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2023 SCHEDULE

May 13	Baltimore Lightning *	7 PM
May 20	Capital City Seahawks *	7 PM
May 27	Memorial Day Bye	
June 3	St. Paul Pioneers *	7 PM
June 10	@ Cin City Buccaneers	6 PM
June 17	@ Indy Bison	6 PM
June 24	TBD	7 PM
July 1	River City Rough Riders	7 PM
July 8	Chicago Falcons	7 PM
July 15	TBD	7 PM
July 22	@ St. Paul Pioneers *	6 PM
July 29	Charity Golf Outing	
August 5	TBD	7 PM
August 12	GDFL Playoffs 1st Round	TBD
August 19	GDFL Quarterfinals	TBD
August 26	GDFL Semifinals	TBD
Sept. 3	GDFL Championship	TBD

All home games played at Historic Horlick Athletic Field
All times listed are Central Time

* - Gridiron Developmental Football League (GDFL) game



WELCOME TO NATIONAL FOOTBALL

Welcome back to football on a national level! The MidStates Football League disbanded following the 2022 season and the Raiders searched far-and-wide to find a league that best suited for the organization's goal of claiming the truest national championship that exists at our level of football. After contacting over a dozen leagues and interviewing the leadership of three leagues, the board of directors decided that the Gridiron Developmental Football League was the best option.

There are challenges as the Raiders took the lead to try and build a division in the Upper Midwest, a process that the board of directors knew would take a couple of years as teams watched how we navigated some of the challenges. The biggest of those challenges in today's world is the cost of travel. As the Upper Midwest division grows, that will become less of a burden but this year, there will be travel to St. Paul, Indianapolis, and Cincinnati and that's just during the season. The playoffs could result in travel to New York, Tennessee, or a multitude of areas East of the Mississippi River. Ultimately, the organization hopes we travel to Atlanta, the site of the 2023 GDFL national championship game.

The Road to Atlanta starts tonight as there is no preseason for the 2023 Racine Raiders. Our first three games are against GDFL opponents in the Baltimore Lightning, Cap City Seahawks (May 20), and St. Paul Pioneers (June 3). Due to only having four actual GDFL games this year, other games will count in the league standings despite not being against league opponents. This was something the Raiders, Pioneers, and the GDFL agreed to throughout the process as the leadership from all of the organizations understood the challenge of putting together a full division in such a widespread league.

We thank you for joining us on this ground-breaking ride and we hope our 70th season ends with members of our organization hoisting our 10th national championship trophy in Atlanta.

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PLAYER PROFILE: CHANNING SCHULTZ

Defensive back Channing Schultz enters his seventh season with the Racine Raiders and is coming off of a 2022 campaign where he had a career-high with six interceptions.

Head coach Wilbert Kennedy invited Schultz to a practice and he was hooked on the organization.

“The way everybody came to practice, the trainers, the staff, and me being from Racine and growing up always hearing about the Racine Raiders, it was an obvious choice,” said Schultz.

Schultz also appreciates the family atmosphere that the Racine Raiders organization supports.

“The most important thing to me is the way the Raiders let my son be so involved,” said Schultz. “I know (my son) is going to remember these days and in his eyes the Raiders are like a professional team.”

Schultz played high school football for Case High School under former Raiders player and coach Gregg Brenner. It was then that he was given the nickname “Chan Island” as a sophomore cornerback playing on the varsity team.

“I had some of my best games at corner and I believe to play that position you’ve got to be very confident in yourself but not cocky,” said Schultz.

Schultz gave us a little insight into what it’s like to be on Chan Island.

“If I’m Chan Island, I’m locked in and I take it personal,” said Schultz. “It’s not a friendly place. There’s a lot of



talking, a lot of me letting you know you won’t catch a ball.”

Schultz said he was nervous about the move to the Gridiron Developmental Football League at first but that has now turned to excitement and he feels he’s ready to have the best season of his career.

“I’m at my heaviest weight; I’ve been in the weight room like crazy; I’m at my strongest,” said Schultz. “This year just feels different with talent, more competition in practice, people are fighting for positions, and I feel like this is the best shape I’ve been in since I’ve been playing with the Raiders.”



