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RU's Homecoming weekend was marked mostly by defeat as football lost to Syracuse, 49-28, soccer fell to UCLA, 1-0, volleyball lost to GWU, 3-2, and field hockey dropped to UConn, 2-0
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Orangemen crush RU Homecoming, 49-28

Scarlet defense lacking as Orange notch seven TDs

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In most cases, 28 points probably would have been enough for a victory. But for the Rutgers football team, the effort fell short as the Syracuse Orangemen nearly doubled that total en route to a 49-28 victory over the Scarlet Knights in front of a crowd of 29,276 at Saturday's Homecoming contest at Rutgers Stadium.

The Syracuse offensive line provided some hefty support
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The Scarlet Knights dropped to 2-3-2 on the year with the loss, while the Orangemen upped their mark to 3-3.

"Offensively they did a number on us," said Syracuse linebacker David Bavaro after the game. "Thank God our offense got those points on the board because that took the pressure off (the defense)."

The Syracuse attack, led by junior quarterback Bill Scharr, saw the Orange convert 13 of 17 third-down attempts and gain 575 yards on the afternoon. Scharr, who completed 18 of 24 passes, threw four touchdowns, tying a Syracuse school record that was set by Todd Philcox last year — also against Rutgers.

Syracuse drew first blood as Scharr hit wide receiver Rob Carpenter on a 41-yard touchdown pass with 1:07 left in the first quarter. The extra point attempt by place-kicker John Biskup bounced

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Syracuse crushes Scarlet Knights

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off of the left upright and fell short.

At 4:50 into the second quarter, the Orangemen continued their attack with a Scharr touchdown pass to wide receiver Rob Moore. On the next play, Moore, an All-America candidate, hauled in the two-point conversion to give Syracuse a 14-0 advantage.

Rutgers finally managed to get on the board with 6:25 left in the second period with a 50-yard Doug Giesler field goal. The three-pointer was a career-long for the senior place-kicker.

Syracuse answered the score with another touchdown three minutes later. This one came on a 2-yard Michael Owens run which gave the Orangemen a 21-3 lead. Rutgers was able to score once more before the end of the half on another Giesler field goal from 27 yards out, making the score 21-6 at the intermission.

Following the half, Rutgers came out showing signs of new life. After stopping the Orangemen on their first possession, the Knights went right to work. A 22-yard punt return by Marshall Roberts gave Rutgers its best starting field position on the day, at the Syracuse 30-yard line. On first down, quarterback Scott Erney rolled left and found wide receiver Tyrone McQueen for a 14-yard pickup.

Fullback Mike Botti then completed the drive with a 16-yard touchdown run. The Knights added the two-point conversion to make the score 21-14.

The Orangemen, however, cemented their victory with two consecutive Scharr touchdown passes — a 3-yard toss to fullback Duane Kinnon, and a 41-yard pass to Carpenter.

"I thought we had a good shot (at coming back) right up until the middle of the third quarter," said Rutgers head coach Dick Anderson. "We can't keep giving up scores (and expect to win)."

Rutgers would eventually give up a few more Syracuse scores in the fourth quarter.

Three minutes after a Rutgers TD, Orange halfback Owens found a hole on the right side of his offensive line and took the ball 21 yards for a score. Rutgers then responded with a touchdown of its own, a 20-yard pass to running back James Cann, and the two-point conversion brought the score to 42-28.

Erney explained that because the Knights had to play catch-up all day, they had to abandon their running game.

"We had to throw all day and Syracuse knew it," said Erney. "It was a tough situation to be in."

Syracuse's final score of the afternoon was a 20-yard quarterback draw up the middle with 4:30 left in the game.

"We shut them down on the outside option," said Rutgers linebacker Pat Udovich. "But they found weaknesses in our defense and hit them a few times."

"I'm not sure what (the team's) level is," said Anderson, shaking his head. "We've got to do better."

Syracuse	6	15	14	14	—49
Rutgers	0	6	6	14	—28

First Quarter

SU — Carpenter 41 pass from Scharr (kick failed)

Second Quarter

SU — Moore 7 pass from Scharr (Moore pass from Scharr)

RU — FG Giesler 50

SU — Owens 2 run (Biskup kick)

RU — FG Giesler 27

Third Quarter

RU — Botti 16 run (Botti pass from Erney)

SU — Kinnon 3 pass from Scharr (Biskup kick)

SU — Carpenter 41 pass from Scharr (Biskup kick)

Fourth Quarter

RU — Melton 8 pass from Erney (kick failed)

SU — Owens 21 run (Biskup kick)

RU — Cann 20 pass from Erney (Cann pass from Erney)

SU — Scharr 20 run (Biskup kick)

	SU	RU
First Downs	29	24
Rushes-yards	68-282	22-65
Passing yards	293	279
Return yards	36	36
Passes	18-24-0	25-49-2
Punts	3-32	4-39
Fumbles-lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-yards	8-65	5-42

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing — Syracuse, Owens 28-132, Kinnon 16-85, Scharr 8-22, Chavers 2-28, Carpenter 1-12, Barowski 2-8, McDonald 1-5, Rutgers, Botti 7-23, Erney 7-21, Giles 1-17, Cann 2-6, Henderson 3-6, Tarver 2-(-2).

Passing — Syracuse, Scharr 18-24-0-293, Rutgers, Erney 23-46-2-263, Tarver 2-3-0-16.

Receiving — Syracuse, Carpenter 6-126, Kinnon 6-62, Moore 3-60, Owens 1-23, Gedney 1-14, Dees 1-8, Rutgers, Melton 6-77, Cann 6-71, McQueen 4-43, Roberts 3-26, Botti 2-16, Henderson 1-13, Giles 1-12, Jackson 1-12, Guarantano 1-0.