# 2001 Falcon Softball Roster

as of April 12, 2001

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**Head Coach:** Faye Perkins  
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**Strength of Conditioning Student Coach:** Carmen Pata  
**Student Trainer:** Michele Anderson
2001 Falcon Softball Schedule/Results

March 18
Springfield 5, River Falls 0
Rowan 4, River Falls 1

March 19
River Falls 4, Trinity 3

March 20
River Falls 2, Mt. Vernon 1
Allegheey 2, River Falls 1

March 22
River Falls 6, Benedictine 3
Buena Vista 1, River Falls 0

March 23
River Falls 8, Otterbein 4
Millikin 8, River Falls 0

March 31 at Illinois Wesleyan Tourney
River Falls 3, Hope 1
River Falls 8, Monmouth 0
River Falls 3, Kalamazoo 0

April 1 at Illinois Wesleyan Tourney
Illinois Wesleyan 5, River Falls 0
River Falls 6, Superior 4

April 5 at Hamline
River Falls 7, Hamline 1
River Falls 5, Hamline 2

April 6 at Concordia- St. Paul
River Falls 2, Concordia-St. Paul 0
River Falls 8, Concordia-St. Paul 0

April 13 St. Olaf
River Falls 5, St. Olaf 1
River Falls 9, St. Olaf 1

April 17 Eau Claire*
Eau Claire 6, River Falls 0
River Falls 3, Eau Claire 1

April 18 La Crosse*
River Falls 1, La Crosse 0
River Falls 2, La Crosse 1

April 19 Superior*
River Falls 4, Superior 0
Superior 3, River Falls 1

April 21
St. Scholastica 7, River Falls 5
River Falls 8, Illinois Wesleyan 5

April 24 at Stout*
River Falls 5, Stout 0

Stout 3, River Falls 2

April 25 at St. Senario
River Falls 5, Mt. Senario 1
Mt. Senario 2, River Falls 1

April 28 River Falls Tourney
Stout 3, River Falls 2
Steven's Point 2, River Falls 0

April 29 River Falls Tourney
Eau Claire 1, River Falls 0
Eau Claire 5, River Falls 0

May 1 at St. Mary's
St. Mary's 8, River Falls 0

May 4 at WIAC Tourney (at Superior)
Stevens Point 5, River Falls 0
Eau Claire 2, River Falls 1
Six Falcons Named to All-WIAC West Division Team

May 5, 2001

Becky Ahlbrecht (Sr., New Richmond, Wis.), Devanie Bigalk (Fr., White Bear Lake, Minn.), Anna Poulter (Fr., Colfax, Iowa), Amy Brooke (So., Spring Valley, Wis.), Meghann Mulligan (So., Coon Rapids, Minn.) and Angie Garin (So., Inver Grove Heights, Minn.) were all named to All-WIAC teams.

Ahlbrecht, who was named to the first team in 1998 and 2000 while playing at UW-Platteville, led the Falcons in hitting with a .352 average. She had seven doubles and a homer. She scored 12 runs and had 13 RBIs and struck out just three times in 105 official at bats. Ahlbrecht, who batted fourth for the Falcons, had a .448 slugging percentage and a .429 on-base average. She had a .941 fielding average.

Brooke, who was named to the first team last year, led the team with 10 wins and in ERA with a 1.99. She finished 10-12 on the season. She pitched 137.1 innings, allowed 114 hits and 53 runs, 39 were earned. She walked just 35 and struck out 98. She had one save and pitched four shutouts. Opponents hit .218 against her.

Bigalk finished with a 9-5 record and a 2.06 ERA. She pitched 85 innings and allowed 87 hits. She allowed 33 runs, 25 were earned. She pitched two shutouts. She walked 25 and struck out 56. Opponents hit .261 against her.

Poulter was the team's leadoff hitting and played right field. She finished third on the team in hitting with a .297 average. She led the team with 26 runs scored. She had four doubles. She finished with a .328 slugging percentage and a .338 on-base percentage. She also led the team with 10 stolen bases in 14 attempts. She had a .973 fielding percentage.

Mulligan, who hit third in the lineup and was named to the first team last year, finished with a .271 average. She led the team with 21 RBIs, eight doubles and three homers. She scored nine runs and had a .979 fielding average.

Garin, who missed last year with an elbow injury, finished second on the team with a .314 batting average. She scored 11 runs, had two doubles, a team-high two triples and one homer. She finished with 12 RBIs, a .419 slugging percentage and a .322 on-base percentage. She stole five bases in 10 attempts and had a .939 fielding percentage.

Fastpitch Squad Loses to UWEC; Eliminated From Tourney

May 4, 2001

The Falcons lost a 2-1 decision to UW-Eau Claire and were eliminated from the WIAC double-elimination tournament Friday afternoon.

The Falcons scored one run on five hits and made one error. UWEC scored two run on eight hits and made one error. UWRF scored its run in the fourth and UWEC scored single runs in the second and fourth innings.

Melissa Turbak was 2-3 with a double and RBI. Anna Poulter, Meghann Mulligan and Devanie Bigalk also had hits. Bigalk took the loss on the mound. She started and worked 3.2 innings allowing seven hits and two earned runs. She struck out one. Amy Brooke worked the last 2.1 innings and allowed one hit. She walked one and struck out one.

The Falcons end their season 21-17.

Fastpitch Squad Loses to UWSP, 5-0 at WIAC Tourney

May 4, 2001

The Falcons dropped a 5-0 decision to UW-Stevens Point at the WIAC Tourney on Friday in Duluth, Minn.

UWSP scored five runs on six hits and made one error. The Falcons had six hits and made no errors. UWRF scored two runs in the first and three runs in the seventh.

Lindsey Becker led the Falcons at the plate going 3-3. Becky Ahlbrecht was 2-3. Anna Poulter had the other Falcon hit. Devanie Bigalk started on the mound for the Falcons, now 21-17 overall, and took the loss to drop her record to 9-4. She worked 1.1 innings and allowed two earned runs on two hits. She walked one and struck out two. Amy Brooke pitched the final 5.2 innings. She allowed three earned runs and four hits. She walked two. UWSP pitcher Karen Guckenberger struck out nine Falcons and did not walk a batter in going the distance on the mound.

The Falcons play UW-Eau Claire in the losers bracket of the tourney later today. The loser will be eliminated from the double-elimination tourney.
Fastpitch Squad Blanked By Defending National Champs

May 1, 2001

St. Mary's University, the defending NCAA Division III national champs, blanked UW-River Falls 8-0 in a non-conference matchup Tuesday in Winona, Minn.

Inclement weather washed out the second game of the scheduled doubleheader.

The Falcons (21-16), who suffered their sixth consecutive loss, went a combined 2-for-22 from the plate against Cardinal ace Jill Hocking, a 2000 first team All-America selection. Senior Becky Ahlbrecht (1-for-2) and sophomore Amy Brooke (1-1, 2B) provided UW-RF's lone hits.

Meanwhile, SMU (28-5) collected 11 hits, including five of the extra base variety. Hocking turned in a 2-for-3 plate performance to aid her cause.

The Cardinals took a 1-0 lead in the opening inning, added a three-spot in the third inning, upped their lead to 7-0 in the fourth frame, and capped the game's scoring with a single fifth-inning run.

UW-RF will return to action Friday when they begin play at the two-day Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament, to be hosted by UW-Superior. The Falcons' seed and first-round foe have yet to be determined.

Fastpitch Squad Loses Twice to UWEC

April 29, 2001

The Falcons lost both games to UW-Eau Claire in the second day of the UWRF Tourney played Sunday at Ramer Field.

The Falcons lost the first game, 1-0, and the second game, 5-0.

In the first game against UWEC the Falcons managed just two hits. Devanie Bigalk and Melissa Turbak each singled. The Falcons committed two errors in the field. UWEC scored its one run on nine hits and they made no errors. UWEC scored its run in the third. Bigalk took the pitching loss. She went the distance and allowed one unearned run. She struck out four and didn't walk a batter.

In the second game against the Blugolds the Falcons had six hits and made three errors. UWEC scored five runs on six hits and made no errors. UWEC scored single runs in the first and third innings and scored three times in the fifth. Angie Garin was 3-for-3 for the Falcons while Cindy Ostertag, Abby Keene and Emily Vogt also had hits. Amy Brooke pitched five innings and took the loss on the mound. She allowed five hits and five runs, but only two were earned. She walked one and struck out five.

On Tuesday the Falcons will play at St. Mary's, Minn., with the first pitch set for 4 p.m.

Fastpitch Squad Drops Two in UWRF Tourney

April 28, 2001

The Falcons lost both games in their own UWRF Tourney played Saturday at Hoffman Park.

The Falcons lost the first game to UW-Stout, 3-2 in eight innings, and the second game to UW-Stevens Point, 2-0.

Against Stout, the Falcons scored two runs on four hits and made one error. The Falcons scored both their runs in the seventh. Stout scored runs on eight hits and made one error. Stout scored single runs in the first and third innings and scored three times in the fifth. Anna Poulter was 1-3 with a run scored and one RBI. Angie Garin was 1-4 with one RBI. Stout scored the winning run in the eighth when Jessie Usby was placed on second due to the international tie-breaker rule. She advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored on a single to left by Lindsay Mechelke. Amy Brooke took the pitching loss she worked seven innings and allowed seven hits and two runs, one was earned. She walked one and struck out four.

Against UWSP the Falcons, now 21-13 overall, were held scoreless, had just two hits and made three errors. UWSP scored two runs on five hits and made one error. UWSP scored single runs in the third and fourth innings. Cindy Ostertag and Becky Albrecht each had hits for the Falcons. Brooke went the distance on the mound and took the loss. She is now 10-11 on the year. She allowed two earned runs, walked one and struck out three.

The Falcons will play UW-Eau Claire at 10 a.m. on Sunday in the second day of the UWRF Tourney. The Falcons and Blugolds will then play again at 2 p.m. in the game for third place.

Fastpitch Squad Splits With Mount Senario

April 25, 2001

UW-River Falls coach Faye Perkins earned her 300th career win Wednesday during her team's non-conference twinbill against Mount Senario, but everything didn't come up roses for the Falcons in Ladysmith.

UW-RF (22-11) had its guns blazin' in a 5-1 win over the Fighting Saints in the opener, but fired blanks and committed three errors in the nightcap en route to a 2-1 loss to the home team.
Mout Senario grabbed a 1-0 lead in the third inning of game two, but the Falcons knotted the count at 1-1 in the fifth frame when freshman Tanya Prochnow doubled and junior Trudy Natterstad, pinch running for Prochnow, scored via a single by junior Lindsey Becker.

The Fighting Saints, however, capped the game's scoring with a single run in the bottom of the eighth inning.

Becker (2-for-3, RBI) and Prochnow (1-for-3) paced the Falcons at the plate, as they combined for three of UW-RF's five hits.

Senior Clare Peterson pitched five innings, allowed one run on four hits, fanned five Fighting Saints and walked one. Sophomore Amy Brooke tossed the final three innings, scattered one hit, struck out a trio and walked one.

In the opener, UW-RF seized a 1-0 lead in the top of the first frame, added single runs in the fourth and sixth innings and added icing to the cake with a pair of seventh-inning scores. Mount Senario plated its lone run in the fourth inning.

Senior Becky Albrecth (2-for-3, double, solo HR), freshman Anna Poulter (2-for-4, 2 runs, stolen base) and senior Cindy Ostertag (1-for-3, RBI) led the Falcons at the plate.

Freshman Devanie Bigalk pitched six innings, allowed six hits, struck out six and walked two in gaining the win. Peterson pitched the final inning, gave up one hit, struck out one and walked one.

