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### 2020 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

#### February (4-5)

Fri. 14..... at No. 3 Miami..... L, 2-1  
 Sat. 15..... at No. 3 Miami..... L, 8-2  
 Sun. 16..... at No. 3 Miami..... L, 13-6  
 Fri. 21..... at North Florida..... W, 14-3  
 Sat. 22..... at North Florida..... W, 16-4  
 Sun. 23..... at North Florida..... W, 7-6  
 Tue. 25..... Wagner..... W, 15-3  
 Fri. 28..... vs. Washington State^..... L, 9-2  
 Sat. 29..... vs. Washington State^..... L, 10-2

#### March (1-1)

Sun. 1..... vs. Washington State^..... W, 6-1  
 Tue. 3..... at Saint Joseph's..... PPD to 4/22  
 Wed. 4..... Saint Peter's..... L, 6-3  
 Fri. 6..... at Old Dominion..... 3 p.m.  
 Sat. 7..... at Old Dominion..... 2 p.m.  
 Sun. 8..... at Old Dominion..... 1 p.m.  
 Tue. 10..... Monmouth..... 3 p.m.  
 Fri. 13..... vs. Army&..... Noon  
 Sat. 14..... vs. Army&..... 2 p.m.  
 Sat. 15..... vs. Army&..... Noon  
 Tue. 17..... at Florida Gulf Coast..... 6:30 p.m.  
 Fri. 20..... at Ohio State\*..... 5 p.m.  
 Sat. 21..... at Ohio State\*..... 3 p.m.  
 Sun. 22..... at Ohio State\*..... 1 p.m.  
 Wed. 25..... at Rider..... 3:30 p.m.  
 Fri. 27..... Maryland\*..... 2 p.m.  
 Sat. 28..... Maryland\*..... 1 p.m.  
 Sun. 29..... Maryland\*..... Noon  
 Tue. 31..... at Wagner..... 3 p.m.

#### April (18)

Fri. 3..... at Minnesota\*..... 5 p.m.  
 Sat. 4..... at Minnesota\*..... 3 p.m.  
 Sun. 5..... at Minnesota\*..... 3 p.m. (BTN)  
 Tue. 7..... at Fairleigh Dickinson..... 3 p.m.  
 Wed. 8..... Lafayette..... 3 p.m.  
 Fri. 10..... Iowa\*..... 2 p.m.  
 Sat. 11..... Iowa\*..... 1 p.m.  
 Sun. 12..... Iowa\*..... Noon  
 Tue. 14..... at Hofstra..... 3 p.m.  
 Fri. 17..... at Nebraska\*..... 7:30 p.m.  
 Sat. 18..... at Nebraska\*..... TBA  
 Sun. 19..... at Nebraska\*..... 1 p.m.  
 Tue. 21..... Iona..... 3 p.m.  
 Wed. 22..... at Saint Joseph's..... 3 p.m.  
 Fri. 24..... Indiana\*..... 2 p.m.  
 Sat. 25..... Indiana\*..... 1 p.m.  
 Sun. 26..... Indiana\*..... Noon  
 Tue. 28..... Columbia..... 3:30 p.m.

#### May (10)

Fri. 1..... at Northwestern\*..... 4:30 p.m.  
 Sat. 2..... at Northwestern\*..... 3 p.m.  
 Sun. 3..... at Northwestern\*..... 1 p.m.  
 Tue. 5..... at Stony Brook..... 3:30 p.m.  
 Fri. 8..... Villanova..... 2 p.m.  
 Sat. 9..... Villanova..... 1 p.m.  
 Sun. 10..... at Villanova..... 11 a.m.  
 Thu. 14..... Illinois\*..... 2 p.m.  
 Fri. 15..... Illinois\*..... 1 p.m.  
 Sat. 16..... Illinois\*..... Noon  
 20-24..... Big Ten Championships!..... TBA

\* - Big Ten ^ - Peoria, Ariz. & - Fort Myers, Fla. ! - Omaha, Neb.

### GAMES 12-14 • RUTGERS AT OLD DOMINION

SCARLET KNIGHTS ..... MONARCHS

5-6 ..... 2020 Record ..... 9-2

20-31, 9-14 Big Ten ..... 2019 Record ..... 35-21, 16-14 CUSA



#### Friday

LHP Harry Rutkowski  
1-2, 3.18 ERA



#### Saturday

RHP Tommy Genuario  
1-2, 6.91 ERA



#### Sunday

LHP Tevin Murray  
2-1, 5.25 ERA

**PISCATAWAY, N.J. (March 5, 2020)** – Rutgers baseball returns to the road to meet Old Dominion in a three-game series starting Friday in Norfolk, Virginia. It will be the fourth-straight weekend traveling for the Scarlet Knights and 24th consecutive season playing the Monarchs on the diamond.

#### COVERAGE

**Listen:** ScarletKnights.com & Scarlet Knights App (pending new equipment connectivity)

**Live Stats:** Sidearm Sports

#### SCOUTING RUTGERS

**Most Recently:** The Scarlet Knights suffered a 6-3 loss to Saint Peter's Wednesday at Bainton Field. RU scored three runs in the second inning, but the Peacocks posted six unanswered runs and did not allow another score. Redshirt sophomore Richie Schiekofer had his second three-hit game this season, adding a homer to the opposite field. Before that, Rutgers went 1-2 in a series versus Washington State in Peoria, Arizona, at the spring training home of the San Diego Padres and Seattle Mariners. The 6-1 Sunday win against WSU signaled RU's first over a PAC-12 opponent in nine tries. In addition, the trip to Arizona marked the furthest west Rutgers baseball has ever traveled.

Tuesday's game schedule at Saint Joseph's had to be postponed to April 22 following an equipment issue sustained during a flight connection in Salt Lake City. Rutgers and Delta continue to stay in contact to remedy the situation.

**Hitting:** Rutgers is averaging 6.7 runs through 11 games, reaching double digits three times. Sophomore Chris Brito leads the offense with a 1.017 OPS (.449 OBP, .568 slugging) and three homers. He also has a team-high 10 walks drawn. Schiekofer and sophomore Peter Serruto join Brito with multiple long balls. Junior Mike Nyisztor ranks second on the roster with a .400 on-base percentage, having reached safely in all 11 games with a 10-game hitting streak. In addition, redshirt sophomore Tim Dezzi has an active six-game hitting streak, recording two hits in each game versus Washington State.

**Pitching:** The Scarlet Knights will stay with the same weekend rotation for the fourth-straight series: junior Harry Rutkowski, fifth-year senior Tommy Genuario and senior Tevin Murray. Rutkowski went a season-high seven innings to beat North Florida, working to a 3.18 ERA over 17 innings this season. Genuario has struck out 11 in 14.1 innings. Murray beat Washington State last Sunday by permitting only one unearned run and two hits in a 5.2-inning start. The left-hander retired 12 batters in a row during one stretch, striking out five overall.

In relief, sophomore Parker Scott is first on the staff with a 2.31 ERA and .205 average against in 11.2 innings. He earned a save against the Cougars by pitching 3.1 scoreless. Senior Eric Reardon threw two shutout frames Wednesday, including one striking out the side.

#### SERIES HISTORY

**All-Time:** Rutgers leads, 37-29

**Last Game:** Old Dominion 12, Rutgers 2 (March 3, 2019 in Norfolk, Va.)

The Scarlet Knights and Monarchs have met on the diamond every season since 1997, with each series taking place at the Bud Metheny Complex, except for the 2015 set that was moved to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, due to inclement weather. Old Dominion swept last season's series by scores of 3-2, 12-5 and 12-2.

#### UP NEXT

Rutgers hosts Monmouth Tuesday at 3 p.m. before returning to Florida to face Army West Point in a three-game series set to start Friday at City of Palms Park in Fort Myers.

