

# RAIDER REPORT

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July 6 vs River City Rough Riders

# Raider Report



## MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT

Tonight's game is the Raiders' annual salute to all veterans of the United States armed forces. **Operation BBQ Relief** will host a free tailgate party beginning at 4:30 pm inside the veteran's entry gate. All veterans are invited to attend, learn more about the organization, and enjoy great food and camaraderie.

There will be an activity at halftime to recognize members of each military branch. As always, veterans receive free admission to Raider home games.



## National Anthem

Amy Hernandez Maack performs tonight at Horlick Field. Ms. Maack is a seasoned singer and music educator in Racine. With nearly two decades of experience, she has dedicated her career to teaching choral and music in Racine Unified. She has performed the National Anthem for teams like the Milwaukee Brewers, Marquette Golden Eagles, Kenosha Kingfish, and Racine Raiders.

# GAME PREVIEW: vs River City Rough Riders



by Jack Redlin, Racine Raiders

The Racine Raiders (6-0) will host the River City Rough Riders (6-3) this Saturday at Historic Horlick Athletic Field. The Raiders aim to extend their winning streak to 22 games and put themselves in sole possession of the fourth-best all-time winning streak by a Raiders or Gladiators team over the organization's 71-year history.

The River City Rough Riders are a part of the Northern Lights Football League (NLFL) and were runner-up for the NLFL championship in 2023. They won their first national bowl game in team history this past January. River City's schedule is considered one of the toughest according to the 2024 national rankings this season, as they have five matchups with top 15 opponents.

The Raiders are coming off a dominant performance on the road against the Glass City Tigers where they won 49-12. On the season, veteran quarterback Andre Locke, Sr. has over 1,000 passing yards and 18 total touchdowns. A big part of that success has been due to a growing connection with WR Will Norwood over the past three games. The former Ohio University Bobcat, Norwood has tallied just under 150 yards with five touchdowns in the last three games.

Defensively, the Raiders are led by linebacker Gary Young, Jr. who has 35 tackles, two sacks, and two interceptions, including one returned for a touchdown. Jordan Danowski leads the secondary with 18 tackles and three interceptions, with one returned for a touchdown. Willie Clay leads the defensive line with six sacks and eight tackles for loss.

The River City Rough Riders are led offensively by running back Devion Clay and wide receiver Jаланzo Jackson. Clay has just over 800 total yards with 23 touchdowns and Jackson has just over 500 yards and five touchdowns.

The Rough Riders are led defensively by linebacker Aaron Taylor (61 tackles, two sacks), defensive lineman John Goode (40 tackles, seven sacks), and defensive back LaVontay Basley (four interceptions).



# Raiders Extend Their Win Streak to 21 Games

by Jack Redlin, Racine Raiders



The Raiders offense got off to a slow start in the first half due to turnovers but regained their confidence in the second half as they took down the Glass City Tigers (5-7), 49-12, in Ohio on Saturday. Two turnovers by Racine were returned by touchdowns in the second quarter making the game close heading into halftime.

The Racine Raiders dominated on both sides of the ball in the second half against the Tigers and extended their winning streak to 21 straight games, which ties the 1983-1984 win streak by the then Racine Gladiators. Head coach Wilbert Kennedy also became the second Raiders head coach in history to record his 100th career win joining “Mr. Raider” Bob Milkie who has 137 career wins.

The Raiders offense would get on track in the second half and amassed just under 350 total yards while scoring four rushing and two passing touchdowns in their win.

The Racine defense showed dominance once again, allowing only 20 yards and shutting out their opponent on the defensive end. The Raiders also added one sack and one interception returned for a touchdown on the night.

After a quick opening drive by the Tigers, the Raiders took possession of the ball at the Tigers 37-yard line. This led to a quick four-play drive where Rashawn Herron found the endzone on a two-yard rushing touchdown. Brady Wodack came on and missed the extra point making it 6-0 with just over nine minutes remaining in the first quarter.

Racine’s defense forced a quick three-and-out which led to the Raiders second score of the game when Tom Benko found the endzone on a two-yard rushing touchdown. Wodack would come on to make the extra point which made it 13-0 with just over two minutes remaining in the first quarter.

The Raiders offense suffered miscues within each of the next two drives, resulting in a fumble and interception, both returned for touchdowns. J.D. Hardy would block both extra points to preserve the Raiders lead, 13-12, with just over four minutes remaining in the second quarter.

