

2005-06 UW-River Falls Basketball

General Information

School: UW - River Falls
Location: River Falls, Wis.
Address: 410 S. Third St.
River Falls, WI 54022
Founded: 1874
Enrollment: 5,800
Nickname: Falcons
School colors: Red and White
Home Court/capacity: 2,000
Affiliation: NCAA Div. III
Conference: Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Athletic director: Rick Bowen (715-425-3246)
Athletic trainer: Gary Eloranta (715-425-3130)
Sports Information director: Jim Thies (715-425-3846)

Basketball History

First year of basketball: 1912 (latest stats date back)
WIAC Championships: (12) 1916, 1917, 1920, 1923, 1927, 1929, 1930, 1936, 1947, 1949, 1950, 2004

Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Rick Bowen
Alma Mater: Indiana (1966)
Record at School: 260-237
Career Record: 260-237
Vs. Macalester: 4-0
Vs. Bethany Lutheran: 0-0
Assistant Coaches: Jeff Berkhof, Dave Young, Kurran Sagan

Team Information

Overall 2004-05 Record: 8-17
2004-05 Record at Home: 6-6
2004-05 Record on Road: 1-11
WIAC record, finish: 4-12 (8th)
Letter Winners returning, lost: 10/5

UW- River Falls (1-7, 1-3 WIAC)

vs.

Macalester (1-6, 1-3 MIAC)
Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2005, 7 p.m.
St. Paul, Minn.

The Game

- The Falcons defeated the Scots 81-73 in their last meeting, Nov. 27, 2004 at the Karges Center in River Falls.
- Sophomore Tom Conboy leads the Scots, averaging 19.6 points per game. He is second in the MIAC in minutes per game, averaging 36.6, only behind teammate Nate Assel, who averages 36.7.
- The Scots lost to WIAC member, UW-Stout, 64-55 earlier this season. Stout is currently on top of the WIAC standings.
- The Falcons are 23-15 all time against Macalester.

UW-River Falls (1-7, 1-3 WIAC)

vs.

Bethany Lutheran (3-5, 0-0 UMAC)
Friday, Dec. 16, 2005, 7 p.m.
Mankato, Minn.

The Game

- This will be the first meeting all-time between Bethany Lutheran and UW-River Falls in men's basketball.
- Bethany Lutheran joined the UMAC at the beginning of the 2004-05 season.
- The Vikings are led by Alfonso Mayfield who averages 19.4 points per game.

River Falls - Previous Week Recap

The Falcons fell to 1-3 in the WIAC after losing to Eau Claire and Platteville last week. On Dec. 7 the Falcons blew a 19 point second-half lead against Eau Claire and lost 57-56. Hans Hoeg led the Falcons with 21 points. Cory Rondeau scored a career high 10 points and grabbed seven rebounds. On Dec. 10 the Falcons lost at home to Platteville 58-45. Ryan Zylstra led the Falcons with 10 points.



Hans Hoeg



Cory Rondeau

UW-RF's Record When...

	04-05	05-06
Ahead at the half	3-4	1-3
Behind at the half	3-13	0-4
Tied at the half	2-0	0-0
Better FG% than opponent	3-1	0-1
Worse FG% than opponent	4-16	1-5
Same FG% as opponent	1-0	0-1
Try more than 20 3FG's	4-13	1-4
Try less than 20 3FG's	4-4	0-3
Shoot more FT's than opp.	6-4	1-3
Shoot less FT's than opp.	2-14	0-4
Outrebound opp.	0-0	0-1
Tied or outrebounded by opp.	8-17	1-6
More turnovers than opp.	1-7	0-5
Less turnovers than opp.	5-10	1-1
Same amount of TO's	2-0	0-1
Score less than 50 pts.	1-1	0-1
Score 50-59 pts.	0-9	0-3
Score 60-69 pts.	3-5	1-2
Score 70-79 pts.	2-1	0-1
score 80+ pts.	2-1	0-0
Allow less than 50 pts.	1-0	0-0
Allow 50-59 pts.	2-1	1-3
Allow 60-69 pts.	3-6	0-0
Allow 70-79 pts.	2-6	0-3
Allow 80+ pts.	0-4	0-1
Overtime	0-0	0-0
Home games	6-6	1-2
Road games	1-11	0-3
Neutral site games	1-0	0-2

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Head Coach - Rick Bowen

Rick Bowen begins his 20th season as the UW-River Falls basketball coach in 2005-06.

He will be the first to admit that his lengthy tenure surprises him as much as anybody. "I originally came here thinking I would stay a maximum of five years and move on, but the University and the community have been so good to me that it has just turned into 20 years.