# 2020 RUTGERS BASEBALL

## UNIVERSITY

Location.....New Brunswick, N.J.  
 Founded ..... 1766  
 Enrollment ..... 69,000  
 President..... Robert Barchi  
 Director of Athletics..... Patrick Hobbs  
 Nickname ..... Scarlet Knights  
 Color ..... Scarlet  
 Conference..... Big Ten  
 Mascot ..... Scarlet Knight  
 Website ..... ScarletKnights.com

## STAFF

Head Coach ..... #30 Steve Owens  
 ..... (First season)  
 Alma Mater ..... St. Lawrence, 1987  
 Record at Rutgers..... 5-6  
 Career Record ..... 919-489-3 (29th season)  
 Pitching Coach/Recruiting Coordinator.....  
 ..... #15 Brendan Monaghan  
 ..... First season  
 Alma Mater ..... St. John's, 2007  
 Assistant Coach..... #36 Kyle Pettoruto  
 ..... (First season)  
 Alma Mater ..... New Haven, 2012  
 Assistant Coach..... #37 Branden Cogswell  
 ..... (First season)  
 Alma Mater ..... Virginia, 2018  
 Director of Baseball Operations Peter Barron  
 ..... (Third season)  
 Alma Mater ..... St. John's '15

## TEAM

2019 Record ..... 20-31  
 2019 Big Ten Record..... 9-14 (10th place)  
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost ..... 21/10  
 Starters Returning (Position/Pitchers) ..... 6/4  
 Starters Lost (Position/Pitchers)..... 2/0  
 Newcomers ..... 7

## PROGRAM HISTORY

First Year of Baseball..... 1870 (147th Season)  
 All-Time Record..... 1,880-1,653-26  
 College World Series..... 1950  
 NCAA Tournaments (Last)..... 15 (2007)  
 Conf. Regular Season Titles (Last)... 14 (2007)  
 Conference Championships (Last).... 9 (2007)

## VENUE

Facility ..... Bainton Field  
 at Class of 1953 Gruninger Baseball Complex  
 Location..... Piscataway, N.J.  
 Opened ..... 2007  
 Capacity..... 1,500  
 Playing Surface..... FieldTurf  
 Dimensions ..... LF-329, LC-370, CF-392,  
 ..... RC-370, RF-324  
 Indoor Facility ..... Fred Hill Training Complex

## ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

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## 2020 ROSTER

#	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	B/T	Hometown/High School (College)
1	Andy Axelson	C	So.	6-0	190	R/R	Roxbury, N.J./Roxbury
2	Kevin Welsh	INF	Sr.	5-9	175	S/R	Columbus, N.J./Northern Burlington Regional
3	Anthony Greco	INF	Sr.	5-8	160	R/R	Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y./Chaminade
4	Tim Dezzi	INF	R-So.	5-11	190	R/R	Mullica Hill, N.J./Clearview Regional (St. John's)
5	Danny DiGeorgio	INF	R-Jr.	6-5	210	R/R	Staten Island, N.Y./Tottenville
7	Peter Serruto	C	So.	6-2	195	R/R	Short Hills, N.J./Millburn
8	Mike Nyisztor	INF/OF	Jr.	6-3	190	R/R	Toms River, N.J./Toms River North
11	Parker Scott	RHP	So.	6-2	210	R/R	Ridgewood, N.J./Ridgewood
12	Garrett French	RHP	So.	6-2	200	R/R	Red Bank, N.J./Middletown North
13	Kyle Muller	RHP	R-Jr.	6-3	205	R/R	Hamilton, N.J./Steinert
14	Eric Reardon	LHP	Sr.	6-5	215	L/L	North Brunswick, N.J./North Brunswick Township
16	Tevin Murray	LHP	Sr.	6-6	215	L/L	Ringtown, Pa./North Schuylkill
17	Victor Valderrama	OF	So.	5-10	170	R/R	Miami, Fla./Palmetto
18	Jacob Newman	RHP	R-Fr.	6-2	195	R/R	Glenview, Ill./Glenbrook South
19	Matt Ciccone	RHP	Fr.	6-0	193	L/R	East Hanover, N.J./Newark Academy
20	Jared Bellissimo	LHP	So.	6-1	200	R/L	Toms River, N.J./Toms River North
21	Gus Sosa	C/INF	Fr.	6-2	180	R/R	Staten Island, N.Y./Tottenville
22	Richie Schiekofer	OF	R-So.	6-0	175	L/R	Millburn, N.J./Millburn (Maryland)
23	Josh Rodriguez	OF	Fr.	6-2	196	R/R	Belleville, N.J./St. Joseph's Regional [Montvale]
25	Grant Shulman	INF	Fr.	6-1	200	L/R	Wall, N.J./Wall
27	Tommy Genuario	RHP	5th-Sr.	6-2	210	R/R	Saddle Brook, N.J./St. Mary
28	Chris Brito	INF	So.	6-2	215	R/R	Perth Amboy, N.J./Perth Amboy
31	Reece Horneck	OF	Fr.	6-2	195	L/L	Colts Neck, N.J./Colts Neck
32	Jordan Sweeney	1B	Fr.	6-5	215	R/R	Egg Harbor Twp., N.J./Egg Harbor Twp.
35	Jack Parkinson	RHP	Sr.	6-1	205	R/R	Haddonfield, N.J./St. Augustine Prep (Rowan College at Gloucester County)
39	Kevin Blum	OF	5th-Sr.	6-1	190	R/R	Toms River, N.J./Toms River North
40	Sam Owens	C/INF	Jr.	5-11	188	R/R	Scituate, R.I./Scituate (Bryant)
41	Harry Rutkowski	LHP	Jr.	6-2	230	R/L	Fords, N.J./Woodbridge
44	Steven Acosta	RHP	5th-Sr.	6-0	185	R/R	West New York, N.J./Memorial (Stony Brook)
45	Brian Fitzpatrick	LHP	R-Fr.	6-7	230	S/L	Port Jefferson, N.Y./St. Anthony's

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

#5: Di-george-ee-oh  
 #8: Nice-ter  
 #13: Mull-er  
 #17: Val-der-ah-ma  
 #19: Cic-cone  
 #22: Sheik-ofer  
 #27: Jen-u-are-ee-oo  
 #28: Bri-toe



**#1 ANDY AXELSON****SO • C****Roxbury, N.J.**

- 2020: Had an RBI single at North Florida (2/23) ... made season debut with a start behind the plate at No. 3 Miami (2/15).
- 2019: Played in nine games with one start at catcher versus Wagner ... picked up two hits, two walks and two runs scored.
- Played four seasons of varsity baseball at Roxbury High School.
- Previously earned Morris County Rookie of the Year.

**Career Highs**

H	1	three times
HR	-	
RBI	1	Two times
R	1	Two times
BB	1	Two times
SB	-	

**#2 KEVIN WELSH****SR • INF****Columbus, N.J.**

- Team captain
- Career: Started all 165 games in college ... leads the active roster with 139 career hits, 80 runs, eight triples, 87 walks and 74 RBIs.
- 2020: Collected four hits and three RBIs in the series versus Washington State (2/28-3/1) ... hit a two-out, three-run triple, walked and singled in the home opener against Wagner (2/25) ... recorded a sacrifice bunt and a sacrifice fly at North Florida (2/23) ... started all three games at No. 3 Miami at second base with two walks and a run scored in the series finale (2/16) ... selected as a team captain.
- Named a New England Collegiate Baseball League All-Star last summer.
- 2019: Put together a team-best 24-game on-base streak ... second on the offense with a .368 on-base percentage, three homers and a .360 slugging percentage ... paced the lineup with 33 walks drawn, ranked tied for eighth in the Big Ten following the regular season ... also first in the lineup with 14 two-out RBIs and a .327 batting average (16-for-49) with runners in scoring position ... picked up 47 hits, 25 runs, 26 RBIs and seven stolen bases overall ... ripped seven doubles and two triples ... compiled 11 multiple-hit games ... tied for first on the roster with seven games with two or more driven in ... part of 31 double plays and collected 136 assists defensively ... became first Scarlet Knight since 2010 to homer in all three games in a weekend series with three long balls at No. 21 Indiana (5/16-18), including first career shot in the opener.
- Uncle Bob Welsh drafted by the Cincinnati Reds and uncle Bill Welsh picked by the Montreal Expos.

**Career Highs**

H	3	Seven times
HR	1	Three times
RBI	3	Six times
R	4	at Lafayette (4/11/17)
BB	3	Three times
SB	2	Illinois (5/12/17)

**#3 ANTHONY GRECO****SR • INF****Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y.**

- Career: Has appeared in 26 games.
- 2020: Scored as a pinch runner in season debut at No. 3 Miami (2/16).
- 2019: Played in nine games ... went 3-for-5 at the plate with three walks for a .750 on-base percentage ... scored a pair of runs ... reached base safely in last six games played.

