

## Raiders return to colorful tradition

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Raider fans who have been paying close attention this year may have noticed that the team colors for every sport have finally become consistent.

While the colors for the basketball teams have not changed from last year, this year's football uniforms returned to the colors that basketball and other sports have already been embracing: green and Athletic gold.

When head football coach Chris Liner got the job, one of the first things he did was change the school colors back to the original shades.

"When I interviewed for this job, I asked, 'If I get it, can I bring back the old colors?' and they said yeah, so we did that immediately on the first day," Liner said.

Liner hoped that changing the team's colors would return the Raiders to their glory days.

"Nothing against the people who wore the other colors for the last eight years,

but I know that 20, maybe 30 years ago, that's what Laurens wore. To be honest with you, that's when they were really good. Tradition is special, and I don't think it should be messed with," Liner said.

According to Athletic Director Mark Freeze, the school developed a policy this year to ensure that our colors are always the same shade for each sports team.

"In our policy, our colors are part of a Pantone Matching System, which matches colors so that they are always the same... Our colors are

PMS123 (gold) and PMS326 (green)... There is no black, and there is no white, but those can be used as outlining colors," Freeze said.

Baseball coach and LDHS graduate Dale Nelson, '89, is excited about the school's finally coming to a unified school color for all sports.

"The

baseball uniforms never changed colors. We've always worn green and Athletic gold. About 10 years ago, other sports switched to the Vegas gold instead of the Athletic. I'm all about tradition, and I'm glad we're going back to the original school colors," Nelson said.

Western Civilization teacher and coach Liner's wife, Meredith Liner, was shocked when she found out that Laurens had ever changed from the original colors in the first place.

"After I graduated in 1992, I hadn't been back to a high school football game here and I didn't know the colors changed until I saw highlights of a game on TV. I was shocked, because Laurens has always been green and gold," Liner said.

**Varsity football players senior P.J. Tims and sophomore Jaylon Walker hold their helmets skyward before kickoff. The football uniforms, like all other teams', returned to the original LDHS colors.**

Photo by Amanda Hudson



## MEET THE RAIDERS

**Chris Statom**  
Varsity Basketball



1. Favorite sport? Basketball
2. Sausage or bacon? Bacon
3. Favor-

ite movie?

*Hunger Games*

4. What do you do on the weekends?

*Go to the mall*

5. Bojangle's or Whiteford's?

*Bojangle's*

6. Zodiac sign?

*Scorpio*

7. Plans for summer?

*Go to Atlanta*

8. Oatmeal or grits?

*Grits*

9. Favorite cartoon?

*Looney Tunes*

10. Favorite subject?

*English*

**Chyna Davis**

Varsity Basketball



1. Favorite sport? Basketball
2. Sausage or Bacon? Sausage
3. Favor-

ite movie?

*Love and Basketball*

4. What do you do on the weekend?

*Work out*

5. Bojangle's or Whiteford's?

*Bojangle's*

6. Zodiac sign?

*Sagittarius*

7. Plans for this summer?

*Hang out with my girlfriend*

8. Oatmeal or Grits?

*Oatmeal*

9. Favorite cartoon?

*Tom and Jerry*

10. Favorite Subject?

*Math*

### PATRONS

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Laurens Volleyball Team  
Brent Leopard

Meredith Liner  
Amanda Lloyd  
Debra Palmer  
Kyle Penland  
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