The Raiders would respond just before the end of the half when Andre Locke connected with Jashon Foster for a 24-yard touchdown reception. Wodack came on and made the extra point making it 20-12 with one minute remaining in the second quarter.

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# 21 Straight

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YourThe Raiders received the ball in the second half and quickly added another score on a four-play drive where Herron found the endzone again on a one-yard touchdown run. Wodack came on and made the extra point making it 27-12 with just over 13 minutes remaining in the third quarter.

The Raiders next score of the game came on the defensive side of the ball where all-GDFL linebacker Gary Young Jr. stepped in front of the crossing receiver to intercept the pass and return it for a 21-yard touchdown. Wodack came on and made the extra point to make the game 34-12 with just under seven minutes remaining in the third quarter.

The Raiders defense once again stepped up forcing a three-and-out which led to the Raiders getting the ball at the Tigers 31-yardline. This led to another quick three-play drive by the Raiders when Locke found Will Norwood for a 14-yard passing touchdown. Wodack would come on to make the extra point making it 41-12 with just over one minute remaining in the third quarter.

The Raiders final score of the game came from Sean White when he scored a seven-yard rushing touchdown and added a two-point conversion run making it 49-12 with just over eight minutes remaining in the fourth quarter.

Locke completed 11-of-17 attempts for 206 yards and added two passing touchdowns to one interception. Sawyer Schick completed 3-of-4 attempts for 25 yards and Antoine McKinney completed 1-of-2 attempts for 11 yards and one interception.

Rico Flores led the way in receiving with four receptions for 65 yards. Norwood added 27 yards and one touchdown on two receptions while Foster totaled two receptions for 43 yards and one touchdown. White tallied one reception for 39 yards and Fitch totaled two receptions for 46 yards.

Herron led the way rushing adding 24 yards and two touchdowns on seven attempts. Tom Benko tallied 25 yards and one touchdown on four attempts, and White added 16 yards and one touchdown on three attempts.

Young Jr. led the way defensively tallying five tackles and one interception returned for a touchdown. Defensive lineman Willie Clay added four tackles and one sack and Jake Mittelstaedt totaled six tackles.



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# JUNE 29 STATS @ GLASS CITY TIGERS

SCORE BY QUARTER	1	2	3	4	OT	FINAL
RACINE RAIDERS	13	7	21	8	0	49
GLASS CITY TIGERS	0	12	0	0	0	12

STATISTICS	Racine Raiders	Glass City Tiger
First Downs	16	2
Third Down Efficiency	4 - 6 - 67%	0 - 9 - 0%
Fourth Down Efficiency	0 - 1 - 0%	2 - 2 - 100%
Rushing Att-Yards-Avg	20 - 110 - 5.5	17 - 11 - .6
Passing Att-Yards-Avg	24 - 250 - 16.7	12 - 8 - 2.7
Pass Cmpt-Att-Int-%	15 - 24 - 2 - 63%	3 - 12 - 1 - 25%
Tot Off Yards	354	6
Sacks-Yards	3 - 13	1 - 6
Penalties-Yards	8 - 44	7 - 36
Fumbles-Lost	3 - 2	0 - 0
Punts-LG-Avg	0 - 0 - 0	7 - 48 - 37.9
Field Goal Made-Att	0 - 0	0 - 0
Touchdowns Tot-Run-Pass	7 - 4 - 2	2 - 0 - 0
# Possessions	11	12
Time of Poss	26:25:00	33:35:00

## 2024 GDFL Playoff Calendar

August 3rd - 8 teams - locations TBD

August 17th - 4 teams - locations TBD

August 31st - **GRIDIRON BOWL XV - Racine, WI**

**2024 SCHEDULE**

QB ANDRE LOCKE JR. 2023 DPOY

LB GARY YOUNG 2023 DPOY and TEAM MVP

5.11 MIDWEST RENEGADES
 6.22 FLAG CITY PHANTOMS

5.18 MICHIGAN BILLS
 6.29 @GLASS CITY TIGERS

6.1 MOTOR CITY RAMS
 7.6 RIVER CITY ROUGHRIDERS

6.8 TN HORNETS
 7.13 ST PAUL PIONEERS

6.15 @ST PAUL PIONEERS
 7.27 @SOUTHERN INDIANA BOBCATS

HOME AWAY

# LAST GAME STATISTICS: OFFENSE

RUSHING						
	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	
1 Locke Jr, Andre	2	18	9.0	12	0	
6 Benko, Tom	4	25	6.3	18	1	
8 Schick, Sawyer	1	8	8.0	8	0	
12 McKinney II, Antoine	1	2	2.0	2	0	
25 Kennedy, Greg	2	13	6.5	8	0	
27 White, Sean	3	20	6.7	9	1	
32 Herron, Rashawn	7	24	3.4	10	2	
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>	

