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Tonight's Game — Raiders vs. Lassiter Trojans

Tonight's match-up features the **WALTON RAIDERS** taking on the undefeated and pass-crazy **LASSITER TROJANS**. The Trojans are led by 2nd year Head Coach **CHIP LINDSAY**.

Lassiter is one of the Raiders oldest rivals. The game tonight will be the 27th meeting between these two squads. The Raiders hold the edge, 17 to 9, including an 11 and 2 mark in games played at Raider Valley. As you likely remember, the Trojans ruined Walton's 7 game winning streak in 2008; however, Lassiter has only beaten Walton twice in a row one time—2000 and 2001.

This is obviously a big game—revenge for last season, 2009 playoff seeding implications, neighborhood pride and probably a few others too.

Finally, tonight is **SPONSOR APPRECIATION NIGHT** here in Raider valley; and also **MILITARY SUPPORT NIGHT**. Thanks sponsors—we couldn't do all we do without your support. And thanks military veterans—we wouldn't be here without your sacrifices and contributions.

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Raiders—Last Friday

The Centennial Knights handed the Raiders their first loss of 2009 last Friday, 31-28, booting a FG with 4 seconds remaining. The Raiders couldn't hold a 28-7 lead, finally succumbing to the Knights relentless spread option running attack.

Talk about a one-dimensional (but quite effective) offense—the Knights ran the ball 60 times (for 472 yards) and threw it three (2 INTs and a completion for 1 yard). After Centennial stopped stopping themselves (they turned the ball over 6 times in the first half), they were difficult to slow down.

The Raiders had their opportunities, but did not take full advantage of Centennial's turnovers. In addition to being efficient on offense, the Knights held the Raiders to a season low 113 yards on the ground and forced six 3 and outs, including 4 in a row in the second half.

By the Numbers ...

PATRICK COSGROVE has a 4-game streak of TD receptions, adding 2 more to his tally vs. Centennial.

The number 72 was a good one for Patrick last Friday—not only did he have a 72 yard TD reception, he also had a 72 yard punt in the first half. That was the longest since at least 1998. Most recently, both **RICHARD KENT** (2007) and **ROSS GARRETT** (2004) were credited with 65 yard punts.

60 rushing attempts is the most by a Walton opponent since the Cherokee Warriors leveraged 62 attempts (for 283 yards) to knock the Raiders out of the playoffs in 2003.

Passing game effectiveness can be measured many ways. One of the simplest though and most meaningful is yards per attempt because it explicitly considers completion percentage. In 2008, the Raiders averaged 8.2 yards per attempt, a very acceptable metric (especially for HS); so far in 2009 though we're averaging 9.8, which obviously is even better!

Raiders of the Week vs. Centennial

Offensive MVP: Senior TE **DANIEL ELLIOTT**—effective blocker, caught a pass for 16 yards and a first down

Defensive MVP: Senior DT **CHRIS BOARDMAN**—9 tackles, including 2 for a loss and caused a fumble

Special Teams MVP: Senior WR/P **Patrick Cosgrove**—net average of 42.7 yards per punt, including one for 72 yards

Big Hit Block: Junior FB **RODNEY KAZIBWE**

Big Hit Tackle: Senior LB **ZACH RIDELHUBER**

Gamebreaker: No one selected this week

Scout Team MVP: So. OL/DL **MICHAEL LORD**

PEZ HITS: None

Game Ball Winners: **RYAN BARR, MATT ROOKS, NED KAISH, MICHAEL LORD**

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	L 31-28
10/23	Lassiter	
10/30	Roswell (Senior Night)	
11/6	@ Pope	

LASSITER TROJANS		
Date	Opponent	Result
8/28	@ Sprayberry	W 14-7
9/4	Pope	W 32-31
9/11	Kell	W 28-17
9/18	@ Campbell	W 42-10
9/25	@ Wheeler	W 42-7
10/9	Alpharetta	W 44-7
10/16	Milton	W 56-32
10/23	@ Walton	
10/30	@ Centennial	
11/6	Roswell	

Other Region 6-A AAAA Action Tonight

Pope (3-4) @ Alpharetta (2-5)
Wheeler (0-7) @ Kell (3-4)

The Raiders won the first 6 games that **ROCKY HIDALGO** served as Head Coach. Other coaches in their inaugural season, did not fare as well. Only **STEVE JONES** & **ROBBIE ROBERTSON** won in their debut and both lost the following week.