"This is a very special place. I am allowed to teach and coach. I am allowed to live a life doing what I love to do. The University administration has its priorities in order. I have really come to respect basketball at the Div. III level. To have the opportunity to coach basketball at the highest of levels in the WIAC and UW-River Falls is a privilege."

Bowen currently is seventh all time in the WIAC win column. His 259 victories at UW-River Falls put him first all-time in Falcon victories. Combining his head high school and collegiate wins, Bowen is approaching the 400 win total for his career.

The 2003-04 season will go down in history as the season that ended 54 years of Falcon basketball frustration. The Falcons hit the 20-win mark for the first time since the 1950 season and brought the elusive WIAC championship home to Karges Center, the campus and the city of River Falls. He was named the WIAC basketball Coach of the Year award and his peers also selected him as the NABC West Region Coach of the Year.

This was not the only national recognition Bowen and the Falcons received. The NABC named 6-8 Rich Melzer as the Div. III National Player of the Year and a first team All-American for the second consecutive year. Melzer is now playing professionally for a team in New Zealand in the Australian professional league.

Success has not come easy for Bowen and UW-River Falls. The 2005-06 season begins the 94th season of collegiate basketball for the Falcons. The University sports an overall 883-927 record for a .490 win/loss percentage. Bowen is currently 259-234. Since the turn of the new century the Falcons have been 89-52 finishing 1st, 3rd, 3rd, 4th and 5th in the nation's most competitive basketball conference.

The seven consecutive winning seasons from 1989 to 1996 was a stretch that was last equaled in the 1915-22 Falcon basketball seasons. Bowen's Falcons made school history for the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th time by landing a spot in the NAIA District 14 playoffs in 1987, 1990, 1991 and 1992.

"I know we have struggled at times. I make no excuses. We are what we are. We play in Karges Center, a sub-par facility. We lack the historical perspective of some of our competitors. I have enjoyed taking the kids that want to come to River Falls to get a good education, and play basketball, and make us competitive. We have been consistently good, and I am very proud of that."

In the 2004-05 academic year Bowen's responsibilities increased as he was named the permanent UWRF Athletic Director, He is the only coach in the WIAC doing double duty serving as a coach and Director of Athletics.

Bowen came to UW-RF in 1986 following five years as a Wisconsin Badger assistant coach where he served on the staff with current Badger Coach Bo Ryan. He previously was an assistant coach at Ball State University, working under Coach Steve Yoder at both institutions.

Bowen graduated from Indiana University with an undergraduate degree in physical education in 1966. He served the Hoosiers as a student-manager under two time National Champion Coach Branch McCracken. Like his father, son Matthew was a basketball manager at Indiana University under Coach Bob Knight. Basketball runs deep in the Bowen family. Grandfather Vernie Bowen was an Indiana High School coach for 40 years. Nephew Christopher is currently the basketball manager at the United States Military Academy under Coach Jim Crews. Nephew Andrew Bowen is currently the basketball manager at Bethel College in Mishawaka, Indiana.

Bowen began his career in Indiana teaching government and coaching basketball. He earned a Masters degree from St. Francis in 1971. He served in the United States Army as a combat medic from 1967-69 with service in Vietnam from December of 1967 to December of 1968. For his actions in Vietnam he was awarded a Bronze Star.



Rick and his wife Sandy met as students while at Indiana University. They have been married for 39 years and have two sons. Sandy is retired after teaching cell biology and botany at River Falls High School. Matthew is assistant basketball coach at Valparaiso University and married to Birmingham, Ala., native Ashli. They have a daughter, McKenzie, 3, and reside in Valparaiso, Ind.



Mike and his wife Pam, a UWRP graduate in marketing communications and former Falcon tennis player from Monticello, Minn., own and operate Bowen's Garage on Main Street in River Falls. Pam also works in the Graduate and Outreach department at the University. Mike is a graduate of Dakota County Technical School.