**Career Highs**

H	1	Five times
HR	-	
RBI	1	at Lafayette (4/11/17)
R	1	Five times
BB	1	Five times
SB	-	

**#4 TIM DEZZI****R-SO • INF****Mullica Hill, N.J.**

- 2020: Walked twice and singled against Saint Peter's (3/4) ... went 6-for-11 with three multiple-hit games in the series versus Washington State (2/28-3/1) ... walked with the bases loaded, scored a run and singled in the home opener against Wagner (2/25) ... doubled, walked and connected for an RBI single at North Florida (2/23) ... singled in second game at No. 3 Miami (2/15).
- 2019: Started all 48 games played (23 at second base, 15 at designated hitter, six at first base, four at third base) ... slashed .275/.363/.309 ... collected 49 hits, 25 walks, 24 runs scored and 19 RBIs ... added six doubles ... hit 18-for-58 (.310) with runners in scoring position ... scored a runner from third base with less than two outs 5-of-8 opportunities ... hit .333 on balls in play ... totaled 13 multiple-hit games ... had a 15-game on-base streak during the season.
- Transfer from St. John's ... sat out 2018 season and redshirted due to NCAA regulations.

**Career Highs**

H	3	Three times
HR	-	
RBI	2	Four times
R	3	at Iowa (4/6/19)
BB	2	Six times
SB	1	Four times

**#5 DANNY DIGEORGIO****R-JR • INF****Staten Island, N.Y.**

- Team captain
- Named to Big Ten Preseason Honors List.
- 2020: Walked, hit by a pitch and recorded an RBI double versus Saint Peter's (3/4) ... hit a two-run double in the home opener against Wagner (2/25) ... went 8-for-14 with six runs scored and four RBIs in sweep at North Florida (2/21-23) ... had four hits in the series opener versus the Ospreys (2/21) ... picked up first hit of the season in the second game at No. 3 Miami (2/15) ... named to the 2020 Big Ten Baseball Preseason Honors List (2/12) ... selected as a team captain.
- 2019: Missed the season due to an injury sustained during fall practice.
- 2018: Started all 50 games (29 at shortstop, 21 at second base) ... named to the All-Big Ten Freshman Team ... led all freshmen in the Big Ten with 17 stolen bases, a mark that was 10th among freshmen nationally and in the league overall following the regular season ... paced the Scarlet Knights by scoring 39 runs ... also first on the team and tied for second in the Big Ten with 11 sacrifice bunts ... hit first or second in the lineup 35 times ... had 12 multiple-hit games ... recorded a 14-game hitting streak that was the longest by a rookie in the program since 2010 ... knocked in 12 runs with two outs and 25 overall.

**Career Highs**

H	4	at North Florida (2/21/20)
HR	1	Nebraska (4/20/18)
RBI	4	vs. Army (5/11/18)
R	3	Two times
BB	2	Three times
SB	2	Two times



## #7 PETER SERRUTO

SO • C

Short Hills, N.J.

- 2020: Hit an RBI double and scored versus Saint Peter's (3/4) ... went 5-for-8 with four runs scored, two walks and a homer in two games played at North Florida (2/21-22) ... hit first career homer in 3-for-4 performance at No. 3 Miami (2/16) ... started on Opening Day (2/14) behind the plate.
- 2019: Played in 37 games with 28 starts (16 at catcher, 12 as designated hitter) ... totaled 24 hits and 13 RBIs on the season ... compiled a 10-game on-base streak ... caught 6-of-15 (40 percent) of runners attempting to steal.
- Drafted in the 22nd round (pick 649) of the 2018 MLB Draft by the Cincinnati Reds.
- Named first team all-state, Essex County Player of the Year and Millburn High School Athlete of the Year in as a senior after hitting .366 (32-for-85) as the catcher in 2018 with four home runs and 26 RBIs.
- Also a three-year starter at quarterback for Millburn and left as the school's all-time passing yards leader.
- Father, Mark, was the captain of the wrestling team and played baseball at Virginia.

## Career Highs

H	3	Two times
HR	1	Two times
RBI	2	Five times
R	3	at North Florida (2/22/20)
BB	1	Eight times
SB	-	

## #8 MIKE NYISZTOR

JR • INF/OF

Toms River, N.J.

- Career: Leads the active roster with 18 career doubles, 18 times being hit by pitch and 28 steals.
- 2020: Enters series at Old Dominion having been on base all 11 games this season and on a 10-game hitting streak ... singled, walked twice and scored a run in the win over Washington State (3/1) ... reached base four times on two hit by pitches, a walk and an RBI double, scoring three times, in the home opener against Wagner (2/25) ... drove in three runs in the second game at North Florida (2/22) after walking three times in the series opener (2/21) ... knocked in three runs in the series finale at No. 3 Miami (2/16) ... connected for a two-out RBI double and scored in the second game against No. 3 Miami (2/15).
- 2019: Started all 51 games (27 in center field, 20 in left field, four at first base) ... served as the leadoff hitter 45 times ... led the team with 59 hits, 18 multiple-hit games, 28 runs scored, 10 doubles, 15 stolen bases and three bunt singles ... the 15 steals ranked fifth in the league following the regular season ... had five games with three hits ... placed tied for second among conference

players with seven stolen bases and tied for 11th with 28 hits in Big Ten action ... recorded a .368 on-base percentage in league play to pace the lineup ... had streak of 20 consecutive games reaching base safely and a team-best 10-game hitting streak.

- A four-year letterwinner in high school basketball.
- Older brother, Steve, played for Rutgers in 2010 and hit .410.

## Career Highs

H	4	vs. Army (3/10/18)
HR	1	at Iowa (4/6/19)
RBI	4	Two times
R	3	Three times
BB	3	at North Florida (2/21/20)
SB	2	Three times

## #11 PARKER SCOTT

SO • RHP

Ridgewood, N.J.

- 2020: Stranded the bases loaded to hold a two-run lead and pitched the final 3.1 innings scoreless to pick up the save versus Washington State (3/1) ... retired all five batters faced in the home opener against Wagner (2/25) ... earned first career save with one run allowed over three innings to close out the second win at North Florida (2/22) ... worked 3.2 innings with two runs allowed in season debut at No. 3 Miami (2/16).
- 2019: Pitched in 14 games out of the bullpen ... worked 14.1 innings with 10 strikeouts on the season ... had a streak of five consecutive scoreless outings from March 26 to April 13.
- Played four seasons at Ridgewood High School ... earned a 7-1 record with a 1.31 ERA and 60 strikeouts over 48 innings pitched as a junior.

## Career Highs

IP	3.2	at Miami (2/16/20)
SO	3	Two times

## #12 GARRETT FRENCH

SO • RHP

Red Bank, N.J.

- 2019: Saw action as both a hitter and a pitcher ... pitched in 22 games with one start on the mound ... logged 23.1 innings with 18 strikeouts ... allowed only three hits and three runs in 10 Big Ten outings ... held conference hitters to a .103 average against ... made three starts as designated hitter with 18 at bats overall.
- Played four seasons of varsity baseball at Middletown North High School ... went 7-2 with a 1.10 ERA as a junior to earn Second Team All-Shore and All-Monmouth County.

## Career Highs

IP	2.1	Two times
SO	2	Five times

## #13 KYLE MULLER

R-SO • RHP

Hamilton, N.J.

- 2020: Recorded seven outs in relief versus Washington State (2/29) ... did not allow a run in an inning of work in the home opener against Wagner (2/25) ... pitched two scoreless innings to hold the lead at North Florida (2/23) ... worked 2.1 scoreless innings on Opening Day at No. 3 Miami (2/14).
- 2019: Appeared in 17 games out of the bullpen ... logged 20 innings with one save (against Rider by stranding the tying run at third) ... stranded 7-of-9 inherited runners ... held Big Ten hitters to a .167 average against with a 2.45 ERA in 7.1 conference innings.
- Finished fourth in Steinert High School history with 23 wins, recording a 1.77 career ERA and 186 strikeouts.

