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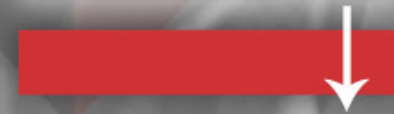
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# Raider Report

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## A FOOTBALL TRANSITION



**TRAVIS SEIDLER HAS  
TRANSITIONED FROM  
DEFENSE TO OFFENSE,  
COLLEGE TO SEMI-PRO,  
AND EVENTUALLY MAYBE  
PLAYER TO COACH**

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# 2022 SCHEDULE



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June 4	@ Illinois Cowboys *	L, 14-12
June 11	Wisconsin Hitmen *	W, 35-34
June 18	Midway Marauders *	W, 21-6
June 25	Chicago Birdgang *	7:00 pm
July 2	Grand Rapids Seminoles	7:00 pm
July 9	TBD	7:00 pm
July 16	Illinois Cowboys *	7:00 pm
July 23	@ Midway Marauders *	7:00 pm
July 30	@ Chicago Birdgang *	7:00 pm
August 6	@ Wisconsin Hitmen *	7:00 pm
August 13	TBD	7:00 pm

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# RAIDERS LOOK TO CLAIM 1ST PLACE

Starting off the season in the MidStates Football League with a tough luck loss to the Illinois Cowboys put the Racine Raiders in a tough position. The next few games on their schedule were against tough opponents. How the team would respond to losing a game they controlled much of the way would go a long way to determining how this season went for the Raiders.

Racine rebounded with a come-from-behind win over the Wisconsin Hitmen two weeks ago in a game they led for less than 2-1/2 minutes. They scored with 8:39 to play in the first quarter but gave up a kick return for a touchdown on the next play of the game. The Hitmen led by double digits at halftime and by as many as 12 points in the fourth quarter. The Raiders wouldn't take the lead again until just before the two minute warning in the fourth quarter.

Last week, the Raiders played the Midway Marauders, who went through the MSFL regular season unbeaten in 2021 but had been struggling to score points in 2022. The Marauders traveled with a light crew, estimated to be between 25 and 30 players and gave the Raiders a real challenge.

The Raiders scored first in the game, but the Marauders would tie it up midway through the second quarter. After that, the Raiders defense buckled in

and the offense managed to get enough done against a strong Marauders defense to pull out the win. Despite being 0-3 on the season, the Marauders have only allowed an average of 18 points per game.

Tonight, the Raiders host the Chicago Birdgang. The Birdgang are a new organization featuring a mashup of two MSFL teams from the past few years - the Chi City Ducks and the Chicago Cardinals. Individually, the two teams didn't fare well in the league last year but the combined Birdgang are the lone undefeated team in the five team MSFL.

The Birdgang are led offensively by quarterback Andre Lock, Jr. who has thrown for 577 yards and eight touchdowns with just three interceptions. He's also they're second-leading rusher with 110 yards on the ground on just seven carries. His favorite target has been Jacques Woodland who has 13 catches for 225 yards and three touchdowns.

Their defense gets after the quarterback, having registered 12 sacks and 35 tackles for loss. Corey Williams leads the team with seven TFLs while Ronald Haggins has four sacks. Ronald Pledger has hauled in three picks on the year thus far. Aarion Ivy is the leading tackler with 15 tackles.

A win tonight puts the Raiders in a tie for first place but they'd own the tiebreaker advantage.

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**RAIDERS**



# A FOOTBALL TRANSITION

It's interesting to try and figure out why a player decides to play with one team over another at the semi-pro level. Different teams offer different perks and opportunities that someone might find interesting. The key indicator, however, is relationships and that's how offensive lineman Travis Seidler found his way to the Racine Raiders from Whitnall High School and Wisconsin Lutheran College.

"Coach Vinnie reach out to me, and I love the man and would play for him any day" explained Seidler. "I've played with him in the past and traveled from Whitnall to play with him on the Gladiators that he had running."

Seidler started all last year at WLC but his work schedule got in the way and he decided to continue his education as a part-time student, which ruled out college football for him.

"I still wanted to play football," he said. "I still have that competitive drive so I found something that fits

the schedule a little better."

The semi-pro world isn't a mystery to Seidler. Just like fellow offensive linemen Caleb Gwin, Jacob Zimmerman, and Matt Nelson, he had family that played. His dad played for a semi-pro team in Sheboygan.

"He'd heard of the Raiders and was dying to get me out here," says Seidler.

He learned even more about the Raiders from social media. He follows coaches Vinnie Scacco and Geoff Shick on social media and their posts left a good impression.

