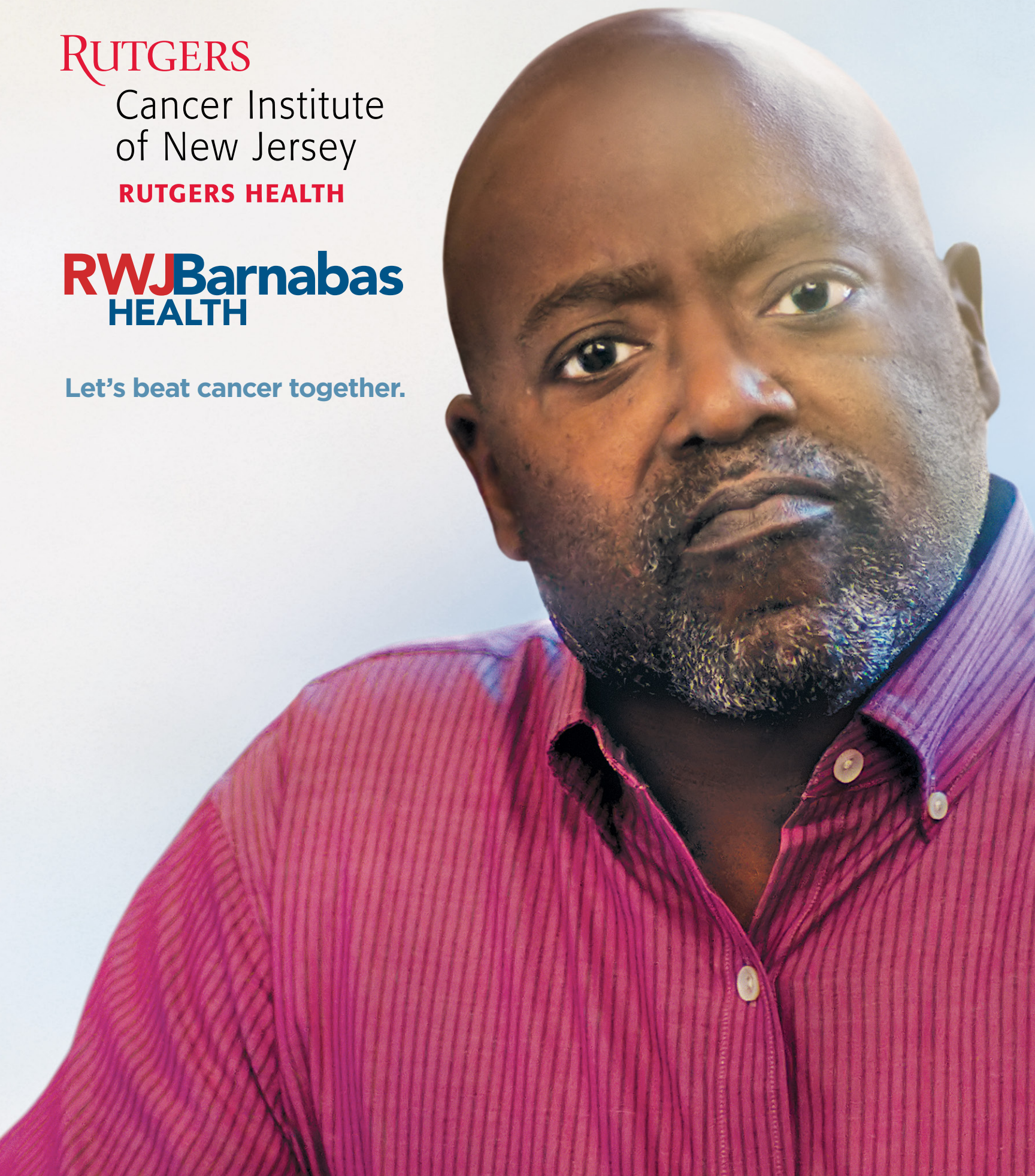
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FOOTBALL MUSCLES ROAD WIN AT ILLINOIS

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. - Rutgers football (4-4, 1-4) earned a come-from-behind 20-14 victory over Illinois (3-6, 2-4) on Saturday afternoon at Memorial Stadium. Down 14-10 at halftime, the Scarlet Knights held the Fighting Illini off the scoreboard in the second half, as a 15-yard touchdown run from quarterback Noah Vedral in the fourth quarter proved to be the difference in RU's first Big Ten victory of the season.

Vedral completed 10 passes for 138 yards to go along with 56 yards on the ground and a touchdown. Running back Kyle Monangai scored on a seven-yard rush in the first quarter, while running back Isaih Pacheco produced 21 carries for a team-high 91 yards on the ground.