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GAME ROSTER

#	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	HT	WT	POS	SCHOOL
0	Foster	Jashon	WR	6' 6"	231	Coahoma Community College
1	Locke, Sr.	Andre	QB	6' 2"	175	Upper Iowa University
2	Benko	Justin	LB	6' 0"	228	North Park University
3	Lewis	Robert	DB	5' 9"	175	Boise State University
4	Garcia III	Joe	QB	6' 2"	190	Highland Community College
5	Payne	Jordan	WR	6' 2"	235	Alcorn State University
6	Benko	Tom	RB	5' 11"	230	Carthage College
7	Hardy	J.D.	DB	6' 1"	220	Waukegan HS
9	Azor	Stanley	DB	5' 10"	185	Carthage College
12	Farr	Mitch	QB	6' 2"	185	Central Methodist University
14	Schick	Sawyer	QB	5' 11"	210	UW La Crosse
15	Young, Jr.	Gary	LB	6' 3"	250	Bemidji State University
16	Wodack	Brady	P	5' 11"	170	St. Norbert College
17	Fitch	Terrance	WR	6' 1"	190	UW Whitewater
18	Schultz	Channing	DB	6' 0"	180	Iowa Central Community College
19	Manley	Dante	DB	6' 3"	180	Lake Zurich HS
20	Gonzales	Jesus	LB	5' 10"	225	Iowa Central Community College
21	Davis	Bibby	WR	6' 0"	192	Simeon HS
22	Davis	Jay	DB	6' 3"	205	Bradley Tech HS
24	Rewolinski	Alex	TE	6' 1"	205	Union Grove HS
25	Kennedy	Gregory	RB	5' 6"	195	Harper College
26	Danowski	Jordan	DB	5' 11"	170	UW Parkside
29	Smith	Daquan	DB	5' 10"	170	Carroll University
30	Ruffin	Torie	LB	6' 2"	225	Concordia University Wisconsin
32	White	Sean	RB	5' 7"	165	UW Parkside
33	Scott II	Jerome	DB	5' 10"	170	UW Oshkosh
34	Triplett	Howard	RB	6' 1"	215	Warren Township
35	Herron	Rashawn	RB	5' 10"	230	Bradley Tech HS
36	Gonzalez	Alex	K	5' 10"	205	UW Parkside
40	McGee	DaMeon	LB	5' 9"	220	Washington Park HS
43	Graham	Anton	DE	6' 3"	250	UW Whitewater
46	Vann	DeonTay	TE			UW Oshkosh
47	Flores	Rico	TE	6' 3"	225	U.S. Marines
48	Jones	Nick	DL	6' 2"	240	Grant HS
50	Harris	Conner	OL	6' 0"	285	Gateway Technical College
52	Bester II	Gerald	DB	6' 1"	265	UW Oshkosh
54	Nelson	Matt	OL	6' 0"	290	UW Parkside
56	Dundy	Antonio	DL	6' 0"	295	Minnesota State University-Moorhead
58	Zimmerman	Jacob	OL	6' 2"	280	Wisconsin Lutheran College
59	Tate	Isaiah	LB	6' 0"	205	Millikin University
62	Gwin	Caleb	OL	5' 10"	300	Univeristy of North Dakota
64	Gails	Ryan	OL	5' 11"	295	Ripon College
67	Carey	Shanault	OL	6' 3"	295	Fenger HS
68	Spalek	Scott	OL	6' 0"	300	Glenbrook South HS
70	Seidler	Travis	OL	6' 2"	305	Wisconsin Lutheran College
80	Mosley	Brian	WR	6' 3"	195	Southwest Baptist University
81	James	Darrell	WR	6' 0"	220	Southern Illinois University
84	Norwood	Will	WR	6' 2"	210	Ohio University
85	Nelson	Nick	TE	6' 3"	235	St. Norbert College
87	Flores	Dillon	TE	6' 4"	269	U.S. Army
89	Kant-Hull	Dan	TE	6' 3"	285	Carroll University
91	Morris	DeAngelo	DL	6' 4"	338	Carver Military Academy
94	Imel	Brandon	DL	6' 2"	305	Rockford University
97	Goodwin	Armani	DL	6' 0"	330	J.I. Case HS
98	Parker	Najee	DL	5' 10"	310	Rochester Community & Technical College
99	Zahradnik	Gage	DL	6' 3"	290	Ripon College
	Edmonson	Jaylon	RB	5' 11"	199	UW Whitewater
	Jackson	Quan	WR	6' 2"	185	William Horlick HS
	Lemke	Niko	DL	6' 2"	240	UW Whitewater



