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HOWARD TRIPLETT HAS BEEN THE BEST RUNNING BACK IN THE REGION. IS HE THE BEST IN THE COUNTRY?

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# 2023 SCHEDULE



## TONIGHT'S GUESTS

### HONORARY CAPTAINS

Ivette Camarano  
Stacey Ellis  
Amanda Putzer  
Jeremy Wasurick

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May 13	Baltimore Lightning *	W, 2-0
May 20	Capital City Seahawks *	7 PM
May 27	Memorial Day Bye	
June 3	St. Paul Pioneers *	7 PM
June 10	@ Cin City Buccaneers	6 PM
June 17	@ Indy Bison	6 PM
June 24	TBD	7 PM
July 1	River City Rough Riders	7 PM
July 8	Chicago Falcons	7 PM
July 15	TBD	7 PM
July 22	@ St. Paul Pioneers *	6 PM
July 29	Charity Golf Outing	
August 5	TBD	7 PM
August 12	GDFL Playoffs 1st Round	TBD
August 19	GDFL Quarterfinals	TBD
August 26	GDFL Semifinals	TBD
Sept. 3	GDFL Championship	TBD

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# TONIGHT COULD BE DEFENSIVE BATTLE

The Racine Raiders welcome the Capital City Seahawks out of the nation's capitol to Historic Horlick Athletic Field tonight. The Seahawks are coming off of a 12-0 win last week against the Georgia Brigade. The Raiders say idle last week after the Baltimore (MD) Lightning were unable to make the trip, giving Racine a 2-0 forfeit win.

The Seahawks are in their 10th season and their first in the Gridiron Developmental Football League. Last season, their defense pitched nine shutouts in 17 total games and continued that trend last week. Last week, the Seahawks allowed just 74 total yards with just 42 yards coming through the air. Georgia only ran 25 offensive plays in the game.

Cap City's offense piled up 358 offensive yards but only found the end zone twice. Quarterback D'errico Riggins completed 14-of-18 passes for 185 yards and a touchdown. Four running backs combined for 153 yards on the ground, led by Aaron Gaskins and Larry Graham. Rookie backs Artadius Moore and Desean Young also contributed to the rushing totals. Backup quarterback Aaron Caldwell also threw a touchdown pass in the game.

The Raiders look to unveil a refined offense under first-year offensive coordinator Geoffrey Schick. Schick will have plenty of weapons to work with at every skill position as the Raiders offseason recruiting scored them several semi-pro veterans from other teams as well as several rookies that played collegiately. The quarterback room brings back veteran Raiders Mitch Farr and Antoine McKinney and add Andre Locke from the Englewood Birdgang, and Sawyer Schick who played at UW-La Crosse.

The defense will also be bolstered by fresh faces from several former MidStates Football League teams as well as a few rookies. The defensive line should be a particular bright spot for the team. The defensive backfield features the returns of J.D. Hardy and Daquan Smith. The Raiders also picked up Brady Wodack, an all-conference punter from St. Norbert College, to team up with kicker Alex Gonzalez in the kicking unit.



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# PLAYER PROFILE: HOWARD TRIPLETT

It was 2015 and head coach Wilbert Kennedy had a decision to make about a young running back that showed flashes of greatness but also looked lost at times. His start running back at the time, J.R. Taylor, said he should keep him around and Kennedy did do that.

“Back then I was super young and I didn’t know much especially about being a Raider and playing Raider football,” says Howard Triplett about Coach Kennedy believing in him. “So, now that I’m eight seasons in, I’ve blossomed and I’m ready for my takeoff now.”

Eight seasons later, Triplett has turned into the best running back in the region and has proven himself as such for the past five years since Taylor retired. Now, he’s out to prove he’s the best running back in the country.

“I’m expecting myself to have a big season,” says Triplett. “I’m shooting for an MVP award.”

Triplett is part of a long lineage of great backs in Racine over 70 years. While the team has no official individual career stats prior to 2011, Triplett is within less than 600 rushing yards of surpassing Taylor’s rushing total and less than 900 yards of surpassing his combined rushing and receiving totals while with Racine.

“Consistency was my biggest pet peeve,” says Triplett. “As a rookie, I was inconsistent where I’d have big runs and big games so now I focus on having consistent 100-yard game, consistent 90-yard



game, and catching the ball.”

Triplett has gotten more involved in the passing game over the last four seasons, having double-digit receptions each year. Triplett said he wanted opportunities in the passing game so he went to the coaches and then worked on his pass-receiving skills.

