

Rutgers-Newark Athletic Hall of Fame



Stephanie Jackson

Women's Volleyball

(Inducted 1985)

Contrary to popular reports, Wonder Woman never was pre-empted; she simply was graduated. That's the way it is with the kind of athletes who stay with the sports program at Rutgers-Newark, and while it is already two years since she picked up her diploma, you can rest assured that for years to come she will remain a measuring stick for excellence in New Jersey college athletics.

As a four-year volleyball player, she gained all NJIAW Conference honors, captained the team for two seasons and was a standout on a team which stunned a tournament field by losing only to Syracuse. But it was as a basketball player that she repeatedly dominated the opposition for a Rutgers-Newark team, which was positively dynamic from 1979-83.

She was the first woman athlete in the history of the school to eclipse the 1,000-point mark (1,225) and then put the punctuation mark to this incredible career by going over the 1200 mark in rebounds. She was the star, the center and the driving force, which led the team to the Upsala College Christmas Tournament title during 1981-82 season.

Her honors included all-conference and all-state teams. And in the spring of her senior year, she became the first woman to win the Rutgers-Newark Outstanding Athlete Award. Even more in keeping with the tradition of so many fine athletes at this school, over the years she completely financed her education with scholarships, part-time jobs and summer employment.

A combined business/economics major, she had been employed as a municipal bonds analyst by Kenny Informations Systems of Newark. Stephanie lives in Lodi, N.J.