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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>	W, 44-14
July 23	@ Midway Marauders *	L, 24-14
July 30	@ Chicago Birdgang *	L, 20-16
August 6	@ Wisconsin Hitmen *	W, 29-22
August 13	Milwaukee Cty. Chargers <i>(Alumni Night)</i>	7:00 pm

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SAM D'ALIE, #3, WIDE RECEIVER

Sam D'Alie is a Racine native and a graduate of Horlick High School where he was a first team All-State wide receiver. He joined the Racine Raiders in 2003 and played 12 years, setting several receiving records. In 2005, he earned Minor League Football News Offensive Player of the Year after he caught 25 passes for nearly 1,000 yards and 15 touchdowns.

This gave him the opportunity at NFL workouts which then led to a nine-year career of arena football. In his 12 years with the Raiders, Sam not only played both sides of the ball, but every position, even kicker and offensive line, after he "bribed coach Kennedy" during his last year.

Sam's greatest catch was his wife Britani. They have been married for nearly 11 years and have 5 children. First and foremost, he gives all the glory to God. Since hanging up his helmet, he has devoted his life to sharing the Gospel and being the hands and feet of Jesus. He would like to thank his family for their endless support. Sam is humbled to receive this honor knowing that without a play being called or a pass being thrown, none of this would be possible. It is with deep gratitude to the numerous coaches and players that impacted his career, that he accepts this award.

"Thank you to all of the dedicated volunteers who work selflessly behind the scenes. And last but certainly not least, thank you to the greatest fanbase in all of football."

CHU GRAHAM, #37, CORNERBACK

Graham's four years (1987-1990) at cornerback with the Raiders was short but impactful. He helped lead a stellar defense and played in four league championship games. The Raiders won a national title in 1988 and the historic world title in 1989.

Graham led the Raiders with eight interceptions in 1987 and nine picks in 1988.

"I always believed that practice made you perfect, said Graham. "I think in four seasons I missed maybe two practices."

Graham never missed a game, "not even Statesville prison games."

"I took winning seriously and losing was like a death to me," he says. "I loved playing in front of our fans and will never forget the chants from the crowd whenever I made a big play - 'Chu Chu, eat 'em up, eat 'em up!'"

Graham proved to be a playmaker and his teammates and coaches knew they could count on him in clutch moments.

"For me, the bigger the game, the hungrier I was to play in it," he states. "God bless Racine Raiders fans! To my coaches and teammates - much respect and mad love!!!"

GARY GRIFFIN, #1, QUARTERBACK, WIDE RECEIVER, DEFENSIVE BACK

A Concordia University grad, Griffin came to the Raiders after being released by the New Orleans Saints and spending a season with the Lake County Vikings.

Gary played safety where he was a multiple time All-League and All-American selection. He made the move to wide receiver where he was also All-League and All-American. Gary finished his career as a quarterback where he was a multiple All-League selection and a two-time All-American.

Griffin scored a rushing and receiving touchdown and threw a touchdown in the same game twice! He finished his 19-year career with:

- 63 defensive interceptions
- 109 touchdowns scored
- 221 passing touchdowns

Gary now works as a high school administrator and has been a long time head high school football coach at Milwaukee Bay View and Rockford East.

Griffin is in the Concordia University, Minor League Football, and American Football Association Semi-Pro Football Halls of Fame.

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DEB HART, VOLUNTEER

Deb's husband, Ron, asked her to help sell 50/50 raffle tickets at the Raiders game. That was over 30 years ago in 1989. Deb ended up selling 50/50 tickets ever since up until officially retiring last season (though she may have still been seen helping at a game or two this season).

Along with handling the 50/50 ticket sales, Deb also volunteered occasionally in the concessions stand and represented the Raiders at community events like Pancake Day and the 4th of July Parade.

"Many times while grocery shopping or out and about, I would hear a fan shout, 'Hey 50/50 girl!' I will sure miss that."

Deb was honored with the Volunteer of the Year award in 2012.

"I'm so proud to be part of the Racine Raiders," she says.

PETER JACKEL, JOURNALIST

Peter has been a sportswriter for The Journal Times since August 16, 1979, when current Raiders coach Wilbert Kennedy was 12 years old.

He first covered the Raiders in 1983, when the organization was known as the Gladiators, and remembers Charlie Bliss throwing touchdown passes at a record pace during a national championship season that summer. Peter was named the Minor League Football Writer of the Year that season.

His memories of covering this organization are too numerous to count and he continues to be deeply impressed by the Raiders' commitment to excellence.

MATT SCHOENEMAN, OFFENSIVE LINE

Matt Schoeneman is married to Robyn and together they have two daughters, Aubrey and Eiley. Matt attended and played football at Waukesha South High School before attending and playing football at Carthage College.

Matt is currently an Elementary and Middle School Special Education Teacher at Lac du Flambeau School. He has lived in Mercer, Wis. for the past 15 years.

