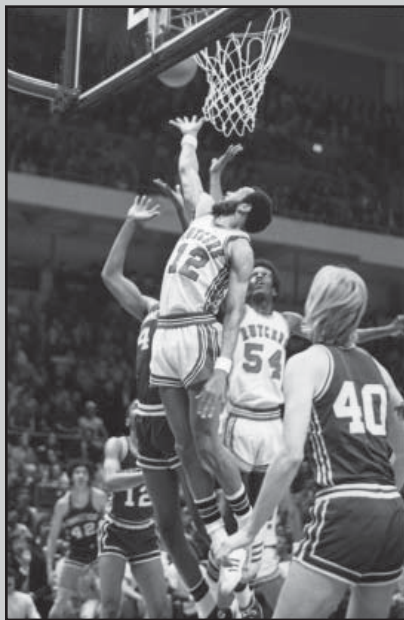


PHIL SELLERS • Rutgers (1972-76)



Phil Sellers was the leader of Rutgers 1975-76 Final Four team. This aggressive athlete set the tone for the 31-2 Scarlet Knights that season. Sellers is Rutgers' all-time scoring and rebounding leader with 2,399 points and 1,115 rebounds. A 6-4 forward, Sellers was a two-time Haggerty Award winner as the Metropolitan New York area's top performer. He was a first-team AP All-America in 1976. He later returned to Rutgers as an assistant coach for four seasons. His number 12 was Rutgers' second to be retired in basketball history, in 1988.

A two-time All-American, Phil the Thrill scored 506 points as a freshman, 602 in his second season, 657 as a junior and 634 in his final year when he led his team to 31 consecutive victories and into the 1976 Final Four. He pulled down, in inimitable fashion, 264, 242, 272 and finally, 337 rebounds over four remarkable seasons on the Banks. Add the season points and boards and you have the school records of 2,399 points and 1,111 rebounds.

Scoring points and grabbing rebounds was hardly all he did. His 293 assists, 106 in his senior year, gave him 12th place on the all-time list. He had 62 steals in 1975-76 and blocked 19 shots. His career totals of 557

free throw conversions and 757 free throw attempts are records and he was once credited with taking seven charges in a game.

Sellers became the first Rutgers basketball player to receive first team All-America honors from the Associated Press in 1976 (with Scott May, Kent Benson, Adrian Dantley and John Lucas). Drafted by Detroit in the third round, he played one year for the Pistons and then played in the Netherlands for one season after which he was a part-time assistant at Rutgers for four years.