PASSING								
	ATT	CMP	YDS	SAC	LG	TD	INT	RTG
1 Locke Jr, Andre	17	11	219	0	40	2	1	122.8
8 Schick, Sawyer	4	3	25	1	14	0	0	90.6
12 McKinney II, Antoine	2	1	11	0	11	0	1	27.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>90.6</b>

PASS RECEIVING						
	TAR	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Unidentified	2	0	0	0.0	0	0
0 Foster, Jashon	4	2	43	21.5	24	1
6 Benko, Tom	2	2	11	5.5	6	0
17 Fitch, Terrence	2	2	46	23.0	40	0
21 Davis, Bibby	2	1	13	13.0	13	0
24 Flores, Rico	6	4	65	16.3	25	0
27 White, Sean	1	1	39	39.0	39	0
36 Graf, Jay	1	1	11	11.0	11	0
84 Norwood, Will	3	2	27	13.5	14	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1</b>

PUNTING						
	NO	TB	YDS	AVG	LG	IN20
16 Wodack, Brady	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

PUNT RETURNS						
	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
84 Norwood, Will	3	0	36	12.0	29	0
81 James, Darrell	2	0	29	14.5	17	0
28 Eickhorst, Jersey	2	0	40	20.0	32	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

KICKOFFS						
	NO	TB	YDS	AVG	LG	SH
16 Wodack, Brady	8	2	422	52.8	65	59
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>52.8</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>59</b>

KICK RETURNS						
	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
14 Woodland, Jacques	2	0	94	47.0	50	0
27 White, Sean	1	0	36	36.0	36	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>43.3</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>0</b>



## GRIDIRON DEVELOPMENT FOOTBALL LEAGUE

# GRIDIRON BOWL XV

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2024

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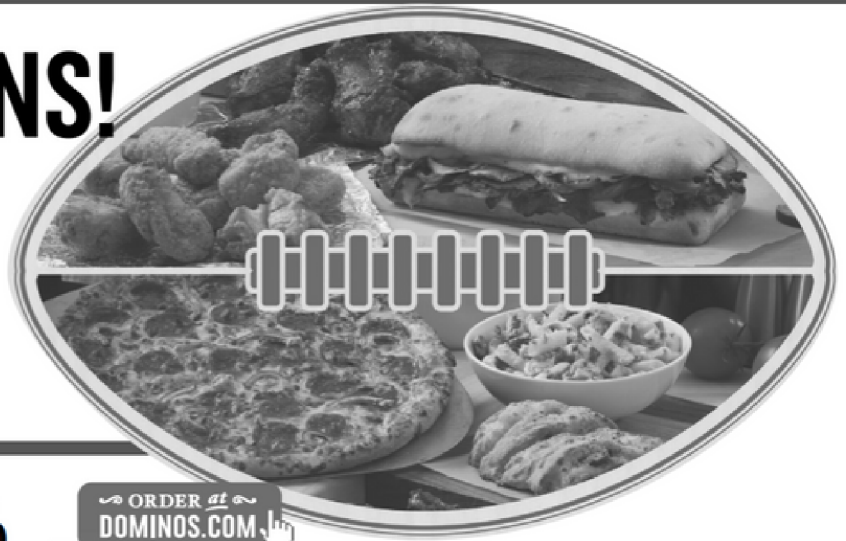
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# Last Game Statistics: Defense

DEFENSIVE	UA	AS	TOT	SK	YDS	IN	F	FR	TD
2 Benko, Justin	4	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 Hardy, JD	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
14 Woodland, Jacques	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
15 Young Jr, Gary	5	3	8	0	0	1	0	0	1
19 Ivy, Aarion	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
26 Danowski, Jordan	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
31 Lemke, Niko	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
45 Lewis, Lavantis	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
47 Mittelstaedt, Jake	4	3	7	1	3.5	0	0	0	0
52 Turner, Elvin	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
59 Tate, Isaiah	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
90 Haggins, Ronald	2	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
94 Clay, Willie	2	5	7	2	9.5	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>



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# Player Profile: J.D. Hardy



by Jack Redlin, Racine Raiders

Defensive back J.D. Hardy is entering his eighth season with the Racine Raiders. He is coming off a solid 2023 season where he totaled 46 tackles, six passes defended, and one interception while appearing in ten games.

