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**MORE THAN
A SPECIAL
TEAMS GUY**



JORDAN DANOWSKI IS PROUD OF HIS SPECIAL TEAMS WORK BUT AFTER NOT PLAYING FOR FOUR YEARS, HE'S SO MUCH MORE FOR THE TEAM

BY DON WADEWITZ + P. 4

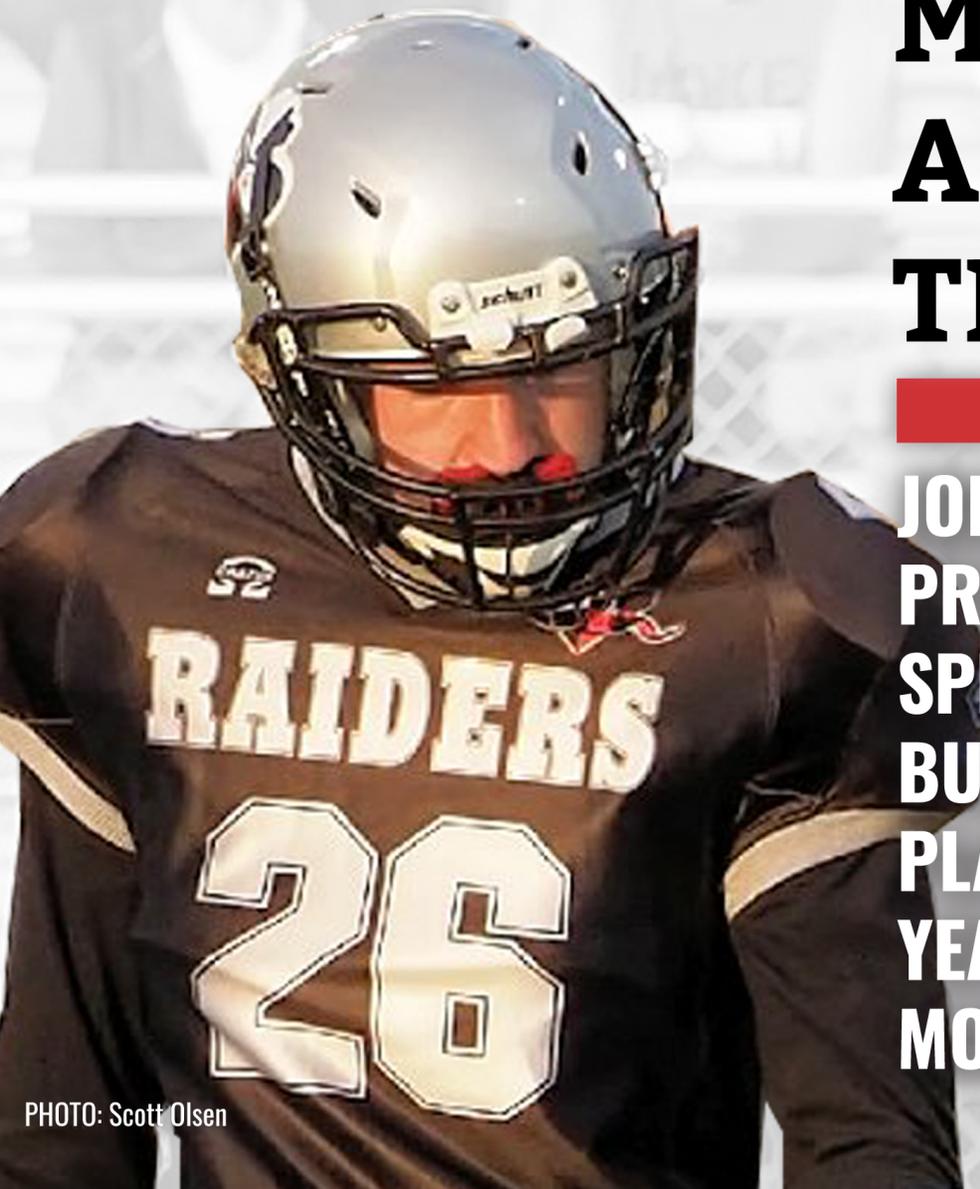


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2022 SCHEDULE



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May 14	Sheboygan Cty. SaberCats	W, 39-0
May 21	St. Paul Pioneers	W, 27-9
May 28	Wisconsin Raptors	W, 2-0
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	W, 70-0
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
August 13	Lawrence Yard Dawgz <i>(Alumni Night)</i>	7:00 pm

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UPSETS LEAVE MSFL WIDE OPEN

While the Racine Raiders have a respectable 7-2 overall record, the team appeared to be on the outside looking in for a home playoff game in the MidStates Football League heading into last week. The Raiders were 2-2 in MSFL action and in third place in the league heading into a bye week for themselves.