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#	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	HT	WT	POS	SCHOOL
0	Addison	Hosea	LB			
0	Baker	Jarrett	DE	6' 5"		
1	Page	Terron	QB	5' 11"	210	
2	Webb	Herbert	DB			
3	Holt	Whitey	DB			
5	Spencer	Tyair	WR	6' 4"	190	
6	Spence	Justin	RB			
7	Dendy	Rashaud	RB			
8	McIntosh	Mekhai	DB			
9	Rice	Cortez	WR/TE			
10	Metz	Malikai	DB			
11	Gathers	Artez	WR			
12	Wilson	Gerol	QB			
13	Bailey	Kadeem	DB			
14	Holland	Brandon	SS			
15	Nevins	Earl	LB			
18	Lawrence	Daniel	WR	5' 10"	170	
19	Bernard	Miguel	K/P			
20	McClain	Dewayne	RB			
21	Manning	Josh	DB			
22	Goods	Montel	RB			
23	Ferrell IV	Orey	RB			
24	Richards	Devin	DB			
25	Jones	Kedrick	DE/LB			
28	Hunter	Khalif	LB			
30	Jeter	Jermaine	RB			
32	Crawford	Julius	LB			
33	Lee	Dante	LB			
35	Washington	Lindsay	OL			
40	Boatwright	Ryan	LB			
41	Brown	Isaiah	LB			
43	Scott	Malcolm	DB			
44	Taylor	Desmon	DE			
51	Allen	Jamiell	OL	5' 11"	240	
52	Singleton	Keon	LB			
55	Pulley	Hilton	OL	6' 6"	260	
58	Dunston	Anthony	DE	6' 5"	275	
60	Gaines	Kevin	OL	6' 5"	330	
63	London	Michael	OL	5' 11"	240	
66	Carroll	Calvin	OL	6' 1"	290	
70	Bland	Jesse	OL			
73	O'Donnell	Bobby	OL	6' 3"	300	
77	Wilson	Jerome	OL/DL			
80	Lowther	Terrell	WR			
81	Boykins	Neil	WR			
88	Bundy	Zach	TE			
90	Wilson	Brandon	DL	6' 1"	290	
97	Alford	Steve	DL	6' 3"	390	
98	Williams	Marcus	DL	6' 2"	300	
99	Bailey	Forrest	DL	6' 4"	310	



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ALEX GONZALEZ KICKER

CURRENT JOB(S): Raising my daughter, school for my Art Education degree, and side jobs/freelance

STARTED WITH THE RAIDERS: 2021

FAVORITE FOOD: Anything my mom cooks and pizza.

FAVORITE BEVERAGE: Coca-Cola Zero

FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: Gym

FAVORITE TELEVISION/STREAMING SHOW: The Office

PREGAME SUPERSTITION OR ACTIVITY: Eat a light meal by the beach

FAVORITE FOOTBALL MOMENT/MEMORY: Going to Tennessee for a football tournament and all the teams having a dance battle during the competitions sign-in phase back in 2008 while the coaches were busy.

VOLUNTEER PROFILE: IVETTE CAMARANO



She wasn't born in Racine but she does more than many people to make Racine a better place to live and support our youth. Ivette Camarano joined the Racine Raiders in 2021 and she was the Bob Marcado Volunteer of the Year last year. She recently accepted an invitation to join the board of directors.

"I was shocked and surprised," Camarano said about winning the Bob Marcado Volunteer of the Year award. "I didn't expect it because I'm just doing what I love to do."

Camarano reached out to the Raiders about volunteering last season. She was a little uncertain about joining the organization with everything else she has in her life.

"I was really uncertain and didn't know what to expect," recalls Camarano. "This was an opportunity for me to do something in the community because I was so new to Racine so I figured let's just go with it."