"You see all these posts about this great time they're having," states Seidler. "You see those and you just gotta come out here."

Seidler, who is just 20 years old, says he played on the defensive side of the ball for much of his career so the switch to offensive line has been a learning curve for him. On top of that, transitioning to the semi-pro game has proven to be an early challenge.

"It's a different speed," reflects Seidler. "At the D3 level, you still have a love for the game but at this level it's guys that just have that deeper love for the game. It means something. It means something just a little bit more."

Seidler is still learning the differences in his transition of the offensive side. He says defense was all about having a motor that never quit while with offense he can dig into the cerebral aspect of the game more.

While Seidler is looking to get better as a player, he's also taking everything in and watching the Racine Raiders coaches so he can better understand the coaching and motivating aspect of the game.

"The dream to me is to maybe eventually coach one day," says Seidler. "So I feel like I'm learning as much as I'm performing on the field."



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# GAME ROSTER

#	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	HT	WT	POS	SCHOOL
1	WILLIAMS	Ricardo	6' 0"	215	WR	Northern Illinois University
2	BENKO	Justin	6' 0"	220	LB	North Park University
3	TENNER	Austin	5' 4"	180	RB	University of Dubuque
4	GARCIA III	Joe	6' 3"	190	WR	Highland Community College
5	PAYNE	Jordan	6' 2"	228	WR	Alcorn State University
6	BENKO	Tom	5' 10"	205	RB	Carthage College
7	HARDY	J.D.	6' 1"	210	DB	Waukegan High School
8	SANDERS	Erick	5' 8"	180	P	University of Wisconsin-Waukesha
9	AZOR	Stanley	5' 10"	185	DB	Carthage College
12	FARR	Mitch	6' 2"	210	QB	Central Methodist University
13	MCKINNEY II	Antoine	5' 11"	221	DB	Gallaudet University
14	LEWIS	Robert	5' 9"	175	DB	Boise State Univ. / Sacramento State Univ.
15	CONRAD	Noah	6' 2"	235	QB	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
16	TURNER	Torin	6' 0"	180	RB	William Horlick High School
17	FITCH	Terrence	6' 1"	195	WR	University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
18	SCHULTZ	Channing	6' 0"	184	DB	Iowa Central
19	JONES	Damone	5' 10"	160	DB	William Horlick High School
20	MCRAE	DiQuan	6' 0"	225	LB	J.I. Case High School
21	EICKHORST	Jersey	6' 0"	185	DB	Benedictine University
22	NORWOOD	Will	6' 2"	215	DB	Ohio University
25	LYMON	Joski	5' 11"	210	DB	Washington Park High School
26	DANOWSKI	Jordan	5' 10"	170	DB	Waterford Union High School
27	GARCIA	Angel	5' 6"	165	RB	Washington Park High School
29	SMITH	Daquan	5' 10"	178	DB	Carroll University
30	RUFFIN	Torie	6' 2"	225	DB	Concordia University-Wisconsin
32	KENNEDY	Greg	5' 6"	195	RB	Harper College
33	GONZALES	Jesus	5' 10"	190	WR	William Horlick High School
34	TRIPLETT	Howard	6' 1"	205	RB	Waukegan High School
35	HEARN	T.J.	6' 5"	205	K/P	University of Wisconsin-Parkside
36	GONZALEZ	Alex	5' 9"	205	K	University of Wisconsin-Parkside
40	SZYMANKIEWICZ	Colin	6' 3"	180	DB	Burlington High School
42	FOLDY	Garrett	5' 10"	190	LB	Union Grove High School
43	GRAHAM	Anton	6' 3"	250	LB/DL	University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
45	WROBLEWSKI	Dale	6' 3"	235	TE	University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
48	JONES	Nick	6' 2"	240	DL	Grant High School
50	BAKER-GALLAGHER	Jordan	6' 5"	280	OL/DL	University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
52	BESTER II	Gerald	6' 1"	260	DL	University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
54	NELSON	Matt	6' 0"	280	OL/LS	University of Wisconsin-Parkside
57	WILLIAMS	Desmond	6' 1"	228	RB	William Horlick High School
58	ZIMMERMAN	Jacob	6' 2"	250	OL	Wisconsin Lutheran College
59	TATE	Isaiah	6' 1"	215	LB	Millikin University
62	GWIN	Caleb	5' 10"	290	OL	Racine Lutheran High School
63	CLARK	Terrence	6' 4"	305	OL	Carthage College
64	GAILS	Ryan	5' 11"	320	OL	Ripon College
70	SEIDLER	Travis	6' 1"	305	OL	Whitnall High School
73	KANT-HULL	Dan	6' 3"	285	OL	University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
77	TRUSSELL	Isaiah	6' 3"	305	OL	Carthage College
81	JACKSON	Quan	6' 2"	187	QB	William Horlick High School
84	VAUGHAN	Aaryn	5' 11"	170	WR	J.I. Case High School
85	NELSON	Nick	6' 3"	245	TE	St. Norbert College
86	PLAZA	Elias	6' 1"	250	TE	Mary D. Bradford High School
88	CONVERSE	Ken	6' 6"	220	TE	Whitewater High School
89	HICKS	Chris	6' 4"	285	TE	Rochester Community and Technical College
92	MARSHALL, JR.	Bruce	6' 2"	335	DL	Grand Canyon University
94	IMEL	Brandon	6' 2"	260	DL	Rockford University
97	GOODWIN	Armani	6' 0"	350	DL/OL	J.I. Case High School
98	PARKER	Najee	5' 10"	310	DL	Rochester Community and Technical College
99	ZAHRADNIK	Gage	6' 2"	280	DL	Ripon College