The Chicago Birdgang led the MSFL at 4-0. The Illinois Cowboys were second at 3-1. The Raiders were tied with the Wisconsin Hitmen at 2-2 but owned the tiebreaker. The Midway Marauders were 1-3 with their only win being a forfeit win over the Leyden Lions.

After being awarded a forfeit victory over the Lions last week, the Raiders improved to 3-2 in league action. The Hitmen hosted and beat the Birdgang, 26-14, handing the Chicago team their first loss of the season. Meanwhile, the Midway Marauders took down the Illinois Cowboys, 22-6.

That means heading into the final five weeks of the season, the MSFL is wide open. Just two games separates first place and fifth place and only four teams make it into the playoffs, meaning one quality team won't have a chance to play for a league title.

MSFL STANDINGS

Chicago Birdgang	4-1
Illinois Cowboys	3-2
Racine Raiders	3-2
Wisconsin Hitmen	3-2
Midway Marauders	2-3
Leyden Lions	0-5

The quest for a title begins tonight as the Raiders look to avenge a tough-luck loss to the Illinois Cowboys in the first game of the MSFL season. The Raiders looked to be the better team that night as they marched the ball down the field almost at will but couldn't capitalize in the first half. Meanwhile, the defense turned away drive-after-drive by the Cowboys in quick fashion.

A pick six put the Cowboys in the game and then they'd mount one of their few sustained drives of the game late in the fourth quarter to take a 14-12 lead. The Raiders pushed down to the Cowboys 2-yard line with about 40 seconds to play and no timeouts. They ran one offensive play, a Howard Triplett run, and then watched as 30 seconds ran off the clock after the play because the officials couldn't set the ball properly due to a Cowboys player faling on the ground. The Raiders would try a field goal to win but were unable to convert it, falling 14-12.

RAIDERS FOOTBALL

ALUMNI NIGHT
Saturday, August 13
7:00 pm
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MORE THAN A SPECIAL TEAMS GUY

Jordan Danowski says he was the second safety on a defense that usually ran a one safety formation on his high school football team at Waterford Union High School. Football wasn't even his passion. He'd use football as a way to get in better shape for wrestling.

"I'd go from football to wrestling practice," he says. "It is what it is. Obviously, you want to play but I was like I've got wrestling so it's fine."

The recent UW-Parkside graduate, who actually had his graduation ceremony on the day of the Raiders first game of 2022, planned to wrestle for the Rangers. He decided instead to focus on his school. He graduated with a degree in Biological Sciences and, after a year off from school, is planning to go back to school to get a Doctorate in Pharmacy.

To help fill the gap with no sports, Danowski started coaching wrestling at Waterford where he got to coach his younger brother. It was through this

connection that he met Raiders offensive line coach Vinnie Scacco, which led to him playing for the Raiders this season. He wasn't quite sure what to expect at the first practice he attended.

"I went out that Wednesday and didn't have a helmet or shoulder pads or anything," he remembers. "After that, I finally went out and got shoulder pads and a helmet. I figured why not? Something new and something fun."

Wrestling has been at the core of Danowski's football experience. A lot of football coaches like guys that have a wrestling background. Usually that background is talked about as being good for offensive and defensive linemen. Danowski said it really benefitted him in his development as a safety.

"It makes you so aware of your body," says Danowski. "You gotta have balance and coordination especially when you get into these scrambles and you gotta know what you can and cannot do. It made me aware of rotating your hips and everything."

Danowski also says wrestling helped him with the mental aspect as well.

"It's only you and one other guy," he says. "So it's like if you mess up, you can't blame it on anybody else so you gotta be like, 'Yeah, I screwed that one up.'"

Danowski has broken into an already well-equipped defensive backfield and gotten significant playing time. He's had three interceptions in four games that he's played in thus far, missing two games after sustaining an injury on an interception in his first game.

"I joke with the coaches that 'I'm a special teams guy,'" he laughs. "I'm on the punt coverage and kickoff and kick return and I recovered the onside kick last game and I go, 'See coach, I'm a special teams guy!'"

