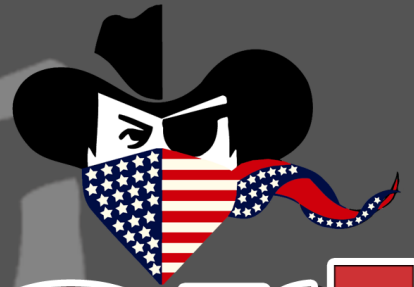


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2022 SCHEDULE



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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 *	L, 24-17
July 2	Grand Rapids Seminoles	7:00 pm
July 9	@ Leyden Lions * (<i>forfeit</i>)	W, 2-0
July 16	Illinois Cowboys * (<i>Youth Camps</i>)	7:00 pm
July 23	@ Midway Marauders *	7:00 pm
July 30	@ Chicago Birdgang *	7:00 pm
August 6	@ Wisconsin Hitmen *	7:00 pm
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RAIDERS HOPING FOR HOLIDAY REBOUND

The Racine Raiders have suffered two close losses in MidStates Football League play this year and hope to navigate their up-and-down season back on course against the Grand Rapids Seminoles tonight.

Actually, the Grand Rapids Seminoles don't exist. The Raiders opponent tonight still uses the team name but the team is really a combination of semi-pro players from the Grand Rapids, Michigan area and other players that are looking to get added film to help them play college or professional football at some level.

This is the first game this amalgamation of players has played together this season so the Raiders coaches and players have no idea what to expect. It'll be an opportunity to focus on what the Raiders think they do best and execute that plan, hopefully setting them up for the final run through the MSFL gauntlet.

Perhaps even better news for the Raiders is it looks like they'll be able to have a week off on July 9 with the Leyden Lions folding a couple of weeks ago. General Manager Robbie Harrington has been unable to secure an opponent for the Raiders for what was scheduled to be a road game. The potential off-week will allow the team to assess where they are and get healthy, which has been an issue already.

Last week, the Raiders had just three healthy defensive linemen and five healthy offensive linemen available. Jordan Baker-Gallagher ended up filling in at defensive tackle and Dan Kant-Hull, who has played on both sides of the line in his Raiders career, played the entire game on offense and even took a couple of snaps on defense when Baker-Gallagher had to exit the game for a couple of plays.

The linebacker crew has been a bit thin as well but rookie Garrett Foldy, featured in tonight's Raider Report, has played very well starting at middle linebacker and outside linebacker the past two weeks.

After July 9, the Raiders have just one home game in league play the rest of the season, July 16 against the Illinois Cowboys who toppled the Raiders in Illinois in the first week of MSFL play, 14-12. The Raiders are currently in a tie for third place in the MSFL and need to get ahead of the Cowboys if they want to host a home playoff game.

While the MSFL only boasts five teams, no game between the remaining teams has been decided by more than a touchdown so the stretch run should be an exciting one in the MSFL!

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STEPPING RIGHT INTO THE FOLD(Y)

It's not often a player joins the Racine Raiders during the season and then finds themselves starting just a week later. That was linebacker Garrett Foldy's experience, however. With the Raiders short on linebackers, Foldy stepped in to start at middle linebacker and then outside linebacker over the past two weeks. Not bad for a player who graduated from Union Grove High School in December, 2021 and didn't play college football.

"I was going to play college football but it didn't fit my career path," says Foldy. "I was going to be done (playing football) after high school."

He knew Raiders offensive line coach Vinnie Scacco who started talking to him about playing for the Raiders. Scacco persisted and finally was able to convince Foldy to come play for the Raiders.

"I was worried that I was too young," remarks Foldy. "He told me that I definitely could handle it."



Foldy played linebacker and running back in high school. Foldy says he was given the choice of where he wanted to play and chose linebacker because there was more opportunity for playing time at the position.

Foldy had never been to a Raiders game until he played in his first one a few weeks ago. He knew about the Raiders through the coaching staff at Union Grove High School which features former Raiders like head coach Craig McClelland along with Chad and Dusty Svendsen and Connor Flannery.

"I never knew how big the fan base was, the speed of the game, or anything like that," says Foldy.

Foldy, who at five-foot, ten-inches and 190 pounds would be considered undersized for a linebacker at this level, says getting used to the size of the players he was going up against and the speed of the game took a little getting used to.

