



RUTGERS TENNIS

So far this semester, Rutgers Athletics has demonstrated a lot of girl power! Women's Soccer and Field Hockey qualified for their NCAA tournaments; Coach Vivian Stringer captured her 1000th win in basketball; and Rutgers Tennis finished one of the strongest fall seasons that I can remember. Throughout the season we captured 4 of 5 hidden dual victories, earned singles titles in the A and B flights at the Navy Invite, and had a doubles team make it to the semi-finals of the ITA Northeast Regional tournament...impressive!

It is not by chance that these student-athletes are having success on the tennis court. They show up to every practice and conditioning session ready to work hard. There has been a meaningful improvement in the way they continuously push one another to get better. They are seeing the results, and they are eager to continue building! To get a peek into their mindset, I want to share a mantra they created to end their training sessions: "Who's stronger than us: NO ONE, Who's faster than us: NO ONE, Who are we? KNIGHTS." With their positivity, talent and effort, excited to see what they can do.

Currently the team is in "off-season" training. This allows them to focus on finishing strong in the classroom. It also allows for more community involvement. This semester our team has participated in helping with a 5k fundraiser, 10 and under tennis festival, reading to elementary students, and has adopted a needy family for Christmas. Our student-athletes truly love the Rutgers community and enjoy giving back as much as they can.

We would like to wish all our family, fans, and alumnae a Happy Holiday season! Be on the lookout for an invitation to our Annual Rutgers Tennis Party held on January 19, 2019 at East Brunswick.

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- * RU Tennis earned team hidden-dual victories over Stony Brook, Brown, UConn and Buffalo.
- * Two players captured singels titles at the Navy Invite as Sydney Kaplan earned first place in the A Draw and Kat Muzik won the A Draw.
- * At the ITA Regional Tournament, 5 singles players earned their way into main draw singles.
- * Maya Jacobs won 5 singles matches at the ITAs to make it to the round of 16 before losing in three sets.
- * As a doubles team, Tess Fisher and Muzik advanced to semifinals of the ITA draw before losing to a Syracuse duo that won the tournament. Duo Jaci Cochrane/Kristiana Zahare earned two doubles wins to compete in the round of 16 before dropping the match to Boston Univ. Buffalo Tournament.
- * As a team, we produced a 48-29 singles record and a 21-14 doubles record

2018 FALL RECAP



Tess Fisher
Vineland, NJ
Major: Sport Psychology
What I love most about Rutgers:
There is always something to do on campus.



Sydney Kaplan
Suffern, NY
Major: Exercise Science
What I love most about Rutgers: The friends I have made are amazing. It feels like home!



Kristiana Zahare
Major: Exercise Science
What I love most about Rutgers:
The people here are supportive and kind. The system at Rutgers is really built for success in both athletics and academics. Rutgers feel like a place where I can grow, like home.