The Falcons will host UW-Stout, UW-Eau Claire and UW-Stevens Point in this weekend's UWRF Tourney.

**Fastpitch Squad Splits at UW-Stout**

April 24, 2001

The Falcons split a WIAC twin bill at UW-Stout Tuesday afternoon when rain halted the second game with UWRF trailing, 3-2.

The Falcons, now 20-10 overall and 5-3 in the WIAC, won the first game, 5-0. The second game was called after four and one-half innings due to rain and lightning and with Stout leading, 3-2.

In the first game the Falcons scored five runs on four hits and made no errors. UWRF scored two runs in the first and second innings and one in the seventh. UW-Stout had four hits and made two errors. Anna Poluter led the Falcons at the plate going 2-for-4 with a run scored. Cindy Ostertag was 1-2 with a RBI and ran a scored. Becky Albrecth and Melissa Turbak both had RBIs. Devanie Bigalk went the distance on the mound for the Falcons to get the win. She is now 10-8 this year. She allowed the six hits and three earned runs. She walked two and struck out four.

In the second game the Falcons had two runs on eight hits and made no errors. The Falcons scored both their runs in the first. Stout had three runs on six hits and had no errors. Stout scored their three runs in the third. Poulter was 2-3 with a run scored. Meghan Mulligan was 1-2 with a RBI. Cindy Ostertag was 2-2, and Emily Vogt had a RBI. Amy Brooke pitched four innings and took the loss for the Falcons. She is now 10-8 this year. She allowed the six hits and three earned runs. She walked two and struck out three.

The Falcons will host UW-Stout, UW-Eau Claire and UW-Stevens Point in this weekend's UWRF Tourney.

**Fastpitch Squad Splits at UWEC Tourney**

April 21, 2001

The Falcons split two games at the UW-Eau Claire Tournament on Saturday and were rained out of a pair of games at the tourney on Sunday.

The Falcons opened with a 7-5 loss to St. Scholastica, but rebounded to beat Illinois Wesleyan, 8-5.

Against CSS the Falcons scored five runs on eight hits and made five errors. CSS scored seven runs on five hits and made four errors. UWRF scored once in the first and four times in the fifth. CSS scored two runs in the first, fourth and seventh innings and once in the third. Melissa Terbak was 3-4 with one RBI and Cindy Ostertag was 2-4 with a run scored and one RBI. Angie Garin was 1-3 with a run scored and three RBIs. Amy Brooke started on the mound and worked four and 1/3 innings. She took the loss. She allowed five runs, only three were earned. She allowed three hits, walked one and struck out four.

In the 8-5 win over IWU, which was ranked 15th in the latest Div. III NFCA poll, the Falcons had eight runs on 13 hits and no errors while IWU scored five runs on eight hits and made two errors. UWRF scored two runs in the third and fourth innings, one in the fifth and three in the seventh. IWU scored three in the first and single runs in the third and fourth. Garin was 3-4 with a run scored and two RBIs. Turbak was 1-4 with two RBIs. Meghan Mulligan was 3-4 with a run scored and one RBI. Anna Poulter was 2-4 with two runs scored and one RBI. Becky Albrecth was 1-4 with a run scored. Clare Peterson picked up the win on the mound. She worked three innings in relief and allowed just one hit. She walked one and struck out two.

Tuesday the Falcons play a WIAC doubleheader at UW-Stout with the first pitch set for 4 p.m.

**Fastpitch Squad Splits Pair With UW-Superior Yellowjackets**

April 19, 2001

UW-River Falls split a WIAC West Division doubleheader with UW-Superior Thursday evening at Ramer Field.

UW-RF (18-8, 4-2) blanked the Yellowjackets 4-0 in the opener, but Superior (8-14, 2-2) rebounded to edge the Falcons 3-1 in an
eight-inning nightcap.

In the second game, the score was knotted at 1-1 heading into the top of the eighth frame, but the ‘Jackets plated a pair of runs in their half of the inning and shut the Falcons down in the bottom half.

Both teams scored one run in the fourth inning. Superior collected nine hits to the Falcons' five and committed no errors to the Falcons' four.

Meghann Mulligan and Anna Poulter both went 2-for-4 at the plate to pace the Falcons. Amy Brooke, who tossed 7.1 frames, was tagged with the loss.

In the opener, UW-RF took a 1-0 lead in the second inning, added one run in the fifth and two more in the sixth.

Angie Garin, who tripled, batted 2-for-3 to lead all Falcon hitters, while Lindsey Becker went 1-for-1. The Falcons connected for seven hits as a team.

Brooke hurled a complete-game no-hitter, as she struck out five and walked two.

The Falcons will return to action Saturday, when they begin play at the two-day UW-Eau Claire Tournament.

Falcon Fastpitch Squad Splits With Eau Claire

April 17, 2001

After dropping a 6-0 decision to UW-Eau Claire in the opener of a WIAC West Division twinbill Tuesday at Ramer Field, UW-River Falls edged the Blugolds 3-1 in the nightcap to earn a split.

UW-RF now owns a 15-7 overall record and 1-1 WIAC mark, while UW-EC is 17-7 with a 2-2 league record.

In the second contest, the Falcons opened up a 3-1 lead after four innings, as they tallied one run in the second, another in the third and another in the fourth. The Blugolds plated their only run of the game in the fifth inning, when Danyell Smith connected for a home run.

The Falcons tagged UW-EC starter Jessica Sharpe for nine hits in 3.1 innings, and connected for two hits against reliever Leah Schlegelmich. Melissa Turback led UW-RF at the plate with a 3-for-3 showing, Becky Ahlbrecht went 2-for-3 and Anna Poulter hit 2-for-4. Ahlbrecht and Poulter both doubled.

Devanie Bigalk hurled a complete game for the Falcons. She struck out one, walked one and the only hit she scattered was Smith's homer.

In the opener, UW-EC plated three second-frame runs to jump in front 3-0, before rounding out their scoring with two runs in the fourth and another in the fifth.

Blugold starter Kim Czalpa, who fanned seven and walked none in seven innings of work, allowed the Falcons only two hits. Cindy Ostertag and Poulter, who both went 1-for-3 at the plate, accounted for UW-RF's lone hits. Poulter's hit was a double.

Amy Brooke tossed the first six innings for the Falcons, scattering 10 hits, allowing five earned runs, striking out one and walking one. Clare Peterson, who pitched the final inning for UW-RF, allowed one hit, walked struck out none and walked none.

UW-RF will return to action Wednesday, when they host UW-La Crosse in a WIAC West Division tilt slated to begin at 3 p.m. on Ramer Field.

Falcon Fastpitch Squad Sweeps St. Olaf

April 13, 2001

UW-River Falls improved its season record to 14-6 and upped its winning streak to seven games with a two-game sweep of St. Olaf Friday afternoon at Ramer Field.

The Falcons downed the Oles 5-1 in the opener, before pounding the visitors 9-1 in the nightcap.

In the second game, UW-RF took a 1-0 lead after one inning, then used a five-run second stanza to extend its lead to 6-1. The Falcons added two runs in the fifth inning and another in the sixth frame. After UW-RF's final score, the game was terminated due to the eight-run rule.

Becky Ahlbrecht, Lindsey Becker, Meghann Mulligan and Anna Poulter each went 2-for-4 at the plate in the second game. Abby Keene batted 1-for-2. Mulligan collected three RBIs, while Keene, Cindy Ostertag and Poulter each scored two runs. The Falcons connected for 11 hits as a team.

Devanie Bigalk picked up the victory, as she gave up two hits, allowed no earned runs, struck out three batters and walked none in four innings of work. Clare Peterson pitched two innings in relief, striking out two of the six batters she faced and allowing no hits.

In the first game, the Falcons and Oles were tied at 1-1 after two innings, but UW-RF erupted to tally four runs in the bottom of the third inning.

Ostertag led the Falcons at the plate with a 3-for-4 performance, while Angie Garin and Emily Vogt both went 2-for-3.
Amy Brooke pitched a complete game for the Falcons. She allowed seven hits, gave up no earned runs, fanned five and walked on.

**Falcon Fastpitch Squad Tunes Hamline Pipers**

*April 6, 2001*

With a two-game sweep of Hamline on the road Thursday, UW-River Falls improved its season record to 10-6.

The Falcons tipped the Pipers 5-2 in the night cap, after pounding the home team 7-1 in the opener.

UW-RF started the second half of the twinbill off with a bang, as it seized a 3-0 lead after the first frame. Freshman Anna Poulter provided a lead-off double, then senior Cindy Ostertag reached on an error. After sophomore Meghann Mulligan moved Poulter and Ostertag over to third and second, respectively with a groundout, senior Becky Ahlbrecht drove in Poulter with a suicide squeeze. Ostertag then scored on a junior Lindsey Becker single, before Becker scored on a wild pitch to up the Falcons' edge to 3-0.

The Falcons left the bases juiced in the third inning, then stranded one runner in the fourth. In that time, Hamline managed to cut the gap to 3-2.

With the bases loaded and two out in the Hamline half of the fifth, the Falcons' sophomore ace, Amy Brooke relieved starter Devanie Bigalk, a freshman. Brooke forced a Piper groundout to get out of the jam.

UW-RF left another runner on base in its portion of the fifth inning, then iced the game in the sixth with a pair of runs. Sophomore Angie Garin smacked a lead-off homer, then freshman Melissa Turbak, who had singled, scored when Ostertag singled.

Ahlbrecht went 2-for-3 at the plate with an RBI. Garin went 1-for-3 with an RBI. Bigalk earned the mound win, while Brooke picked up the save.

In the opener, the teams played to a 1-1 stalemate after one stanza before the Falcons flew away for the victory. UW-RF plated two runs in the third and one in the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh innings.

Poulter went 2-for-4 with two runs scored, Brooke went 2-for-4 with a ribbie, Mulligan hit 1-for-2 with a home run and three RBI. Mulligan's dinger was her third of the season. Brooke earned the win on the mound.

The Falcons are scheduled to host UW-Lacrosse on Sunday at Ramer Field with action starting at 1 p.m.

**Falcons Finish 4-1 at Illinois Tourney**

*April 2, 2001*

The Falcons finished with a 4-1 record at the Illinois Wesleyan Tournament held last weekend.

UWRFV teamed up for a 35-for-125 (.280) performance at the plate, which included four triples and a pair of Meghann Mulligan over-the-fence dingers.

UW-RF's pitching staff of freshman Devanie Bigalk, sophomore Amy Brooke and senior Clare Peterson allowed nine earned runs and 22 hits in 33 innings of work. Bigalk, Brooke and Peterson fanned a combined 27 adversaries and issued 12 free passes to first base.

"I was exceptionally pleased with how we played," said Falcon coach Faye Perkins, whose troops improved to 8-6. "I'm still looking for the right combinations in a couple of positions, but we're starting to come together and play good ball."

After dropping its first three foes at the tourney, UW-RF suffered a 5-0 blanking to host Illinois Wesleyan before capping the event with a 6-4 come-from-behind win over WIAC opponent UW-Superior.

In the bottom of the third with Superior leading, 4-2, Mulligan connected for her second round-tripper of the tournament. This one left the field with one Falcon duck on the pond and knotted the score at 4-4.

"Meghann had never hit a ball out of the park before in her life," Perkins said. "Interestingly enough, she did it twice in one day. It's kind of like breaking a barrier: once you do it, you realize it's not impossible."

With the score still knotted at 4-all in the Falcons' half of the seventh inning, Mulligan provided more heroics.

The sophomore first-baseman drilled a two-RBI double to lift UW-RF to victory. Mulligan went 3-for-4 in the contest with four ribbies.

Bigalk, who relieved Peterson in the third stanza, earned the mound win. Bigalk, who faced 18 batters, allowed one hit, struck out six and walked none in five innings of work.

