

Raider Weekly

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Tonight's Game — Raiders vs. Centennial

Tonight's match-up features the undefeated **WALTON RAIDERS** taking on the **CENTENNIAL KNIGHTS**. The Knights, led by 3rd year **HEAD COACH JEFF MEASOR**, are 2 & 4 so far this season. Centennial's record is a bit deceiving though, as it could easily be 5 & 1. They had Milton on the ropes 3 weeks ago, lost in overtime to Kell last Friday and actually defeated Northview in the season opener 38-0, but later were forced to forfeit.

The Knights are a relatively new opponent for the Raiders. The first game between these two squads took place in 2001 and while the Raiders dominated for most of the game, they came out on the short end of the score, 13-9 (A negative yardage punt that wasn't blocked didn't help.) Since then though Walton has won 4 straight including a 42-21 win in 2008.

As I noted above, Kell rallied to defeat Centennial last Friday in overtime 34-33. The Knights led by 11 points entering the 4th quarter but the Longhorns scored in the last 11 seconds to force the game into overtime. — **BILL PERRY, EDITOR**

Raiders—Last Friday

Coming into last Friday's game at the Eagles Nest, both Milton and Walton had unblemished region records. Something had to give, of course, and while it wasn't easy, the Raiders finally prevailed. The final score was Walton 28 Milton 23. For the first time this season, the Raiders were outgained, not only in total yards but in rushing and passing. Walton rushed for 145 yards; Milton for 149. The Raiders passed for 147 yards; the Eagles for 217. Milton rolled up 229 yards in the 4th quarter; our defenders had limited the Eagles to 137 through the first 3 quarters.

Walton defenders **CHRIS BOARDMAN, BROOKS TILLEY AND MATT LAMONTAGNE** all had INTs last Friday. Boardman's INT led to the Raiders first TD; Tilley's and LaMontagne's stopped Eagles drives near Walton's goal line.

Special teams got into the act too as **WES BAILEY** blocked a punt that led to a Raiders TD and **BRAYLON WILLIAMS** had a 48 yard KO return to set up another.

JOEY WINDLER ran for 2 TDs and threw for 2 more, one to **WILLIAMS** and another to **PATRICK COSGROVE** (80 yard catch & run). **KYLE VORSTER** rushed for 85 yards to lead the Raiders in that category.

For whatever it's worth, I thought Eagles LB **JEREMY GRABLE #1** was the best opposing defensive player we have seen so far this season.

By the Numbers ...

I had an interesting discussion recently with a former HS Defensive Coordinator. We talked about the various successes of numerous squads over the years. I pointed out that one particular squad had the best whole-season stats by a wide margin. He admitted that the squad played excellent defense but noted that comparing defensive stats for the past 5 or so seasons to stats prior to that isn't apples-to-apples. As he said "a few seasons ago 7 of the 10 teams we played ran the wing-T. Now the offensive schemes that HS teams run, especially the passing games, are *far* more sophisticated than they were only a few years ago." Meaning that keeping them from moving the ball and scoring is far more difficult. The Raiders have a long history of having a dominating TB. Remember Justin Forte, Michael Strickland, JJ Jackson and most recently, Michael Boydston? You might be surprised to learn that this season's two-headed monster of TB Kyle Vorster and QB Joey Windler have actually rushed for more yards after 6 games than any of the others noted above.

Player & Season After 6 Games	Yards	Avg	Runs > =10 yards
Justin Forte/2004	908	6.1	20
JJ Jackson/2007	571	4.5	17
Michael Boydston/2008	1172	6.7	36
Kyle Vorster & Joey Windler/2009	1183	5.8	55!!

Raiders of the Week vs. Milton

Offensive MVP: Senior T **KYLE WOESTMANN**—punishing blocker ; lots of fun to watch on film

Defensive MVP: Senior LB **KEEGAN KIELY**—5 tackles, including 2 sacks

Special Teams MVP: Senior DB **WES BAILEY**—blocked a punt that led to a Raiders TD

Big Hit Block: Senior G **MATT GILBERT** (bouncing back nicely from injury!)