Centennial (3-4) @ Campbell (1-6)
Milton (4-3) @ Roswell (7-0)

Lassiter Trojans

The Trojans are led by Sr. QB **HUTSON MASON #6**. Hutson is the reigning Class AAAA Offensive Player of the Year. Last week against the Milton Eagles he passed for a state record 545 yards and 6 TDs. If there is one thing you can count on tonight, Mr. Mason will be throwing the football. So far he has completed 158 passes (in 209 attempts) for 2,377 yards and 26 TDs (only 3 INTs). To put that in perspective for you, the Raiders rushing and passing have generated 2,552 yards so far this season, which is a terrific performance in 7 games.

Lassiter does not run the ball much, having rushed for only 443 yards in their first 7 games. Last year, however, when they beat us 31-24, they rushed for 3 TDs so their sneaky running game can be effective when they need it to be. Fr. TB **TYREN JONES #1**, has been Mason's favorite target so far, having caught 42 balls for 410 yards. Jones is also the Trojans leading rusher with 178 yards.

Region 6-A AAAA Standings

The fight for Region 6 playoff berths is heating up. Milton plays undefeated Roswell; a loss combined with wins by Kell, Pope and Centennial will certainly tighten things up.

While Milton holds the tiebreaker over Centennial, the Eagles must still play Pope and Kell. Centennial has games remaining with Campbell, Wheeler and Lassiter. Kell finishes up with Wheeler, Alpharetta and Milton; Pope must still play Alpharetta, Milton and Walton.

Fortunately, the Raiders hold the tiebreaker against all those teams except Pope, our opponent in the season finale.

Team	Overall Wins	Overall Losses	Region Wins	Region Losses	Team	Overall Wins	Overall Losses	Region Wins	Region Losses
LASSITER	7	0	6	0	Kell	3	4	3	3
Roswell	7	0	6	0	Pope	3	4	2	4
Raiders	6	1	5	1	Alpharetta	2	5	1	5
Milton	4	3	4	2	Campbell	1	6	0	6
Centennial	3	4	3	3	Wheeler	0	7	0	6

In the first round of the state playoffs this season, Region 6 takes on Region 7. Current standings in that region: **NORTH GWINNETT** and **PEACHTREE RIDGE** are tied for first place (they meet in the season finale @ North Gwinnett), followed by **COLLINS HILL** in 3rd place, with **NORTH FORSYTH** in 4th. Both North Gwinnett and Peachtree Ridge have been ranked in the AAAA Top 10 for most of the season. Collins Hill has a 6-1 record thus far, losing only to Peachtree Ridge.