Matt began to play in 1997 and ended his career with the Racine Raiders in 2004. Matt enjoyed success as player, coach, and board member.

While playing center, Matt earned multiple All Conference and national accolades for his play. His favorite Raiders memory is winning the 2001 National Championship at home in front of the Raider Nation.

"Thank you to all those that supported, coached, and influenced my playing career and life after football," says Matt.



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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	ZAHRADNIK	Gage	6' 2"	280	DL	Ripon College

1992 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ROSTER

1	Hodgson	David	K
5	Thelen	Greg	QB
7	Reisterer	Mike	QB
9	Bliss	Charlie	QB
12	Schmitz	Rolf	QB
15	Robbins	David	WR
16	Johnson	Frank	WR
17	Knuese	Dan	P
19	Brenner	Gregg	WR
20	Enneper	Mark	HB
22	McLain	Tad	DB
23	Girard	Chad	SS
29	Marshall	Darnell	WR
30	Roulette	Rick	DB
33	Lewis	Lamont	DB
35	Kidd	Benjie	DB
37	Davis	Mike	TE
37	Purifoy	Dewayne	DB
39	Ringelberg	Keith	HB
40	Nolan	Richard	FB
41	Lento	Gary	HB
42	Goodwin	Andrew	PR
43	Dragan	Danny	S
44	Marable	James	HB
44	Walker	Adam	RB
50	Smith	Scott	LB
52	Galipo	Denny	C
53	Feuker	Shawn	LB
54	Forston	Brian	LB
55	Kennedy	Wilbert	DT
56	Tweet	Mike	LB
57	Leonard	Tom	LB
58	Hyzdu	Mike	LB
60	Martin	Tom	OL
63	Szymanski	Ted	LB
64	Mamerow	John	G
65	Fictum	Greg	G
66	Anderson	Pete	T
67	Tony	Adams	OL
68	Haynes	Sam	DE
70	Ladwig	Mike	T
71	Trudel	Mark	DT
72	Jansen	Brian	T
73	Willkomm	Michael	LB
74	Kampendahl	Kurt	DT
76	Johnson	Jim	LB
77	Evans	Kenton	OL
79	Smola	John	LB
80	Lawson	Howard	WR
83	Micech	Phil	DE
84	Finnigan	John	WR
86	Turk	Matt	TE
88	Swanson	Jim	WR
90	Davidson	Jamie	DL
	Sanchez	Angel	K

1992 SEASON RESULTS 15-0; 9-0 MFL-N TERRY CONVERSE

Chicago Thunder	W, 45-0
Lake County Knights	W, 54-7
@ St. Louis Renegades	W, 29-8
Chicago Falcons	W, 54-0
Milwaukee Express	31-0
Chicago Thunder	W, 103-0
@ Lake County Vikings	W, 48-0
Gary Golden Bears	W, 51-0
Lake County Vikings	W, 68-0
Springfield Statesmen	W, 80-0
@ Chicago Thunder	W, 2-0
@ Milwaukee Express	W, 31-10
St. Louis Renegades	W, 50-7
Milwaukee Express	W, 30-0
Brooklyn Mariners	W, 17-10

2012 SEASON RESULTS 15-1; 8-0 MSFL GINO PERFETTO

Chicago Colts	W, 65-0
Des Moines Blaze	L, 31-27
Lake Geneva Generals	W, 49-24
@ Dane County Hawks	W, 62-12
@ Northern Ill. Cowboys	W, 63-12
Chicago Thunder	W, 27-0
@ Racine Threat	W, 26-14
Roscoe Rush	W, 35-14
Indiana Generals	W, 43-27
@ Chicago Mustangs	W, 52-0
Lake Geneva Generals	W, 30-3
Roscoe Rush	W, 55-43
vs. Springfield Foxes	W, 49-44
Wauwatosa Spartans	W, 33-22
Michigan Gators	W, 46-29
Nashville Storm	W, 38-24