"For most of my life, I've been the biggest dude but coming here there's dudes that are way bigger than me" he chuckles. "I can't do anything about it if they want to get to me so I have to be smarter so I don't end up where the big guys are."

When he was finally convinced to play by Scacco, Foldy says he set a goal to be the key cog on defense like he was in high school. He's been working with the coaches and captain Justin Benko to learn to call the plays on defense.

Foldy says he plans to around for awhile now that he's gotten a taste of Raiders football.

"I plan to definitely keep playing," he says. "It's a good mix of competitive and fun."

Foldy owns his own landscaping business and says he doesn't have time for much outside of being a business owner, the Raiders, and working out.

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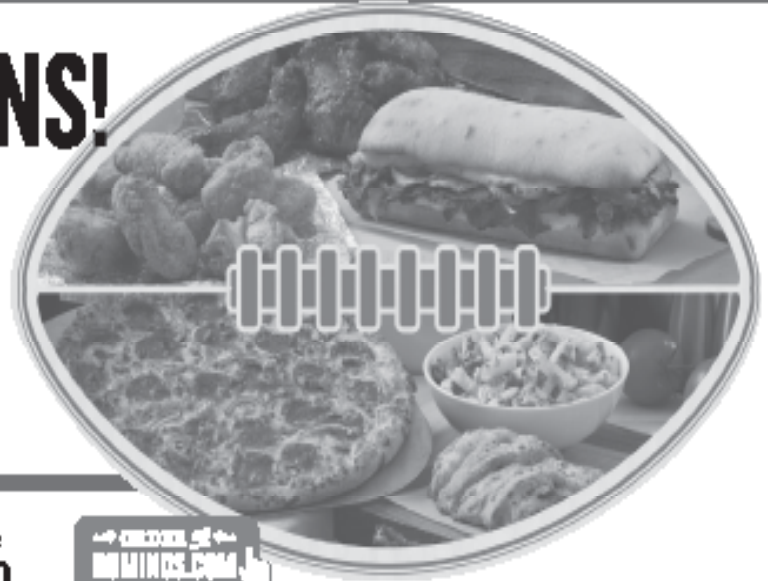
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2	BENKO	Justin	6' 0"	220	LB	North Park University
3	TENNER	Austin	5' 4"	180	RB	University of Dubuque
4	GARCIA III	Joe	6' 3"	190	WR	Highland Community College
5	PAYNE	Jordan	6' 2"	228	WR	Alcorn State University
6	BENKO	Tom	5' 10"	205	RB	Carthage College
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.
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	LB	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
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
66	CARTER	Alton	5' 10"	235	OL	University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
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
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
	WARD	Luther	6' 3"	225	RB	Haywood High School

PLAYER PROFILE

TOM BENKO

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"Probably Global Issues with half the football team one year with Mrs. P at Waterford."

FAVORITE TELEVISION/STREAMING SHOW

"Currently watching Last Chance U on Netflix. Coach Brown really cracks me up."

FAVORITE PLAYER ON THE TEAM

OTHER THAN YOURSELF

"Justin, my brother. Always shares good words of wisdom on the sideline at the right times."

PREGAME ROUTINE

"I'll throw my headphones on and listen to something that gets me in the right mood."

FAVORITE RACINE RAIDERS MOMENT

"There's been a few championship games that came down to the wire but I'd have to say last year's away game against Lincoln Way really comes to mind." (continued under picture)



"We were shorthanded and lacking starters at a lot of important positions. Ultimately, we went to overtime where Joe Garcia made his 'Heisman moment' with the walk off punt return for a touchdown to end a pretty wild game that could've gone either way."

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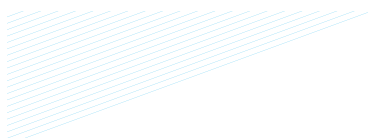
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VOLUNTEER PROFILE

ROY SORENSEN

Roy Sorensen started volunteering with the Racine Raiders in 2012. Three friends of his, Mike Peterson, Mike Dillon, and Norm Schommer, were volunteers and kept asking him to sign up. Finally, Sorensen did “after they begged me for like 1-1/2 years and to make them be quiet.”