Big Hit Tackle: Senior LB **SMITH ROMBERG**

Gamebreaker: Senior DT **CHRIS BOARDMAN**—2 tackles and an INT that led to the Raiders first TD

Scout Team MVP: SO DE **GRANT RADAKOVICH**

PEZ HITS: Matt Gilbert, Smith Romberg

Game Ball Winners: **CHRIS BOARDMAN, KEEGAN KIELY, WES BAILEY, DREW DALTON**

Records & Schedules

WALTON RAIDERS		
Date	Opponent	Result
8/22	Norcross (GA. Dome)	W 28-27 OT
9/4	@ Kell	W 21-16
9/11	@ Campbell	W 47-38
9/18	Wheeler	W 49-6
9/25	Alpharetta (H-coming)	W 20-7
10/9	@ Milton	W 28-23
10/16	@ Centennial	
10/23	Lassiter	
10/30	Roswell (Senior Night)	
11/6	@ Pope	

CENTENNIAL KNIGHTS		
Date	Opponent	Result
8/28	Northview (forfeit)	L 7-0
9/4	@ Roswell	L 41-15
9/11	Alpharetta	W 35-25
9/18	@ Pope	W 35-21
9/25	Milton	L 31-22
10/9	@ Kell	L 34-33 OT
10/16	Walton	
10/23	@ Campbell	
10/30	Lassiter	
11/6	@ Wheeler	

Other Region 6-A AAAA Action Tonight

Roswell (6-0) @ Alpharetta (2-4)
Pope (2-4) @ Wheeler (0-6)

3rd Down Efficiency		
	2009	2008
Raiders	50% (32/64)	57% (36/53)
Opponents	28% (16/58)	29% (17/56)

Kell (2-4) @ Campbell (1-5)
Milton (4-2) @ Lassiter (6-0)

Centennial Knights

Centennial's main offensive scheme is a version of the triple option similar to the one that Georgia Tech deploys. At times, however, the Knights line up in a spread formation and when they do so the QB tends to run the ball frequently. Whatever they do works as they are averaging right at 30 points per game. However, their 4-3 defense appears to be a bit vulnerable; in their 3 region losses opponents are averaging 35 points per game.

The Knights have a strong senior class led by at least three Division I-A commits. T **DAVID YANKEY #74**, 6'5, 290-pounds, is committed to Stanford. CB **MARTIN JENKINS #21** and LB **BEN CARPENTER #4** also have offers from a handful of I-A schools. (By the way, you won't have any trouble telling which of the Knights is the aforementioned Mr. Yankey as he is a *VERY* large person, and I mean that as a compliment.)

QB **SCOTT LAFFLER #2** was the starter last year in the Knights' run-heavy offense; however he usually yields the reins to junior **SEAN GILRAIN #12** when the Knights want to throw the football.

Region 6-A AAAA Standings

Things are starting to get interesting now—Lassiter plays Milton tonight, followed by Walton and then meets Roswell in the season finale. Beginning next Friday, the Hornets play Milton, Walton and Lassiter. Of course we play Lassiter, Roswell and finish with Pope. Fortunately, both the Trojans and Hornets must pay a visit to Raider Valley.

Team	Overall Wins	Overall Losses	Region Wins	Region Losses	Team	Overall Wins	Overall Losses	Region Wins	Region Losses
RAIDERS	6	0	5	0	Alpharetta	2	4	1	4
Lassiter	6	0	5	0	Centennial	2	4	1	4
Roswell	6	0	5	0	Pope	2	4	1	4
Milton	4	2	4	1	Campbell	1	5	0	5
Kell	2	4	2	3	Wheeler	0	6	0	5

Milton still controls its own destiny. After playing Walton, Lassiter and Roswell, it finishes with Pope and Kell. The Longhorns probably have the easiest remaining schedule, taking on Campbell, Alpharetta and Wheeler before finishing with Milton. The Milton-Kell season finale could well determine a playoff berth.