"The tourney is a huge confidence booster for us," Perkins said. "We really saw we have the ability to crush the ball, which in the past has been a concern for the team."

The Falcons are scheduled to host UW-Lacrosse in a WIAC doubleheader at Ramer Field on Wednesday with the first pitch set for 3
Falcons Open Season 2-3 in Florida

March 22, 2001

The Falcons have started their season with a 2-3 record after three days of play in Orlando, Fla.

On Sunday the Falcons lost to Springfield, 5-0 and Rowan, 4-1. Monday the Falcons played one game and beat Trinity, 4-3. On Tuesday the Falcons beat Mt. Vernon, 2-1 and lost to Alleghney, 2-1.

Against Springfield, the Falcons had three hits and made two errors. Springfield had five runs on nine hits and made two errors. Springfield scored two runs in the fourth and three in the fifth. Cindy Ostertag (1-2), Lindsey Becker (1-3), including a double, and Anna Poulter (1-3) got the three Falcon hits. Amy Brooke took the pitching loss. She worked five innings and allowed five runs, three earned, on eight hits. She walked four and struckout five.

Against Rowan, the Falcons scored one run on six hits and made three errors. Rowan had four runs on just five hits and made one error. The Falcons scored in the third. Rowan scored single runs in the fourth and sixth and two in the fifth. Abby Keene was 2-3 with a run scored. Poulter was 1-2 with an RBI. Becker and Becky Ahlbrecht were each 1-3 with a double. Clare Peterson took the pitching loss. She worked 5 2/3 innings, walked six and struckout two.

In the 4-3 win over Trinity, the Falcons had 10 hits and made four errors. Trinity had three hits and made three errors. The Falcons scored two runs in the first and fourth and Trinity scored three times in the seventh. Albrecht was 3-4 at the plate with an RBI double. Meghann Mulligan was 2-4 and Becker was 1-3 with a double and a RBI. Brooke got the pitching win allowing just three hits.

Albrecht led the Falcons in the team's 2-1 win over Mt. Vernon. She was 3-3 at the plate with a RBI and a run scored. Poulter was 1-2 with a run scored and Tanya Prochnow was 1-2 with a RBI. Brooke got the pitching win. She worked all seven innings and allowed just the one earned run on six hits. She walked just one and struckout four. The Falcons scored single runs in the first and fourth innings and Mt. Vernon scored in the fourth.

Against Alleghney, the Falcons had one run on seven hits and made four errors. Alleghney scored two runs on just four hits and made two errors. UWRF scored in the first and Alleghney scored single runs in the first and third. Becker was 2-2 at the plate. Albrecht was 1-2 with a RBI and Poulter was 1-4 with a run scored and she stole two bases. Devanie Bigalk took the pitching loss. She worked four innings and allowed one earned run. He struckout one and walked none. The game was delayed in the fourth by rain.
## 2002 Falcon Softball Roster

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**Trainers:** Gary Eloranta, Steph Stadden  
**Student Athletic Trainer:** Mary Voigt
2002 Falcon Softball Schedule/Results

May 6, 2002

15-18 Overall, 3-9 WIAC

March 11
Macalester (Plymouth Dome)
River Falls 2, Macalester 1
River Falls 3, Macalester 1

March 14
Hamline (R&A Dome)
Postponed, no make up date set.

March 25-29
Rebel Spring Games (Orlando, Fla.)

March 25 Augsburg
River Falls 9, Augsburg 7 (8)

March 25 Buena Vista
Buena Vista 7, River Falls 2

March 26 Manchester
River Falls 3, Manchester 1

March 26 Eastern Connecticut
Eastern Connecticut 4, River Falls 3 (9)

March 28 Clarke
River Falls 2, Clarke 1

March 28 Elmhurst
River Falls 8, Elmhurst 0 (5)

March 29 Mt. Vernon
River Falls 8, Mt. Vernon 0 (5)

March 29 Ramapo
Ramapo 5, River Falls 0

April 6
Grinnell Tournament
Marycrest
Marycrest 5, River Falls 4 (9)
William Penn
River Falls 8, William Penn 1

April 7
Grinnell Tournament
UM-Morris
River Falls 12, UM-Morris 2 (5)
Grinnell
Grinnell 10, River Falls 5

April 13
WIAC Cluster Tournament (at Whitewater)
Oshkosh
Oshkosh 5, River Falls 4
Platteville
River Falls 3, Platteville 2

April 14
WIAC Cluster Tournament (at Whitewater)
Stevens Point
Stevens Point 6, River Falls 2
Whitewater
Whitewater 2, River Falls 0

April 16
at Eau Claire*
Eau Claire 6, River Falls 5
Eau Claire 5, River Falls 2

April 20 at Eau Claire Tourney
Eau Claire
River Falls 3, Eau Claire 2
Viterbo
River Falls 8, Viterbo 0

April 23
at La Crosse*
La Crosse 1, River Falls 0

La Crosse 4, River Falls 3

April 25
Stout*
River Falls 2, Stout 0
River Falls 11, Stout 0 (5)

April 26
at Superior*
Superior 4, River Falls 3
Superior 4, River Falls 2

April 28
River Falls 2, Platteville 0
Platteville 4, River Falls 1

May 1
Concordia 3, River Falls 1
Concordia 3, River Falls 2

May 3
WIAC Tournament
Platteville 4, River Falls 3
Garin, Turbak Named to NFCA All-Great Lakes Third Team

May 13, 2002

Falcon fastpitch players Angie Garin (Sr., Inver Grove Heights, Minn.) and Melissa Turbak (So., Little Canada, Minn.) have both been named to the 2002 National Fastpitch Coach's Accosiation All-Great Lakes Region third All-American team.

Garin, who played center field, played in 28 games and started 25. She finished with a .316 batting average. She was 25-79 at the plate with five doubles, a triple and a team-high two home runs. She had 12 RBIs and scored 15 runs. She had a .481 slugging percentage and a .349 on-base percentage. She stole eight bases in 13 attempts. In the field, she had 28 put outs and two assists and had a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage. She was named to the first All-WIAC team this year given honorable mention to the All-WIAC team last year.

Turbak, who played second base, led the team in hitting with a .386 average. She started every game and was 39-101 at the plate. She led the Falcons in runs (19), doubles (6), triples (2) and was second in RBIs (14). She led the team in slugging percentage (.485) and on-base percentage (.426). She stole six bases in seven attempts. In the field she had 83 put outs and 58 assists and finished with a .928 fielding percentage. She was named to the first All-WIAC team this year.

Four Falcons Named to All-WIAC Team

May 7, 2001

Angie Garin (Sr., Inver Grove Heights, Minn.), Melissa Turbak (So., Little Canada, Minn.), Lindsey Becker (Sr., Appleton, Wis.) and Amy Brooke (Jr., Spring Valley, Wis.) have all been named to 2002 All-WIAC softball teams.

Garin and Turbak were named to the first team and Becker and Brooke received honorable mention.

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Becker, the team's catcher, started and played in 32 games. She finished with a .231 batting average. She was 18-78 at the plate with 10 run scored. She had one double and two RBIs. She had a .341 on-base percentage and a .244 slugging percentage. She led the team in walks (12) and stole two bases. She was outstanding in the field where she had 164 put outs and 38 assists and a .971 fielding percentage. She picked one runner off base and threw out 15-30 would-be base stealers. "Lindsey 'The Wall' Becker was a definite leader on the team. As our catcher, she called a great game, worked extremely well with all the pitchers, and protected the plate like no other catcher in the conference. Lindsey only allowed 15 stolen bases for the entire season - compared to the 55 stolen bases that we had as a team! We will miss Lindsey's leadership and heart," said Perkins.

Brooke, who was one of the team's three pitchers, and also hit, led the team with 94 innings pitched. She had a 6-7 record and recorded four shutouts. She finished with a 2.09 ERA in 18 appearances. She led the Falcons with 70 strike outs and allowed just 24 walks. At the plate, she hit .317 going 13-41. She scored one run and had two doubles. She had six RBIs. Brooke had seven put outs and 28 assists and a .946 fielding percentage. She was named to the first All-WIAC team in 2000 and 2001. "Once again, Amy proved that she is one of the top pitchers in the WIAC. Her ERA was the seventh lowest in the WIAC--and that's against some very tough competition. This season, Amy really added to the offense of the team with a .317 batting average," said Perkins.

Fastpitch Loses to Platteville at WIAC Tourney

May 3, 2002

The fastpitch team lost a 4-3 decision to UW-Platteville in the first game of the WIAC Tournament played Friday morning.

UWRF scored three runs on six hits and made no errors. The Falcons scored one run in the second and two in the fifth. UWP scored four runs on 12 hits and made one error. The Pioneers scored single runs in the first and fourth innings and two in the fifth.

Tiffany Blumer led the Falcons at the plate going 2-3 with a run scored. Emily Vogt was 1-2 with a run scored. Melissa Turbak was 1-3 with one RBI and Angie Garin had the other RBI. Abby Keene was 1-3 with a run scored. Meghan Mulligan had the other Falcon hit and finished 1-3. In the second, Vogt singled with two out and stole second. Blumer singled and Vogt scored UWRF's first run on an error by the right fielder on the play. In the fifth, Blumer led off with a single and advanced to second on a sacrifice by Lindsey Becker. Keene singled and advanced to second on the throw while Blumer advanced to third. Garin then reached on a fielder's choice
with Blumer scoring and Keene going to third. Garin then stole second. After an out, Turbak singled to score Keene. Garin also tried to score on the play but was thrown out at the plate.

UWP was led by Michelle Skaden and Wendi Siedschlag who each hit homers. Skaden hit a solo homer in the first and Siedschlag hit a solo homer in the fourth. Siedschlag also doubled home a run in the fifth.

Amy Brooke took the pitching loss for the Falcons. She worked four and two-thirds innings and allowed nine hits and four earned runs. She walked one and struck out three. Leah Vanderploeg worked the final two and one-third innings and allowed three hits. She walked one and struck out one. Steph Wood got the win for UWP. She worked five and one-third innings and allowed six hits and three runs - two were earned. She walked one and struck out one. Tiff Flesch worked the final two and one-third innings to get the save. She didn't allow a hit and struck out two.

The Falcons finish their season with a 15-18 overall record.

Fastpitch Drops Two to Concordia

May 1, 2002

The fastpitch team lost two games to Concordia University Wednesday afternoon at Ramer Field.

CU won the first game, 3-1, and the second game, 3-2.

In the first game, the Falcons had one run on seven hits and they made one error. CU scored three runs on four hits and made four errors. UWRF scored its run in the second while CU scored all three of its runs in the seventh. Angie Garin and Anna Poulter were both 2-4. Emily Vogt was 1-3 with a run scored. Tiffany Blumer was 1-2 and Lindsey Becker was 1-3. Amy Brooke went the distance on the mound and took the loss. She allowed four hits and three earned runs. She walked just one and struck out eight.

In the second game, UWRF scored two runs on five hits and made no errors. CU scored three runs on 12 hits and made no errors. UWRF scored single runs in the second and fourth innings. CU scored single runs in the second, third and seventh innings. Meghan Mulligan was 2-3 with a run scored and two RBIs. She hit a solo homer in the second. Melissa Turbak was 1-2 with a run scored. Poulter and Leah Vanderploeg also had hits. Vanderploeg took the loss on the mound in relief. She worked four and two-thirds innings and allowed seven hits and one earned run. A J Decker started and allowed five hits and two earned runs. She walked three and struck out one.

Friday the Falcons, now 15-17 overall, play UW-Platteville in the WIAC Tournament at La Crosse. Game time is 9 a.m.

