

ALUMNI & HALL OF FAME NIGHT

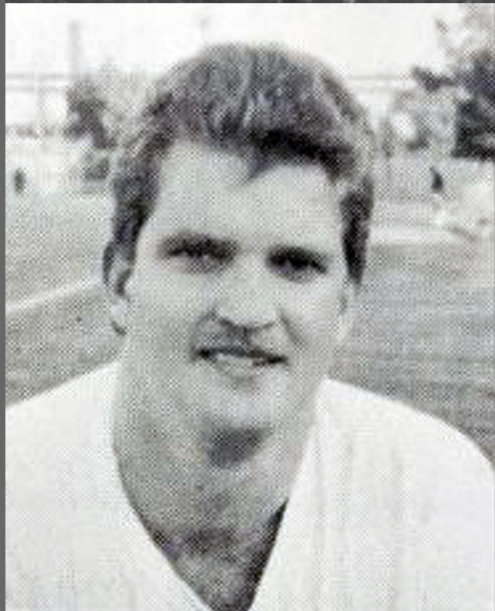
WE RECOGNIZE 70 YEARS OF RACINE RAIDERS AND GLADIATORS ALUMNI AND INDUCT SIX PEOPLE THAT PLAYED, COACHED, AND/OR SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. READ THEIR PROFILES INSIDE!

Raider Report



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1983 Racine
Gladiators Roster
& Staff List Inside!



2023 SCHEDULE



TONIGHT'S GUESTS

HONORARY CAPTAINS

Bill Bushell
Brian Erickson
Mike Hyzdu
Brian Jansen
Craig McClelland
J.R. Taylor

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May 13	Baltimore Lightning *	W, 2-0
May 20	Capital City Seahawks *	W, 23-0
May 27	Memorial Day Bye	
June 3	St. Paul Pioneers *	W, 34-0
June 10	@ Cin City Buccaneers *	W, 35-11
June 17	@ Indy Bison *	W, 24-0
June 24	Illinois Cowboys	W, 40-0
July 1	River City Rough Riders *	W, 38-6
July 8	Chicago Falcons	W, 66-0
July 15	Motor City Rams *	7 PM
July 22	@ St. Paul Pioneers *	6 PM
August 5	TBD	7 PM
August 12	GDFL Playoffs 1st Round	TBD
August 19	GDFL Quarterfinals	TBD
August 26	GDFL Semifinals	TBD
Sept. 2	GDFL Championship	7 PM ET

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A NIGHT TO CELEBRATE RACINE FOOTBALL

Tonight is a special night to celebrate a special relationship. The relationship between the people that live in Racine and a football team that has defied the odds and is celebrating 70 years this year. The Racine Raiders are a positive force in the community. The Raiders are one of the largest non-profit organizations in Racine with about 150 volunteers that gave over 40,000 hours of their time to improving our community through sports and connection.

Tonight, we have the opportunity to thank those that set the framework for what the Racine Raiders are today as we welcome members of the Alumni Association to Historic Horlick Athletic Field. We also get to honor six individuals that cover six decades of the Racine football legacy and who were particularly important in the history of the organization. They've been part of league titles before national games were a thing and they've been part of national championships and a world championship that changed the landscape of the team and semi-pro football to this day. They've been on the board and coached and supported in other ways as well.

Many players, coaches, and volunteers at the semi-pro level don't understand the magnitude of the history of this level of football. They only understand the history for as long as they've been involved. That's why the Racine Raiders Alumni Association and nights like tonight are important. It goes beyond the game on the field tonight (though that's important and we need a Raiders win) and traces back decades.

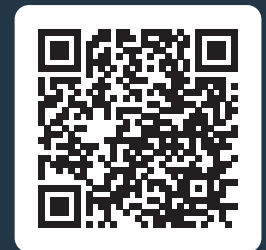
It wouldn't be possible without the support of you, the fans. So, thank you for continuing to show up and understand the absolute treasure Racine is fortunate to have with the Racine Raiders. There are many more festivals, for-profit baseball teams, and other things that vie for your attention. The Racine Raiders thank you for continuing to support the team so people of Racine aren't one day left saying, "remember when" but are still coming to Historic Horlick Athletic Field for Racine Raiders football for years and decades to come.

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HALL OF FAME PROFILE: BILL BUSHELL



Bill Bushell played with the Racine Raiders from 1964 through 1967. Bill was named an all-league player at right guard in 1965. He also handled the kickoffs for the team. Bill was part of teams that won 25 straight games.

Bill would re-join the Raiders in the 1990s, serving as a vice president on the board of directors. During Bill's time on the board, the Raiders were able to secure the contract to run the concessions stand at Horlick Field. Bill took the lead in this effort and had to organize 20 volunteers to run the concessions stand for each Raiders home game. Volunteering with the Raiders was a family affair as Bill's wife and mother-in-law helped out.