The Bowen Years

Year	Overall	WIAC	Place
2005-06	1-7	1-3	
2004-05	8-17	4-12	tie 8th
2003-04	20-7	12-4	1st
2002-03	16-10	10-6	tie 3rd
2001-02	17-9	9-7	5th
2000-01	14-11	9-7	tie 3rd
1999-00	14-11	8-8	4th
1998-99	9-16	4-12	tie 7th
1997-98	14-11	7-9	6th
1996-97	11-14	5-11	6th
1995-96	13-12	5-11	6th
1994-95	14-11	7-9	5th
1993-94	16-9	9-7	4th
1992-93	13-12	6-10	6th
1991-92	15-12	7-9	5th
1990-91	17-12	10-6	3rd
1989-90	15-13	8-8	4th
1988-89	12-14	5-11	7th
1987-88	11-15	5-11	8th
1986-87	13-14	6-10	5th
Totals	260-237	137-171	

2005-06 WIAC Basketball Information

WIAC STANDINGS as of Dec. 12, 2005

	WIAC W-L	Overall W-L
Stout	4-0	7-1
Whitewater	3-0	5-2
Stevens Point	3-1	5-2
La Crosse	2-2	7-2
Eau Claire	1-2	4-3
Oshkosh	1-2	3-3
Platteville	1-2	5-4
River Falls	1-3	1-7
Superior	0-4	3-4

This week's games:

12/13

St. Scholastica at Eau Claire 6 p.m.
La Crosse at Edgewood 7 p.m.

12/14

River Falls at Macalester 7:30 p.m.
Olivet at Whitewater 7 p.m.

12/16

River Falls at Bethany Lutheran 7 p.m.
Stevens Point at Northland 7 p.m.

12/17

Whitewater vs. Haskell Indian Nations 7:30 p.m.
Oshkosh at Carroll 7 p.m.

Last week's results:

12/7

Eau Claire 57, River Falls 56
La Crosse 79, Platteville 68
Oshkosh 57, St. Norbert 52
Stout 58, Superior 37
Whitewater 70, Stevens Point 64

12/10

Platteville 58, River Falls 45
Stevens Point 71, La Crosse 55
Stout 58, Oshkosh 55
Whitewater 88, Superior 58

Preseason SID Poll

	<u>04-05 Record</u>
1. Oshkosh (7)	(19-8, 11-5)
2. Whitewater (1)	(19-9, 8-8)
3. Stevens Point	(29-3, 13-3)
4. Stout (1)	(13-11, 8-8)
5. Platteville	(19-7, 13-3)
6. La Crosse	(7-18, 4-12)
7. Eau Claire	(13-13, 6-10)
8. River Falls	(8-17, 4-12)
9.. Superior	(14-12, 5-11)

2005-06 Statistics, 2005-06 Schedule and Results

Name	GP	GS	MIN	AVG FG	FGA	PCT	3FG	FGA	PCT	FT	FTA	PCT	OR	DR	TR	AVG	PF	FO	A	TO	BK	ST	PTS	AVG	
Hans Hoeg	8	8	272	34.0	41	100	.410	14	38	.368	27	34	.794	8	31	39	4.9	16	0	16	21	1	6	123	15.4
Eric Kossoris	8	3	161	20.1	27	66	.409	13	28	.464	12	14	.857	5	20	25	3.1	17	0	10	16	2	4	79	9.9
Scott Kelly	8	8	198	24.8	14	33	.424	7	19	.368	12	17	.706	5	12	17	2.1	15	0	12	13	2	5	47	5.9
Ryan Zylstra	8	6	95	11.9	16	38	.421	0	0	.000	10	16	.625	6	11	17	2.1	14	1	3	3	4	3	42	5.3
Mark James	8	7	211	26.4	17	46	.370	3	7	.429	3	7	.429	7	31	38	4.8	14	0	7	20	1	7	40	5.0
Jimmy Glaeser	4	0	41	10.3	6	14	.429	3	8	.375	2	2	1.000	3	1	4	1.0	2	0	4	1	0	5	17	4.3
Ryan Thompson	8	3	180	22.5	12	31	.387	6	16	.375	2	2	1.000	1	5	6	0.8	11	0	26	23	1	5	32	4.0
Alex Maas	8	1	107	13.4	10	24	.417	5	14	.357	5	7	.714	5	7	12	1.5	7	0	3	5	2	4	30	3.8
Cory Rondeau	8	2	95	11.9	9	13	.692	0	0	.000	5	7	.714	7	15	22	2.8	9	0	2	3	2	1	23	2.9
Erik Olson	6	0	51	8.5	5	16	.313	3	11	.273	4	4	1.000	2	5	7	1.2	6	0	3	4	1	1	17	2.8
Rory Trimbo	1	0	2	2.0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	2	2	1.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.0
Tim Pearson	8	0	98	12.3	4	18	.222	2	10	.200	2	5	.400	4	9	13	1.6	14	1	5	9	2	4	12	1.5
Nick Hall	6	2	72	12.0	3	11	.273	1	5	.200	0	0	.000	1	4	5	0.8	7	0	7	7	0	0	7	1.2
Joey Cowley	4	0	7	1.8	1	1	1.000	1	1	1.000	0	0	.000	0	1	1	0.3	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	0.8
Connor Graves	1	0	2	2.0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Jesse Elling	4	0	8	2.0	0	2	.000	0	1	.000	0	0	.000	1	0	1	0.3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0.0
TEAM													12	25	37	4.6	0			2					
Total	8			165	413	.400	58	158	.367	86	117	.735	67	177	244	30.5	133	2	98	128	19	46	474	59.2	