## Career Highs

IP	3.0	at Miami (2/15/19)
SO	3	at Northwestern (5/18/17)

## #14 ERIC REARDON

SR • LHP

North Brunswick, N.J.

- Team captain
- Career: Has appeared in 64 career games to lead the active roster.
- 2020: Struck out the side and added a second scoreless frame versus Saint Peter's (3/4) ... stranded the bases loaded with two strikeouts in an inning at North Florida (2/23) ... collected four strikeouts in two appearances at No. 3 Miami (2/14, 16).
- Named an Alaska Baseball League All-Star last summer.
- 2019: Appeared in 22 games out of the bullpen ... worked 19.1 innings ... struck out 14 ... worked out of a bases-loaded, no-out jam without permitting a run to hold a two-run lead in the eighth inning in the win over Northwestern ... pitched 4.2 scoreless innings in the 15-inning win over Ohio State.
- 2017: Credited the win in collegiate debut at No. 17 Miami by stranding two inherited runners on base in relief.

## Career Highs

IP	6.0	Saint Peter's (4/25/18)
SO	5	LaSalle (4/8/18)

## #16 TEVIN MURRAY

JR • LHP

Ringtown, Pa.

- Named to Big Ten Preseason Honors List.
- Selected to *Perfect Game* Preseason All-Big Ten Team.
- 2020: Beat Washington State (3/1) with two hits and one unearned allowed over 5.2 innings ... earned the win at North Florida (2/23) with six strikeouts over five innings ... made season debut in game-three start at No. 3 Miami (2/16) ... named to the 2020 Big Ten Baseball Preseason Honors List (2/12) ... selected to *Perfect Game* Preseason All-Big Ten Team.
- 2019: Pitched in 17 games with 12 starts ... named to the All-Big Ten Second Team, the highest postseason honor for a Scarlet Knight pitcher since 2007 ... led the staff with a 3.01 ERA, a 1.26 WHIP and a .200 batting average against ... worked 68.2 innings with only 50 hits permitted ... had six starts with three or less hits allowed ... finished third in the Big Ten with a 1.75 ERA in conference play over eight starts and 46.1 innings ... five of the conference outings went without permitting an earned run and 7-of-8 saw two earned runs or less cross ... the best ERA inside the league for a qualifying Rutgers starter this century and second only behind Rob Corsi's 1.27 mark in 12 relief stints in 2011 in the Big East ... held Big Ten batters to a .178 average against, ranked second, and struck out 49 ... fanned 81 overall, which ranks sixth in a single season in program history ... totaled eight appearances with six or more punchouts to sit fifth in the conference at 10.62 strikeouts per nine innings after the regular season ... had 24 called strikeouts, most on the team ... named Big Ten Pitcher of the Week on April 15 after working six scoreless innings with one hit allowed to beat Michigan State.
- 2018: Appeared in 18 games out of the bullpen ... held opponents to a .206 average against ... struck out 21 in 17.2 innings ... stranded 14-of-18 inherited runners ... had a 1.59 ERA with a .135 average against in nine Big Ten games ... did not allow a run in five of last six appearances to end the season.
- Broke touchdown record for career and single season at North Schuylkill High School.

## Career Highs

IP	8.0	at Penn State (5/4/19)
SO	9	Two times

## #17 VICTOR VALDERRAMA

SO • OF

Miami, Fla.

- 2020: Singled and stole a base versus Washington State (2/28) ... went 1-for-2 with a walk and a run scored in the home opener against Wagner (2/25) ... recorded a two-out RBI double at North Florida (2/23) ... walked and singled in the second game against the

Ospreys (2/22) ... started Opening Day in centerfield and reached twice on a single and a walk at No. 3 Miami (2/14).

- 2019: Played in 46 games with 42 starts (23 in center field, 17 in right field, two in left field) ... totaled 33 hits, 20 runs scored, 12 walks, 12 RBIs and four stolen bases ... popped two homers ... ranked tied for eighth in the league with seven doubles during Big Ten play ... put together a 23-game on-base streak ... scored a runner from third base with less than two outs 5-of-8 opportunities ... appeared on *SportsCenter* "Top Plays" by robbing a homer versus Villanova.
- A four-year letterwinner at Palmetto ... named to 2018 Senior All-Star Team and honorable mention All-Florida Region by *Perfect Game*.

## Career Highs

H	2	Five times
HR	1	Two times
RBI	3	Stony Brook (3/26/19)
R	2	Three times
BB	2	at Florida Gulf Coast (3/15/19)
SB	1	Five times

## #18 JACOB NEWMAN

R-FR • RHP

Glenview, Ill.

- 2020: Went an inning versus Washington State (2/28) ... did not allow an earned run in an inning of work in collegiate debut at No. 3 Miami (2/16).
- 2019: Did not see game action ... redshirted.
- Played three seasons as a starter at the varsity level for Glenbrook South High School ... ranked the 53rd-best high school player and 18th-best right-handed pitcher in Illinois by *PBR*.

## Career Highs

IP	1.0	Two times
SO	1	at Miami (2/16/20)

## #19 MATT CICCONE

FR • RHP

East Hanover, N.J.

- 2020: Struck out two in two frames against Saint Peter's (3/4) ... pitched two innings versus Washington State (2/28) ... struck out a pair in 1.1 innings versus Wagner (2/25) ... closed out the first win at North Florida (2/21) with two innings of relief ... worked 1.2 innings with one run allowed in collegiate debut at No. 3 Miami (2/15).
- A four-year varsity starter at Newark Academy ... also a football letterwinner.

## Career Highs

IP	2.0	Three times
SO	2	Two times

## #20 JARED BELLISSIMO

SO • LHP

Toms River, N.J.

- 2020: Retired first seven batters faced in first start of the season versus Saint Peter's (3/4) ... secured a one-run lead to earn the win by stranding three inherited runners with two strikeouts against Wagner (2/25) ... pitched the ninth inning and held the lead in third win at North Florida (2/23) ... worked two scoreless innings with a pair of strikeouts in season debut at No. 3 Miami (2/15).
- 2019: Pitched in 12 games with eight mid-week starts ... logged 43.2 innings with a 1.46 WHIP on the season ... held a 3.57 ERA in starts with a .247 batting average against ... team won 5-of-8 starts ... went a career-high eight innings with no runs allowed to beat Rider on May 1.
- Threw a no-hitter as a junior in high school.

## Career Highs

IP	8.0	Rider (5/1/19)
SO	6	Stony Brook (3/26/19)

## #21 GUS SOSA

FR • C/INF

Staten Island, N.Y.

- Drafted in the 19th round (pick 567) of the MLB Draft by the Toronto Blue Jays.
- Had a .590 on-base percentage as a senior at Tottenville High School with 16 hits, 17 walks, 15 RBIs, 18 runs and seven stolen bases.

## Career Highs

H	-	
HR	-	
RBI	-	
R	-	
BB	-	
SB	-	

**#22 RICHIE SCHIEKOFR****R-SO • OF****Millburn, N.J.**

- 2020: Homered in a 3-for-4 game versus Saint Peter's (3/4) ... drove in two runs and a stole a base in the win over Washington State (3/1) ... hit a three-run homer for first collegiate long ball, an RBI double, walked twice and score four times in home opener against Wagner (2/25) ... stole home on a first-and-third play at North Florida (2/23) ... went 3-for-4 with a double, a triple, three runs and two RBIs in series opener against the Ospreys (2/21) ... hit a two-out RBI single at No. 3 Miami (2/15) ... picked up a single in Rutgers debut on Opening Day (2/14).
- Named a Northwoods League All-Star last summer.
- Transferred to Rutgers for the 2018 fall semester and sat out 2019 season due to NCAA transfer regulations.
- 2018 at Maryland: Played in 17 games with 12 starts ... had a .326 on-base percentage.

**Career Highs**

H	3	Two times
HR	1	Two times
RBI	4	Wagner (2/25/20)
R	4	Wagner (2/25/20)
BB	2	Two times
SB	1	Three times

**#23 JOSH RODRIGUEZ****FR • OF****Belleville, N.J.**

- 2020: Worked a walk and scored as a pinch hitter in the home opener against Wagner (2/25) ... started collegiate debut at No. 3 Miami (2/16) and notched a single, hit by pitch and run scored.
- Played varsity baseball at St. Joseph's (Montvale), same school as Patrick Kivlehan ... voted top senior position player in New Jersey by *NJ.com* readers ... named First Team All-Bergen County in 2018 after hitting 32-for-77 (.416) with 30 runs, 17 RBIs, five doubles, one triple, six home runs, 12 walks and 14 stolen bases.