Fastpitch Splits With Platteville

April 28, 2002

The fastpitch team won one and lost one against UW-Platteville Sunday afternoon.

UWRF won the first game, 2-0. UWP won the second game, 4-1.

In the first game, the Falcons scored two runs on five hits and made one error. UWRF scored a single run in the fifth when Abby Keene hit a single to score Nikki Harberts. The Falcons scored their second run in the sixth when Anna Poulter stole home. Platteville scored zero runs, had four hits, and no errors. Brooke took the win on the mound. She walked zero and struck out four.

In the second game, the Falcons scored one run on five hits and made one error. UWRF scored it's single run in the fifth inning. UWP scored four runs on seven hits and made four errors. UWP scored two runs in the second and one in the fourth and sixth innings. A J Decker took the loss. She walked one and struck out two.

The Falcons will take on Concordia-Moorhead on Wednesday at Ramer Field. The first pitch is set to be thrown at 4 p.m.

Fastpitch Team Loses Twice at UWS

April 27, 2002

The fastpitch team lost two WIAC games at UW-Superior Friday afternoon.

UWS won the first game, 4-3, and the second game, 4-2.

In the first game, the Falcons scored three runs on four hits and made three errors. UWRF scored a single run in the second and two in the sixth. UWRF scored four runs on seven hits and made four errors. The Jackets scored two runs in the third and sixth innings. Anna Poulter and Melissa Turbak were both 1-3 with a run scored. Emily Vogt and Amy Brooke were both 1-3 with one RBI. Brooke's hit was a double. Brooke took the loss on the mound. She went the distance and allowed two earned runs. She walked five and struck out three.

In the second game, the Falcons scored two runs on six hits and made five errors. UWRF scored single runs in the fourth and sixth innings. UWS scored four runs on four hits and made two errors. UWS scored three runs in the first and one in the third. Angie Garin was 2-4 with two runs scored. Vogt was 2-3 with one RBI. A J Decker went the distance on the mound and took the loss. She allowed just one earned run. She walked three and struck out four.
Sunday the Falcons will play in the WIAC Cluster Tourney at UW-Stout. The Falcons play Stevens Point at 2 p.m. and Whitewater at 3:30 p.m.

**Fastpitch Wins Two Against WIAC Opponent Stout**

**April 25, 2002**

The fastpitch team won two WIAC games against UW-Stout Thursday afternoon.

River Falls won the first game, 2-0, and the second game, 11-0 in five innings.

In the first game, the Falcons had nine hits, two runs and made one error. UW-Stout had one hit and made one error. River Falls scored both of the games runs in the fifth inning. Melissa Turbak and Megan Mulligan had the teams two RBIs. Turbak's hit was a double and Mulligan's hit was a triple. Amy Brooke went the distance on mound and took the win. She walked one and struck out eight.

In the second game, the Falcons scored eleven runs on nine hits and they made two errors. UW-Stout scored no runs on two hits and they made two errors. The Falcons scored four runs in the second inning. The Falcons scored seven runs in the third. A J Decker played the whole game for the Falcons, she allowed two hits. She walked one and struck out four.

The Falcons, now 14-12 overall and 3-7 in the WIAC play, at the Cluster Tourney in Stout on Saturday. The first game for the Falcons is against Steven's Point at 2 p.m.

**Fastpitch Drops Two at La Crosse**

**April 23, 2002**

The fastpitch team lost two WIAC games at UW-La Crosse Tuesday afternoon.

La Crosse won the first game, 1-0, and the second game, 4-3.

In the first game, the Falcons had just two hits and made two errors. UWLC scored one run on four hits and made no errors. La Crosse scored the game's only run in the fourth inning. Melissa Turbak and Lindsey Becker had the Falcon hits - Turbak's was a double. Amy Brooke went the distance on mound and took the loss. She walked three and struck out five. The run was unearned.

In the second game, the Falcons scored three runs on four hits and they made two errors. UWLC scored four runs on 10 hits and they made five errors. The Falcons scored single runs in the first, fifth and sixth innings. La Crosse scored single runs in the first and third innings and two in the seventh. Angie Garin was 2-4 at the plate with a run scored and a double. Becker was 1-3 with a run scored. Anna Poulter and Abby Keene each had RBIs. Leah Vanderploeg took the pitching loss in relief. She worked two innings and allowed three hits and two earned runs. She walked one and struck out one. A J Decker started and allowed seven hits and two runs in four and 1/3 innings. One run was earned and she walked one.

The Falcons, now 12-12 overall and 1-7 in the WIAC play, host UW-Stout on Thursday at Ramer Field. Action starts at 3 p.m.

**Fastpitch Team Schedule Changes**

**April 23, 2002**

The fastpitch team's schedule for this week has changed due to the weather.

Wednesday's game at UW-La Crosse has been moved up to Tuesday. Starting time is set for 4 p.m. for the WIAC doubleheader.

The Falcons are still scheduled to host UW-Stout in a WIAC doubleheader on Thursday at Ramer Field. The first pitch is set for 3 p.m.

The WIAC Cluster Tourney for Saturday and Sunday has been moved from UW-Superior to UW-Stout. Game opponents and times remain the same.

The Falcons are 12-10 overall and 1-5 in the WIAC play.

**Fastpitch Team Wins Two at UWEC Tourney**

**April 20, 2002**

The fastpitch team won two games at the UW-Eau Claire Tourney on Saturday.

The Falcons beat Eau Claire, 3-2 and Viterbo, 8-0.

The Falcons avenaged two losses to UW-Eau Claire from earlier in the week, with the 3-2 win on Saturday. UWRF scored all three of their runs in the sixth to get the win. UWEC scored twice in the first. UWRF scored three runs on six hits and made one error. UWEC
scarcely two runs on six hits and made two errors. Emily Vogt had the big hit in the seventh when she singled to score Angie Garin and Melissa Turbak. Vogt later scored the winning run on an error. Abby Keene, Garin, Turbak, Vogt and Anna Poulter all had hits for the Falcons. Leah Vanderploeg went the distance on the mound for the Falcons. She allowed six hits and two earned runs. She walked one and struck out three.

In the win over Viterbo, UWRF scored eight runs on 10 hits and made one error. VC had four hits and made four errors. UWRF scored a single run in the third, three in the fourth and four in the seventh. Tiffany Blumer was 2-4 with two runs scored and three RBIs. She tripled with the bases loaded in the seventh. Garin was 2-4 with two RBIs. Amy Brooke was 1-3 with one RBI and Poulter was 1-4 with one RBI. Lindsey Becker was 2-4 with two runs scored. Brooke went the distance on the mound to get the win. She allowed no runs and four hits. She walked only one and struck out seven.

The Falcons, now 12-10 overall and 1-5 in the WIAC, play three games at the UWEC Tourney on Saturday.

Fastpitch Team Loses Two at UWEC

April 16, 2002

The fastpitch team lost two WIAC games at UW-Eau Claire Tuesday afternoon.

UWEC won the first game, 6-5, and the second game, 5-2.

In the first game, UWEC scored five runs in the bottom of the seventh to get the win. UWRF scored five runs on five hits and made one error. UWEC scored six runs on 10 hits and made three errors. UWRF scored all five of their runs in the fifth. UWEC scored once in the fifth and five in the seventh. Meghann Mulligan was 2-3 with a run scored. Lindsey Becker started and took the loss. She pitched 6 1/3 innings and allowed nine hits and six runs, five were earned. She walked three and struck out three.

In the second game, UWRF scored two runs on six hits and made three errors. UWEC scored five runs on six hits and made two errors. Angie Garin was 2-4 with two RBIs. Becker was 2-3 with a run scored. Amanda Jo Decker started and took the loss on the mound. She worked three innings and allowed five hits. She allowed five runs, but only two were earned. She walked three and struck out seven.

The Falcons, now 10-10 overall and 1-5 in the WIAC, play at UW-Superior on Thursday. Action starts at 3 p.m.

Fastpitch Team Finishes 1-3 at Cluster Tourney

April 14, 2002

The fastpitch team finished with a 1-3 record at the WIAC Cluster Tourney held over the weekend at UW-Whitewater.

Saturday the Falcons opened with a 5-4 loss to Oshkosh. But they came back later to top Platteville, 3-2. Sunday the Falcons lost to Stevens Point, 6-2 and to Whitewater, 2-0.

Against Oshkosh the Falcons, now 9-6 overall, scored four runs on 11 hits and they made three errors. Oshkosh scored five runs on 10 hits and they made two errors. UWRF scored single runs in the first, third, sixth and seventh innings. UWRF scored single runs in the second, third and seventh and two in the fifth. Angie Garin led the Falcons going 2-4 with two runs scored and a solo homer in the third and a double in the first. Melissa Turbak was 4-4, including a double, a run scored and a RBI. Emily Vogt was 2-3 and Anna Poulter was 2-4. Leah Vanderploeg took the pitching loss in relief. She worked the last three innings and allowed three runs, all of them earned. She allowed seven hits, walked none and struck out two.

Against Platteville, the Falcons scored three runs on seven hits and made one error. UWP scored two runs on three hits and played errorless ball. UWRF scored two in the first and once in the fifth. UWRF scored both of its runs in the fourth. Tiffany Blumer was 2-3, had one RBI and scored twice. Vogt was 2-3 with a double and a RBI. A J Decker picked up the win on the mound. She went the distance and allowed just three hits. She walked three and struck out seven.

Against Stevens Point, the Falcons scored two runs on four hits and made one error. UWSP scored six runs on 10 hits and had two errors. UWRF scored both of its runs in the seventh. UWSP scored two runs in the fifth, sixth and seventh. Amy Brooke was 1-3 with two RBIs. Garin was 1-3 with a run scored and Vogt scored the other UWRF run. Lindsey Becker and Meghann Mulligan also had hits. Brooke took the loss on the mound. She worked 5 1/3 innings and allowed three runs and five hits. She walked one and struck out three.

Against Whitewater, the Falcons were held scoreless and had two hits. They committed one error. UWW scored two runs on seven hits and made two errors. UWRF scored both of its runs in the sixth. Turbak and Emily Evans had the hits, both singles. Leah Vanderploeg took the pitching loss in relief. She worked 1 1/3 innings and allowed two runs and five hits. She walked one and struck out three.

Tuesday the Falcons, now 10-8 overall and 1-3 in the WIAC, play a conference doubleheader at UW-Eau Claire. Action starts at 4 p.m.

Fastpitch Team Splits at Grinnell Tourney

April 9, 2002

The Falcon fastpitch team split in four games played Saturday and Sunday at the Grinnell Tournament.

Wednesday the Falcons, now 9-5 overall, open WIAC play when they host UW-Stout at Ramer Field. Game time is 3 p.m.
On Saturday the Falcons lost to Marycrest, 5-4, in nine innings and beat William Penn, 8-1. Against Marycrest, Anna Poulter led the Falcons going 4-5 at the plate with two runs scored. Nikki Harberts and Holly Olson each had RBIs. Olson and Lindsey Becker each scored runs. Leah Vanderploeg took the pitching loss. She worked the last two and two-thirds innings and allowed nine hits and five earned runs. She struck out four. Amanda Jo Decker started and worked the first six and one-third innings and allowed just three hits and no runs. She walked four and struck out five. UWRF scored one run in the third and three in the bottom of the ninth. UWRF had four runs on nine hits and made two errors. Against William Penn, UWRF had eight runs on 16 hits and made six errors. Poulter again led the Falcons going 4-5 with a run scored and two RBIs. Melissa Turbak was 2-5 with a run scored and one RBI. Abby Keene was 2-4 with a run scored. Amy Brooke went the distance on the mound to get the win. In seven innings she allowed just three hits and one run, it was unearned. She struck out nine and didn’t walk a batter.