1-7 Overall, 1-3 WIAC

Home 1-2, Away 0-3, Neutral site 0-2

Date	W/L	Score	Opponent	Leading scorers	Leading rebounders
Nov. 18	L	57-54	Con.-St. Paul	Hoeg 17, Zylstra 14	Hoeg 7, James 7
Nov. 19	L	78-67	at St. Johns	Hoeg 16, Kossoris 12	Hoeg 6, Zylstra 6
Nov. 25	L	86-71	vs. Con. Irvine [^]	Hoeg 19, Kelly 10	James 5, Kossoris 5
Nov. 26	L	75-67	vs. Westmont [^]	Hoeg 12, James 12	Hoeg 7, James 4, Zylstra 4
Nov. 30	W	61-55	Superior*	Kossoris 20, Hoeg 18	Kossoris 6, Kelly 5, Rondeau 5
Dec. 3	L	74-53	at Stevens Point*	Hoeg 14, James 9	Hoeg 8, James 4
Dec. 7	L	57-56	at Eau Claire*	Hoeg 21, Rondeau 10	Rondeau 7, Hoeg 6
Dec. 10	L	58-45	Platteville*	Zylstra 10, Kossoris 9	James 4, Rondeau 3
Dec. 13			at Macalester		
Dec. 16			at Bethany Lutheran		
Dec. 29			Simpson&		
Dec. 30			St. Thomas&		
Jan. 7			Whitewater*		
Jan. 11			at Stout*		
Jan. 14			at Oshkosh*		
Jan. 18			at La Crosse*		
Jan. 21			Stevens Point*		
Jan. 25			at Superior*		
Jan. 28			Oshkosh*		
Feb. 1			Stout*		
Feb. 4			at Platteville*		
Feb. 8			Eau Claire*		
Feb. 11			at Whitewater*		
Feb. 15			La Crosse*		

[^] at Concordia-Irvine Tournament
& Cenex Harvest States Tourney

* WIAC Games

**2005-06 UW River Falls Men's Basketball Roster - Numerical
as of Oct. 20**

No	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Hometown/Last Team
3	Erik Olson	G	6-4	185	Fr.	South Stratford, VT
4	Ryan Thompson	G	6-0	190	So.	Viroqua, WI
5	Eric Kossoris	G	6-2	185	Jr.	Waukesha, WI/South
10	Joey Cowley	G	6-1	190	So.	Maple, WI/Northwestern
11	Jimmy Glaeser	G	6-2	160	Fr.	Maple, WI/Northwestern
15	Nick Hall	G	5-10	190	Jr.	Glenwood City, WI
21	Jesse Elling	G	6-0	170	Fr.	River Falls, WI
22	Mark James	F	6-5	195	Sr.	Scottsdale, AZ/Scottsdale CC
23	Hans Hoeg	G	6-3	200	Jr.	Litchfield, MN
32	Tim Pearson	F	6-5	210	So.	Eau Claire, WI/Memorial
33	Alex Maas	F	6-4	190	Sr.	Minong, WI/Mesabi CC
34	Scott Kelly	F	6-5	220	So.	Hastings, MN
40	Rory Trimbo	C	6-6	235	Fr.	Belle Plaine, MN
41	Connor Graves	G	6-2	205	Fr.	Grantsburg, WI
44	Ryan Zylstra	C	6-10	250	So.	Annandale, MN
45	Cory Rondeau	F	6-7	235	So.	Grand Rapids, MN