# GAME ROSTER

#	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	HT	WT	POS	SCHOOL
0	HUDSON	Deangelo			RB	
1	LOCKE, JR.	Andre			QB	
2	MCNEAL	Westley			WR	
3	WILLIAMS	Lamont			DB	
4	ARNOLD	Joshua			DB	
5	PLEDGER	Ronald			DB	
6	ERVING	Jacoby			WR	
7	WALLACE	Robert			DB	
8	ERVING	Jalen			RB	
9	HAROLD	Marshaun			TE	
10	IVY	Aarion			WR	
11	WARD	Andrei			WR	
12	BELLAMY	Lamarius			WR	
13	HICKS	Quinton			WR	
14	SCOTT, JR.	Neal			DB	
15	MCCLELLAN	Trevon			WR	
16	MATTUCCI	R.J.			QB	
17	WOODLAND	Jacquez			WR	
18	YOUNG	Dearius			DB	
19	TELEZ	Jordon			LB	
20	GREEN	Justin			RB	
21	PARKER	Keontis			DB	
22	HAGGINS	Ronald			DL	
23	WILSON	Darius			RB	
24	MCDANIEL	Danzel			DB	
26	MUHAMMAD	Chris			WR/DB	
27	HUBBARD	Shawntrell			RB	
28	HEMPHIL	Jeryl			DB	
29	ALLEN	Boyce			K	
31	TUCKER	Eric			DB	
33	WALKER	Torrey			LB	
34	YOUNG	C.J.			RB	
35	CLINE	Colby			LB	
40	MAHDI	Abdul			K	
42	YOUNG, JR.	Carl			LB	
44	MOSLEY	Deandre			DL	
45	GOODRICH	Byron			LB	
50	KING	Eddie			OL	
51	LOGAN	Christian			DL/OL	
52	CAREY	Shanault			OL	
54	ABUSHANAB	Hamza			OL	
55	MORRIS	Rico			OL	
58	BURGESS	Dale			OL	
59	MORRIS	Deangelo			DL	
60	WILLIAMS	Corey			DL	
61	HALL	John			OL	
62	MCHEE	Devon			OL	
70	HOUSE	Quinton			DL	
74	GRESHAM	Torrence			OL	
75	FERRUSQUIA	Javier			OL	
76	HILL	Savion			OL	
77	BULLOCK	Anthony			OL	
80	CREEKMORE	Jarvis			TE	
81	ERVING	Raquwon			WR	
82	RAMIREZ	Ryan			TE	
83	DUHART	Nick			WR	
85	HENDERSON	Jonathan			DL/TE	
88	WICHTER	Jovan			WR	
90	HARRIS	Eszra			DL	
99	MILES	Tyler			DL	

**PLAYER PROFILE**

# GAGE ZAHRADNIK

DEFENSIVE LINE



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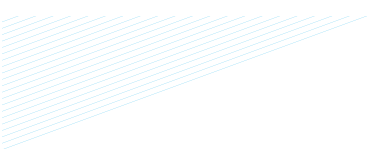
*"The whole defensive line group; like family to me."*

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## VOLUNTEER PROFILE

# NORM SCHOMMER

Norm Schommer started volunteering with the Raiders at the age of 11 and back in about 1970, to the best of his recollection. In that time, he's mostly worked concessions but has also helped out on the equipment team and in the Trading Post.

"Curt Barnes was my Scout Master in Boy Scouts," remembers Schommer. "It was a Boy Scout volunteer thing."