2009 Walton Raiders

No	Name	Pos	Yr	No	Name	Pos	Yr
1	Braylon Williams	REC	Sr.	52	Alex Prescott	C/DE	Jr.
2	Dakota Richardson	REC	So.	53	Kelly Brooks	OL/DL	So.
3	Kyle Vorster	RB/DB	Jr.	54	Matt Cheek	DL	Sr.
4	Patrick Cosgrove	REC	Sr.	55	Joey Caforio	OL	Sr.
5	Myles Howard	DB/WR	So.	56	Jake Sims	OL/DL	Sr.
6	Nakai Poole	QB	So.	57	Chris Boardman	DE/TE	Sr.
7	Bradley Kilborn	QB	Jr.	58	Sebastian Steen	OL/DE	Sr.
8	Daron Blaylock	DB/RB	So.	59	Drew Dalton	OL/DE	Sr.
9	Tripp Roberts	DB/REC	Jr.	60	Brandon Kublano	OL/DT	So.
10	Drew Schneider	DB/REC	So.	61	Nick Reidich	OL/DL	Jr.
11	Jim Hogue	RB/LB	So.	62	Matthew Rooks	OL/DL	Jr.
12	Zach Ridlehuber	LB	Sr.	63	Kyle Woestmann	OL/DL	Sr.
13	Zach Miller	Kicker	Jr.	64	Michael Lord	OL/DL	So.
14	Matt LaMontagne	DB/REC	Jr.	65	Ryan Barr	OL/DL	Jr.
15	Sam Bruns	REC/DB	Jr.	66	Taylor Babb	OL/DL	Sr.
16	Joey Windler	EC/DB/Q	Sr.	67	Oliver Kraemer	OL/DL	Sr.
17	Wes Bailey	DB	Sr.	68	Matt Gilbert	OL/DL	Sr.
18	Zack Blaylock	DB/QB	So.	70	JaQuan Alvarado	OL/DL	Jr.
19	Parker McLeod	QB	Fr.	71	Christian Andersen	OL	Jr.
20	Jacob Blaeser	DB	Sr.	73	Michael Ferruccio	OL	So.
21	Justin Shemaria	DB	Sr.	74	Grant Radakovich	DE/TE	So.
22	Kevin Bartlett	DB	Sr.	75	Harrison Davis	DL/OL	So.
23	Brandon Burrows	RB/DE	Sr.	77	Thomas Beshara	DL/OL	So.
24	Stephen Wrenn	WR/DB	Fr.	78	Matt SanNicolas	DL	Sr.
26	Rodney Kazibwe	RB/DB	Jr.	79	Joe Gillard	DL	Sr.
27	Andrew Lipsey	DB/REC	Sr.	80	Michael Albinger	REC	Jr.
28	A.J. Collins	RB/DB	So.	81	Jeff Cheek	REC	Sr.
32	Smith Romberg	LB	Sr.	82	John Ficarrotta	REC	Jr.
33	Zach Hoadley	LB	So.	83	Sam Gadebusch	REC	Jr.
34	Logan Musser	LB/FB	So.	84	Chris Mooney	DE/TE	Sr.
35	Orin Whittaker	FB/LB	Jr.	85	Austin Hagood	REC	Sr.
36	Koty Allen	DE/TE	So.	87	Tim Dalton	TE/DE	So.
37	Coleman Travis	RB/LB	Jr.	88	Ramon Lee	TE	Jr.
38	Ned Kaish	LB/REC	Jr.	89	Jacob Eassa	LB	Sr.
39	Joe Kenney	REC	Jr.	90	Dayne Hudson	REC	Jr.
40	Zach Pope	RB/LB	Jr.	91	Hiroo Nakano	REC	So.
41	Keagan Kiely	LB	Sr.	93	Daniel Elliott	TE	Sr.
43	Alex Katongole	DB	Jr.	94	Holden Fender	K	So.
44	Andre Walkine	RB/LB	Sr.	95	Nathan Ditmer	K	So.
47	Will McMahan	LB/FB	So.	96	Saad Hindash	PK	Jr.
48	Brooks Tilley	LB	Sr.	97	Patrick Barnette	WR	Jr.
49	Oliver Greene	LB	Jr.	98	Tim Ruesseler	PK	Sr.
50	Hayden Karp	OL	Jr.	99	Brad Noble	DT	Jr.