**Career Highs**

H	1	at Miami (2/16/20)
HR	-	
RBI	-	
R	1	at Miami (2/16/20)
BB	-	
SB	-	

**#25 GRANT SHULMAN****FR • INF****Wall, N.J.**

- 2020: Hit a pinch-hit triple and scored versus Washington State (2/29) ... went 2-for-3 with two walks and two runs scored in start at North Florida (2/22) ... picked up first ca-

reer hit on a single off the bench in series opener against the Ospreys (2/21) ... made collegiate debut with a start at third base at No. 3 Miami (2/16).

- Played three seasons of varsity baseball at Wall High School.
- Mother, Teresa, played field hockey at Rutgers.

**Career Highs**

H	2	at North Florida (2/22/20)
HR	-	
RBI	-	
R	2	at North Florida (2/22/20)
BB	2	at North Florida (2/22/20)
SB	-	

**#27 TOMMY GENUARIO****5TH-SR • RHP****Saddle Brook, N.J.**

- 2020: Worked 4.1 innings in start versus Washington State (2/29) ... earned the win at North Florida (2/22) with three runs allowed over six innings ... went four innings with five strikeouts in first start of the season at No. 3 Miami (2/15).
- 2019: Pitched in 20 games with seven starts in Big Ten play ... worked to a 3.14 ERA, ranked tied for 13th in the Big Ten after the regular season, over 63 innings with a .255 batting average against ... struck out 39 ... gave up two earned runs or less in 6-of-8 appearances against Big Ten opponents ... stranded 12-of-14 inherited runners as a reliever.
- 2018: Moved from outfield to relief pitcher and worked to a 3.20 ERA over 39.1 innings in 22 games ... struck out 36 and held opponents to a .229 average against ... opponents went just 9-for-47 (.191) with two outs ... had a 1.30 WHIP.

**Career Highs**

IP	7.0	Two times
SO	7	Michigan State (4/13/19)

**#28 CHRIS BRITO****SO • INF****Perth Amboy, N.J.**

- Tied for the Big Ten lead with 10 walks drawn and second with three homers so far this season.
- 2020: Drew four walks in the series against Washington State (2/28-3/1) ... walked twice and lifted a sacrifice fly in the home opener versus Wagner (2/25) ... reached base 12-of-16 plate appearances in three-game sweep at North Florida (2/21-23) with eight hits and six RBIs ... hit a go-ahead solo homer in the third game (2/23) ... homered to the opposite field in the series finale at No. 3 Miami (2/16) ... singled and blasted a home run to centerfield on Opening Day versus No. 3 Miami (2/14).

- 2019: Started all 43 games played (41 at first base, two at third base) ... led the Scarlet Knights with a .372 on-base percentage ... collected 36 hits, 20 runs scored, 25 walks and 17 RBIs on the season ... tied for second on the team with three homers ... first on the roster being hit by a pitch seven times ... scored a runner from third base with less than two outs 5-of-8 opportunities ... part of 33 double plays defensively ... missed the last seven games of the season due to injury.
- Played four seasons of varsity baseball at Perth Amboy High School ... a three-time first team all-conference, all-division and all-area selection.
- Father, Tilson Brito, played two seasons in the major leagues with the Toronto Blue Jays and Oakland Athletics.

**Career Highs**

H	3	Three times
HR	1	Six times
RBI	3	at Iowa (4/6/19)
R	3	Wagner (4/3/19)
BB	2	12 times
SB	1	Two times

**#31 REECE HORNECK****FR • OF****Colts Neck, N.J.**

- 2020: Made collegiate debut with a walk and a run scored in the home opener against Wagner (2/25).
- A four-year varsity letterwinner at Colts Neck High School ... named captain for 2019 season ... earned Third Team All-Shore and Team MVP.

**Career Highs**

H	-	
HR	-	
RBI	-	
R	1	Wagner (2/25/20)
BB	1	Wagner (2/25/20)
SB	-	

**#32 JORDAN SWEENEY****FR • 1B****Egg Harbor Twp., N.J.**

- 2020: Knocked in two runs on a pinch-hit single at North Florida (2/22) ... picked up first career hit on a single in the series opener against the Ospreys (2/21) ... made collegiate debut as a pinch hitter at No. 3 Miami (2/15).
- Played four seasons of varsity baseball at Egg Harbor Twp. High School ... named First Team All-State, First Team All-South Jersey and First Team All-CAL ... also played basketball.

**Career Highs**

H	1	Three times
HR	-	
RBI	2	at North Florida (2/22/20)
R	-	
BB	-	
SB	-	

**#35 JACK PARKINSON****SR • RHP****Haddonfield, N.J.**

- 2020: Struck out three in two frames versus Saint Peter's (3/4) ... went three innings in a start against Wagner (2/25) ... made season debut at No. 3 Miami (2/15).
- 2019: Appeared in eight games with four starts ... logged 12.1 innings with 10 strikeouts on the season ... earned first win at Rutgers with a five-inning performance against Iona.
- Pitched the previous two seasons at Rowan College at Gloucester County ... team ranked as high as No. 1 in the National Junior College Athletic Association's rankings ... struck out 42 in 46.1 innings in 2018 with an 8-2 record.

**Career Highs**

IP	5.0	Iona (4/24/19)
SO	3	Three times

**#39 KEVIN BLUM****5TH-SR • OF****Toms River, N.J.**

- 2020: Made season debut in the outfield at No. 3 Miami (2/16).
- 2019: Played in 46 games with 42 starts (31 in right field, 10 in left field, one in center field) ... named Academic All-Big Ten for the second time ... collected 30 hits, 14 runs and 12 RBIs on the season ... stole seven bases ... scored a runner from third base with less than two outs 7-of-9 opportunities.
- 2018: Played in 35 games with 18 starts in the outfield ... named Academic All-Big Ten (5/30) ... collected a .423 on-base percentage including 10 walks ... hit .310 overall, .379 (11-for-29) with runners on base and .429 on balls in play.

**Career Highs**

H	3	Two times
HR	-	
RBI	4	Columbia (5/1/18)
R	3	at Florida Gulf Coast (3/16/18)
BB	2	Two times
SB	2	at Old Dominion (3/1/19)

**#40 SAM OWENS****JR • C/INF****Scituate, R.I.**

- 2020: Singled and recorded an RBI hit by pitch in the win over Washington State (3/1) ... reached base safely four times and scored twice in the home opener against Wagner

(2/25) ... totaled three RBIs on two hits with three runs scored in the second game at North Florida (2/22) after knocking in a pair on two hits in the series opener (2/21) ... singled and walked in Rutgers debut on Opening Day at No. 3 Miami (2/14) ... transferred and immediately eligible for the season.

- 2019 at Bryant: Played in 54 games with 47 starts (42 at catcher, five as designated hitter) ... ABCA All-Northeast First Team catcher ... NEIBA All-New England First Team catcher ... All-NEC First Team catcher ... hit .326/.431/.497 with six homers, 11 doubles, 44 runs scored and 37 RBIs ... committed just three errors in 374 total chances behind the plate ... threw out eight runners.
- 2018: Appeared in 55 games and made 53 starts at shortstop ... a two-time NEC Rookie of the Week ... hit .239 (43-for-180) with eight doubles, two triples, two home runs, 25 RBIs and 34 runs scored ... posted 13 multi-hit games and six multi-RBI games ... finished the year with a .921 fielding percentage.
- Son of head coach Steve Owens ... brother, Jack, is a pitcher at Bryant and sister, Jane, is a member of the Rutgers softball team.