“I made sure I got in the gym and also worked on my catching,” says Triplett. “Then I came to the field and translated it.”

Triplett has put in the work that it takes to be an elite back and looks to translate that to a national stage.



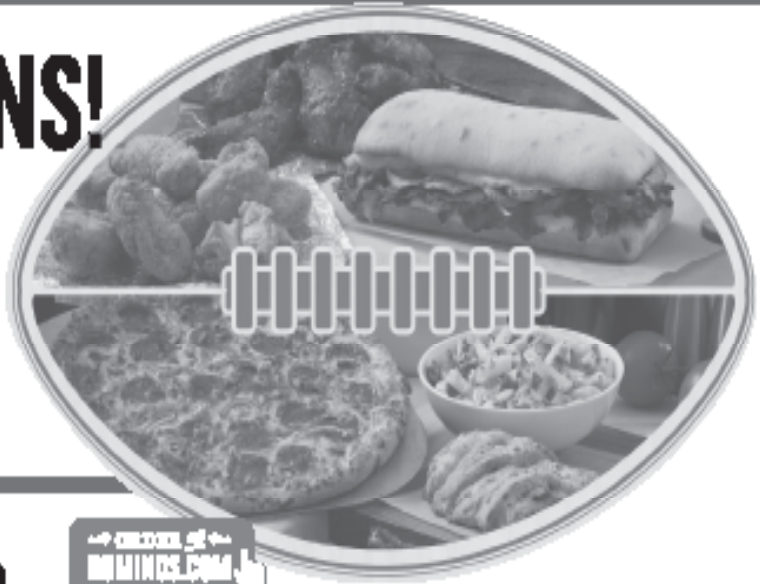
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# GAME ROSTER

#	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	HT	WT	POS	SCHOOL
0	Foster	Jashon	WR	6' 6"	231	Coahoma Community College
1	Locke, Sr.	Andre	QB	6' 2"	175	Upper Iowa University
2	Benko	Justin	LB	6' 0"	228	North Park University
3	Lewis	Robert	DB	5' 9"	175	Boise State University
4	Garcia III	Joe	QB	6' 2"	190	Highland Community College
5	Payne	Jordan	WR	6' 2"	235	Alcorn State University
6	Benko	Tom	RB	5' 11"	230	Carthage College
7	Hardy	J.D.	DB	6' 1"	220	Waukegan HS
9	Azor	Stanley	DB	5' 10"	185	Carthage College
12	Farr	Mitch	QB	6' 2"	185	Central Methodist University
14	Schick	Sawyer	QB	5' 11"	210	UW La Crosse
15	Young, Jr.	Gary	LB	6' 3"	250	Bemidji State University
16	Wodack	Brady	P	5' 11"	170	St. Norbert College
17	Fitch	Terrance	WR	6' 1"	190	UW Whitewater
18	Schultz	Channing	DB	6' 0"	180	Iowa Central Community College
19	Manley	Dante	DB	6' 3"	180	Lake Zurich HS
20	Gonzales	Jesus	LB	5' 10"	225	Iowa Central Community College
21	Davis	Bibby	WR	6' 0"	192	Simeon HS
22	Davis	Jay	DB	6' 3"	205	Bradley Tech HS
24	Rewolinski	Alex	TE	6' 1"	205	Union Grove HS
25	Kennedy	Gregory	RB	5' 6"	195	Harper College
26	Danowski	Jordan	DB	5' 11"	170	UW Parkside
28	Edmonson	Jaylon	RB	5' 11"	199	UW Whitewater
29	Smith	Daquan	DB	5' 10"	170	Carroll University
30	Ruffin	Torie	LB	6' 2"	225	Concordia University Wisconsin
31	Lemke	Niko	DL	6' 2"	240	UW Whitewater
32	White	Sean	RB	5' 7"	165	UW Parkside
33	Scott II	Jerome	DB	5' 10"	170	UW Oshkosh
34	Triplett	Howard	RB	6' 1"	215	Warren Township
35	Herron	Rashawn	RB	5' 10"	230	Bradley Tech HS
36	Gonzalez	Alex	K	5' 10"	205	UW Parkside
40	McGee	DaMeon	LB	5' 9"	220	Washington Park HS
43	Graham	Anton	DE	6' 3"	250	UW Whitewater
46	Vann	DeonTay	TE	6' 2"	245	UW Oshkosh
47	Flores	Rico	TE	6' 3"	225	U.S. Marines
48	Jones	Nick	DL	6' 2"	240	Grant HS
50	Harris	Conner	OL	6' 0"	285	Gateway Technical College
52	Bester II	Gerald	DB	6' 1"	265	UW Oshkosh
54	Nelson	Matt	OL	6' 0"	290	UW Parkside
56	Dundy	Antonio	DL	6' 0"	295	Minnesota State University-Moorhead
58	Zimmerman	Jacob	OL	6' 2"	280	Wisconsin Lutheran College
59	Tate	Isaiah	LB	6' 0"	205	Millikin University
62	Gwin	Caleb	OL	5' 10"	300	Univeristy of North Dakota
64	Gails	Ryan	OL	5' 11"	295	Ripon College
67	Carey	Shanault	OL	6' 3"	295	Fenger HS
68	Spalek	Scott	OL	6' 0"	300	Glenbrook South HS
70	Seidler	Travis	OL	6' 2"	305	Wisconsin Lutheran College
80	Mosley	Brian	WR	6' 3"	195	Southwest Baptist University
81	James	Darrell	WR	6' 0"	220	Southern Illinois University
84	Norwood	Will	WR	6' 2"	210	Ohio University
85	Nelson	Nick	TE	6' 3"	235	St. Norbert College
87	Flores	Dillon	TE	6' 4"	269	U.S. Army
88	Jackson	Quan	WR	6' 2"	185	William Horlick HS
89	Kant-Hull	Dan	TE	6' 3"	285	Carroll University
91	Morris	DeAngelo	DL	6' 4"	338	Carver Military Academy
94	Imel	Brandon	DL	6' 2"	305	Rockford University
97	Goodwin	Armani	DL	6' 0"	330	J.I. Case HS
98	Parker	Najee	DL	5' 10"	310	Rochester Community & Technical College
99	Zahradnik	Gage	DL	6' 3"	290	Ripon College