Bill was an electrician for 44 years, spending 24 of those years working for the City of Racine. He's been married to his wife, Dorothy, for nearly 56 years and they have three children – Ann, Bill, and Jane – and three grandchildren. Bill says, "Giving back to the Raiders as a volunteer is a small price to pay for what they gave me."

HALL OF FAME PROFILE: BRIAN ERICKSON

Brian Erickson played 12 seasons with the Racine Raiders from 1989 through 2001. Brian played linebacker from 1989 through 1998 and the switched to tight end from 1999 through 2001. He was also the team's longsnapper during his entire career.

During his 12 years with the Raiders, he won one world championship and played in five national championship games, winning two of those. Brian was named the defensive most valuable player of the 1997 national championship game.

Brian was named the defensive rookie of the year in 1989, defensive most valuable player in 1993, 1994, and 1996, and defensive captain in 1995 and 1996. He was also an offensive captain in 1999 and was named to multiple all-star teams.

Brian was elected to the American Football Association hall of fame in 2004, the same year he was named the Raiders defensive coordinator. Brian earned another national championship in 2014, this time as a coach. Brian returned to the Raiders this season and currently coaches the linebackers.



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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	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
13	Dalton	Corey	DB	5' 9"	175	College of the Desert
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
20	Gonzales	Chuey	LB	5' 10"	225	William Horlick HS
21	Davis	Bibby	WR	6' 0"	192	Simeon HS
22	Davis	Jay	DB	6' 3"	205	Bradley Tech HS
25	Kennedy	Greg	RB	5' 6"	195	Harper College
26	Danowski	Jordan	DB	5' 11"	170	UW Parkside
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 HS
36	Gonzalez	Alex	K	5' 10"	205	UW Parkside
37	Reyes	Ulises	LB	5' 11"	235	Carthage College
40	McGee	DaMeon	LB	5' 9"	220	Washington Park HS
41	Holloway	Marquan	DB	5' 11"	210	U.S. Navy
42	Wells	James	LB	5' 10"	250	Iowa Central Community College
43	Graham	Anton	DE	6' 3"	250	UW Whitewater
45	Ivy	Aarion	LB	6' 4"	216	Bloom HS
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	DL	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
57	Villegas	Matt	OL	6' 4"	250	Gustavus Adolphus College
58	Zimmerman	Jacob	OL	6' 2"	280	Wisconsin Lutheran College
62	Gwin	Caleb	OL	5' 10"	300	Racine Lutheran HS
64	Gails	Ryan	OL	5' 11"	295	Ripon College
68	Spalek	Scott	OL	6' 0"	300	Glenbrook South HS
70	Seidler	Travis	OL	6' 2"	305	Wisconsin Lutheran College
73	Day	Kaleb	DL	6' 2"	315	Minnesota West Comm. & Tech College
78	Thomas	Cordero	OL	6' 2"	310	
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
86	Plaza	Elias	WR	6' 1"	233	Mary D. Bradford HS
87	Flores	Dillon	TE	6' 4"	269	U.S. Army
88	Hicks	Chris	TE	6' 4"	275	Rochester Comm. & Tech. College
89	Kant-Hull	Dan	OL	6' 3"	285	Carroll University
91	Morris	DeAngelo	OL	6' 4"	338	Carver Military Academy
94	Imel	Brandon	DL	6' 2"	305	Rockford University
95	Clay	Willie	DL	6' 0"	283	Mississippi Valley State University
97	Goodwin	Armani	DL	6' 0"	330	J.I. Case HS
98	Parker	Najee	DL	5' 10"	310	Rochester Comm. & Tech. College
99	Zahradnik	Gage	DL	6' 3"	290	Ripon College