Sorensen started volunteering by working the main gate for two years before moving to concessions where he can not only be found for every Raiders game but also many of the other events that take place at Historic Horlick Athletic Field including Tuesday and Thursday city softball, Monday youth 7-on-7 football, Kiwanis baseball, high school baseball games, and high school football games. Being at the field and working in concessions five or six days a week isn't uncommon for Sorensen, who's retired from full-time work.

“It gives me something to do other than sit around and do nothing all day,” says Sorensen.

Sorensen also volunteers with several other organizations around Racine including St. Luke's Episcopal Church and at the building he lives at to help with deliveries and other things. He really enjoys his time with the Raiders.

“I like the people that are here,” says Sorensen. “I started to enjoy doing everything that they asked me to do.”

Sorensen's favorite memories include the championships the Raiders have won and getting the opportunity to meet different people.

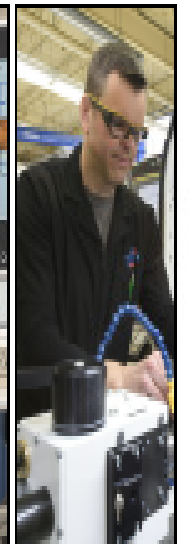
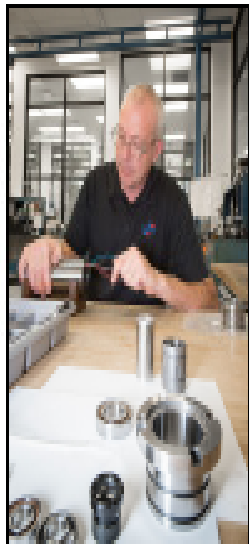
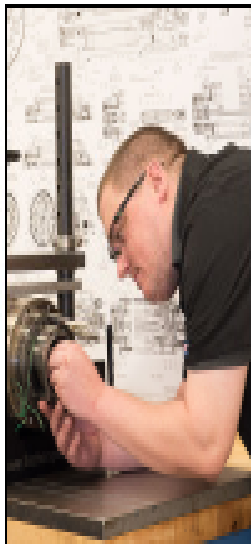
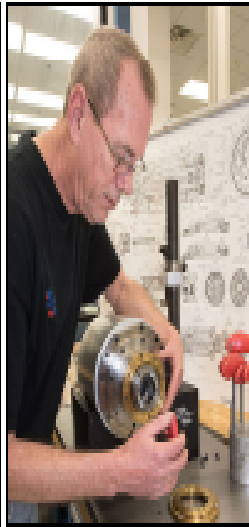
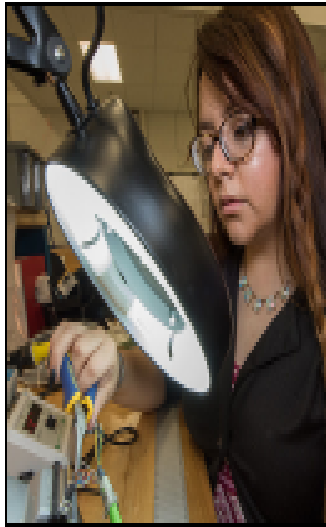
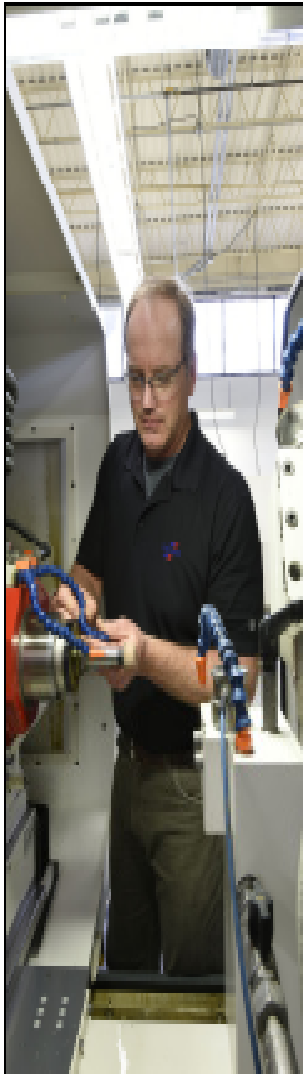
“It's fun and entertaining,” says Sorensen about why others should consider volunteering for the Raiders. “You get to know a lot of other people and have a blast!”

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 and click on *Contact* and then *Volunteer Form*.



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