After the Illini rushed for 357 yards last week at No. 7 Penn State, RU's defense held Illinois to just 107 rushing yards. Linebacker Olakunle Fatukasi collected a team-high eight stops and 1.5 tackles-for-loss and defensive back Kessawn Abraham added four tackles and a pass breakup.

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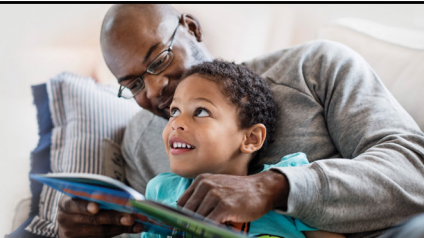
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vs.	 OHIO STATE * OCTOBER 2	52-13	BTN	L
vs.	 MICHIGAN STATE * OCTOBER 9	31-13	BTN	L
at	 NORTHWESTERN * OCTOBER 16	21-7	BTN	L
at	 ILLINOIS * OCTOBER 30	20-14	BTN	W
vs.	 WISCONSIN * NOVEMBER 6	3:30 P.M.	BTN	
at	 INDIANA * NOVEMBER 13	TBA	BTN	
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	NOAH VEDRAL QB	ISAIH PACHECO RB	
PASSING	136-220-3 Comp-Att-INT 1412 Yards 7 Passing Touchdowns 61.8 Completion % 176.5 Yards Per Game 250 Rushing Yards 1 Touchdown	RUSHING	116-420 Attempts-Yards 3.6 Yards Per Carry 52.5 Yards Per Game 3 Rushing Touchdowns
	BO MELTON WR	OLAKUNLE FATUKASI LB	
RECEIVING	37 Receptions 412 Yards 11.1 Yards Per Reception 58.9 Yards Per Game 3 Touchdowns	DEFENSE	11.0 Tackles-For-Loss 3.5 Sacks 79 Tackles KESSAWN ABRAHAM DB 6 Pass Breakups 2 Tackles-For-Loss

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	Comp-Att-INT			Att-Yards	
	1049			4.7	
	Yards			Yards Per Carry	
	3			92.5	
	Passing Touchdowns			Yards Per Game	
	55.2			4	
	Completion %			Touchdowns	
	131.1			7-66	
	Yards Per Game			Receptions-Yards	
DANNY DAVIS III		WR	LEO CHENAL		LB
R E C E I V I N G	23		D E F E N S E	11.5	
	Receptions			Tackles-For-Loss	
	300			5.5	
	Yards			Sacks	
	13.0			NICK HERBIG	LB
	Yards Per Reception				
	37.5			6.0	
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PISCATAWAY, N.J. – Nine Rutgers football players took the field during Week 8 of the 2021 NFL season. Tyler Kroft hauled in the game-winning touchdown for the New York Jets in their 34-31 win over Cincinnati, while Mohamed Sanu produced a season-high 59 receiving yards for San Francisco in its victory at Chicago. On defense, Kemoko Turay brought down Ryan Tannehill for his third sack of the season. Our weekly Knights in the NFL recap is brought to you by IBEW Local Union 456.

KROFT DELIVERS AT THE MEADOWLANDS

Tyler Kroft hauled in a 13-yard touchdown reception from quarterback Mike White to put the New York Jets up for good at the 3:45 mark in the fourth quarter against Cincinnati. The touchdown was Kroft’s first of the season and 13th of his seven-year career.

TURAY GETS TO THE QUARTERBACK

Kemoko Turay added his third sack of the season when he brought down Tennessee quarterback Ryan Tannehill for a nine-yard loss in the fourth quarter. Turay has three sacks in three games this season, which includes a two-sack effort in a 27-17 victory over Miami last month.

Blessuan Austin	Seattle Seahawks	CB
Michael Burton	Kansas City Chiefs	FB
Andrew DePaola	Minnesota Vikings	LS
Michael Dwumfour	Houston Texans	DL
Gus Edwards	Baltimore Ravens	RB
Saquan Hampton	New York Jets	DB
Duron Harmon	Atlanta Falcons	S
Clark Harris	Cincinnati Bengals	LS
Sebastian Joseph-Day	Los Angeles Rams	DT
Tyler Kroft	New York Jets	TE
Devin McCourty	New England Patriots	S
Jason McCourty	Miami Dolphins	CB
Willington Previlon	Green Bay Packers	DT
Logan Ryan	New York Giants	DB
Mohamed Sanu	San Francisco 49ers	WR
Kamaal Seymour	Las Vegas Raiders	OL
Kemoko Turay	Indianapolis Colts	DE/LB

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THIS WEEK'S GAMES



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Wisconsin 27, Iowa 7
Rutgers 20, Illinois 14
Maryland 38, Indiana 35
Minnesota 41, Northwestern 14
Purdue 28, Nebraska 23



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