

# Red Raider Newsletter

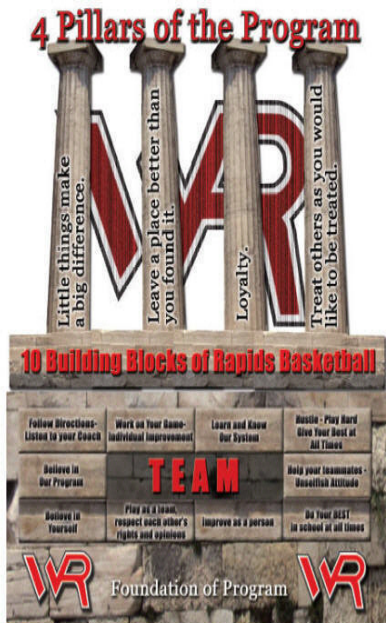
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RED RAIDER BASKETBALL

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## Two Raiders Named to All-Tourney Team



Joe Ritchay and Dylan Lubeck were named to the All Tourney team for the Lakeland Holiday Tournament on December 29th and 30th. Dylan was the leading scorer in the loss against Watertown while Joe was the leading scorer in the victory over the University School of Milwaukee. Both players had a solid tournament and continue to be the leaders of this team offensively. Others named to the All Tourney team was Ian Zgonc and Blaine Mueller of Watertown and Danny Kuepper of Lakeland.



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## Rapids Cage Club Finding Success



Congratulations to the 5th grade team for their 1st place finish at Eau Claire on November 7, 2009!



Congratulations to the 6th grade red team for their 1st place finish at Neillsville on December 19, 2009!



Congratulations to the 8th grade team for their 1st place finish at Sparta on January 9, 2010!



## Coaches Corner



Head Coach  
Dan Witter

At the time of the newsletter we are 3 - 6 overall and 1-2 in conference play. We are a very young and inexperienced team with only one player having any varsity experience. Having said that we have been in every game with a chance to win. Our task now is to keep improving and working hard. Our conference schedule gets into full swing now and we are looking at being a big factor in the Wisconsin Valley Conference. We hope to see a lot of fans at our upcoming games.

*“Individual Commitment to a group effort— That is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.”  
~Vince Lombardi~*

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JV Head Coach  
Tom Nolan

At the time this was written our JV team has a record of 3-4. Our team chemistry on offense and our ability to take good shots has improved in recent games. We are getting better at seeing what the defense is doing and then being able to adjust and make the right decisions offensively. Our offense is getting us good looks at the basket. We just need to improve at making jump shots and finishing shots inside as well as taking better care of the basketball. Defensively we are pressuring the ball better and are starting to learn where we need to be on defense. At times we look very good defensively, but we need to become more consistent with our defensive hustle and intensity. Playing good defense requires a toughness both mentally and physically. We have had a couple players step up for us recently and be aggressive on defense. Now we have to have everyone else step up and do the same. Defensive consistency and our ability to make shots are two things that will determine how the rest of our season will go.



# Meet the Players



## #12 Bobby Blom – Senior

- Favorite Food:** Pizza
- Favorite Athlete:** Michael Jordan
- College:** Oshkosh
- Major:** Computer Science
- Dream Job:** Work for Disney World

Bobby Blom is our only senior this year. Bobby Blom is a leader on the court in practice and in the games. He sets a high bar with how hard he works, whether on defense in the game or running lines in practice he is always giving 100 per cent.

# 'Building a Foundation for Success'

## Passion

“What carries people to the top? What makes them take risks, go the extra mile, and do whatever it takes to achieve their goals? It isn't talent. It's passion. Passion is more important than a plan. Passion creates fire. It provides fuel. I have yet to meet a passionate person who lacked energy. As long as the passion is there, it doesn't matter if they fail. It doesn't matter how many times they fall down. It doesn't matter if others are against them or if people say they cannot succeed. They keep going and make the most of whatever talent they possess. They are talent-plus people who do not stop until they succeed.” —John Maxwell

*important than what you are as a basketball player”  
~John Wooden~*



## Program Objectives

- Promote the philosophy, values, and vision of the entire Wisconsin Rapids boys basketball program.
- Compete at the highest level possible in order to challenge players to reach their full potential.
- Develop sportsmanship and teamwork to promote positive attitudes both on and off the court.
- Encourage fun and enjoyment of the game.

## Remaining Schedule

Tuesday	January 12, 2010	Away	Kaukauna High School Fresh/JV/V	5:45/7:30 PM
Friday	January 15, 2010	HOME	SPASH JV/V (Double Header w/Girls)	4:15/7:30 PM
Monday	January 18, 2010	HOME	Tomah	5:45/7:30 PM
Tuesday	January 19, 2010	Away	D.C. Everest JV/V	5:45/7:30 PM
Friday	January 22, 2010	HOME	WAUSAU EAST JV/V	5:45/7:30 PM
Friday	January 29, 2010	HOME	MARSHFIELD JV/V	5:45/7:30 PM
Tuesday	February 2, 2010	HOME	LACROSSE CENTRAL Fresh/JV/V	5:45/7:30 PM
Friday	February 5, 2010	Away	Rhineland JV/V	5:45/7:30 PM
Tuesday	February 9, 2010	Away	Eau Claire North Fresh/JV/V	5:45/7:30 PM
Friday	February 12, 2010	HOME	WAUSAU WEST JV/V	5:45/7:30 PM
Tuesday	February 16, 2010	Away	Spash JV/V (Double Header w/Girls)	4:15/7:30 PM
Friday	February 19, 2010	HOME	D.C. EVEREST JV/V	5:45/7:30 PM
Thursday	February 25, 2010	Away	Wausau East JV/V	5:45/7:30 PM

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