On Sunday the Falcons topped UM-Morris 12-3 in five innings and lost to Grinnell, 10-5. Against UMM, UWRF had 12 runs on seven hits and made two errors. UMM had three runs on six hits and made six errors. UWRF scored three in the first, five in the second and two in the third and fourth innings. Emily Vogt was 3-3 with three RBIs. Meghan Mulligan was 2-2 with three runs scored and one RBI. Tiffany Blumer was 1-3 with two runs scored and three RBIs. Decker got the win on the mound. She worked all five innings and allowed six hits and three earned runs. She walked one and struck out three. Against Grinnell, UWRF had five runs on 10 hits and made six errors. UWRF scored twice in the fourth and fifth innings and once in the seventh. Turbak was 3-4 with two RBIs and a run scored. Keene was 2-3 with two runs scored. Angie Garin was 2-4 with two RBIs. Harberts was 2-3. Brooke took the pitching loss. She worked five and one-third innings and allowed six hits. She allowed eight runs, but only three were earned. She walked four and struck out five.

**Fastpitch Finishes 5-3 on Spring Trip**

April 1, 2002

The Falcon fastpitch team had a successful eight-game spring trip to Florida where they finished with a 5-3 record last week.

The Falcons played eight games in five days against teams from across the United States. UWRF is now 7-3 overall and will play at the Grinnell, Iowa Tournament this weekend.

**River Falls 9, Augsburg 7**

The Falcons opened the trip with a thrilling come-from-behind 9-7 win over Augsburg. UWRF scored six runs in the top of the seventh to take a 7-6 lead. AC scored once in the bottom of the seventh to put the game into extra innings. UWRF added two runs in the eighth to get the win. Anna Poulter and Melissa Turbak each went 2-4 at the plate. Poulter led the team with three RBIs. Abby Keene, Emily Evans and Turbak each had two RBIs. Tiffany Blumer scored three times and Leah Vanderploeg scored twice. Vanderploeg picked up the pitching win. She worked eight innings and allowed five hits and two earned runs. She walked just one and struck out five. UWRF finished with nine runs on 10 hits and they made three errors. AC scored seven runs on 11 hits and made five errors.

**Buena Vista 7, River Falls 2**

UWRF had eight hits but scored just twice in the 7-2 loss. UWRF committed two errors. BV scored seven runs on 10 hits and made three errors. Poulter and Lindsey Becker scored the UWRF runs. Turbak led the Falcons going 2-3 at the plate. A.J. Decker took the loss on the mound. She worked four and one-third innings and allowed five hits. She allowed three runs, two were earned. She walked one and struck out three.

**River Falls 3, Manchester 1**

UWRF scored three runs on 10 hits and played errorless ball in the field. Turbak and Meghan Mulligan were both 2-4 and Becker was 2-3 with one RBI. UWRF scored once in the first and broke a 1-1 tie with two runs in the sixth. Vanderploeg took the win on the mound. She worked the final one and one-third innings and struck out all four batters she faced. Decker started and allowed seven hits and one earned run. She didn’t walk a batter and struck out five.

**Eastern Connecticut 4, River Falls 3**

In one of the tightest games of the Falcons’ trip, EC took a 4-3 win in nine innings. EC scored the winning run with a sacrifice fly with the bases loaded. UWRF scored three runs on 11 hits and made one error. Turbak led the Falcons at the plate going 2-4 and one RBI. Poulter, who went 1-4, had the other RBI. Vanderploeg took the pitching loss. She worked the final two and two-thirds innings and allowed three hits. She allowed three runs, just one was earned. She walked one and struck out one. Brooke started on the mound and worked six innings. She allowed eight hits, but just one earned run. She walked one and struck out three.

**River Falls 2, Clarke 1**

UWRF scored single runs in the third and sixth innings to get the win. UWRF had two runs on nine hits and made four errors. Vanderploeg went the distance on the mound and allowed just three hits. The one run was unearned. She walked two and struck out two. Mulligan was 2-3 at the plate and Poulter was 2-2. Nikki Harberts, who was 1-2 at the plate, had a RBI.

**River Falls 8, Elmhurst 0**

The Falcons scored eight runs in nine hits to get the win in five innings. UWRF scored seven runs in the second inning. Poulter was 2-2 with two runs scored. Keene went 1-1, a double, with a run scored and three RBIs. Blumer was 2-2 with a run scored and two RBIs. Brooke went the distance on the mound. She allowed just two hits. She walked just one and struck out three.

**River Falls 8, Mt. Vernon 0**

The Falcons won in five innings for the second straight game. UWRF pounded out a season-high 17 hits in the five innings. Turbak finished 4-4 with three runs scored and a RBI. Mulligan was 3-3 with a run scored and a RBI. Blumer was 2-4 with two runs scored and three RBIs. Poulter and Emily Vogt were both 2-3 and Angie Garin was 2-3 with one RBI. Decker started on the mound but worked just two-thirds of an inning before being hit with in the mouth by a line drive. She received several stitches in her lower lip and had a brace put behind her two upper front teeth. She was able to return home with the team the next day. Vanderploeg came on in relief and got the win. She worked four and one-third innings and allowed just one hit. She didn’t walk a batter and struck out two.

**Ramapo 5, River Falls 0**

UWRF managed just three hits in the game and were shutout for the first time this year. Poulter finished 2-3 and Blumer had the other
UWRF hit. Vanderploeg took the pitching loss. She worked five and two-thirds innings and allowed eight hits and three runs, two were earned. She walked two and struck out two. RC scored once in the first and two runs in the sixth and seventh innings.

**Fastpitch Opens Season With Two Wins**

**March 12, 2002**

The Falcons opened their 2002 season with a pair of wins over Macalester on Monday at the Plymouth Dome.

The Falcons won the first game, 2-1, and the second game, 3-1.

In the first game the Falcons scored single runs in the second and sixth innings. In the second inning, Emily Vogt scored when Tiffany Blumer singles to center with two outs. In the sixth Meghann Mulligan singled to right to lead off the inning and scored when Melissa Turbak singled later in the inning. Macalester picked up its run in the seventh. Mulligan finished 2-3 and Blumer was 2-2. Amy Brooke picked up the pitching win. She worked five innings and willowed four hits. She struck out one and didn't walk a batter. The Falcons had seven hits and committed two errors.

In the second game, UWRF scored single runs in the second, fourth and sixth innings. UWRF had nine hits and two errors. In the second Turbak walked and later scored from third on an error. In the fourth, Nikki Harberts doubled to left center and advanced to third on a wild pitch. She scored when Leah Vanderploeg singled to left. In the sixth, Harberts led off with a triple to center and scored when Amanda Jo Decker doubled to center. Vanderploeg picked up the win on the mound. She worked four innings and willowed six hits and one earned run. She struck out five and didn't walk a batter.

Thursday the Falcons play Hamline at the R&A Dome starting at 1:45 p.m.
# 2003 Falcon Softball Roster

as of March 27, 2003

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**Assistant Coaches:** Jody Gabriel, Becky Ahlbrecht  
**Trainers:** Gary Eloranta, Steph Stadden
2003 Falcon Softball Schedule/Results

May 3, 2003
20-17 overall, 10-6 WIAC

March 8 Nebraska Wesleyan
River Falls 3, Nebraska Wesleyan 0
River Falls 12, Nebraska Wesleyan 7

March 17 River Falls 3, Millikin 1 (at Rebel Spring Games, Orlando, Fla.)
March 17 River Falls 1, Allegheny 0 (at Rebel Spring Games, Orlando, Fla.)
March 18 Geneva 7, River Falls 4 (at Rebel Spring Games, Orlando, Fla.)
March 18 William Patterson 4, River Falls 0 (at Rebel Spring Games, Orlando, Fla.)
March 20 St. Norbert 4, River Falls 3 (at Rebel Spring Games, Orlando, Fla.)
March 20 Illinois Wesleyan 2, River Falls 1 (at Rebel Spring Games, Orlando, Fla.)
March 21 vs. University of the South, rained out, (at Rebel Spring Games, Orlando, Fla.)
March 21 vs. Ramapo, rained out, (at Rebel Spring Games, Orlando, Fla.)

March 25 at Winona
Winona 5, River Falls 4
River Falls 3, Winona 2

March 29 at Augsburg Tournament
River Falls 10, Augsburg 7
La Crosse 5, River Falls 1

March 30 at Augsburg Tournament
River Falls 9, Nebraska Wesleyan 0
River Falls 4, Augsburg 3

April 1 Concordia-St. Paul
Concordia-St. Paul 1, River Falls 0 (8)
Concordia-St. Paul 7, River Falls 1

April 5 at Grinnell College Tournament
River Falls 3, William Penn 1
Grinnell 1, River Falls 0

April 10 Eau Claire*
Eau Claire 2, River Falls 0*
Eau Claire 4, River Falls 1*

April 12 WIAC Cluster Tournament (at Stevens Point)
River Falls 1, Whitewater 0*
Platteville 5, River Falls 3*

April 13 WIAC Cluster Tournament (at Stevens Point)
River Falls 2, Oshkosh 1* (8)
Stevens Point 4, River Falls 3*

April 15 at Stout*
Stout 2, River Falls 1*
River Falls 3, Stout 0*

April 18 La Crosse*
La Crosse 5, River Falls 2*
River Falls 4, La Crosse 1*

April 24 Superior*
River Falls 5, Superior 1*
River Falls 6, Superior 2*

April 26 at WIAC Cluster Tournament (at Menomonie)
River Falls 7, Platteville 2*
River Falls 8, Whitewater 2*

April 27 at WIAC Cluster Tournament (at Menomonie)
River Falls 8, Stevens Point 6*
River Falls 10, Oshkosh 0*

May 2 WIAC Tournament (at Platteville)
River Falls 2, Stevens Point 1
Whitewater 7, River Falls 6

May 3 WIAC Tournament (at Platteville)
Superior 3, River Falls 0
Fastpitch Team Loses to UWS; Eliminated From WIAC Tourney

May 3, 2003

The Falcons lost a 3-0 decision to UW-Superior Saturday morning and were eliminated from the double elimination WIAC Tourney being played at UW-Platteville.

UWRF was held scoreless and had five hits and one error. UWS scored three runs on five hits and made no errors. UWS scored one run in the first and two in the fifth. Sarah Tarasewicz knocked in all three runs for the Jackets with a solo homer in the first and a two-run homer in the fifth. Abby Keene finished 2-3 at the plate. Melissa Turbak was 1-2 while Amy Brooke and Tiff Blumer were both 1-3. Brooke went the distance on the mound and took the loss. She walked one and struck out three. Her record dropped to 9-10. UWS's Abby Glawe got the pitching win to raise her record to 11-12. She didn't walk a batter and struck out seven.

The Falcons end their season with a 20-17 overall record.

Fastpitch Team Splits at WIAC Tourney

May 2, 2003

The Falcons split in two games in the first day at the WIAC Tournament being played at UW-Platteville.

The Falcons topped UW-Stevens Point, 2-1, in their first game, but lost a 7-6 decision, in nine innings, to UW-Whitewater in the second game.

Against Stevens Point, the Falcons scored two runs in the sixth to get the win. With one out, Anna Poulter singled and stole second. Abby Keene singled and advanced to second on the throw giving the Falcons runners at second and third. Amanda Moxon hit a sacrifice fly to center to score Poulter and advance Keene to third. Emily Evans then singled to left to score Keene with the game-winning run. UWSP scored a single run in the top of the seventh. Evans was 2-3 at the plate. Meagan Strmsek singled and advanced to third on the play on a Falcon error. She later scored when Amy Schumacher hit a sacrifice fly to center.

UWRF scored two runs on four hits and made two errors. UWSP scored one run on only two hits and made no errors.