GAME ROSTER

#	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	HT	WT	POS	SCHOOL
0	Crawford	Aaron	DB			
1	Thomas	Future	QB			
2	Howard	James	DB			
3	Posey	Armani	LB/QB			
4	Davis	Nevarrio	WR			
5	Davis	Defarrel	WR			
7	Allen	Mycial	DB			
8	Barksdale	Terrence	DB/LB			
9	Terry	James	DB			
10	Davis	Antoine	LB			
11	Newsom	Derrick	DB			
12	Clark	Dontae	WR/TE			
13	Davis	Serez	WR			
14	Isaac	Stephen	WR			
16	Burise, Jr.	Mike	DT			
17	Tumpkins	Terrance	WR			
18	Dandridge	Brandon	WR			
19	Nolan	Archie	RB			
20	Perry	Javon	RB			
21	Whitley	Deante	RB			
23	Smith, Jr.	Ardell	DB/LB			
24	Burrell	Daryl	RB			
25	Belton	Toreek	LB			
26	Darnell Jr.	Saleem	DB			
27	Steward	Shawn	DT			
29	Reed	Clarence	LB/DE			
30	Granger	Tyrese	LB			
31	Stevenson	Keri	DB			
33	Bryant	Dana	LB/DE			
34	Belton	Torian	DE			
41	Harris	Daizon	LB			
44	Johnson, Jr.	Jovan	RB			
51	Hollings	Balaal	OL			
52	Wallace	Jack	DT/LB			
53	McGhee	Sean	LB			
54	Steward	Dewayne	OL			
55	Barksdale	Torrence	DL			
58	Davis	Nick	OL			
60	Johnson, Jr.	Jordan	OL			
66	Myers III	Andrew	OL			
68	Thrushman	Bret	K/P			
70	Cherry	Eric	OL			
77	Anderson	Wesley	OL			
78	Craft	Elijah	OL			
80	Belton	Toriano	DE			
82	Ward	Nigal	TE			
85	Shivers	DeAnte	WR/TE			
88	Howard	Jamal	DL			
90	Johnson	Takari	DL			
96	Brown	Xavier	OL			
99	Young	Kel	DL			



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HALL OF FAME PROFILE: BRIAN JANSEN



Brian Jansen fell in love with football the moment his dad took him to buy equipment including a Green Bay Packers helmet. His parents were always huge supporters of his football efforts, even driving to Wyoming to watch him play for the Wisconsin Badgers on his dad's birthday. The Badgers helped Brian and his dad celebrate by grabbing a 41-17 win.

Despite not being allowed to play organized football until ninth grade due to weight restrictions in leagues, Brian became a standout player at Tremper High School, helping them secure two state championships. He then played for the Wisconsin Badgers before beginning his semi-pro playing days with a Kenosha team for one year.

Brian played with the Racine Raiders for five years, helping lead the team to wins in the 1988 national championship over the Brooklyn Mariners and the 1989 world championship game in Ottawa, Canada, against the Bootleggers. Brian was inducted into the American Football Association Hall of Fame in 2013.

Brian is currently the Vice President of Business Services with Tri City National Bank, one of the Raiders sponsors. He's been there for 17 years. He continues to stay involved with football through youth football endeavors.

Brian lives in Pleasant Prairie with his wife Janice. They'll celebrate their 30th anniversary on October 9, 2023. They have three children: Leah, Benjamin, and Brock. Brian wishes to thank the Raiders organization for allowing him to play football after college and for this honor.

HALL OF FAME PROFILE: MIKE HYZDU



Mike Hyzdu loved football. After a high school career at Moeller High School in Cincinnati, Mike played at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. He moved to Racine in 1990 and “was thrilled to learn about the best semi-pro program in the world.” Mike played for three seasons with the Raiders in the early-1990’s before moving back to Ohio.

Mike got married to Nicole and they raised a son and daughter who BOTH played for Mike for four year in the Dublin Football League which had 600 boys and ONE girl. Mike and Nicole have now been married for 31 years and live in a suburb of Columbus, Ohio. He’s a managing director at UBS where he does financial planning for business owners.

Mike says, “the commitment to excellence, working hard, and having fun have always been a part of the Raiders tradition and I carry that with me each and every day. It’s great to come back and be a fan... Wisconsin knows how to do football right!”

HALL OF FAME PROFILE: CRAIG MCCLELLAND



After playing at UW-Oshkosh from 2007-2010, Craig McClelland was stalked by former Racine Raiders head coach Gino Perfetto and current board president Matt Nelson. Perfetto and Nelson knew if they could get Craig running the offense, national championships would follow...and they weren’t wrong.

McClelland helped lead the Raiders to national championship games in 2012, 2013, and 2014, winning the titles in 2012 and 2014. Craig threw for 51 touchdowns in 2012 which is tied for second most in Raiders/Gladiators history and seventh most in the history of semi-pro football. Craig amassed 6,850 passing yards and 104 touchdown passes and added 401 rushing yards and another 8 touchdowns on the ground in his three seasons with the Raiders. Craig is married to Becky and is the varsity football head coach at Union Grove High School.