Before joining the Raiders in 2014, Hardy played for the Lake County Renegades at the semi-pro level. As soon as Hardy joined the Renegades, he believed he was ready for a higher level of football that would challenge him further. This led to Hardy becoming interested in the Raiders and the reason behind Hardy finally joining in 2014.

“I decided to leave the Renegades because it was like playing high school football all over again and I wanted to play for a team that was organized and in a league that would challenge me,” Hardy said.

After joining the Raiders in 2014, Hardy played a full season with the Raiders, but in 2015 Hardy left after just nine games and didn’t return until the 2017 season. The reasoning behind his absence from the team was due to him having his first child and the only reason he came back in 2017 was because “my son was old enough to sit and walk on his own,” Hardy stated.

Another aspect of Hardy’s on-the-field work is that his father Jahamal Hardy is the defensive coordinator for the Raiders.

“It’s pretty cool, a lot of people don’t know but I’ve been playing up here way before he came to coach,” J.D. said. “I think it’s pretty dope because he has a high sense of football recognition. How our defense handles situations speaks for itself for his coaching.”

Off the field, one thing that Hardy is proud of that will always be a part of his life is his two children.

“The thing I’m most proud about is being a father to my two kids,” Hardy said. “Those two give me the drive to keep going in life, without them there is no purpose.”

In terms of this upcoming season, Hardy’s goals remain the same as everyone else on the Raiders.

“The biggest goal this season is to repeat for sure,” Hardy said. “That was the goal coming in and that’s the goal we’re reaching for as a team. And it’s doable.”

Hardy’s dedication is shown on and off the field, from taking time for his kids to putting together stellar seasons with the Raiders. Hardy is looking to improve on the field with the Raiders this season and off the field in the time he spends with his kids.

# RACINE RAIDERS

#	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POS	HT	WT	SCHOOL
0	Foster	Jashon	WR	6'6	225	Coahoma CC
1	Locke	Andre	QB	6'2	175	Upper Iowa Univ
2	Benko	Justin	LB	6'	226	North Park Univ
3	Rewolinski	Alex	TE / H	6'3	220	U.S. Army
4	Garcia	Joe	WR	6'2	180	Highland CC
5	Payne	Jordan	WR	6'2	235	Alcorn State
6	Benko	Tom	RB	6'	235	Carthage College
7	Hardy-Farsall	Jedeniah	DB	6'1	210	Waukegan HS
8	Schick	Sawyer	QB / LS	5'11	210	UW-La Crosse
9	Azor	Stanley	DB	5'10	185	Carthage College
12	McKinney II	Antoine	QB	5'11	225	Gallaudet Univ
14	Woodland	Jacques	WR	6'2	205	Missouri Southern
15	Young Jr	Gary	LB	6'3	250	Bemidji State
16	Wodack	Brady	P / K	6'1	170	St. Norbert College
17	Fitch	Terrence	WR	6'1	190	UW-Whitewater
18	Schultz	Channing	DB	6'	180	Iowa Central CC
19	Ivy	Aarion	LB	6'4	220	Bloom HS
20	Gonzales	Jesus	LB	5'10	230	Iowa Central CC
21	Davis	Bibby	WR	6'	188	Simeon Career Acad
22	Davis	Jay	DB	6'3	205	Bradley Tech HS
24	Flores	Richard	LB	6'3	225	U.S. Marine Corp
25	Kennedy	Gregory	RB	5'6	190	Warren Township
26	Danowski	Jordan	DB	5'11	170	Waterford HS
27	White	Sean	RB	5'7	185	UW-Stevens Point
28	Eickhorst	Jersey	WR	6'	185	Univ West England-Bristol
29	Smith	DaQuan	LB	5'10	178	Carroll University
30	Ruffin	Tori	LB	6'2	270	Concordia Univ WI
31	Lemke	Nikolalrus	DL	6'2	235	UW-Whitewater
32	Herron	Rashawn	RB	5'10	235	Bradley Tech HS
33	Williams	LaMont	DB	5'10	160	Bolingbrook HS
35	Savarino	Wyatt	DB	6'2	215	Muskego HS
38	Jones	Damone	DB	5'10	160	N. Dakota Pottineau
39	Hayes	Travis	RB	5'11	185	UW-Whitewater
41	Holloway	Marquan	DB	5'11	210	J.I. Case HS
43	Graham	Anton	DE	6'3	245	UW-Whitewater
45	Lewis	Lavantis	TE / H	6'1	215	College of Dupage
47	Mittestaedt	Jake	DL	6'1	230	UW-Platteville
52	Turner	Elvin	LB	5'11	260	
54	Nelson	Matthew	OL	6'	290	Wm. Horlick HS
56	Dundy	Antonio	DL	6'	295	Minn State Moorhead
57	Hill	Michael	OL	6'5	285	Arizona University
58	Zimmerman	Jacob	OL	6'1	245	Wisc Lutheran College
59	Tate	Isaiah	LB	6'	215	Millikin University
62	Gwin	Caleb	OL	5'10	300	Univ North Dakota
65	Tucker	Steven	OL	6' 4	350	New Mexico Highlands
67	Carey	Shanault	OL	6'3	290	Fenger HS
68	Spalek	Scott	OL	6'	295	Glenbrook South HS
69	Imel	Brandon	OL	6'2	305	Rockford University
77	Anderson	Aubrey	OL	6'3	350	Minn West CC
78	Bullock	Anthony	OL	6' 6	345	Indiana State University
81	James	Darrell	WR	6'	215	So Illinois University
84	Norwood	William	WR	6'2	205	Ohio University
85	Nelson	Nick	TE / H	6'3	215	St. Norbert College
87	Flores	Dillon	TE / H	6'4	260	U.S. Army
89	Gaines	Ian	TE / H	6'5	265	Argo HS
90	Haggins	Ronald	DL	6'3	260	Simeon Career Acad
94	Clay	Willie	DL	6'1	295	Miss Valley State
97	Goodwin	Armani	DL	6'	330	J.I. Case HS
98	Williams	Cordero	DL	6'	330	J.I. Case HS
99	Zahradnik	Gage	DL	6'	300	Ripon College





