

## 2026 SENIOR NIGHT HALF-TIME SCRIPT

*Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. Tonight, we are honored to celebrate our Seniors and their parents. Raider's Head Coach Jeff Wright would like to personally welcome and congratulate each of our seniors and their parents at midfield.*

*And now, presenting our senior players and parents.*

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- **#1, Garrett Hoernke**, escorted by parents Jen and Tim Hoernke. "Gurt," a relentless and formidable defenseman, is most proud of starting a section game as just an eighth grader. When looking back on his time with the Raiders, his favorite memory is the back-to-back-to-back overtime wins during his junior year. After high school, Garrett will be taking his defensive skills to the collegiate level, attending the University of Alabama in Huntsville to continue his lacrosse career. He leaves his younger teammates with this piece of advice: "Celebrate the wins and learn from the losses."
- **#3, George Peterson**, escorted by parents Brigette and Ryan Peterson. A crafty and explosive attackman, George's favorite lacrosse memory is making it to the section finals during his eighth-grade year. When he isn't on the field, you can find him hitting the golf course or hanging out with friends. After graduation, George will be attending Wingate University in North Carolina to study management. He notes that his proudest accomplishment is committing to continue his lacrosse career at the collegiate level for the Bulldogs. He leaves the younger players with this advice: "Work hard and have fun." Finally, George would like to give a heartfelt thank you to his parents for the endless sacrifices they have made for him over the years.
- **#7, Ryder Wendling**, escorted by his mom, Laurissa Wendling. A versatile and tenacious long-stick midfielder and defenseman, Ryder notes that he is proud of the commitment this year's team has shown on the field. When reflecting on his time with the Raiders, his favorite memory is getting to play alongside his younger brother, Gus. After high school, Ryder will be entering the trades to pursue a career as an electrician. He leaves the younger players with this advice: "Always give it your all." Finally, Ryder would like to express his gratitude by thanking his coaches and his family for their support.

- **#8, Jake Fox**, escorted by parents Steve and Nancy Fox. A sharp and dynamic attackman, Jake stays busy off the lacrosse field as a member of the National Honors Society and the Raiders basketball team. Some of his proudest moments include scoring his first varsity lacrosse goal and making it to the state tournament for basketball. His favorite lacrosse memory comes from this season, when he scored two goals in a win against Lakeville North. After graduation, Jake will be heading to the University of Wisconsin-Madison to major in biology on the pre-med track. He leaves younger players with this advice: "Put the work in and be confident in yourself." Finally, Jake would like to thank his parents for their support, as well as his teammates and coaches for helping him become a better version of himself both on and off the field.
- **#13, Grant Selchow**, escorted by parents Kari and Deric Selchow. "G-rant" is a relentless and hardworking midfielder who also runs for the Raiders cross country team. His proudest accomplishment on the lacrosse field is hitting the impressive 100-point mark. Looking back, his favorite memory is taking down Owatonna in the playoffs during his sophomore year. After graduation, Grant is heading to Aurora University to study finance and continue his lacrosse career at the collegiate level. His advice for the younger guys is: "Don't shy away from physicality." Finally, Grant wants to give a big thank you to his family, his teammates, and the coaching staff at Northfield and UNRL.
- **#17, Matthew Haefner**, escorted by parents Ellen and Brian Haefner. "Matty," a quick and dedicated midfielder, is also a runner for the Raiders cross country team. When looking back on his lacrosse career, his favorite memories are the postgame team hangouts at Applebee's. After graduation, Matthew will be heading to Iowa State University to study engineering. He leaves the younger players with this straightforward advice: "Always try your hardest." Finally, Matthew wants to send a big thank you to his parents and coaches for making his lacrosse journey so memorable.

*On behalf of the Raider's coaching staff, the Northfield Raider Lacrosse Board, and the entire Raider family, we thank all our senior players for exhibiting Raider Pride during their athletic careers. We are grateful for your Attitude, Commitment, and Focus on the Team.*

*We encourage you to continue to always do your very best, wherever life takes you and remember that you will always be a part of the Raider Nation!*

*Congratulations and let's give a big round of applause as we send our*

*best wishes to our 2026 Seniors!*