Devanie Bigalk got the pitching win allowing just the two hits and one earned run. She didn't walk a batter and struck out three. She held UWSP's Jill Van Wychen hitless, snapping Van Wychen's NCAA Div. III record 36-game hitting streak. Bigalk has a 10-4 record. Evans was 2-3 with a run scored and one RBI. Poulter and Moxon were both 2-5 with a run scored and one RBI.

Against UW, the Falcons scored six runs on 11 hits and they made two errors. UWRF scored two runs in the first and second innings and single runs in the eighth and ninth. UWU scored seven runs on 11 hits and they made five errors. The Warhawks scored twice in the second and ninth innings and single runs in the third, seventh and eighth. UWU got the winning runs in the bottom of the ninth when Erin Bravo hit a two-run homer. Evans was 2-3 with a run scored and one RBI. Poulter and Moxon were both 2-5 with a run scored and one RBI. One of Moxon's hits was a triple. Emily Stahl was 2-5 with a run scored. Meghan Mulligan was 1-5 with a run scored and one RBI. Keene was 1-4 and Tiff Blumer was 1-4 with a run scored.

Amy Brooke started on the mound and worked seven innings. She allowed eight hits and four runs, three were earned. She walked two and struck out three. Bigalk came on in relief and took the loss. She allowed three hits and three earned runs She walked one and struck out one.

The Falcons, 20-16 overall, will play UW-Superior at 9 a.m. on Saturday in an elimination game.

Fastpitch Team Gets No. 3 Seed

April 28, 2003

The Falcons got the No. 3 seed in this weekend's WIAC Tournament that will be played at UW-Platteville.

The Falcons, 19-15 overall, will play UW-Stevens Point at 11 a.m. on Friday in the tournament's third game. UWRF has split two games with the Pointers this year. At the first WIAC Cluster Tournament at UWSP on April 13 the Pointers took a 4-3 win. On Saturday at UW-Stout in the second Cluster Tourney, the Falcons won an 8-6 decision.

If the Falcons win, they would play the winner of the La Crosse-Whitewater game at 4 p.m. on Friday. If they lose, they play the loser of the La Crosse-Whitewater game at 2:30 p.m. in an elimination game.

The Falcons are the hottest team in the WIAC going into the tournament. UWRF has won seven straight games, including going 6-0 in WIAC games last week. Last week the Falcons scored 44 runs in six games and allowed just 13. They finished 67-167 at the plate for a sizzling .401 average. The Falcons had 14 extra base hits including eight doubles, three triples and three homers. Anna Poulter, Abby Keene and Amanda Moxon all hit home runs.

"We played great throughout the week," Falcon Coach Faye Perkins said. "We finally hit the ball like I knew we could. Now we have to keep it going at the conference tourney this weekend."
Fastpitch Team Wins Two More at Cluster Tourney

April 27, 2003

The Falcons won two more games on Sunday at the WIAC Cluster Tourney to finish with a perfect 4-0 record.

UWRF opened with an 8-6 win over Stevens Point, and finished with a 10-0 win over Oshkosh. The Falcons were the only team to finish undefeated in the tourney.

The Falcons exploded for seven runs in the sixth inning to get an 8-6 win over Stevens Point in the first game. UWRF scored eight runs on six hits and made three errors. UWRF's other run was scored in the second. UWSP scored six runs on 12 hits and they made two errors. UWSP scored two runs in the third and sixth innings and single runs in the fifth and seventh. Amanda Moxon finished 1-4, a double, and had three RBIs. She doubled home three runs in the Falcon sixth. Frances Hilipsch and Amy Brooke were both 1-2 with a run scored. Meghann Mulligan was 1-2 with a run scored and Melissa Turbak was 1-3 with a run scored. Emily Evans was 1-2. The Falcons sent 10 batters to the plate in the sixth and benefitted from six walks and two hits. UWSP made one error in the inning. In the second, Brooke doubled and later scored on a RBI single by Mulligan. Brooke got the win on the mound to improve her record to 9-9. She worked 5 1/3 innings and allowed 10 hits. She allowed five runs, four were earned. She walked one and struck out four. Leah Vanderploeg picked up the save in relief. She worked the final 1 2/3 innings and allowed two hits and one earned run. She didn't walk a batter and struck out three.

The Falcons scored 10 runs on 13 hits and made no errors against Oshkosh in the second game. UWO scored no runs on seven hits and made two errors. The Falcons scored three runs in the fourth and sixth innings and single runs in the first, second, third and fifth innings. Mulligan was 3-3 with one RBI and two runs scored. Turbak was 2-3 with a run scored and three RBIs. Moxon was 1-4, with four RBIs and one run scored. She hit a three-run homer in the sixth. Keene was 3-4, a double and a triple, with two RBIs. Anna Poulter was 1-2 with three runs scored. Evans was 1-3 with a run scored, Bloomer was 1-2 with a run scored and Emily Rodgers was 1-3 with a run scored. Devanie Bigalk picked up the pitching win and improved her record to 9-4. She went the distance walking one and striking out five.

The Falcons, now 19-15 overall and 10-6 in the WIAC, play in the WIAC Tourney this weekend at UW-Platteville.

Fastpitch Team Wins Two at WIAC Cluster Tourney

April 26, 2003

The Falcons won two games at the WIAC Cluster Tourney played in Menomonie on Saturday.

UWRF opened with a 7-2 win over UW-Platteville, then came back with an 8-2 win over UW-Whitewater.

Against Platteville, the big hit for the Falcons was a three-run in the park homer by Anna Poulter in the fourth inning. UWRF scored seven runs on 13 hits and they made two errors. UWRF scored single runs in the second and fifth, three in the fourth and two in the sixth. UWP scored two runs on eight hits and made no errors. The Pioneers scored both runs in the fifth. Poulter finished 2-3 with two runs scored and four RBIs. Amanda Moxon was 2-4 with one RBI. Emily Evans was 1-3, a double, and one RBI. Amy Brooke was 2-3 and Tiff Bloomer was 2-4. Meghann Mulligan, Emily Rodgers and Emily Stahl were all 1-3 with a run scored. Mulligan had an RBI and Stahl's hit was a triple. Abby Keene was also 1-3. Every starter for UWRF had at least one hit. Brooke went the distance on the mound to get the win. She allowed two earned runs, walked one and struck out four.

Against Whitewater, Keene led the team offensively hitting a three-run homer in the third. Keene finished 2-4 with two runs scored and five RBIs. Moxon was 1-4 with two RBIs and Brooke was 2-3 with one RBI. Poulter was 1-3 and scored three times. Melissa Turbak was 1-3 with a run scored and Rodgers was 1-1 with a run scored. UWRF scored eight runs on eight hits and made two errors. UWRF scored single runs in the first and fifth and three times in the third and fifth innings. UWRF scored two runs on five hits and they committed three errors. The Warhawks scored single runs in the first and fifth innings. Devanie Bigalk went the distance on the mound to get the win for the Falcons. She allowed two earned runs, walked one and struck out three.

The Falcons, now 17-15 overall and 8-6 in the WIAC, will face Stevens Point at 11 a.m. and Oshkosh at 5 p.m. on Sunday in the second day of the tourney. The Falcons have now won five games in a row.

Fastpitch Team Sweeps UWS, 5-1, 6-2

April 24, 2003

The Falcons swept two WIAC games from UW-Superior Thursday afternoon at Ramer Field.

The Falcons won the first game, 5-1, and the second game, 6-2.

In the first game the Falcons scored five runs on a season-high 14 hits. They had no errors. UWS scored one run on eight hits and made two errors. UWRF scored single runs in the first and sixth innings and three in the fourth. UWS scored its run in the third. Abby Keene and Amanda Moxon were both 3-4 with a run scored and one RBI. Moxon had two doubles. Amy Brooke was 2-2, including a double, and Emily Stahl was 2-3 with a run scored. Anna Poulter, Emily Evans, Meghann Mulligan and Emily Rodgers also had hits. Amy Brooke started on the mound and got the win to raise her record to 7-9. She allowed one earned run, walked one and struck out 10. UWS scored its run on a solo homer to center by Sarah Tarasewicz.
In the second game UWRF scored six runs on 13 hits and made one error. Superior scored two runs on six hits and also made one error. UWRF scored once in the first and five times in the fourth. UWS scored single runs in the third and seventh innings. Brooke finished 3-3 at the plate, including a double, with one RBI. Evans was 2-3 with two RBIs. Poulter was 3-4 with a run scored. Mulligan was 2-2 with a run scored and a RBI. Rodgers, Tiff Blumer and Moxon, who scored a run and had one RBI, all had hits. Devanie Bigalk started on the mound and got the win to raise her record to 7-4. She worked five innings and allowed one earned run and four hits. She walked three and struck out one. Leah Vanderploeg worked the final two innings and allowed one earned run and two hits. She walked one.

The Falcons, now 15-15 overall and 6-6 in the WIAC, will next compete in the second of two WIAC Cluster Tournaments at UW-Stout. On Saturday the Falcons play Platteville at noon and Whitewater at 6 p.m. On Sunday the Falcons face Stevens Point at 11 a.m. and Oshkosh at 5 p.m.

**Fastpitch Team Splits With UWL**

April 18, 2003

The Falcons split another WIAC doubleheader, this one with UW-La Crosse, Friday afternoon at Ramer Field.

La Crosse won the first game, 5-2, and the Falcons took the nightcap, 4-1.

In the first game, LC scored five runs on 10 hits and they made no errors. UWRF scored two runs on three hits and made two errors. UWRF scored two runs in the third and single runs in the fourth, sixth and seventh. UWRF scored single runs in the second and fifth innings. Meghann Mulligan led the Falcons at the plate going 2-3 with one RBI. Amanda Moxon had the other Falcon hit. The Falcons scored in the second when Moxon singled and later advanced to second on a passed ball. She scored when Mulligan doubled to right center. In the fifth, Mulligan led off with a single to center. Holly Olson, running for Mulligan, stole second and advanced to third on a sacrifice by Leah Vanderploeg. She later scored on a wild pitch. Amy Brooke took the loss on the mound to put her record at 6-9. She pitched seven innings and allowed three earned runs. She walked two and struck out four. Sally Wenzel got the win for UWL and she is now 9-4. She allowed one walk and struck out nine.

The Falcons hit the ball better and played solid defense in the field to get the win in the second game, 4-1. UWRF scored four runs on eight hits and made no errors. UW, now 18-7 overall and 7-3 in the WIAC, scored one run on five hits and made three errors. UWRF scored two in the first and single runs in the second and fourth. UWL scored in the third. Anna Poulter was 3-3 at the plate with a run scored. Tiff Blumer was 2-3. Emily Rodgers was 1-2 with two runs scored. Abby Keene had one RBI and scored a run. Moxon was 1-2 with one RBI. Mulligan was 1-3 with one RBI. In the first, Poulter led off with a single to right and stole second. Keene reached on an error and Poulter scored on the play. Keene was advanced to second on a Moxon sacrifice. Keene advanced to third on an infield out. Mulligan doubled to left center to score Keene. In the second, Rodgers reached on an error with one out. Poulter singled and Rodgers advanced to third on an error on the play. Poulter then stole second. Keene then laid down a sacrifice bunt that scored Rodgers from third. In the fourth, Rodgers walked with one out. Poulter bunted for a single and Rodgers advanced to second. Moxon then singled to center to score Rodgers. Devanie Bigalk went the distance on the mound to raise her record to 6-4. She didn't walk a batter and struck out two. Defensively Blumer made a diving catch in left center to rob a UW player of a double in the fourth. Rodgers made a running catch of a line drive in the sixth. After UWL had scored a run in the third, Keene caught a deep fly to center and threw out an Eagle runner at the plate to complete a double play and end the inning.