**Career Highs**

H	3	Seven times
HR	1	Eight times
RBI	5	CCSU (4/19/19)
R	4	vs. Mt. St. Mary's (5/24/18)
BB	2	Four times
SB	1	Four times

**#41 HARRY RUTKOWSKI****JR • LHP****Fords, N.J.**

- Team captain
- Named to Big Ten Preseason Honors List.
- 2020: Went five innings with two earned runs allowed versus Washington State (2/28) ... beat North Florida (2/21) with two runs allowed and no walks over seven innings ... started Opening Day at No. 3 Miami (2/14) and worked five innings with five strikeouts and two runs allowed ... named to the 2020 Big Ten Baseball Preseason Honors List (2/12) ... selected as a team captain.
- Named a Cape League All-Star last summer.
- 2019: Started all 14 games pitched, including 13 starts to begin a weekend ... named Academic All-Big Ten ... led the staff with 81.2 innings and 83 strikeouts, ranked fourth in a season in program history ... inning total ranked 10th in the Big Ten following the regular season and strikeouts tied for ninth ... walked only 25 ... induced a team-high seven double plays ... had nine starts permitting two earned runs or fewer ... logged nine outings with five or more strikeouts ... pitched at least six innings nine times and worked seven or more frames on four occasions.
- 2018: Made 13 starts ... led the staff with 54 strikeouts and second with 64.0 innings

... allowed three or less earned runs in eight starts ... ranked ninth in the league after the regular season with 21 called strikeouts ... team won each of his first eight starts.

- Drafted in the 28th round of the 2017 MLB Draft by the Cincinnati Reds.

**Career Highs**

IP	8.1	LaSalle (4/7/18)
SO	12	Purdue (4/19/19)

**#44 STEVEN ACOSTA****5TH-SR • RHP****West New York, N.J.**

- 2020: Recorded four outs against Washington State (2/29) ... closed out the win over Wagner (2/25) with two strikeouts in a scoreless inning ... pitched a scoreless inning with a strikeout at No. 3 Miami (2/16).
- 2019: Appeared in 30 games to lead the staff and tie for first in the Big Ten after the regular season ... number ranks second for a season-most for a season in program history ... pitched in 17-of-23 Big Ten games ... worked all three games of a weekend series three times, a feat not previously achieved once by a Scarlet Knight pitcher since 2013 ... had a stretch in April of pitching in 11-of-12 games ... logged 38 innings with 29 strikeouts and only 14 walks ... had 18 scoreless outings overall ... picked up one save ... credited with three wins and no losses in relief ... held a 1.45 WHIP.
- 2017 at Stony Brook: Pitched in five games.

**Career Highs**

IP	4.0	vs. Indiana State (3/23/19)
SO	4	vs. Indiana State (3/23/19)

**#45 BRIAN FITZPATRICK****R-FR • LHP****Port Jefferson, N.Y.**

- Recovering from injury and projected to return midseason.
- 2019: Pitched in three games with one start ... struck out 11 over 5.2 innings for the season ... made first start at Old Dominion (3/3) before leaving due to injury.

**Career Highs**

IP	4.1	vs. Chicago State (2/24/19)
SO	7	vs. Chicago State (2/24/19)



## HEAD COACH STEVE OWENS • FIRST SEASON



Director of Athletics Pat Hobbs named Steve Owens the 13th head coach in Rutgers University baseball history on June 26, 2019. An 11-time conference coach of the year who has mentored 22 All-Americans and 49 professional players, Owens brings 28 winning seasons of head coaching experience to Piscataway, including the past nine at Bryant University. His 914-483 after 2019 career record features 20 30-win seasons, five 40-win seasons and 13 NCAA Tournament appearances.

Owens, who has been a collegiate head coach since 1992 with 1,400 games under his belt, ranks among the top 15 active Division I coaches in winning percentage (.654) and in overall wins (914) entering 2020. He has picked up 71 of those victories in postseason play with a 71-48 mark (.600). In addition, Owens has mentored 10 Freshman All-America picks, 36 All-Region nods and four Academic All-Americans as a head coach.

"Steve has a remarkable record of achievement," Hobbs said. "His level of sustained success is among the nation's best. He now brings that formula to Rutgers and the Big Ten. Steve's great at developing student-athletes and putting them on a path to success, both on and off the field. We have a rich history and Steve will write the next great chapter for Rutgers baseball. I'm

delighted to welcome him, his wife Catharine and his family to our family."

"I would first like to thank Director of Athletics Pat Hobbs, Ryan Pisarri and the other members of the search committee for selecting me as the newest leader of the baseball program," Owens said. "I am honored to have the opportunity to work in a program with such rich history and tradition. I believe my vision for the program is consistent with the department's strategic priorities of student-athlete excellence, cultural excellence and sustaining long-term excellence. I am looking forward to meeting the players and recruits, and starting to build the relationship and trust necessary to succeed. We will have talented athletes who will work hard, compete to win and play with Jersey toughness and grit. Our immediate goal is to establish ourselves as a consistent contender in the Big Ten. In addition, we aspire to be a top team in our region of the country, consistently develop professional players and work toward postseason opportunities."

### BRYANT

Owens took over the Bryant program for the 2011 season and earned 327 wins at the helm, an average of 36.3 victories per year, the most victories among Northeast programs during that span. The Bulldogs went 192-59 (.765) in NEC play with eight-straight regular-season crowns and three tournament titles, being the No. 1 seed all seven trips to the conference tournament.

The program, which became eligible for NCAA postseason competition in 2013 after its transition to Division I in 2009, made a splash with an upset over Arkansas at the 2013 Manhattan (Kan.) Regional. That season was sparked by a 19-game winning streak, the longest in the nation. The team returned to the NCAA Tournament the following season with an appearance at the 2014 Baton Rouge (La.) Regional. In 2016, Bryant won a school-record 47 games, emerged in the national rankings as high as No. 15, had the highest winning percentage in the nation (.797) and became the first NEC school to earn a No. 2 seed at the NCAA Tournament with a trip to the Charlottesville (Va.) Regional.

Owens earned five NEC Coach of the Year awards (2012, '13, '14, '16, '19) and claimed ABCA Northeast Region Coach of the Year honors in 2013 and 2014. Additionally, 64 players garnered all-conference honors and 13 collected All-America honors in his nine seasons piloting the Rhode Island school. Owens also successfully recruited the NEC Rookie of the Year seven times and produced 18 MLB Draft picks over the last seven seasons.

Most recently in 2019, Owens led Bryant to a 40-win season, winning 12-of-14 weekend series and pacing the nation with 23 road wins during the regular season. Propelled by the bats, the Bulldogs set school and NEC records for home runs (81), hits (679), RBIs (455) and runs scored (487). The 8.1 runs per game ranked ninth nationally, placing seventh in batting average (.311), 13th in home runs per game (1.35) and 15th in on-base percentage (.398). Bryant also set school and NEC records for strikeouts with 501 on the mound. The Bulldogs had eight earn All-NEC honors and 10 more garner All-New England honors, while Chris Wright and Steve Theetge, a 2019 Gold Glove winner, both picked up All-America distinction. Owens also saw three members of his class of 2020 recruiting class selected in the first 22 rounds of the MLB Draft.

### LE MOYNE

Prior to coming to Bryant, Owens spent 11 seasons (2000-10) as the head coach at Le Moyne College in Syracuse, N.Y. He led the Dolphins to 11-straight winning seasons and three NCAA tournament berths. He guided Le Moyne to back-to-back NCAA Regionals at Arkansas (2003) and North Carolina State (2004), and then took the Dolphins to the Texas A&M Regional in 2007. Over his tenure, Owens was named the MAAC Coach of the Year twice, (2004, '06) and was also bestowed the ABCA/Diamond Northeast Region Coach of the Year in 2003. Owens reached an even more impressive milestone during the 2007 season as he became one of the youngest coaches in the country to reach the 500-win plateau. He finished his Dolphins career with an impressive 342-217 record, as the program amassed 32 All-MAAC selections.

### CORTLAND STATE

A native of Sauquoit, New York, Owens started his head coaching career at Division III Cortland State. Over eight seasons (1992-99) in the dugout, Owens led the Red Dragons to six 30-win seasons, seven NCAA regional tournaments and four trips to the Division III College World Series. He guided the 1997 and 1998 teams to third-place finishes at the national tournament, finishing a game short of a shot at a national championship. Owens went 245-82-1 in his eight seasons with Cortland State and was named the New York Regional Coach of the Year and the State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) Coach of the Year four times each.

### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Owens is a 1987 graduate of St. Lawrence University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in sport and leisure studies. Playing baseball and football at St. Lawrence, he was named a two-time MVP in baseball playing at both third base and shortstop. He finished his career with a .349 batting average, including .454 as a senior, and stole 73 bases in 80 attempts. In football, he led the team in rushing his junior and senior seasons, scoring 18 career touchdowns, and was named offensive MVP as well as Outstanding Senior Athlete. He has been inducted into the St. Lawrence Athletic Hall of Fame (Fall 2010), the Cortland State Hall of Fame (Fall 2017) and the Greater Utica Hall of Fame (June 2019).

Drafted by the Chicago Cubs as a third baseman, Owens spent two seasons with the organization, including stints in Geneva (New York-Penn League champions) and with the Charleston (W.Va.) Cubs in the South Atlantic League.

Following his playing days, Owens began his coaching career as a graduate assistant in football and baseball at Ithaca College, where he received a Master of Science degree in 1991.

### THE OWENS FILE

**Hometown:** Sauquoit, New York

**Alma Mater:** St. Lawrence, 1987

**Wife:** Catharine

**Children:** Sons, Jack and Sam; Daughter, Jane

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 13th in Div. I winning % (.654) entering 2020
- 71-48 postseason record
- 28 consecutive winning seasons
- 20 30-win seasons
- 5 40-win seasons
- 20 regular season titles
- 13 NCAA tournaments
- 22 NCAA All-Americans
- 11 conference coach of the year honors
- 7 ABCA NCAA Regional Coach of the Year honors
- 3 New England Coach of the Year honors
- 49 Professional players

### YEARLY RECORDS

YEAR	TEAM	W	L	T	Postseason
1992	Cortland	25	16		
1993	Cortland	21	14	1	Div. III Regionals
1994	Cortland	32	7		Div. III Regionals
1995	Cortland	30	13		Div. III World Series
1996	Cortland	30	7		Div. III Regionals
1997	Cortland	31	10		Div. III World Series
1998	Cortland	40	5		Div. III World Series
1999	Cortland	36	10		Div. III World Series
<b>Total (8)</b>		<b>245</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>1</b>	
2000	Le Moyne	32	15		
2001	Le Moyne	29	20		
2002	Le Moyne	30	18		
2003	Le Moyne	33	17		NCAA (NC State)
2004	Le Moyne	36	21		NCAA (Arkansas)
2005	Le Moyne	25	22		
2006	Le Moyne	38	14		
2007	Le Moyne	34	19		NCAA (Texas A&M)
2008	Le Moyne	33	21		
2009	Le Moyne	24	23		
2010	Le Moyne	28	27		
<b>Total (11)</b>		<b>342</b>	<b>217</b>		
2011	Bryant	30	23		
2012	Bryant	33	21		
2013	Bryant	45	18	1	NCAA (Kansas State)
2014	Bryant	42	16		NCAA (LSU)
2015	Bryant	29	25		
2016	Bryant	47	12		NCAA (Virginia)
2017	Bryant	29	26		
2018	Bryant	32	23	1	
2019	Bryant	40	20		
<b>Total (9)</b>		<b>327</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>2</b>	
2020	Rutgers	5	6		
<b>Career (28)</b>		<b>919</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>3</b>	



## THE LAST TIME RUTGERS...

Had 15+ hits .....	16 at North Florida (2/22/20)
Had 20+ hits .....	24 at Lafayette (4/11/17)
Had 25+ hits .....	27 at Notre Dame (4/10/10)
Scored 10+ runs.....	15 vs. Wagner (2/25/20)
Scored 15+ runs.....	15 vs. Wagner (2/25/20)
Scored 20+ runs.....	28 at Lafayette (4/11/17)
Scored 25+ runs.....	28 at Lafayette (4/11/17)
Scored 10 or more runs in an inning .....	10 (fourth inning) at Illinois (4/13/18)
Hit 5+ doubles .....	5 vs. Michigan (5/4/18)
Hit 8+ doubles .....	8 vs. Monmouth (3/29/16)
Hit 10+ doubles .....	10 at Lafayette (4/27/05)
Hit 3+ triples .....	3 vs. Hartford (4/13/14)
Hit 3+ homers.....	6 at Lafayette (4/11/17)
Hit 5+ homers.....	6 at Lafayette (4/11/17)
Hit 7+ homers.....	7 at Notre Dame (4/10/10)
Hit 8+ homers.....	10 at Fairleigh Dickinson (3/24/04)
Hit 10+ homers.....	10 at Fairleigh Dickinson (3/24/04)
Recorded 25+ total bases .....	26 at Iowa (4/6/19)
Recorded 30+ total bases .....	49 at Lafayette (4/11/17)
Recorded 50+ total bases .....	56 at Notre Dame (4/10/10)
Recorded 60+ total bases .....	66 at Fairleigh Dickinson (3/24/04)
Stole 5+ bases.....	7 at Penn State (5/4/19)
Walked 10+ times.....	11 vs. Wagner (2/25/20)
Walked 14+ times.....	14 vs. NJIT (3/12/08)
Turned 4+ double plays.....	4 at Louisville (3/23/13)
Turned a triple play .....	4/29/07 vs. Notre Dame
Played extra innings.....	11 at Penn State (5/3/19)
Played 12+ innings.....	15 vs. Ohio State (3/30/19)
Played 15+ innings.....	15 vs. Ohio State (3/30/19)
Played 19+ innings.....	19 vs. Notre Dame (5/11/03)
Swept a three-game series .....	at North Florida (2/21-23/20)
Beat a ranked opponent .....	vs. No. 13 Michigan (5/4/18)
Won weekend series over ranked opponent.....	2-1 at No. 27 Florida Gulf Coast (3/16-18/18)
Won 5+ consecutive games.....	5, 4/6-14/19
Won 10+ consecutive games.....	14, 3/30-4/20/04
Pitched a shutout .....	2-0 vs. Purdue (4/19/19)
Pitched a shutout on the road.....	8-0 at Wagner (4/20/16)
Won 1-0.....	vs. Penn State (3/24/18)
Won trailing by 8+ runs .....	12-10 vs. Connecticut, down 9-1 (4/7/07)

## THE LAST TIME A SCARLET KNIGHT...

Had 5+ hits .....	5, Mike Carter at Lafayette (4/11/17)
Had 6+ hits .....	6, Jake Daubert at Old Dominion (2/27/00)
Scored 5+ runs.....	5, Carmen Scalfani vs. Saint Peter's (4/25/18)
Scored 6+ runs.....	6, Michael Lang at FIU (3/13/10)
Hit 3+ doubles .....	3, Michael Lang vs. USF (4/18/10)
Hit 2+ triples .....	2, Tom Marcinczyk vs. Hartford (4/13/14)
Hit 2+ homers.....	2, Carmen Scalfani vs. Michigan (4/29/17)
Hit 3+ homers.....	3, Jawuan Harris at USC Upstate (3/25/17)
Hit a grand slam.....	Tom Marcinczyk at George Mason (2/27/16)
Hit a leadoff homer .....	Mike Carter vs. Columbia (4/26/17)
Hit a leadoff homer on the road.....	Jawuan Harris at USC Upstate (3/25/17)
Hit an inside-the-park HR .....	Brandon Boykin vs. Michigan (2/25/11)
Hit a pinch-hit HR .....	Luke Bowerbank at Indiana (5/17/19)
Hit back-to-back homers .....	Carmen Scalfani & Chris Brito at Columbia (4/23/19)
Hit a walk-off HR .....	Kyle Walker vs. Ohio State (3/28/15)
Hit a walk-off hit (non HR) .....	Tyler McNamara (single) vs. Ohio State (3/30/19)
Drove in 5+ runs .....	7, Carmen Scalfani vs. Wagner (4/3/19)
Drove in 6+ runs .....	7, Carmen Scalfani vs. Wagner (4/3/19)
Drove in 7+ runs .....	7, Carmen Scalfani vs. Wagner (4/3/19)
Tallied 10+ total bases .....	12, Jawuan Harris at USC Upstate (3/25/17)
Tallied 13+ total bases .....	13, Nick Cerulo at Columbia (4/17/02)
Stole home .....	Richie Schiekofer at North Florida (2/23/20)
Stole 3+ bases.....	3, Jawuan Harris vs. Saint Bonaventure (2/24/18)
Stole 4+ bases.....	4, Jawuan Harris vs. Northwestern (5/20/16)
Walked 3+ times .....	3, Mike Nyisztor at North Florida (2/21/20)
Walked 4+ times .....	4, Christian Campbell at Illinois (5/10/15)
Had 20+ putouts.....	20, Chris Brito vs. Ohio State, 3/30/19
Had 8+ assists.....	8, Kevin Welsh at North Florida (2/21/20)
Had 9+ assists.....	9, Kevin Welsh at Nebraska (5/7/17)
Pitched a complete game.....	9.0, John O'Reilly vs. Penn State (3/23/18)
Pitched a shutout .....	Howie Brey vs. Penn State (4/22/16)
Struck out 10+ .....	12, Harry Rutkowski vs. Purdue (4/19/19)
Struck out 15+ .....	15, Jason Bergmann at Iona (4/26/00)
Threw a no-hitter.....	Shaun Parker at Villanova, five innings (5/16/03)

