

RAIDERETTE OF THE GAME

Stephanie

ROOKIE

By Bailey Black

As a Las Vegas local, Stephanie knows all about the wonder and excitement the city has to offer. Growing up in the entertainment capital of the world has made her accustomed to the neon lights that people from all over the world travel to experience. "Las Vegas holds a special place in my heart, and I knew as a Raiderette I would be able to support the community that I love so much. The Raiderettes encompass all my passions and I am so grateful I get the opportunity to be a part of this amazing team."

Stephanie strutted into her rookie year ready to welcome Raider Nation to her beloved city. As a former college cheerleader for the University of Nevada, Reno – she is no stranger to the roar and excitement of a stadium on gameday. However, cheering in the beautiful Allegiant Stadium, in front of the best fans in the NFL, is an experience she knows will be like no other.

It has long been a dream of Stephanie's to cheer professionally, she was seeking a sisterhood full of talented and driven women. The day she became a Raiderette, she gained 31 new sisters who would come to describe her as genuine, courageous and trustworthy.

Her genuine desire to help others can be seen in her love for her favorite charity, Opportunity Village. "I love how this local nonprofit organization serves people throughout the community with developmental disabilities to enhance their lives and the lives of the families who love them. I have a brother with autism who attends Opportunity Village. He has a blast each and every day and I am so grateful for what this organization does for him and for our community."

Stephanie's courageous nature has allowed her to create the life of her dreams. As a cancer survivor of over four years, she has vowed to live each day to the fullest and to fearlessly chase after anything and everything she wants. With an "I can" mentality, Stephanie faces each day head on, ready to tackle any challenges that come her way.

Her trustworthiness makes her an incredible teammate. No matter what, she comes prepared and willing to lend a hand in whatever way necessary. You can always rely on Stephanie for a heart-warming smile or a shoulder to lean on.

Stephanie and her family have been die-hard Raiders fans and celebrate their team over pizza. "The reason I love pizza so much is because one of my family's traditions is to order pizza from different local businesses each week while we watch our Raiders on TV." It has been a dream come true for her to now be cheering on the team as a member of the inaugural Las Vegas Raiderettes. Her family hopes to spend countless Sundays honoring their tradition, while now being able to cheer on their cheerleader!

While each experience this year has been unforgettable, receiving the token Medallion outside of Allegiant Stadium was the most dazzling moment of the season. "The meaning behind this piece of jewelry is what makes it so special. A rookie Raiderette must earn their Medallion; it is not just given. It means that all of your hard work has paid off and now you are finally a part of the Raiderette sisterhood!" With the time-honored Medallion now a part of her uniform, Stephanie could not be prouder to represent Football's Fabulous Females.