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 Lassiter Trojans

No.	Name	Pos	Yr	No.	Name	Pos	Yr
1	Matt Burchfield	So.	DB	43	Rip Rowan	Sr.	LB
1	Tyren Jones	Fr.	RB	44	Johnny Yoder	So.	LB
2	Trey Graham	Sr.	RB	45	Alex Reese	So.	DB
3	Cameron Knaebel	So.	RB	46	Tyler Deloach	Jr.	OL
4	Lorenzo Ford	Jr.	DB	46	Luke Trevino	Jr.	LB
4	Ryan Kiewit	So.	WR	47	Cameron Flores	So.	DB
5	Griffin Roelle	Sr.	RB	49	Ryan Aschenbach	So.	DB
5	Ethan Wright	So.	DB	50	Thomas Chambers	Sr.	DL
6	Hutson Mason	Sr.	QB	51	Nick Law	Jr.	DE
7	Eddie Printz	Fr.	QB	52	Rashad David	So.	DL
8	Chris Heitzman	So.	QB	52	Brian Decamara	Jr.	OL
8	Audie Plemmons	So.	DB	53	Cody Cheek	So.	OL
9	Niles Clark	So.	DB	54	Andre Butler	Sr.	OL
10	Wesley Hatfield	So.	WR	54	Chaz Cooper	So.	LB
10	Brad Penter	Sr.	DB	55	Brendan Campbell	So.	OL
11	Nick Rodgers	So.	DB	56	Mark Casanova	So.	LB
12	Kendall Newsome	Jr.	WR	56	Cody Martin	Sr.	OL
13	Garret Shank	So.	DB	57	Alex Gonzales	Jr.	OL
14	Alex Hanks	So.	K	58	Eli Long	Jr.	DL
15	Charlie Hegedus	So.	WR	59	Tim Hunt	So.	OL
16	Parker Shank	Jr.	WR	60	Mitch Reaves	So.	OL
16	Zach Stein	So.	DB	61	Logan Summey	Jr.	OL
17	Cody Johnson	Sr.	WR	62	Derek Demyanek	Sr.	DL
18	Tom Bury	Jr.	DB	63	Drew Davis	Sr.	OL
19	Wendell Cole	Sr.	DB	64	Camden Shakespeare	So.	OL
20	Connor Johnson	So.	DB	65	Brian Dopson	Sr.	DL
20	Keith Knight	Sr.	RB	66	Jordan Bell	Jr.	DE
21	Kai Candler	Sr.	DB	67	Eric Strickland	So.	OL
21	Jimmy Mayer	Sr.	WR	68	Cedric Stodom	Jr.	OL
22	Herbert Brabson	So.	RB	70	Josh Taylor	Jr.	OL
22	Josh Patterson	So.	DB	71	Andrew Winkler	Sr.	OL
23	Mitchell Aarons	Sr.	DB	73	Brandon Janco	Sr.	OL
24	Jordan Taylor	Jr.	DB	76	David Pedersen	Sr.	DL
25	Coray Carlson	Sr.	DB	77	Derrick Crabb	So.	OL
25	Isiah Willis	So.	WR	78	Michael Crisp	Jr.	OL
26	Alex Porter	Sr.	DB	79	Colin Mills	Jr.	DL
27	John Miller	So.	DB	80	Colton Bryant	Jr.	WR
27	Bo Shaw	Jr.	WR	81	Andrew McInerney	Jr.	WR
28	Trevor Beverly	So.	DB	82	Calvin Robertson	So.	LB
29	Jordan Jones	Jr.	DB	83	Aaron Johnson	So.	DE
30	Parker Roush	So.	RB	83	Craig Kimble	So.	WR
31	Ryan Emmons	So.	LB	84	Adam Dowell	So.	WR
32	Michael Murrell	Sr.		85	Brad Estes	Jr.	WR
32	Ryan Patton	Jr.	DB	86	Austin Early	Jr.	WR
33	Jalen Hughes	Jr.	RB	87	Matt Glattstein	So.	WR
34	Michael Norton	So.	WR	88	Cameron Campagna	Jr.	WR
34	Marcus Stokes	Sr.	LB	89	Joey Parry	Sr.	TE
35	Jonathan Stein	So.	DB	90	John-Steven Vaughn	Jr.	DL
36	Milo Hall	Jr.	DB	91	Kris Ku	So.	DL
37	Fisher Thorn	Jr.	LB	92	Mo Nyang	Fr.	DL
38	Austin Evans	Jr.	DB	94	Brenden Muske	Jr.	DL
39	Ryan Maire	Jr.	LB	95	Daltyn Holcombe	Sr.	DE
40	Gustavo Jenkins	Sr.	DB	95	Josh Sides	So.	DL
41	Kevin Carrier	So.	DB	96	Kevin Ankerholz	Sr.	TE
41	Dillon Dupree	Sr.	RB	97	Cole Pendley	So.	DL
42	Nick Tramontanis	Jr.	LB	98	Nick Sexton	So.	DL
				99	Mitch Word	So.	DL