Schommer liked it so much, he kept coming until 1976 when that version of the Raiders took some time off to figure out a plan for the long-term stability of a semi-pro football team in Racine.

Schommer would also take some time away but came back and volunteered from 1981-1983. He'd again take a hiatus from the team but came back again in 1995 and has been with the team since. If you're adding those numbers up, that means Schommer has been volunteering with the Raiders for about 35 years!

Schommer says it's the people that keeps him coming back year after year.

"I like being a part of the Raiders and being part of the people and fans coming here," says Schommer.

Among Schommer's favorite memories are all the championships the team has won and the all the different people that he's gotten to meet.

A lot has changed over Schommer's years with the team. From the equipment the team uses to the look-and-feel of Historic Horlick Athletic Field.

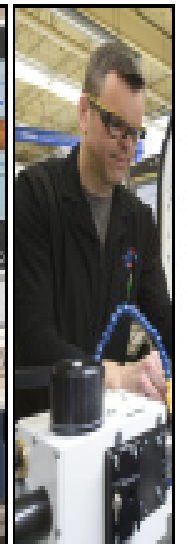
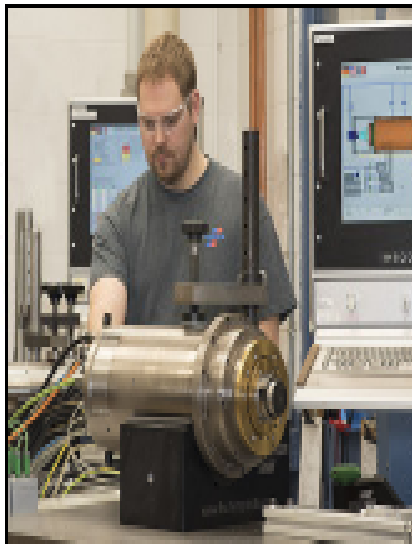
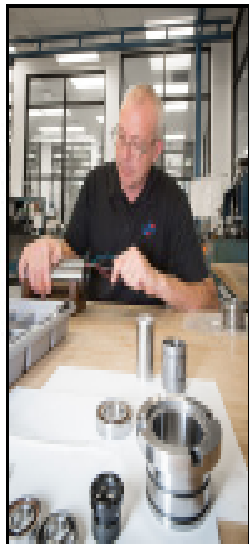
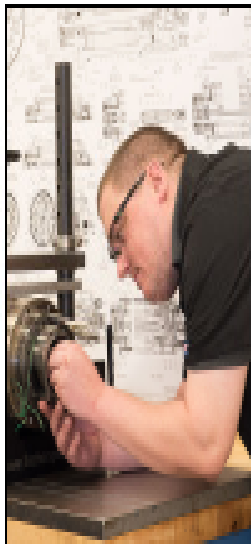
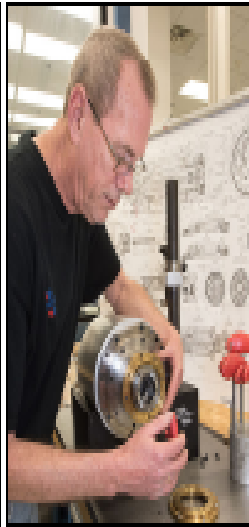
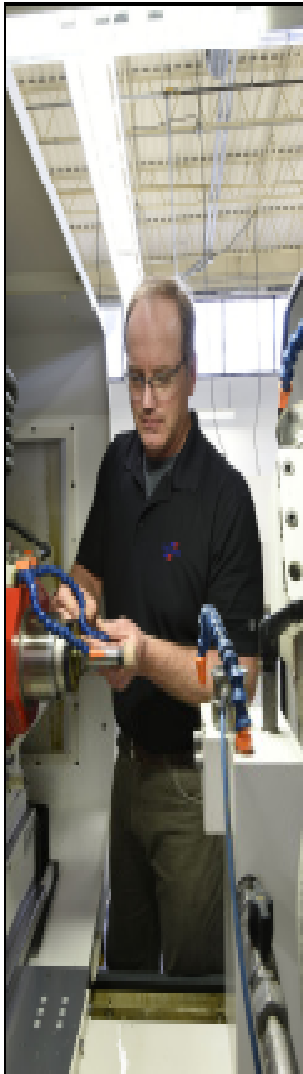
"The modernization we have now is amazing," states Schommer.

Volunteering for the Raiders can be a family affair like it is for Todd and his family! If you're interested in becoming one of the nearly 100 volunteers for the Raiders, please visit the Raiders website at [www.racineraiders.com](http://www.racineraiders.com) and click on *Contact* and then *Volunteer Form*.



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