2009 Centennial Knights

No.	Name	Pos	Yr	No.	Name	Pos	Yr
1	Zietrick Smith	RB	So.	42	Josh Torres	LB	Sr.
2	Scott Laffler	QB	Sr.	44	Paul Adediran	LB	So.
3	Carlson Carty	RB	Jr.	45	Anthony Bradley	DB	Jr.
4	Ben Carpenter	LB	Sr.	46	Matt Johnson	DB	Sr.
5	Patrick Choi	WR	Sr.	47	Camrin Carty	LB	So.
6	Jimmy Meyer	QB	So.	48	Victor Hernandez	LB	Jr.
7	Patrick Jenkins	DB	So.	49	Chris Soulant	DB	Jr.
8	Amari Ross	DB	So.	50	Chris Spooner	OL/DL	Sr.
9	Demarco Hart	DB	So.	51	Ming He	OL	So.
10	Connor Davis	K/WR	So.	52	Brandon Padgett	LB	Jr.
11	Danny Deshong	RB	So.	55	Dominique Bradley	OL	Sr.
12	Sean Gilrain	QB	Jr.	57	Rusty White	DL	Sr.
14	Antonio Morgan	LB	Sr.	58	Kyle Price	OL	Jr.
15	Brendan Moore	K	Sr.	60	Jamie Miller	OL	So.
16	Chase Rosenberg	QB	Fr.	61	Vincent Calhoun	OL	Fr.
17	Matt Deshong	WR	So.	62	Patrick Sammons	OL	Jr.
18	Erik Lee	DB	Sr.	64	Joe DiPietro	OL	Sr.
19	Stuart Mals	WR	Jr.	65	Connor Riley	OL	So.
20	Terrance Thompson	RB	Sr.	66	Brett Larkin	OL	Sr.
21	Martin Jenkins	DB/WR	Sr.	67	Daniel Stainback	OL	Sr.
22	Christian Peterson	RB	Jr.	68	James Xia	OL	So.
23	Evan Hamrick	LB	Jr.	69	Sean Rumph	DL	So.
24	Isiah Hart	DB	Sr.	74	David Yankey	OL	Sr.
25	Dartez Jacobs	DB	Jr.	76	Dee Hall	LB	Jr.
26	Cameron Malone	RB	So.	77	Juan Orozco	DL	So.
27	Malik Wood	DB	Jr.	80	Ryan Jenkins	WR	Fr.
28	Payton Barber	RB	Fr.	81	Wade Francis	WR	So.
29	Javon Swaingain	DB	Sr.	83	Alex Bruce	WR	Sr.
30	Jeff Charles	DL	Jr.	85	Tre Tennyson	WR	Sr.
31	Kevin Walden-Brown	DB	Sr.	86	Jerry Timberlake	K	Jr.
32	Darius Tye	DB	So.	88	Noah Alexander	WR	So.
33	Reggie Dunning	LB	Jr.	89	Jermey Clear	WR	Sr.
34	Alvin Roberson	LB	Sr.	90	Jules Allen	DL	Jr.
35	Landon Hall	LB	So.	91	Chris Grant	DL	Jr.
36	Brandon Morin	DB	So.	92	Mathias Hanna	DL	Jr.
37	Michael Hampl	K	Sr.	94	Nate Howard	DL	Jr.
39	Jalen Albright	DB	So.	95	Jessie Burdick	DL	So.
40	Colin Peebles	LB	Jr.	96	Fletcher Richmond	DL	So.
41	Maurice Barbee	DB	So.	97	Cameron Brown	WR	So.