

RAIDERETTE OF THE GAME

Maddie

ROOKIE

By Bailey Black

“Begin each day with a grateful heart,” is a quote that has long encouraged Maddie and brings new meaning this year. As a lifelong Raiders fan, it has always been a dream of hers to wear the iconic silver and black Raiderette uniform, and this year she got the opportunity to do so.

Growing up a California girl, Maddie is no stranger to the talent and dedication that goes into being one of Football’s Fabulous Females. Throughout her life, dance has been her greatest passion. After training in her mom’s dance studio for over 17 years, Maddie continued her dance studies at the University of California, Los Angeles. As a member of the UCLA Dance Team, she was awarded Rookie of the Year and knew that she wanted to pursue dancing professionally. “After representing my college, I knew that I wanted to continue having that same sense of pride for the Raiders and represent the Raiderettes as both a professional and as an ambassador for the Las Vegas community. I auditioned to become a Raiderette to inspire other people that with hard work and passion, they too can follow their dreams.”

Though this is her first season on the team, Maddie has already left her mark. Her drive to succeed and compassion for her Raiderette sisters continuously shines through. While her dance skills remain impeccable, her eagerness to lend a hand and bring positive energy have made her a force to be reckoned with.

While Maddie recently moved to Nevada, she has always been infatuated with the endless opportunities and experiences offered in Las Vegas. “There is something so special about the people, energy, and sights that one can experience. With the Raiders now in Las Vegas, there truly will be something for everyone and I am excited to see all of our dedicated fans come and support our team!” Raider Nation is known for bringing the energy and Maddie cannot wait to cheer on the team as the fan base continues to grow in their new home. Being a part of the inaugural season has been nothing short of amazing.

When Maddie is not exploring her new city, you can find her in the kitchen. Her cooking and baking skills are unmatched and rival even the best of the best. One day, you are sure to see her featured on Food Network. As someone who cares deeply about health and wellness, Maddie’s healthy cooking habits have fostered her dream of one day becoming a nutritionist. She hopes to start her own business helping people change their lives by educating them on how to properly nourish their bodies.

The moment Maddie became a Raiderette, she became a role model embedded in her community. She credits her achievements and drive to her own role model, her mom. “Not only is my mom my best friend, she was also my dance teacher and studio owner growing up. She taught me how nothing should ever be handed to you in life and that if you work hard enough you can achieve your dreams. Every day I try my best to make her proud and hope to grow up one day to be just like her.” It is no secret that Maddie has made not only her mom proud, but the Raiders organization as well.