Camarano does a lot for the Raiders. She serves on the marketing committee, organized the I Beat a Racine Raiders Player video gaming events this offseason, organizes the Level Up Racine and getoffthestreets.org video gaming tent at games, and coordinates the new We Are Racine community organization area on gamedays. She's also responsible for connecting with the honorary captain and National Anthem singer and making sure they are set and have everything they need.

"I went with the flow," said Camarano. "Wherever the need was, I tried to fill it."

Camarano is involved in a lot outside of the Raiders as well. Two of her biggest projects are Level Up Racine, a gaming store and lounge, and getoffthestreets.org, which is an extension of her late brother's service to the community.

"My family and I thought let's just keep his serving spirit moving forward and we created getoffthestreets.org."

The mission of getoffthestreets.org is to keep kids involved in safe and fun activities in a safe place.



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RAIDERS ANNOUNCE 2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Tonight, the Raiders are pleased to announce the 2023 Raiders Scholarship Winners. This year, 46 applications were received and it was not an easy task for the scholarship committee to pick out only four from so many talented academic athletes.

NOAH FERGUSON (Case High School) - Awarded the Gary Suhr Memorial Scholarship. Noah was a three-year varsity starter in football for the Eagles and was named to the First Team All-Southeast Conference and Second Team All-County team. He will be attending UW-La Crosse and working toward a major in Criminal Justice.

GRACE SCHMITZ (Case High School) - Awarded the Jean Mooney Memorial Scholarship. Grace played varsity soccer three of her four years at Case, missing out her freshman year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This Case Eagle will become a Golden Eagle as she heads up to Marquette University to pursue a degree in business and public health.

ISABELLA LICHTER (Union Grove High School) - Awarded the Len Ziolkowski Memorial Scholarship. Isabella was a varsity cheerleader all of four years at Union Grove. She was also involved in competition cheerleading with her team coming in second at the state competition which she described as an amazing time of hard work, perseverance, and dedication.

RABEKA LIBERTO (Burlington High School) - Awarded the Herb Hoppe Memorial Scholarship. Rabeka's involvement in 4-H and Future Farmers of America (FFA) opened a path for her to UW-Platteville where she will study Agribusiness with a minor in Communications and Marketing. As a freshman at BHS, she joined the Burlington Co-op swim team. In her senior year, she swam on the varsity swim team and was selected as a team captain by her teammates.

The scholarships are open to graduating seniors from the eleven Racine County high schools. Applicants must be involved in athletics in one form or another as a member of a team sport, cheer team, team manager, or volunteer coach or official for a youth sports organization. They are also evaluated on academic performance, activities in and out of school, and involvement in volunteering in the community. The four finalists will receive a one-time \$500 scholarship to be used for their post-high school education.

Information regarding the scholarship process for the graduating class of 2024 will be available to students in their school's guidance office in late-January 2024.

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DEONTAY VANN
TIGHT END

CURRENT JOB(S): Retail Management

STARTED WITH THE RAIDERS: 2022

FAVORITE FOOD: Grilled salmon and home-made alfredo

FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: Spanish & Math

PREGAME SUPERSTITION OR ACTIVITY:

That morning, I have coffee and can't eat heavy, always say a prayer before getting dressed and right before start of the game.

FAVORITE RAIDERS MOMENT/MEMORY: :

The trip I took to that games in Chicago. I was driving by myself and it was my first time playing for an organized! team (not my first game), but my first away game, and I remember driving there and turning off the radio and riding in complete silence so I can think and reflect, not knowing what I'm getting myself into and what I was gonna do. It made me feel like an actual pro and what pro athletes must feel like when they have to make that commute to their away games. And it humbled me and really made me feel proud of myself and motivated me.

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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.

Alumni Association members receive free admission to every home game, entry into Alumni Night and a special tailgate party, and on-field recognition at halftime of the annual Alumni Night game. New in 2023, Alumni Association members also receive free access to the livestream of every Racine Raiders game through our partners at HomeTeam Live! 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!

Contact Matt Nelson at (262) 498-3163 or mnelson@racineraiders.org to join!



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