

RUTGERS

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As most people can see the Rutgers Scarlet Knights are a team like no other. From the hard work on the court to the heart the team has. Everyone knows the Rutgers Women Basketball team is full of hard working players, but one stands out like no other, that person is KK Sanders. With setting records for the Knights and being a recipient of Big Ten Sportsmanship Award. KK has been out this season due to a wrist injury, but even though she can't play she is still affecting the court. You can see her cheering her teammates on the sidelines every game. Sanders is very proud of her team so far this season.

Sanders has learned that from basketball hard work is what is most important. KK knows that the harder she works the more improvements she will make. She is also a very good team player and is very positive player. Most importantly her team is what is most important and her favorite thing about playing for Rutgers. "They are like a Family to me," Sanders said. The Rutgers team have a bond like no other.

KK truly loves her team and the people that are apart of the organization. One person that means a lot to Sanders is Coach Stringer. " I wanted to be apart of that legacy." Sanders said. She looks up a lot to Stringers not only as a coach, but as a person. KK likes how real Stringer is as a person and to the team. Stringer has left a huge mark on Sanders life and everyone that has ever worked with her.

Sanders wants to keep on working for next season and make improvements to her and her team. KK wants to take basketball and make it her career. She hopes to play in the WNBA or Overseas. Sanders is hoping to become a basketball coach after college. " I want to coach basketball like coach stringer," said KK. The lessons Stringer has taught inspired Sanders to coach. She wants to help people learn valuable lessons and to improve people's' lives. Sanders does volunteer work off the court as well, in hopes to inspire people.

One thing everyone can learn from KK is attitude is everything. Everyone knows she is a good basketball player, but what makes her stand out is her attitude. Sanders is a good leader on the bench and on the court. This season has proved that she is a amazing team player. Sanders hypes up her team before games and is always positive and helping her teammates. No matter what game atmosphere there is, KK will be up and cheering for her team. You can tell that not only does Sanders love playing basketball, but she loves the sport just in general.

If you turn on a Rutgers game you will see KK cheering for her team. Whether it be running onto the court, on the bench, or in the locker room. Sanders truly loves her team and her game of basketball. Her attitude defines what basketball is all about, teamwork. Sanders puts a lot of heart into her sport on and off the court. Therefore, if you are looking for not only a great basketball player, but a positive leader look for KK Sanders. She is the definition of a great basketball player and a leader.