



Lakeland Raiders Press Release

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The Battle Continues with a great Visit!

LAKELAND,FL- Competition is fierce among the Raider players trying to grab one of the 23 roster spots that are available. This is where these potential Lakeland Raiders need to step up their game and impress Head Coach Michael Mink and his staff. When asked if anyone has secured a spot on the 2012 Raiders he commented "No one has a guaranteed spot. They need to work hard and on every play. They can't rely on their reputation or what they have done before, they have to prove to us that they want to be a Lakeland Raider". It's now crunch time. Players know that each and every move they make on the field, is being dissected and looked at under a microscope. Who will become a Lakeland Raider? No one knows...Not even the coaches.

While the players are working hard to make the final roster, a group of visitors stood by experiencing something they have never experienced before. The Lakeland Raiders made their television debut with Lauren Reynolds and Arden Lindsay of the Lake Gibson Middle School video production class.

Lauren, who handled the player and coaches interviews, has been part of the Lake Gibson Middle School Video Production program since 6th grade. She has enjoyed doing interviews and learning what it takes to be a future journalist. Lauren when asked what she will remember from today responded "They are so big." Arden, the cameraman today has been part of the Video Production since 6th grade as well. He said he enjoys doing the camera work but likes editing and being the anchor. Not sure if he wants to become a journalist, said "Doing this is fun and cool". Wendy Setterberg, who teaches the video production classes, said there are currently 75 students in the program. Students range from 6th to 8th grade, and many of her former students have gone on to be on-air television personalities and many are currently enrolled in journalism or film school. Students are required to write, edit, and film their own stories. Lake Gibson has been honored with many awards around the state. Lauren and Arden had fun interviewing the "Future Stars of Football" and the Raiders enjoyed being interviewed by the "Future Stars of Television." "It's great to see these young students and men both working hard to make a better future for themselves," commented Assistant General Manager Jim Preston.

March 10th, 14 days, 2 weeks, 336 hours, or 20,160 minutes, we will know the 23 men who will lead the Lakeland Raiders on their 2012 campaign starting with the visiting Rome Georgia Rampage at

the Lakeland Center in Lakeland FL at 7:15. The Raiders season and individual game tickets are currently on sale through the box office at **863-834-7511** or by contacting the team at 1-855-RAIDER1. The Raiders are currently running a "March Madness Sale" with 25% off season tickets. The fan shop is also available for fans to purchase their Raider Battalion gear. The Raiders appreciate all the support and all of the great people who are making it possible to be playing.

For more information about the Lakeland Raiders visit the team website at www.lakelandraiders.com or call 863-834-7511. The Raiders will be playing home games at The Lakeland Center. The Lakeland Center offers a full variety of sporting events, concerts and shows. The Lakeland Center is a short drive from anywhere in Central Florida. Regular box office hours are Monday-Friday 9:30am-5:30pm and can be reached at 863-834-8111.

The Lakeland Raiders were founded by Michael Mink and co-owned by Michael Mink and Robert Tannenbaum. The Lakeland Raiders are a Professional Indoor/Arena Football Team in the United Indoor Football League(www.uiflfootball.com). The Lakeland Raiders organization is a community based team that supports affordable family fun and entertainment. The original Marine Raiders were a honored group of warriors and sons from America. The lost Marine Raider Battalions completed their mission in real war and were the pride of World War II. One Team. One Mission. The Invasion begins in 2012!