

PLAYING THROUGH ADVERSITY

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BROTHERHOOD: MAKING SACRIFICES TO
KEEP THEIR SEASON ALIVE

STAYING FOCUSED



When there was **DOUBT** about having a fall season, the Raiders still found a way to get some competition to prepare them in case of a change. Regis hosted a 7 on 7 tournament to work on running routes, completing passes, and defending the pass.



8. CHARLIE DOUBET 21' shows off his athleticism by juking the defender. **9. CHARLIE ROGAN 22'** completes the catch and turns up the field for a nice gain. **10. RYAN MARTIN 21'** plays lock down defense to force an incomplete pass. Photos by Reilly Wible '22

Q: WHAT WAS IT LIKE NOT HAVING STUDENT FANS AT THE GAME THIS YEAR?

A: "It was a lot different. The atmosphere was not the same, but the parents did a great job along with the photographers cheering us on. I missed having the student fans at the big games."

Q: WHAT STEPS DID YOU TAKE TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE DURING THIS PANDEMIC?

A: "I did what the coaches asked. Like wearing a mask and keeping socially distanced whenever possible."

Q: WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY FROM THIS SEASON?

A: "The Pine Creek game. That game winning field goal (by Jaden Ohlsen 21') was crazy. Everyone went nuts, and it secured our position in the playoffs."



AIDEN O'BRIEN '21
A SENIOR ON THE TEAM, AIDEN O'BRIEN KEPT THE MORALE HIGH DURING THE ODD SEASON AND HELPED LEAD THE TEAM TO THE ELITE EIGHT PLAYOFFS

The Brotherhood was tested this year in school, sports, and life. With the unpredictable events of 2020, the Raiders had to stay strong together, on and off, the field.

With the season constantly being closely monitored by CHSAA any team, any week, could be forced to forfeit if they had too many players in quarantine. To avoid being exposed by fellow students, many players decided to opt out of in-person classes until the football season was over.

The coaches encouraged players to only hang out with teammates in safe

environments and to avoid being contaminated by someone outside of the team. Some teams across the division were forced to cancel multiple, if not many, games due to players violating CHSSA regulations and, in turn, being potentially exposed to COVID-19 at large gatherings.

The selfless efforts of the players, along with the creativity of the coaches and trainers, helped keep the RJ season alive. And it wasn't all for naught. This season, the Raiders found themselves in the Elite Eight playoffs.

1. A STRONG STIFF ARM by David Dody 21' leads to a big run against rival Cherry Creek. Photo by Chloe Simon '23 **2. DALLAS MACIAS 22'** prepares to return a punt for a big gain, adding on to the many big returns he had already racked up during the season. **3. PICKING UP THE BLITZ** David Dody 21' protects Drew Kulick 21' so he can sit comfortably in the pocket and throw a clear pass. Photos by John Plumleigh and Brock Weiss



PLAYING BOTH WAYS

"The mind-set shift (from quarterback to linebacker) was huge. Playing quarterback, I took a more calm and mindful approach, where as on defense, it was more of an attack and reaction style of play" **DREW KULICK 21'**



4. THE RAIDERS DEFENSE, led by team captain Bryan Mottram 21', rallies to make the play for a key stop on third down. "Being team captain was a huge honor. I had to give it my all, all the time," said Mottram. Key stops like these helped the Raiders get in to the Elite Eight playoff bracket. Photo by John Plumleigh **5. EXANDER CARROLL 23'** scrambles to escape pressure in the Elite Eight playoff game against Cherry Creek on November 20. The team lost the playoff game 29-6. Photo by Chloe Simon '23. **6. THE RAIDERS** come together for prayer after a big away game victory against conference rival Chaparral. They shut the Wolverines out 42-0. Photo by Brock Weiss **7. JOSIAH HARRIS 23'** gets a big run against Douglas County. The Raiders secured the away game win on October 30, 42-0. Photo by John Plumleigh