The stats paint a picture of more than a special teams player for Danowski.



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GAME ROSTER

#	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	HT	WT	POS	SCHOOL
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
31	WARD	Luther	6' 3"	225	RB	Haywood High School
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
79	VANN	Deontay	6' 2"	240	DL	University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
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	ZHRADNIK	Gage	6' 2"	280	DL	Ripon College



GAME ROSTER

#	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	HT	WT	POS	SCHOOL
00	Allen	Tevin			RB	
0	Jackson	Artis	5' 9"		DB	
1	Jones, Sr.	Darius	5' 9"		DB	
2	Stevens	Deonta	6' 0"		WR	
3	Milton	Dwayne	5' 7"		RB	
4	Moffett	Darius	6' 3"		LB	
6	Barksdale	Greg			LB	
7	Lewis	Keith	5' 10"		DB	
8	Sanders	Devon	5' 8"		RB	
9	Hughes	Rance	6' 1"		WR	
10	Windesberry	Shannon	6' 1"		LB	
11	Grace	Jalen				
12	Little	Chris			QB	
13	Johnson	Daniel			WR	
14	Blackmon	Denzel	5' 9"		DB	
15	Smith	Vonte	6' 3"		DE	
16	Haynes	Reginald	5' 10"		DB	
17	King	Darrell	6' 4"		WR	
18	Miles	Brandal				
19	Pegues	Evan				
20	Laseter	Jerome				
21	Riley	Robert				
22	Hampton	Joshua	5' 8"		WR	
23	Conley	Deshone	6' 1"		DB	
24	Holmes	Doubton			DE	
25	Ludz	Kevin			P	
28	McCall	Mika'il			RB	
29	Gray	Nykholas				
30	Spivey	Deshaun				
31	Odicho	Markos			K	
32	Gore	Moses			RB	
34	Bowers	Pharaoh			LB	
37	Nunez	Luey				
41	Anderson	Johnathan				
42	Moore	Kelly			DL	
43	Ivy	Dujuane			DL	
44	Hall	Cameron				
45	Webber	Tashawn			RB	
51	Young	Gary			DE	
52	Morris	Demritruis			DE	
54	Baker	Sky			LB	
56	Crosby	Darius			OL	
58	Solebo	Brandon			DL	
59	Dora	Jalen				
70	Haynes	Da'bearn			OL	
71	Haywood	Keith			OL	
74	Erby	Chris			OL	
75	Hearns	Xavier			OL	
76	Johnson	Mike			OL	
77	Flanagan	Jeffrey			OL	
80	Boldian	James			WR	
83	Miller	Dwayne			WR	
84	Osborne	Aaron			WR	
88	Davis	D'carius	5' 9"		WR	
89	Collins	Jordan			WR	
90	More	Leslie			DL	
94	Clay	Willie			DL	
97	Clark	Raymond			DT	
98	Sakal	Jake			DL	
99	Cruse	Albert			DL	

PLAYER PROFILE

J.D. HARDY

DEFENSIVE BACK

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VOLUNTEER PROFILE

KIM STUEBE

Kim Stuebe can't remember exactly when she started volunteering for the Racine Raiders. Using the landmark that her daughter Melissa was in middle school when she started, she points to 1996 or 1997, meaning she's been giving freely of her time for a quarter century or more!

Kim and her husband, Tim, enjoyed going to Raiders and Gladiators games. One day, she was approached by former general manager Bob Marcado who she worked with at D.W. Davies.

"He was an awesome salesperson and recruiter," remembers Kim. "He recruited me to volunteer initially with the incentive of free beer!"

While Kim and Tim came for the beer initially, they've stayed for many other reasons.

"Once I started volunteering and realized what a great organization it is and how much the volunteers were needed and appreciated, I never left," says Kim.

Unlike many of the volunteers we've profiled on this page, Kim has been consistent, volunteering in just one area, the ticket booth. During her time she's served as the ticket manager for a number of years. She came back this year to pass on her tremendous institutional knowledge so the younger people now working in the ticket booth can keep it running smoothly.

Kim particularly enjoys "the passion and camaraderie of everyone involved with the organization and assisting all the fans."

Kim encourages people to come be part of the Racine Raiders family.

"I've really enjoyed all the years I've volunteered and encourage anyone who wants to make a difference and be part of the Raiders family to share their talents," reflects Kim.

Volunteering for the Raiders can be a family affair like it is for Kim! 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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