# 2020 RUTGERS BASEBALL



**1**  
**ANDY**  
**AXELSON**



**2**  
**KEVIN**  
**WELSH**



**3**  
**ANTHONY**  
**GRECO**



**4**  
**TIM**  
**DEZZI**



**5**  
**DANNY**  
**DIGEORGIO**



**7**  
**PETER**  
**SERRUTO**



**8**  
**MIKE**  
**NYISZTOR**



**11**  
**PARKER**  
**SCOTT**



**12**  
**GARRETT**  
**FRENCH**



**13**  
**KYLE**  
**MULLER**



**14**  
**ERIC**  
**REARDON**



**16**  
**TEVIN**  
**MURRAY**



**17**  
**VICTOR**  
**VALDERRAMA**



**18**  
**JACOB**  
**NEWMAN**



**19**  
**MATT**  
**CICCONI**



**20**  
**JARED**  
**BELLISSIMO**



**21**  
**GUS**  
**SOSA**



**22**  
**RICHIE**  
**SCHIEKOFER**



**23**  
**JOSH**  
**RODRIGUEZ**



**25**  
**GRANT**  
**SHULMAN**



**27**  
**TOMMY**  
**GENUARIO**



**28**  
**CHRIS**  
**BRITO**



**31**  
**REECE**  
**HORNECK**



**32**  
**JORDAN**  
**SWEENEY**



**35**  
**JACK**  
**PARKINSON**



**39**  
**KEVIN**  
**BLUM**



**40**  
**SAM**  
**OWENS**



**41**  
**HARRY**  
**RUTKOWSKI**



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**STEVEN**  
**ACOSTA**



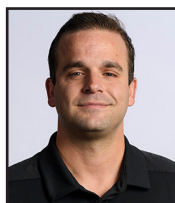
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**FITZPATRICK**



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**STEVE**  
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**36**  
**KYLE**  
**PETTORUTO**



**37**  
**BRANDEN**  
**COGSWELL**



**PETER**  
**BARRON**



**2020 Rutgers Baseball**  
**Overall Statistics for Rutgers (as of Mar 04, 2020)**  
**(All games Sorted by Batting avg)**



Record: 5-6 Home: 1-1 Away: 3-3 Neutral: 1-2 Big Ten: 0-0

Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
7 Serruto, Peter	.345	8-8	29	8	10	1	0	2	7	17	.586	3	1	6	2	.424	0	0	0-0	46	8	0	1.000
4 Dezzi, Tim	.333	11-9	33	6	11	3	0	0	4	14	.424	5	0	8	1	.421	0	1	1-1	2	11	2	.867
22 Schiekofe, Richie	.310	11-11	42	12	13	2	1	2	11	23	.548	5	3	12	0	.412	1	0	3-3	27	1	1	.966
8 Nyisztor, Mike	.297	11-11	37	10	11	2	0	0	9	13	.351	6	5	5	0	.440	2	0	2-2	19	1	0	1.000
28 Brito, Chris	.297	11-11	37	7	11	1	0	3	9	21	.568	10	1	12	0	.449	1	0	0-2	95	10	0	1.000
5 DiGeorgio, Danny	.250	11-11	44	8	11	3	0	0	7	14	.318	5	3	13	0	.365	0	0	1-2	17	28	1	.978
40 Owens, Sam	.231	11-11	39	7	9	2	0	0	6	11	.282	4	5	9	1	.375	0	0	1-1	0	0	0	.000
17 Valderrama, Victor	.226	9-9	31	3	7	1	0	0	2	8	.258	4	0	12	0	.314	0	0	1-1	17	0	0	1.000
2 Welsh, Kevin	.225	11-11	40	6	9	0	1	0	7	11	.275	4	0	7	1	.289	1	1	1-1	18	36	4	.931
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25 Shulman, Grant	.333	7-2	15	3	5	0	1	0	0	7	.467	2	0	6	0	.412	0	0	0-0	1	7	1	.889
32 Sweeney, Jordan	.333	8-0	9	0	3	0	0	0	2	3	.333	0	0	4	0	.333	0	0	0-0	5	1	0	1.000
23 Rodriguez, Josh	.091	7-2	11	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	.091	1	1	8	0	.231	0	0	0-0	2	0	0	1.000
1 Axelson, Andy	.091	5-3	11	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	.091	0	0	0	1	.091	0	1	0-0	27	2	0	1.000
3 Greco, Anthony	.000	4-0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
39 Blum, Kevin	.000	5-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000
31 Horneck, Reece	.000	1-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Totals	.266	11	383	74	102	15	3	7	65	144	.376	50	19	103	6	.374	5	3	10-13	282	121	13	.969
Opponents	.277	11	365	65	101	16	2	7	58	142	.389	50	18	72	7	.388	3	6	4-13	294	98	14	.966

LOB - Team (92), Opp (95). DPs turned - Team (9), Opp (7). IBB - Team (0), Opp (2). Picked off - Schiekofe 1, Brito 1.

**(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)**

Player	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bk	sfa	sha
11 Scott, Parker	2.31	0-0	4	0	0	0/0	2	11.2	9	3	3	1	5	1	0	1	.205	1	0	0	0	1
41 Rutkowski, Harry	3.18	1-2	3	3	0	0/0	0	17.0	16	9	6	5	9	2	1	0	.262	1	3	0	0	2
16 Murray, Tevin	5.25	2-1	3	3	0	0/0	0	12.0	12	9	7	9	13	2	0	0	.273	1	4	0	1	0
27 Genuario, Tommy	6.91	1-2	3	3	0	0/0	0	14.1	20	11	11	10	11	3	0	3	.328	0	1	0	0	0
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18 Newman, Jacob	0.00	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	2.0	2	4	0	2	1	0	0	0	.250	2	2	0	1	2
13 Muller, Kyle	2.35	0-0	4	0	0	0/0	0	7.2	8	3	2	4	5	1	0	0	.267	0	0	0	0	0
19 Ciccone, Matt	4.00	0-0	5	0	0	0/0	0	9.0	8	4	4	6	6	1	0	2	.242	0	2	0	0	1
14 Reardon, Eric	4.15	0-0	5	0	0	0/0	0	4.1	4	2	2	3	9	1	0	0	.250	2	2	0	0	0
20 Bellissimo, Jared	6.43	1-1	4	1	0	0/0	0	7.0	11	7	5	1	6	1	0	0	.344	1	0	0	1	0
35 Parkinson, Jack	11.12	0-0	4	1	0	0/0	0	5.2	8	7	7	3	3	3	1	0	.348	0	3	0	0	0
44 Acosta, Steven	16.20	0-0	4	0	0	0/0	0	3.1	3	6	6	6	4	1	0	1	.231	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	5.07	5-6	11	11	0	0/0	2	94.0	101	65	53	50	72	16	2	7	.277	9	18	0	3	6
Opponents	5.69	6-5	11	11	0	0/0	1	98.0	102	74	62	50	103	15	3	7	.266	19	19	1	5	3

PB - Team (1), Axelson 1, Opp (1). Pickoffs - Team (0), Opp (2). SBA/ATT - Serruto (2-7), Rutkowski (0-3), Murray (2-3), Axelson (2-2), Muller (0-2), Genuario (0-1), Scott (0-1), Bellissimo (1-1), Parkinson (1-1), Ciccone (0-1).



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