# GAME ROSTER

#	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	HT	WT	POS	SCHOOL
0	Camlin	Isaac			TE/HB	Long Reach HS
1	Peete	Terrence	6' 3"	225	DE	Bowie State University
2	McCarter	Daquan	5' 6"	150	WR	Wicomico HS
3	Givens	Darrell	6' 1"	195	DB	Towson University/Rutgers University
5	Griffin	Kevin			DB	
6	Hodges	Marcus			DB	
7	Dickens	Calvin			DB	
8	Gaye	Bitro	6' 0"	257	LB	Watkin Mill HS
9	Bell	Antwon			DL	
10	Wells	Kendu	6' 0"	215	LB	Mount Vernon HS
11	Riggins	D'errico	5' 10"	160	QB	National Collegiate Prep
12	Caldwell	Aaron			QB	
13	Miller	Lawerance			DB	
14	Hall	Victor			LB/DE	
15	Simms, Jr.	Shawn			WR	
16	Flowers	Jarvai	6' 0"	180	WR	Delaware Valley University
17	Brooks	Bryan			WR	
18	Mints	Daquan			WR	Towson University
19	Young	Desean			RB	Ballou HS
20	Matthews	Artadius	5' 11"	185	RB	Bowie HS
21	Burton	Ken			RB	
22	Flakes	Tyler			WR	
23	Dickerson IV	Charles	5' 9"	170	DB	Anna Maria College
24	Harden	Dominic	6' 1"	185	WR	
25	Robinson	Eddie			DB	
26	Wester	Daniel			TE	
27	Terry	Christian			DB	
28	Graham	Larry			RB	
29	Gaskins	Aaron			RB	
30	Washington	Stedman			DL/TE	
31	Sommerville	Troy			DB	
32	Dudley	Jonathan			DB	
33	Boggs	Eric			LB	
35	Guthrie	Taylor			LB	
36	Gibson	Laz			DL	
38	Whack	Thommy			RB	
42	Berry	Marcus			DE/TE	
43	Goldberg	Jordan			K	
44	Keen-Short	Bobby			LB	
45	Benjamin	Chester			DE/LB	Thomas Stone HS
47	Owens	Derrick			DE/LB	
51	Toku	Kofi	6' 2"	205	LB	Bowie State University
52	Scott	Nate			DE	
53	Jackson	Markee			OL	
54	Washington	Christian			OL	
56	Edmonds	Theo			DL	
59	Williams	David			DL	
62	Eason	Melvin			OL	
69	McLamb	Joe			DL	
76	Nasella	Yash			OL	
79	Lee	John			OL/DL	
80	Hammond	Gary			WR	
81	Lyons	Sammy			WR	
82	Wilson	Loketo			WR	
83	Latto	Mike			WR	
84	Jordan	Omar			DL	
88	Durham	Donald			WR	
94	Scott	Ronald			DL	
95	Dupree	Daryck			DL	
98	Matthews	Dion			DL	
99	Beauliere	Biya-G			OL	
00	Marbury	Darren	6' 2"	255	DL	Friendship Collegiate Academy
X	Dickens	Keith			ATH	