Head coach: Rick Bowen

Assistant coaches: Jeff Berkhof, Dave Young, Kurran Sagan

Managers: Scott Hall, Amanda Collova, Erik Charney, Andy Thompson

2005-06 UW River Falls Men's Basketball Roster - Alphabetical

No	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Hometown/Last Team
10	Joey Cowley	G	6-1	190	So.	Maple, WI/Northwestern
21	Jesse Elling	G	6-0	170	Fr.	River Falls, WI
11	Jimmy Glaeser	G	6-2	160	Fr.	Maple, WI/Northwestern
41	Connor Graves	G	6-2	205	Fr.	Grantsburg, WI
15	Nick Hall	G	5-10	190	Jr.	Glenwood City, WI
23	Hans Hoeg	G	6-3	200	Jr.	Litchfield, MN
22	Mark James	F	6-5	195	Sr.	Scottsdale, AZ/Scottsdale CC
34	Scott Kelly	F	6-5	220	So.	Hastings, MN
5	Eric Kossoris	G	6-2	185	Jr.	Waukesha, WI/South
33	Alex Maas	F	6-4	190	Sr.	Minong, WI/Mesabi CC
3	Erik Olson	G	6-4	185	Fr.	South Stratford, VT
32	Tim Pearson	F	6-5	210	So.	Eau Claire, WI/Memorial
45	Cory Rondeau	F	6-7	235	So.	Grand Rapids, MN
4	Ryan Thompson	G	6-0	190	So.	Viroqua, WI
40	Rory Trimbo	C	6-6	235	Fr.	Belle Plaine, MN
44	Ryan Zylstra	C	6-10	250	So.	Annandale, MN

UW-River Falls vs. Macalester -- Last Meeting

Nov. 27, 2004 at Karges Center, River Falls, Wis. -- River Falls 81, Macalester 73

The Falcon men's basketball team (3-1) won their second straight home game 81-73 over Macalester College (1-3). It was a story of two halves, Macalester took a 35-32 lead into the half thanks to 55.6 percent three point shooting. River Falls only shot 34.4 percent overall in the first but shot 58.1 percent from the field and 53.8 percent from beyond the arc in the second half to outscore the Scots 49-38 in the second half.

The Falcons shot 29-63 for an overall 46.0 percent from the field while shooting 12-28 for 42.9 percent from three point land. Macalester finished shooting 27-58 for 46.6 percent and 47.1 percent on 8-17 from three. The Scots turned the ball over 16 times compared to RF's 11. Both teams finished with 34 rebounds, the Falcons had two more offensive boards (13-11) while Macalester grabbed two more defensive rebounds (23-21). From the free throw line River Falls was 11-13, 85.7 percent, and the Scots were 11-12, 91.7 percent.

Individually River Falls was led by senior forward Jeff Holt's 20 points (6-10 FG, 7-14 3pt, 0-1 FT) and sophomore guard Eric Kossoris's 19 (7-11 FG, 3-4 3pt, 2-2 FT). Two other Falcons finished in double figures, sophomore guard Hans Hoeg had 13 and senior guard Dan Torrez had 12 to go with his team high five assists. Junior center Muris Lucarevic led RF with six rebounds, two blocks and two steals. Holt and freshman point guard Ryan Thompson also had two steals each.

Macalester had four players score double figures. Senior point guard Eric Jackson led all with 22 points (7-12 FG, 5-7 3pt, 3-3 FT) and dished out a team high five assists. Freshman forward Tom Conboy finished with 17 points (8-15 FG, 0-1 3pt, 1-2 FT), senior forward Wes McFarland had 14 (6-9 FG, 2-2 FT) and sophomore Brad Liddell pitched in 10 (3-11 FG, 1-3 3pt, 3-3 FT). Conboy and McFarland also led the Scots with eight boards each.

11/27/04

River Falls 81

Macalester 73

at River Falls, Wis.

River Falls (fgm-fga, ftm-fta, pts.): Holt 7-14, 0-1, 20, Thompson 1-3, 0-0, 2, Torrez 4-13, 3-4, 12, Hoeg 3-5, 6-6, 14, Lucarevic 3-8, 0-0, 6, Kossoris 7-11, 2-2, 19, Hall 0-3, 0-0, 0, Maas 1-2, 0-0, 2, Kelly 0-0, 0-0, 0, Marchand 3-4, 0-0, 6, Coffman 0-0, 0-0, 0, Totals 29-63, 11-13, 81.

Macalester (fgm-fga, ftm-fta, pts.): Jackson 7-12, 3-3, 22, Moeller 2-5, 0-0, 6, Conboy 8-15, 1-2, 17, Dwyer 0-3, 0-0, 0, McFarland 6-9, 2-2, 14, Johnson 0-1, 2-2, 2, Liddell 3-11, 3-3, 10, Hollander 1-2, 0-0, 2, Totals 27-58, 11-12, 73.

Rebound Leader: RF-Holt, Lucarevic, 6; M-Conboy, McFarland, 8

Assist Leader: RF-Torrez, 5; M-Jackson, 5

Halftime: M 35, RF 32