

As the college basketball season is coming to a close, the Women's Rutgers basketball team is proving that they are not finished yet. The start of the season was ordinary, Rutgers played eight games and only lost twice. After those eight games, Rutgers went on a devastating pause lasting five weeks due to Covid-19. However, after those five weeks, the Scarlet Knights came back better than ever. So far, they have played eight games since the break and haven't lost one. Although this season has definitely been unique, the Scarlet Knights have agreed that the pandemic has brought several positive aspects.

Despite the pandemic, Rutgers Women's basketball is treating this season like any other. Besides making sure the masks are on when they should be, practices are being run the same, games are being played to everyone's best ability, and this group of determined women is not giving up without a fight. On the contrary, all of the Covid rules and restrictions did bring several doubts to the team. Zipporah Broughton stated, "Well initially it was kind of frustrating especially for the people that had hopes for going professionally and stuff like that. It was very scary at one point, not knowing if we had a season... but this has definitely brought some good." Many spectators would be able to agree.

For the past years, Rutgers has impressed many with their season finishes. In the 2018-19 season, the Scarlet Knights finished third in the conference, winning 22 games and losing 10. This impressive status carried on to the 2019-20 season. Finishing sixth in the Big 10, Rutgers won a total of 22 games and lost 9. This season is continuing the trend of success as the season is coming to an end.

Arella Guirantes and Diamond Johnson, the two leading scorers on the team, have definitely made their mark this season and have made a major impact on the team. Arella Guirantes, a redshirt senior, is proving to be the very best. Arella is currently on the watchlist for the Hall of Fame/WBCA Ann Meyers Drysdale Award for the country's best shooting guard and is averaging 20.9 ppg. Along with Arella, Diamond Johnson is another impressive member of the team. The new freshmen has stunned many with her three point successes and her average of 18 ppg.

The Scarlet Knights are not finished yet. Fighting for a spot in the ACC tournament is not all they are looking for; they are looking for the win. Mael Gilles believes "We have the potential to win the tournament". With the way the team is now playing, many observers would agree. As for the remainder of the season, I wish Rutgers the best of luck. Go Scarlet Knights!