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# PLAYER Q&A



## **GARY YOUNG** **LINEBACKER**

**CURRENT JOB(S):** Assistant Construction Manager for Procon Consulting Federal Division

**STARTED WITH THE RAIDERS:** 2014; 2nd year

**FAVORITE FOOD:** Tacos or Wings

**FAVORITE BEVERAGE:** My mom's homemade juice

**FAVORITE PLAYER ON TEAM OTHER THAN YOURSELF:** Andre Locke

**FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL:** Science

**FAVORITE TELEVISION/STREAMING SHOW:** Yellowstone or Supernatural

**PREGAME SUPERSTITION OR ACTIVITY:** Prayer to family that is no longer with us to watch over and protect me

**FAVORITE FOOTBALL MOMENT/MEMORY:** Winning championships.

# VOLUNTEER PROFILE: JEREMY WASURICK



Jeremy Wasurick walked into a Racine Raiders practice six years ago to meet with team representatives and found a home.

“Jeremy has grown so much over the past six years and it’s been great to see as he’s gained a lot of self-confidence,” says Vice President of Marketing Don Wadewitz.

Last year, Jeremy was named the Fred Vance Memorial Volunteer of the Year award for all that he does for the organization.

“It was an honor to win a volunteer of the year award,” said Jeremy. “Getting recognition for hard work was awesome and it motivates me to do even more!”

Along with his role as the social media coordinator on game days, Jeremy is a member of the Racine Raiders marketing team and participates in developing ideas for better use of the social media and posting updates throughout the year.

Last year, he also helped out by working the camera for every Friday Night Lights at Historic Horlick Athletic Field coverage of high school football games.

“I love giving back to the community and spreading the word about the great product that is the Racine Raiders,” states Wasurick.

Jeremy has been the force behind player birthday posts, free ticket giveaways, and the very popular posts this offseason announcing each player signing for the Raiders. The player signings resulted in up to a 700% increase in engagement metrics across the Raiders social media platforms.

“I like the interactions with staff, players, and fans,” says Jeremy. “Plus, I’ve made life-long friends through the Raiders.”

Jeremy says his favorite moment with the Raiders was the 2019 MidStates Football League championship game, a win over the Midway Marauders.

“What a rollercoaster of a game,” he exclaims.



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# PLAYER Q&A



**SAWYER SCHICK**  
QUARTERBACK

**CURRENT JOB(S):** Accounting Associate at Vrakas CPAs and Advisors

**STARTED WITH THE RAIDERS:** 2023

**FAVORITE FOOD:** Country-Fried Steak

**FAVORITE BEVERAGE:** Ice Water

**FAVORITE PLAYER ON TEAM OTHER THAN YOURSELF:** Joe Garcia

**FAVORITE TELEVISIONSTREAMING SHOW:** Community

**FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL:** French

**PREGAME SUPERSTITION OR ACTIVITY:** Listen to Frank Sinatra

**FAVORITE FOOTBALL MOMENT/MEMORY:** Playing at Grand Valley State University on ESPN

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The Alumni Association was started by Mr. Raider, Bob Milkie, in 1991 following his retirement after 35 years as a player and coach with the team. The Alumni Association now boasts almost 200 members, many of whom make the trek back to Racine to celebrate the seven-decade tradition that is Racine Gladiators and Raiders football.

The Alumni Association is a great way to stay connected with former teammates and friends and reminisce about the "good ol' days" or to debate what national championship team was the best in Racine history.

Alumni Association members receive free admission to every home game, entry into Alumni Night and a special tailgate party, and on-field recognition at halftime of the annual Alumni Night game. New in 2023, Alumni Association members also receive free access to the livestream of every Racine Raiders game through our partners at HomeTeam Live! The Racine Raiders and Alumni Association are exploring additional benefits for the future as well.

The Racine Raiders and the Alumni Association have kept the cost very reasonable. A one year membership costs just \$20. A lifetime membership is just \$120. Make sure you join today to help keep the legacy of semi-pro football in Racine alive and well!

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