The Falcons, now 13-15 overall and 4-6 in the WIAC, will next host UW-Superior on Thursday at 3 p.m. at Ramer Field.

**Fastpitch Team Splits at Stout**

April 13, 2003

The Falcons split a WIAC twin bill at UW-Stout Tuesday afternoon.

The Blue Devils won the first game, 2-1, and the Falcons won the second, 3-0.

In the first game, the Falcons scored one run on six hits and made one error. UWS scored two runs on five hits and they made no errors. UWRF scored its run in the sixth and UWS scored both of its runs in the second. In the sixth Abby Keene singled with one out. After another out Keene stole second and scored on a single by Emily Evans. Keene finished 2-3 with the run scored. Anna Poulter, Amanda Moxon and Tiff Blumer also had hits. Moxon had a double. Amy Brooke took the pitching loss. She went the distance and allowed the two runs, both were unearned. She walked none and struck out three.

In the second game the Falcons had three runs on five hits and they made two errors. UWS had three hits and made no errors. UWRF scored once in the fifth and twice in the sixth. In the fifth, Moxon doubled with one out. Holly Olson ran for Moxon and advanced to third on an infield out. Meghann Mulligan then singled Olson home. In the sixth, Poulter led off with a triple and Keene followed with another triple that scored Poulter. Brooke then reached on a fielder's choice and then stole second. Keene then scored on a passed ball. Poulter finished 2-4 with a run scored. Keene was 1-4 with a run scored and one RBI. Devanie Bigalk went the distance on the mound for the Falcons and got the win. She struck out three and didn't walk a batter.

The Falcons, now 12-14 overall and 3-5 in the WIAC, host UW-La Crosse on Thursday at Ramer Field. The first pitch is set for 4 p.m.

**Fastpitch Team Splits at Cluster Tourney**

April 13, 2003

The Falcons split in two more games at the WIAC Cluster Tourney played in Stevens Point on Sunday.
The Falcons opened with a 2-1 win in eight innings over Oshkosh. UWRF then dropped a 4-3 game to Stevens Point. UWRF finished with a 2-2 record in the tourney.

Against Oshkosh the Falcons scored the winning run in the eighth. With one out, Tiff Blumer, Meghann Mulligan and Melissa Turbak all walked. Emily Rodgers then laid down a bunt single to score Bloomer with the winning run. UWRF had two runs on seven hits and they made four errors. UWRF scored one run on three hits and made no errors. The other UWRF run came in the third and UWO scored in the fourth. Rodgers was 2-3 at the plate. Anna Poulter was 1-2 with a run scored. Amy Brooke (1-3), Amanda Moxon (1-4), Mulligan (1-3) and Turbak (1-3) also had hits. Brooke went the distance on the mound to get the win and raise her record to 5-7. She allowed one unearned run. She walked two and struck out five.

In the loss to UWSP, the Pointers scored four runs on five hits and they made one error. UWRF scored three runs on five hits and they made two errors. UWSP scored twice in the first and sixth innings. UWRF scored all three of its runs in the first. Abby Keene was 2-3, including a triple. Poulter was 1-3 with a run scored. Emily Evans and Blumer also had hits and Mulligan had one RBI. Devanie Bigalk took the pitching loss to put her record at 5-4. She went the distance and allowed the four runs, none were earned. She struck out four and did not walk a batter.

The Falcons, now 11-13 overall and 2-4 in the WIAC, play at UW-Stout in a WIAC twin bill on Tuesday. Action starts at 4 p.m.

The Falcons beat William Penn, 3-1, but lost to Grinnell, 1-0.

Fastpitch Team Drops Two to UWEC

April 10, 2003

The Falcons lost a WIAC twin bill to UW-Eau Claire Thursday afternoon at Ramer Field. UWEC won 2-0 and 4-1.

In the first game UWEC had two runs on six hits and they made one error. UWRF was scoreless on three hits and they committed no errors. UWEC scored both of its runs in the third inning when Jannah Grinnell hit a two-run homer over the left-center field fence. Amy Brooke took the pitching loss working all seven innings. She walked two and struck out eight. UWEC's Kim Czapla got the win. She also went the distance and allowed no works. She struck out five. Abby Keene went 2-3 at the plate with two doubles. Amanda Moxon had the other UWRF hit.

In the second game UWEC, now 9-12 overall and 3-0 in the WIAC, scored four runs on eight hits and they made one error. UWRF scored one run on five hits and they made two errors. UWEC scored single runs in the first and fifth innings and two in the fourth. UWRF scored in the fourth. With two outs, Moxon doubled to right and she later scored on an error. Devanie Bigalk worked 6 1/3 innings and allowed eight hits. She allowed four runs, two were earned. She walked one. Leah Vanderploen worked the final two outs and didn't allow a base runner. Andrea Neuville went the distance and got the win for UWEC. She allowed the one unearned run. She walked one and struck out four.

The Falcons, now 9-11 overall and 0-2 in the WIAC, play in the first of two WIAC Cluster Tournament this weekend at UW-Stevens Point. Saturday the Falcons face Whitewater at 2 p.m. and Platteville at 6 p.m. Sunday the Falcons play Oshkosh at 1 p.m. and Stevens Point at 5 p.m.

Fastpitch Team Splits in Two Games at Grinnell

April 6, 2003

The Falcon fastpitch team split in two games at the Grinnell Tournament played Saturday.

The Falcons split in two games Saturday at the WIAC Cluster Tourney at Stevens Point.

The Falcons topped UW-Whitewater, 1-0, but lost to UW-Platteville, 5-3.

Against Platteville, UWRF scored three runs on nine hits and they made one error. UWP scored five runs on eight hits and they made two errors. UWRF scored two runs in the first and one in the fifth. UWP scored a single run in the first and two in the fourth and fifth innings. Amanda Moxon was 2-4 with one RBI. Anna Poulter and Emily Evans were both 2-4 with one run scored. Each had doubles. Tiff Blumer, Meghann Mulligan and Melissa Turbak also had hits for the Falcons. Leah Vanderploen took the pitching loss for the Falcons and is now 1-2 this year. She worked 4 1/3 innings and allowed five runs, three were earned. She walked three and struck out four. Katie Larson got the pitching win for UWP, which is now 15-10 overall and 7-0 in the WIAC.

Against Whitewater, UWRF scored its only run in the top of the seventh on four walks. Meghann Mulligan walked with one out, Frances Hilipsch, running for Mulligan, advanced to second when Melissa Turbak grounded out. Emily Rodgers walked and both runners advanced a base on a passed ball. Anna Poulter then walked to load the bases. Abby Keene walked to score Hilipsch with the only run of the game. Poulter went 2-3 at the plate and stole two bases. Mulligan finished 2-2 and Emily Evans was 1-3, with a double. Devanie Bigalk went the distance on the mound to get the win and raise her record to 5-3. She allowed just two singles, walked one and struck out six.

The Falcons, now 10-12 overall and 1-3 in the WIAC, play UW-Oshkosh at 1 p.m. and Stevens Point at 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Fastpitch Team Splits in WIAC Cluster Tourney

April 12, 2003

The Falcons split in two games Saturday at the WIAC Cluster Tourney at Stevens Point.

The Falcons opened with a 2-1 win in eight innings over Oshkosh. UWRF then dropped a 4-3 game to Stevens Point. UWRF finished with a 2-2 record in the tourney.

Against Oshkosh the Falcons scored the winning run in the eighth. With one out, Tiff Blumer, Meghann Mulligan and Melissa Turbak all walked. Emily Rodgers then laid down a bunt single to score Bloomer with the winning run. UWRF had two runs on seven hits and they made four errors. The other UWRF run came in the third and UWO scored in the fourth. Rodgers was 2-3 at the plate. Anna Poulter was 1-2 with a run scored. Amy Brooke (1-3), Amanda Moxon (1-4), Mulligan (1-3) and Turbak (1-3) also had hits. Brooke went the distance on the mound to get the win and raise her record to 5-7. She allowed one unearned run. She walked two and struck out five.
Fastpitch Team Splits at Winona

March 30, 2003

The Falcon fastpitch team lost both ends of a doubleheader to Concordia-St. Paul Tuesday afternoon at Ramer Field.

CSP won the first game, 1-0 in eight innings, the second game, 7-1.

The only run in the first game was a solo homer by CSP's pitcher Kristen Schmidt in the eighth inning. The homer to left came with two out. CSP had three hits and made one error while CSP had five hits and no errors. Schmidt picked up the win. She didn't walk a batter and struck out 15. She raised her record to 3-3. Amy Brooke took the pitching loss for the Falcons. She went the distance and walked one and struck out eight. She is now 3-6 on the year. Brooke, Emily Evans and Abby Keene had the Falcon hits. Evans had a double in the eighth.

CSP scored two runs in each of the first three innings, and a single run in the seventh, to win the second game. CSP had 12 hits and made no errors. UWRF scored its run in the fifth. The Falcons had nine hits and made two errors. Anna Poulter was 2-3 with one RBI. Devanie Bigalk started on the mound and took the loss. She worked four innings and allowed nine hits and six runs. Only three were earned. She didn't walk a batter and struck out one. Leah Vanderploeg worked the final three innings and allowed three hits. She allowed one earned run. She walked two and struck out one.

The Falcons, now 8-8 overall, will host St. Mary's at 3 p.m. on Thursday at Ramer Field. The Falcons play in the Grinnell, Iowa Tournament on Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday the Falcons face William Penn at noon and Nebraska Wesleyan at 2 p.m. On Sunday the Falcons play Grinnell at noon and UM-Morris at 2 p.m.

Fastpitch Team Drops Two to Concordia

April 1, 2003

The Falcon fastpitch team lost both ends of a doubleheader to Concordia-St. Paul Tuesday afternoon at Ramer Field.

In the win over Augsburg, the Falcons scored three runs on just one hit and made no errors. WP had one run on five hits and they made one error.

UWRF scored twice in the first and once in the third. WP scored its run in the second on a home run. In the first Anna Poulter walked and stole second. Tiff Blumer was hit by a pitch. Both runners advanced on stolen bases on a double steal. Amy Brooke was also hit by a pitch to load the bases. Amanda Moxon then scored Poulter with a sacrifice fly to center with Blumer advancing to third. Meghann Mulligan hit a sacrifice fly to right to score Blumer. In the third Poulter walked, stole second, and scored an an error by the shortstop. Brooke picked up the pitching win. She went the distance, walked two and struck out two.

Against GC, UWRF had no runs on three hits and they played errorless ball. GC scored one run on five hits and made one error.

Grinnell scored in the third off a double, a single and a fielder's choice. Brooke doubled and Blumer and Melissa Turbak had singles. Devanie Bigalk took the pitching loss. She worked all six innings, struck out two and didn't walk a batter.

The Falcons, now 9-9 overall, open WIAC play on Thursday when they host UW-Eau Claire at Ramer Field. The first pitch is set for 4 p.m.

Fastpitch Team Wins Three of Four at Augsburg

March 30, 2003

The Falcon fastpitch team won three of four games at the Augsburg Tourney played Saturday and Sunday.

On Saturday the Falcons opened with a 10-7 win over Augsburg, but then dropped a 5-1 decision to La Crosse. On Sunday the Falcons beat Nebraska Wesleyan, 9-0 in six innings, and Augsburg again, 4-3.

In Saturday's win over Augsburg the Falcons scored 10 runs on 11 hits and committed one error. AC had seven runs on 11 hits and no errors. UWRF scored four runs in the first and fifth and three runs in the second and fourth. Tiff Blumer finished 4-4 with six RBIs and two runs scored. One of her hits was a triple. Anna Poulter was 2-2 with three runs scored. Meghann Mulligan was 2-4 with one RBI. Leah Vanderploeg started on the mound and worked the first four innings to get the win. She allowed seven hits and four runs, three were earned. She walked one and struck out six.

