

1 - Tristan Burge

Position: Defensive back
Height/weight: 6-1, 205
College: Eastern Illinois
Background: Spent 2007 on the Green Bay Packers practice squad; was a two-time All Ohio Valley Conference selection and was named to four postseason All-American teams

2 - Cordera Jackson

Position: Defensive back
Height/weight: 5-10, 190
College: Youngstown State
Background: Named a 2006 first-team All-American and All-Gateway Conference selection by Football Gazette

3 - Terrell Goldsmith

Position: Running back
Height/weight: 5-10, 210
College: Northern Michigan
Background: Former Auburn standout; carried seven times for 22 yards and two touchdowns and caught three passes for 37 yards in one game for the Raptors last season

4 - Justin Opengo

Position: Wide receiver
Height/weight: 5-9, 175
College: Rock Valley
Background: Former Guilford standout; had 1,900 all-purpose yards for the Roscoe Rush of the Ironman Football League in 2007

32 - Tim Blackwell

Position: Running back
Height/weight: 6-0, 205
College: Southern Mississippi
Background: Was an All-Conference USA selection; played for Edmonton in the Canadian Football League

6 - Leroy McFadden

Position: Wide receiver
Height/weight: 6-3, 260
College: Michigan State
Background: Played one season at Auburn before moving to Michigan; three-time All-AF2 performer who played for Rik Richards on a league championship team in Charleston, S.C.

7 - Jermaine Hampton

Position: Defensive back
Height/weight: 6-1, 210
College: Northern Illinois
Background: Made his profes-

sional debut with the Indianapolis Colts in 2001; had 7 tackles in one game for the Raptors last season

9 - Randy Bell

Position: Running back
Height/weight: 5-10, 218
College: Carson-Newman
Background: Carried 66 times for 318 yards and 10 touchdowns, caught 10 passes for 106 yards for two touchdowns and returned a kickoff for a touchdown in seven games for the Raptors last season

12 - Steve La Falce

Position: Quarterback
Height/weight: 6-0, 200
College: Western Illinois
Background: Joins the Raptors after spending 2007 with Bloomington Extreme; was a 3-year starter at Western Illinois throwing for over 6,500 yards.

14 - Travis Paul

Position: Kicker
Height/weight: 6-0, 195
College: Fairmont State
Background: Travis enters into his first year with the Raptors.

21 - Patrick Jackson

Position: Linebacker
Height/weight: 5-10, 195
College: Savannah State
Background: Was the Raptors' third-leading tackler last season with 49 solos and 26 assists in 14 games; was the Las Vegas Bowl MVP while at Savannah State.

23 - Willie Tolon

Position: Wide receiver
Height/weight: 6-0, 195
College: Fort Scott C.C.
Background: Former East stand-out; returning from a knee injury that kept him out of the '07 season.

25 - Domanique Dunbar

Position: Defensive back
Height/weight: 6-1, 190
College: Louisville
Background: Has AF2 experience with the Memphis Explorers and NFL experience with the Philadelphia Eagles.

33 — Maurice Simpkins

Position: Linebacker
Height/weight: 6-1, 230
College: Coastal Carolina
Background: Was the Raptors' leading tackler with 88 solos, 16



Raptors schedule

(All games 7:30 p.m.)

March 14	at Kalamazoo
March 21	at Muskegon
March 29	CHICAGO
April 4	FORT WAYNE
April 19	at Fort Wayne
April 26	SAGINAW
May 3	at Chicago
May 10	KALAMAZOO
May 17	FLINT
May 23	at Milwaukee
May 31	at Flint
June 7	MILWAUKEE

assists, five quarterback sacks and four interceptions in 2007.

44 - Monte Smith

Position: Linebacker
Height/weight: 6-1, 230
College: Appalachian State
Background: A two-time all-conference performer who played on two national championship teams at Appalachian State.

42 - Darius Jones

Position: Defensive end
Height/weight: 6-3, 260
College: Wisconsin
Background: Was the Raptors' fourth-leading tackler last season with 35 solo tackles and 22 assists with nine quarterback sacks.

45 - Adam Kujath

Position: Defensive end
Height/weight: 6-3, 270
College: Carroll
Background: Was an All-American at Carroll College; recorded a tackle for a safety in the exhibition game with Rochester.

50 - Mike Matranga

Position: Defensive end
Height/weight: 6-5, 256
College: Missouri Valley
Background: Had 19 solo tackles and 31 assists and one quarterback sack in 13 games for the River City Rage last season.

56 - Craig Howard

Position: Center
Height/weight: 6-4, 321

College: Virginia Military Inst.
Background: An All-American at VMI who spent time with the Houston Texans after graduation; played for Richards' championship team in Virginia.

66 - Chris Loos

Position: Offensive lineman
Height/weight: 6-4, 340
College: Nebraska
Background: Returns for a second season with the Raptors after missing part of 2007 with a knee injury.

72 - Luke Davis

Position: Offensive lineman
Height/weight: 6-6, 330
College: Northern Illinois
Background: Entering his rookie season in pro football.

80 - Brandon Tobias

Position: Wide receiver
Height/weight: 6-4, 225
College: Wisconsin
Background: Entering his rookie season in pro football.

95 - Renard McDaniel

Position: Defensive end
Height/weight: 6-5, 320
College: Missouri State
Background: Had 53 tackles, eight for losses, and four quarterback sacks in 2006 and was an All-Gateway Conference selection.

98 - Anthony Harris

Position: Defensive end
Height/weight: 6-4, 296
College: Western New Mexico
Background: Had 26 solo tackles and 18 assists with five quarterback sacks in 15 games for the Raptors in 2007; is the team's long snapper.