# Get to Know Your Raiders

## Jaques Woodland (WR)

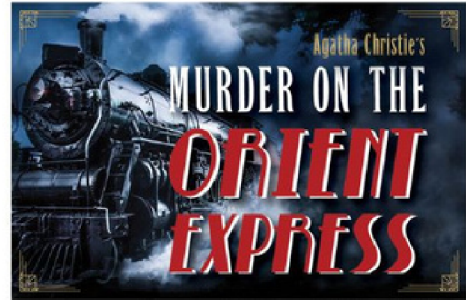


1	Q:	Current Job(s)?
	A:	Salesman
2	Q:	Year started with Raiders?
	A:	2024
3	Q:	Years playing Semi-Pro Football?
	A:	3 years
4	Q:	Other teams you've played for at semi-pro level (w/ years)?
	A:	Chicago Birdgang
5	Q:	Favority food?
	A:	Cheeseburgers
6	Q:	Favorite beverage?
	A:	Sprite
7	Q:	Favorite player on team (other than yourself)?
	A:	Joe Garcia
8	Q:	Favorite subject in school?
	A:	Math
9	Q:	Favorite television show, streaming show, or podcast?
	A:	Snowfall
10	Q:	Pregame superstition or activity?
	A:	Watch highlights and listen to music
11	Q:	Favorite football moment/memory?
	A:	First time stepping on field as a kid, and the rush that came.

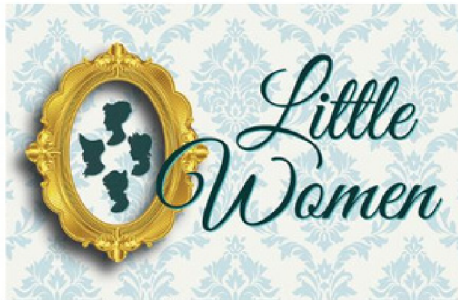




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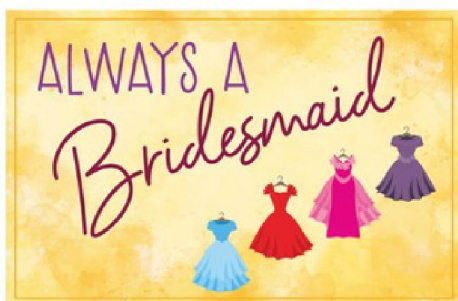
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