

UNIQUELY RUMMEL FOOTBALL

#1 - In 2012, 2014 and 2015, the Raiders spend 25 weeks ranked as the state's #1 team.

ALMA MATER - The Rummel Alma Mater is sung by the team on the field after every game.

ALL-STATE - 35 Raiders have made All-State.

BACK TO BACK - State Champions 2012 & 2013

DEFENSE - The 2009 Raider defense was a dominating unit giving up just over 8 points a game for the season while leading the Raiders to their first state final appearance.

ESPN 2 - Rummel Football made its nationwide T.V. debut in 2015 versus Wayne County on ESPN 2, winning 27-16.

FORTY - A Catholic League record of 40 consecutive regular season victories (1998-2000).

FIGHT SONG - The Raiders have the most recognized fight song in the city.

FOUR FINGERS - At the beginning of the fourth quarter of every Raider Football game, each member of the team customarily raise four fingers signifying that they will not surrender during the last quarter. This tradition goes back to 1970.

HODGINS - The 6 football-playing brothers (Norman 70, Leo 73, Charles 75, James 77, Patrick 80, and Paul 80). Norman was the first Raider to play in the NFL.

HALLOWEEN - Halloween night 2003. Craig Steltz carries the ball only 7 times for 170 yards and scores 20 points in an 8 minute span of the 4th quarter in a 38-27 comeback victory over Jesuit.

IRON RAIDER - This is the only individual award given out to the football team. It is awarded every spring to the 3 strongest players pound for pound.

JEFF JONES - Punishing All-State tailback who was the Raider's first 1000 yard back in 1975.

KROPOG - Troy Kropog ('04) becomes the 3rd Raider to be selected in the NFL Draft, going to the Tennessee Titans in the 4th Round.

MEGAPHONE - The coveted megaphone has been awarded to the winner of the Rummel-Shaw contest since 1964.

MVP - LB Phil Helmstetter was the All-State Defensive MVP in 2009. DE James St. Germain is the only other player to be named All-State Defensive MVP in 1980.

NORTH-SOUTH BOWL - In 1981, the Raiders defeated the highly-rated Calvert Hall Cardinals from Maryland 31-17 in the North-South Bowl game.

OESTRICHER - All-State place kicker, Brad Oestricher kicks a then state record 58 yard field goal in 2003.

PERRET - Coach Don Perret (1971-1978), The Father of Rummel Football, coined the phrase "Raider Pride".

PIE BOWL - At the conclusion of the final practice of spring football, called the Pie Bowl, the winning coaches deliver pies to the faces of the losing coaches.

PRE-GAME MASS - A players and coaches only Mass said by the team chaplain 3 hours before every game.

QUARTERBACK - Chase Fourcade graduated holding every passing & total offense record.

THE "R" - The uniquely shaped logo is easily identified throughout the city.

RAIDER PRIDE - The term "Raider Pride" was introduced at the opening pep rally in 1971 by Coach Don Perrett.

RETIRED JERSEY - Only one! #10 worn by Craig Steltz (2000-2003).

RUSSO - Doctor Courtney Russo, longtime team physician (1971-2003).

SHRIMP BOWL - In 1971, the Raiders made their first of 29 Post-Season appearances.

SNOW - As snow fell in Lafayette, YES SNOW, the Raiders defeated Westgate 7-6 to advance to the 2009 State Finals.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS - Since 1995 Raider Seniors have volunteered & worked the Special Olympics.

STATE PLAYOFFS - The Raiders have made 29 playoff appearances.

STELTZ, CRAIG - Most decorated Rummel football player, a two-time ALL-STATE selection, LSU All American, 4th round selection by the Chicago Bears.

TEN AND 0 - First undefeated season in 1980 & the Raiders have finished undefeated eight times since the 1980 season.

UPSET - In 1978, 1979, 1995 & 2013 the Raiders upset the #1 ranked team in the state, St. Augustine.

VICTORY BOARD - A victorious post game locker room celebration started by Coach Don Perret in 1971.

WELCOME - Friends & family of the Rummel football squad gather under the gym to welcome the team back to school after each game.

X-POINT - Chuck Melito's extra point gives the Raiders a 7-6 victory over St. Augustine & their first outright Catholic League Title in 1974.

ZERO - The Raider defense shuts out 8 of 10 opponents in 1972.