



Syracuse and Rutgers to square off in the Empire Classic benefiting Wounded Warrior Project presented by Skyscanner

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Princeton, N.J. – The Gazelle Group is pleased to announce the 2027 Empire Classic benefiting Wounded Warrior Project presented by Skyscanner will feature the Syracuse Orange and the Rutgers Scarlet Knights on Saturday, February 6th, 2027 at Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York. The game will tip at 11:00am ET and air on ESPN2.

Public sale will begin later this year. For early access to tickets before the public sale, sign up for email updates [here](#).

This game will mark the 49th meeting between the Orange and the Scarlet Knights dating back to 1920, with Syracuse leading the series 38-10.

Gerry McNamara is taking over at Syracuse after leading Siena to the NCAA Tournament in 2026. McNamara was part of Syracuse's 2003 national championship team as a player and later spent 15 years on the program's coaching staff before leaving for Siena.

Rutgers heads into the season with a revamped roster and some new pieces to build around. The Scarlet Knights return leading scorer Tariq Francis and add 7-foot-2 center Dorin Buca from Kansas State and MAAC Rookie of the Year Will Sydnor from Manhattan.

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