2012 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ROSTER

1	Johnson Jr	Laverl	DB
2	Benko	Justin	LB
3	D'Alie	Sam	WR
4	McClelland	Craig	QB
5	Baskin	Tracy	DB
6	Taylor Jr	J.R.	RB
7	McNeil	Virgil	QB
8	Trawick	Deonte	RB
9	Leeman	Michael	LB
12	Bland	Jeremy	RB
14	Randall	Majors	RB
15	Walsh	Chris	QB
16	DaPra	Joel	K
17	Fitch	Terrence	WR
18	Fenderson	Brandon	DB
19	Watson III	Roosevelt	LB
20	Overstreet	Darryl	DB
21	Kleist	Steve	DB
22	Santiago	Jose	DB
24	Thompson	Demetrius	RB
25	Johnson	Reggie	RB
29	Feest	Eric	DB
30	Ruffin	Torie	DB
31	Baskin	Marcus	RB
33	Toeller	Ross	DB
34	McGill	Travis	RB
43	Pintar	Eric	DB
44	White	Detane	WR
45	Wendt	Daniel	DB
48	Sirrell	Justin	RB
50	Hendrickson	Brandon	LB
52	Harris	Nate	LB
54	Scott	Jordan	LB
57	Walker	Larry	LB
58	McGee	DaMeon	LB
62	Edwards	Chris	OL
63	Bailey	Marvin	DL
64	Heinritz	Jason	OL
65	Salazar	Alan	OL
66	Jones	Wilton	OL
67	Quadracci	Garet	OL
70	Zamecnik	Nathan	OL
71	Evans Jr	Cornelius	DL
72	Hagar	Josh	OL
73	Red	Justin	OL
76	McKee	Marvin	DL
77	Svendsen	Dusty	OL
78	Williams	Larry	DL
79	Lollis	Ronald	OL
81	Palmer	Dorian	WR
84	Norwood	William	WR
85	Worthington	Traves	WR
86	Jeffries	Julian	WR
88	Welch	Darren	WR
90	Jarrett	Ardray	DL
92	Fletcher	Marcus	DL
93	Starks	Eric	DL
94	Johnson	Lenorde	DL
95	Rutledge	Jaran	DL
99	Rogers	Brandon	DL

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.

Right now, Alumni Association members receive free admission to every Racine Raiders home game, entry into Alumni Night and a special tailgate party, and on-field recognition at halftime of the annual Alumni Night game. 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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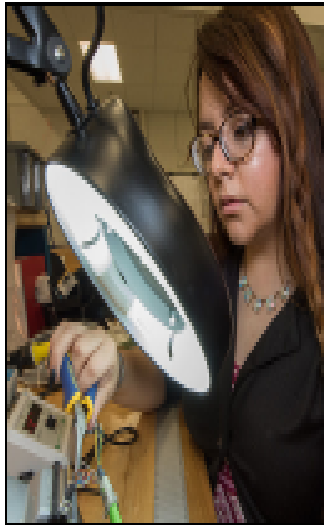
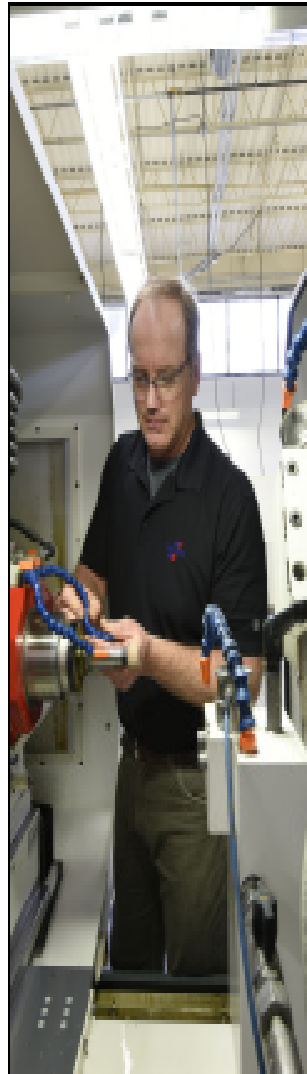
The Racine Raiders had to do something in 2002. Bob Milkie retired for the second time the year before. He had given 45 years to the Gladiators and Raiders. Milkie was one of the winningest coaches in semi-pro football history and he literally helped rescue the team from ruin.

So, what does the team do? They set up a Racine Raiders Hall of Fame and they make Mr. Raider, Bob Milkie, the first and only member in the hall's inaugural year.

With the addition of the six newest members today, 68 people - men and women - are now part of the Racine Raiders Hall of Fame. Some members are iconic players. Others were great coaches. A bunch served in the shadows as volunteers or board members. Some, like Peter Jackel, never officially were with the team but their support was tremendous and the organization felt they deserved special recognition to show the role they played in this one-of-a-kind organization.

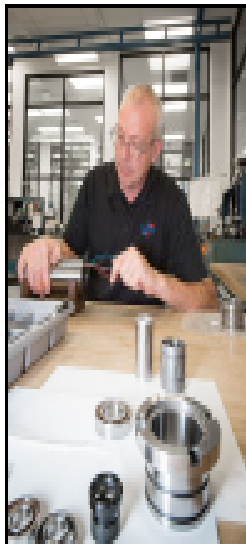
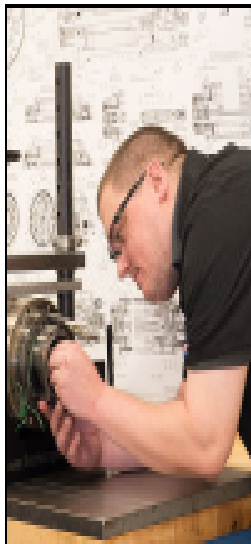
That's 68 people for a team with a 69-year history. That's not even one person for each year of existence, making the Raiders Hall of Fame perhaps the most exclusive hall of fame in all of sports. By comparison, there are 354 members in the Pro Football Hall of Fame. The Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame boasts 164 members over the 101 years of existence.

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