Raptors reserves

34 - **JoJo Moore**, running back, 5-9, 200, UW-Whitewater
 45 - **JR Zwierzynski**, linebacker, 6-3, 255, Penn State
 10 - **Maurice Talton**, wide receiver, 5-9, 175, C.W. Post
 11 - **Jonathon Johnson**, defensive back, 5-10, 185, Savannah State
 99 - **Germayel Cowser**, offensive lineman, 6-3, 275, Eastern Michigan
 16 - **Travan Hayes**, wide receiver, 6-0, 195, Wisconsin
 19 - **Steve Odom**, wide receiver, 5-10, 185, Toledo

ABOUT THE CONTINENTAL INDOOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The Continental Indoor Football League is a professional developmental indoor football league. It began as the Great Lakes Indoor Football League in 2006 and became the CIFL in 2007.

The CIFL is different from other leagues — including the United Indoor Football League that Rock River played in last year — because it features 7-on-7 play rather than 8-on-8.

The CIFL is not involved or affiliated with any other league, indoor or outdoor.

The players may not all be household names, but two head coaches are very familiar to Rock River Valley sports fans. Fomer Chicago Bear Steve McMichael coaches the Chicago Slaughter, and former Green Bay Packer Gilbert Brown leads the Milwaukee Bonecrushers.

CIFL
Web: continentalindoorfootball.com
Phone: 330-649-9950
Commissioner: Jim Ballard

Chesapeake Tide
Web: chesapeaketide.com
Phone: 410-768-3031
Colors: Navy blue & silver
Head Coach: Matthew Steeples
Home venue (address): Show Place Arena (14900 Pennsylvania Ave., Upper Marlboro, MD 20772)

Chicago Slaughter
Web: chicagoslaughter.com
Phone: 708-299-ZONE (9663)
Colors: Red, silver & black
Head Coach: Steve McMichael
Home venue (address): Sears Centre Arena (5333 Prairie Pkwy., Hoffman Estates, IL 60192)

Continental Indoor Football League

GREAT LAKES CONFERENCE

Eastern Division

Kalamazoo	1-0
Miami Valley	0-0
Fort Wayne.....	0-0
Muskegon.....	0-1

Western Division

Rock River.....	0-0
Milwaukee	0-0
Chicago.....	0-1

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

Eastern Division

New Jersey.....	0-0
New England	0-0
Lehigh Valley.....	0-0
Chesapeake.....	0-0

Western Division

Saginaw	1-0
Marion.....	1-0
Rochester	0-0
Flint.....	0-1

Flint Phantoms
Web: flintphantoms.com
Phone: 810-744-0580
Colors: Black & blue
Head Coach: Keith Tunstall

Fort Wayne Freedom
Web: fwwfreedom.com
Phone: (260) 471-FREE (3733)
Colors: Red, white & blue
Head Coach: Willie Davis Jr.

Kalamazoo Xplosion
Web: kzooxplosion.com
Phone: 866-975-6331

Colors: Black, yellow & gray
Head Coach: Mike Sparks
Home venue (address): Wings Stadium (3600 Vanrick Dr., Kalamazoo, MI 49001)

Lehigh Valley Outlawz
Web: lehighvalleyoutlawz.com
Phone: 610-FOOTBALL
Colors: Scarlet & black
Head Coach: James DePaul
Home venue (address): Stabler Arena (124 Goodman Dr., Bethlehem, PA 18015)

Marion Mayhem
Web: marionmayhem.com
Phone: 740-387-4640
Colors: Navy blue & kelly green
Head Coach: Pepe Pearson
Home venue (address): Veterans Memorial Coliseum (220 E. Fairgrounds St., Marion, OH 43302)

Miami Valley Silverbacks
Web: silverbacksfootball.com
Phone: 937-718-7044
Colors: Black, jungle green, silver
Head Coach: Carl Allen
Home venue (address): Hobart Arena (255 Adams St., Troy, OH 45373)

Milwaukee Bonecrushers
Web: milwaukeebonecrushers.com
Phone: 224-688-2194
Colors: Black, purple & silver
Head Coach: Gilbert Brown
Home venue (address): U.S. Cellular Arena (400 W. Kilbourn Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53203)

Muskegon Thunder
Web: muskegonthunder.com
Phone: 231-578-0099
Colors: Navy blue, sky blue, yellow

Head Coach: Shane Fairfield
Home venue (address): L.C. Walker Arena (955 Fourth St., Muskegon, MI 49440)

New England Surge
Web: newenglandsurge.com
Phone: 508-791-6373
Colors: Red, yellow & black
Head Coach: Roy Lucas, Jr.
Home venue (address): DCU Center (50 Foster St., Worcester, MA 01608)

New Jersey Revolution
Web: njrevs.com
Phone: 973-975-4470
Colors: Navy blue, red & silver
Head Coach: Coach D
Home venue (address): Mennen Sports Arena (161 E. Hanover Ave., Morristown, NJ 07962)

Rochester Raiders
Web: rochesterraiders.com
Phone: 585-427-0020, ext. 515
Colors: Silver & black
Head Coach: Ed Long
Home venue (address): Main Street Armory (900 E. Main St., Rochester, NY 14605)

Rock River Raptors
Web: raptorsindoorfootball.com
Phone: 815-965-7000
Colors: Green & black
Head Coach: Rik Richards
Home venue (address): Metro-Centre (300 Elm St., Rockford)

Saginaw Sting
Web: saginawsting.com
Phone: 866-975-6331
Colors: Red & green
Head Coach: Karl Featherstone