In the loss to La Crosse, the Falcons scored one run and only three hits and they made five errors. UWL scored five runs on six hits and played errorless ball. UWRF scored its only run in the sixth. UWL scored twice in the second and three times in the third.

Poulter, Blumer and Amanda Moxon each had hits. Amy Brooke took the pitching loss. She worked six innings and allowed five runs, but only two were earned. She walked four and struck out four.

In the win over Nebraska Wesleyan, the Falcons had nine runs on nine hits and made one error. NW had only one hit and made three errors. UWRF scored three runs in the second and third innings, a single run in the first and two in the sixth. Melissa Turbak was 2-3 with two runs scored. Brooke was 1-3 with three RBIs. Frances Hilipsch was 2-3 with two RBIs and a run scored. Abby Keene was 1-2 with two runs scored and one RBI. Emily Evans and Poulter also had RBIs. Brooke got the pitching win allowing only a single in the sixth inning. She walked two and struck out three.

In the win over Augsburg, the Falcons scored four runs on five hits and made no errors. AC scored three runs on nine hits and made two errors. UWRF scored the winning run in the bottom of the seventh. With one out, Emily Rodgers singled and advanced to second on a sacrifice by Jessamy Schwartz. Keene followed with a single to right center scoring Rodgers from second. Evans was 2-2 with one RBI. Moxon also had a hit. Devanie Bigalk picked up the pitching win in relief. She worked the final 1 1/3 innings and allowed one hit. Vanderploeg started and worked 5 2/3 innings. She allowed eight hits and three runs, two were earned. She walked three and struck out three.

The Falcons, now 8-6 overall, will host Concordia-St. Paul at 3 p.m. on Tuesday at Ramer Field.

Fastpitch Team Splits at Winona

March 30, 2003

Against WP, the Falcons scored three runs on just one hit and made no errors. WP had one run on five hits and they made one error.

UWRF scored twice in the first and once in the third. WP scored its run in the second on a home run. In the first Anna Poulter walked and stole second. Tiff Blumer was hit by a pitch. Both runners advanced on stolen bases on a double steal. Amy Brooke was also hit by a pitch to load the bases. Amanda Moxon then scored Poulter with a sacrifice fly to center with Blumer advancing to third. Meghann Mulligan hit a sacrifice fly to right to score Blumer. In the third Poulter walked, stole second, and scored an an error by the shortstop. Brooke picked up the pitching win. She went the distance, walked two and struck out two.

Against GC, UWRF had no runs on three hits and they played errorless ball. GC scored one run on five hits and made one error.

Grinnell scored in the third off a double, a single and a fielder's choice. Brooke doubled and Blumer and Melissa Turbak had singles. Devanie Bigalk took the pitching loss. She worked all six innings, struck out two and didn't walk a batter.

The Falcons, now 9-9 overall, open WIAC play on Thursday when they host UW-Eau Claire at Ramer Field. The first pitch is set for 4 p.m.
March 25, 2003

The Falcon fastpitch team split a doubleheader at Winona Tuesday afternoon.

Winona won the first game, 5-4, but the Falcons took the nightcap, 3-2.

In the first game, WS scored five runs on eight hits and they made three errors. The Falcons scored four runs on six hits and they also had three errors. UWRF scored once in the second and three times in the seventh. WS scored twice in the third and fourth and once in the sixth. Anna Poulter and Emily Rodgers both were 2-3 and scored a run. Rodgers had one RBI. Abby Keene was 1-2 with a run scored and one RBI. Amy Brooke went the distance on the mound and took the loss. She allowed four earned runs, walked two and struck out one.

In the second game the Falcon scored three runs on 10 hits and they made one error. WS scored two runs on seven hits and they made one error. UWRF scored twice in the first and once in the fifth. Winona scored both of its runs in the fourth. Emily Evans was 2-3 with two RBIs. Poulter was 3-4 with a run scored. Frances Hilpisch was 2-3. Devanie Bigalk started on the mound and got the win. She worked 3 1/3 innings and allowed five hits and two earned runs. She walked four. Leah Vanderploeg worked the final 3 2/3 innings and allowed two hits and no runs. She walked one and struck out two.

The Falcons, now 5-5 overall, play in the Augsburg Tournament on Saturday and Sunday. Saturday the Falcons play Augsburg at 11 a.m. and La Crosse at 3 p.m. Sunday the Falcons face Nebraska Wesleyan at 11 a.m. and Augsburg at 3 p.m.

Fastpitch Team Drops Two

March 18, 2003

The Falcon fastpitch team lost both games they played Tuesday in Orlando, Fla.

The Falcons lost a 7-4 decision to Geneva and a 4-0 game to William Patterson.

Against Geneva, the Falcons had four runs on eight hits and made three errors. Geneva scored seven runs on eight hits and played errorless ball. Geneva blew the game open scoring five runs in the first inning. The Falcons scored their runs in the sixth and seven frames. Abby Keene led the Falcons at the plate going 2-3 with a triple and a run scored in the sixth. Tiff Blumer, Emily Evans and Emily Rodgers also scored for the Falcons. Amy Brooke started on the mound and took the loss. She allowed six runs and four hits. Leah Vanderploeg entered in relief and allowed four hits and one run.

The Falcons had seven hits but couldn't score a run against WP. They made two errors. WP scored four runs on nine hits and made one error. Brooke was 2-3 at the plate to lead the Falcon hitting attack. Devanie Bigalk pitched two innings and allowed three runs on four hits. She waled two and struck out one. Brooke finished the game in relief and allowed one run on five hits. She didn't walk a batter and struck out four. WP scored their runs in the third and seventh innings.

The Falcons, now 4-2 overall, play St. Norbert at 2:20 p.m. and Illinois Wesleyan at 4:10 p.m. on Thursday in Orlando, Fla.

Fastpitch Team Opens With Two Wins in Florida

March 17, 2003

The Falcon fastpitch team opened their spring trip in Orlando, Fla., with two wins on Monday.

The Falcons opened with a 3-1 win over Millikin and then took a 1-0 win over Allegheny.

Against Millikin the Falcons had three runs on five hits and made no errors. Millikin had one run on nine hits and they made one error. UWRF scored two runs in the first and one in the second. Millikin scored its run in the seventh. Anna Poulter was 3-3 with one run scored, one RBI and two stolen bases. Melissa Turkak and Amy Brooke had the other Falcon hits. Brooke had a triple. Brooke picked up the pitching win. She worked all seven innings and allowed the nine hits and one earned run. She walked four and struck out four.

In the win over Allegheny the Falcons had one run on five hits and they made three errors. AC had no runs on four hits and they made one error. UWRF scored the only run of the game in the first. Poulter led off with a hit, advanced to second on a sacrifice by Emily Rodgers, stole third and later scored on an error. Meghann Mulligan was 2-2 and Tiff Blumer finished 2-3 at the plate. Jessamy Schwartz, playing third base, had a strong defensive game. She was involved in two double plays, the first unassisted in the fifth inning and the second a 5-2-6 play in the seventh to end the game. Devanie Bigalk picked up the pitching win. She went the distance allowing no runs on four hits. He struck out three and did not walk a batter.

The Falcons, now 4-0 overall, play Geneva at 9:30 a.m. and William Patterson at 1:10 p.m. on Tuesday in Orlando.

Fastpitch Team Sweeps Nebraska Wesleyan

March 8, 2003

The Falcon Fastpitch team defeated Nebraska Wesleyan in both games of a double header at the Eden Prairie Dome in Eden Prairie, Minn. The scores were 3-0 and 12-7.

In the first game, the Falcons had three runs on six hits and they made one error. Nebraska Wesleyan scored zero runs on three hits and made three errors. UWRF scored its runs in the first, third, and 6th innings. Anna Poulter was 2-3 with two runs scored. Melissa Turkak was 1-2 with one run scored. Amy Brooke and Emily Evans were both 1-3. Amanda Moxon was 1-2. Amy Brooke went the distance on the mound and took the win. She allowed three hits and no earned runs. She walked just two and struck out eight.
In the second game, UWRF scored twelve runs on 14 hits and made two errors. NW scored seven runs on seven hits and made three errors. UWRF scored single four runs in the first and seventh innings. The Falcons scored two runs in the third and single runs in both the fourth and sixth innings. NW scored three each in the fifth and seventh innings and scored one run in the second inning. Anna Poulter was 3-4 with three runs scored. Amanda Moxon was 2-5 with two runs scored and two RBIs. Emily Vogt was 2-4 with 3 runs scored. Jessamy Schwartz was 1-5 with three RBIs. Melissa Turbak was 1-3 with one run scored. Devanie Bigalk took the win on the mound. She worked four innings and allowed three hits and no earned runs. Leah Vanderploeg finished the game and allowed four hits and two earned runs. She walked five and struck out four.

The Falcons, now 2-0 overall, play at the Rebel Spring Games in Orlando, Florida beginning March 17.

Fastpitch Team Opens Season on Saturday

March 4, 2003

According to Coach Faye Perkins, the Falcon fastpitch team has a lot to prove in 2003.

The Falcons open their season Saturday when they face Nebraska Wesleyan at the Eden Prairie Dome. Action starts at 2 p.m.

UWRF finished with a sub .500 record (15-18) last year for the first time in three seasons and the Falcons the first team eliminated in the 2002 WIAC Tournament. The Falcons want to get back to seasons like 1993 and 1994 when they advanced to the NCAA Div. III tournament. “We need to work hard to get back to the top half of the WIAC,” said Perkins. “We have several players returning and the years of experience they have should help us reach our goal.”

On the mound, senior Amy Brooke returns after being named to the All-WIAC team in each of her first three seasons, including to the first team in 2000 and 2001. She has a 30-18 record and a 1.84 ERA in her career. Returning to the team this year is sophomore pitcher Devanie Bigalk, who played in 2001, but not in 2002. She was named to the All-WIAC team as a freshman when she finished 9-5 with a 2.06 ERA. Leah Vanderploeg also returns after a successful rookie season in 2002. She finished 7-6 with a 3.00 ERA.

The Falcons will be strong on the right side of the infield where senior Meghann Mulligan plays first base and junior Melissa Turbak second. Mulligan, who was named to the All-WIAC team in 2000 and 2001, has a .290 career batting average. She has five homers and 51 RBIs. She is also an outstanding defensive player with a .983 career fielding percentage. Turbak, who was named to the first All-WIAC team in 2002, has a .328 career batting average with 28 RBIs. Turbak was named to the 2002 All-Great Lake Region third team and Mulligan was named to the same team in 2000. Several players will be competing for playing time at shortstop and third base. Sophomore Holly Olson, senior Amanda Moxon and freshman Emily Stahl will compete at shortstop while sophomore Emily Evans and freshman Jessamy Schwartz will compete at third base. Junior Anna Poulter will move from the outfield to her natural position as catcher. She has been a started the past two seasons in the outfield and has a .295 career batting average with 25 RBIs. She has great speed on the base paths with 30 career stolen bases.

In the outfield, the top returnees are Tiff Bloomer, Abby Keene, Emily Vogt and Emily Rodgers. Bloomer, a sophomore, played in 30 games and started several at shortstop. She finished with a .297 batting average with a team high 18 RBIs. Vogt, a senior, has a .236 career batting average while Keene, a junior, is at .222. Rodgers had limited playing time last year as a freshman.

There are six freshmen on the roster: catcher Kristen Halberg, shortstop Emily Stahl, third baseman Jessamy Schwartz, first baseman/catcher Carolyn Guisinger, pitcher Jen Lundborg and second baseman Frances Hilpisch.