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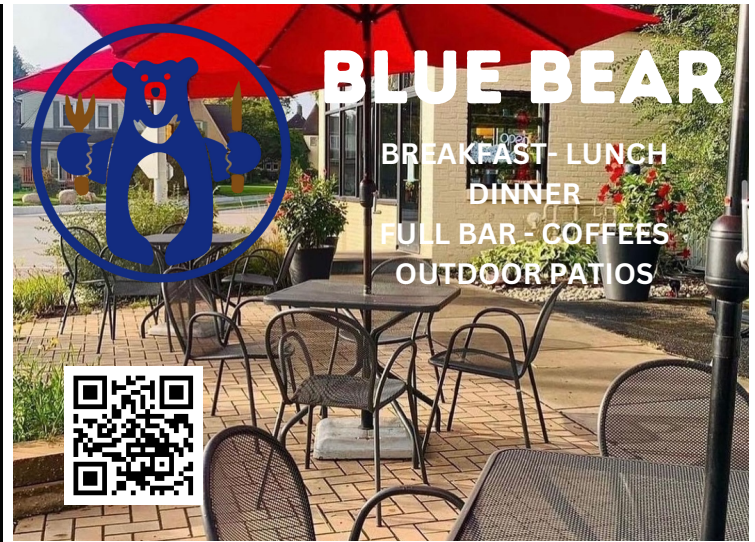
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HALL OF FAME PROFILE: J.R. TAYLOR

After a standout career playing alongside Burlington's own Tony Romo at Eastern Illinois University where he was a consensus All-American selection, J.R. Taylor was a priority rookie free agent signee of the Green Bay Packers.

Taylor was first an enemy of the Raiders, playing for the Kane County Eagles from 2005-2008. After Kane County folded, Taylor came to Racine and played for the Raiders in 2009 and then from 2011 through 2016. While with the Raiders, J.R. rushed for 5,754 yards and 79 touchdowns while adding 842 yards through the air with nine more touchdowns. J.R.'s best season with Racine came in 2012 when he had 1,830 combined yards and 21 TD's.

J.R. won a national championship with the Eagles in 2007 and appeared in three national championship games with the Raiders, winning titles in 2012 and 2014. He is a member of the Eastern Illinois University hall of fame and now, also a member of the Racine Raiders hall of fame.

J.R. now spends a lot of time coaching his son Trae Taylor III and making campus visits as Trae is entering his freshman year of high school and already has a handful of NCAA Division One offers, including several from Power Five conferences.



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JOIN THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Are you a former player, coach, volunteer, or board member of the Racine Raiders or Racine Gladiators? Whether you played one down or volunteered for one game, you can join the Racine Raiders Alumni Association!

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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1983 RACINE GLADIATORS ROSTER AND STAFF

Listed in 1983 yearbook and roster from October 15, 1983 game

#	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	HT	WT	POS
1	Tate	George	WR	6' 0"	180
3	Panfil	William	DB	6' 0"	177
7	King	Doug	WR	6' 0"	187
10	Hall	Kent	QB	5' 11"	185
11	Bliss	Charlie	QB	6' 2"	185
12	Lindskoog	Nils	K	6' 2"	200
15	Huron	Adam	K	5' 7"	160
19	Schnell	Chris	DB	6' 1"	200
20	Schnell	Jeff	DB	6' 1"	200
21	Young	Jerry	WR	6' 2"	175
23	Wilson	Jim	DB	5' 9"	180
24	Bey	Michael	RB	5' 9"	188
25	Trevino	Pedro	DB	5' 11"	178
26	Fuller	Steve	RB	6' 0"	235
27	Jennings	Bryan	RB	5' 9"	195
29	Nagle	Ken	RB	5' 10"	215
34	Larry	Michael	RB	5' 10"	235
39	Greco	William	DB	5' 10"	180
40	Johnson	Reggie	WR	5' 9"	170
44	Anderson	Earl	DB	6' 3"	195
46	Converse	Terry	LB	5' 11"	190
47	Sirovina	Cliff	RB	5' 11"	220
50	Smith	Scott	LB	6' 1"	222
51	Banks	Paul	LB	6' 2"	215
52	Galipo	Denny	C	5' 11"	190
54	Borzych	Daryl	LB	6' 0"	210
55	Forchette	John	LB	6' 0"	230
58	Jemilo	Dave	LB	6' 3"	230
59	Rucks	Tim	OL	6' 4"	245
60	Olson	Jeff	C	6' 0"	240
62	Johnson	Lamar	DT	6' 2"	276
63	Basom	Greg	OG	6' 2"	250
64	Kelly	Ken	DT	6' 2"	266
68	Crom	John	OT	6' 2"	240
69	Hood	Michael	DT	6' 1"	245
70	Houston	Tom	OT	6' 3"	245
73	Smith	William	OG	6' 4"	210
74	Kampendahl	Kurt	DT	6' 3"	250
77	Richardson	Lonnie	OT	6' 5"	270
80	Pekar	Jim	DE	6' 4"	255
81	Brunner	Dan	TE	6' 3"	235
83	Mattrella	Ron	LB	6' 1"	222
85	McClelland	Jim	WR	5' 11"	175
86	Fraid	Greg	WR	6' 3"	180
87	Branch	John	DL	6' 3"	260
88	Meinson	Ray	WR	6' 3"	205

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