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**Assistant coaches:** Jeff Berkhof, Dave Young  
**Student assistant coach:** Kurran Sagan

### Meet the Falcons

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St. Paul, Minn.  
Cretin-Derham Hall High School

#### Jeff Holt
Guard 6-3 185 Senior #3  
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Elmwood High School

#### Nick Hall
Guard 5-11 190 Sophomore #15  
Glenwood City, Wis.  
Glenwood City High School

#### Hans Hoeg
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Nov. 20 at Bethel College Tourney - Bethel 88, River Falls 62
Nov. 23 St. John's - River Falls 62, St. John's 59
Nov. 27 Macalester - River Falls 81, Macalester 73
Nov. 30 at Stout* - Stout 83, River Falls 43
Dec. 7 Stevens Point* - Stevens Point 65, River Falls 50
Dec. 11 at Oshkosh* - Oshkosh 62, River Falls 51
Dec. 14 at Viterbo - Viterbo 65, River Falls 56
Dec. 18 at Concordia-St. Paul - Concordia 95, RF 83
Dec. 29 Cenex Harvest States Tournament
River Falls 78, St. Thomas 74
Dec. 30 Cenex Harvest States Tournament
Warburg 73, St. Thomas 71
Jan. 4 at La Crosse* - La Crosse 67, River Falls 56
Jan. 8 Whitewater* - Whitewater 73, River Falls 68
Jan. 11 Superior* - River Falls 73, Superior 68
Jan. 15 at Platteville* - Platteville 58, River Falls 50
Jan. 18 at Eau Claire* - River Falls 42, Eau Claire 41
Jan. 22 at Whitewater* - Whitewater 76, River Falls 53
Jan. 26 Stout* - Stout 79, River Falls 71
Jan. 29 Oshkosh* - Oshkosh 65, River Falls 59
Feb. 2 at Superior* - Superior 74, River Falls 65
Feb. 9 La Crosse* - River Falls 69, La Crosse 62
Feb. 12 Platteville* - River Falls 60, Platteville 59
Feb. 16 at Stevens Point* - Stevens Point 94, River Falls 66
Feb. 19 Eau Claire* Eau Claire 76, River Falls 62
Feb. 22 at Platteville** - Platteville 70, River Falls 55 (WIAC Playoff Quarterfinals)

* WIAC Games
** WIAC Tournament Game
Falcons Lose at UWP in WIAC Playoffs

Feb. 22, 2005

The Falcon men’s basketball team lost a 70-55 decision at UW-Platteville Tuesday night in the first round of the WIAC Tournament.

The Falcons trailed, 36-28 at the half, but battled back to within 38-37 to start the second half. The Falcons went on a 9-2 run to get within one with 13:59 to play. Jeff Holt hit two three-pointers and Ryan Thompson scored two to help the Falcons in the run. UWP then went ahead by 38-34 before Holt hit two free throws with 12:37 to play to get the Falcons to within 41-39. But then the Pioneers went on an 8-0 run to get a 49-39 lead with 10:04 to play. The Falcons could only get to within eight points, 54-46, with 6:08 to play.

Hans Hoeg led the Falcons with 16 points. He was 3-7 from the field, including 2-4 from three-point range. The WIAC’s leading free throw shooter was a perfect 8-8 from the line. Holt finished with nine points, including two three-pointers. Holt led the Falcons with five rebounds and Scott Kelly had four. Ryan Thompson led the Falcons with five assists and he scored six points. The Falcons shot 16-39 (.410) from the field, including 6-20 (.300) from behind the arc. They were 17-23 (.739) from the line.

Platteville, now 19-6 and the WIAC’s No. 1 seeded team, was led by Sean Krause and Brandon Temperly who both scored 15 points. Mark Gossens added 11 and Brad Reitzner scored 10. Gossens led all rebounders with eight and Temperly had six assists. UWP, which eliminated the Falcons from the 2004 WIAC playoffs in the semifinals at UWRF, shot 25-51 (.490) from the field, including 6-15 (.400) from three-point range. The Pioneers were 14-22 (.636) from the line. UWP held a 29-24 advantage in rebounds and they finished with 13 offensive boards.

The Falcons end their season 8-17 overall.

Falcons Lose Final WIAC Regular Season Game

Feb. 19, 2005

The Falcon men’s basketball team (8-16, 4-12) lost its final regular season game, 75-62, to Eau Claire (13-12, 6-10) on Saturday evening in the Karges Center. The loss puts RF in the eighth spot for the WIAC Tournament.

River Falls held a 29-27 lead at halftime thanks 45.5 percent (5-11) shooting from beyond the arc. The Blugolds shot 63.0 percent (17-27) from the field in the second half to outscore the Falcons 48-33 and emerge victorious.

For the game RF shot 22-57 (38.6) from the field, 10-23 (43.5) from three point land and 8-8 (100.0) from the free throw line. Freshman Scott Kelly led all Falcons with 16 points while senior forward Jeff Holt finished with 13 points in his final game in the Karges Center. Sophomore guard Hans Hoeg grabbed a team high six rebounds and dished out a team high three assists to go with 12 points.

Eau Claire shot 29-54 (53.7) overall, 7-14 (50.0) from beyond the arc and 10-17 (58.8) from the line. The Blugold backcourt was the story, Casey Drake scored a game high 22 points and Dan Archambault put in 21. Forward Kale Proksch had a game high 10 rebounds to go with nine points. The only other Eau Claire player in double figures was Will Jefferson with 13 points.

The Falcons will begin postseason play at WIAC co-champion UW-Platteville. UWP split the conference title with defending National Champion UW-Stevens Point. Platteville won the tie breaker and was awarded the number one seed. Although a top to bottom matchup this game should be competitive, the season series was split with both teams winning on their home floors. The game between River Falls and the Pioneers will tip off at 7 p.m. in Platteville on Tuesday.

Falcons Drop WIAC Game at UWSP

Feb. 16, 2005

The Falcon men’s basketball team dropped a 94-66 WIAC game at UW-Stevens Point Wednesday night.

UWSP held a 42-37 lead at the half and outscored the Falcons, 52-29, in the second half. With the win the Pointers won their fifth WIAC title in the past six seasons. Falcons dropped into a tie for seventh place with Superior and La Crosse.

Hans Hoeg led the Falcons with 12 points. Ryan Zylstra, Muris Lucarevic, Jeff Holt and Eric Kossoris all scored eight points. Kossoris led the Falcons with five assists and the backcourt was the story, Casey Drake scored a game high 22 points and Dan Archambault put in 21. Forward Kale Proksch had a game high 10 rebounds to go with nine points. The only other Eau Claire player in double figures was Will Jefferson with 13 points.

UWSP had five players score in double figures led by Jason Kalsow who finished with 27. He scored 16 second half point in helping UWSP to a season high 94 points. Tamaris Relford scored a career-high 16 points. Kalsow and Jon Krull had seven rebounds each. UWSP shot 36-57 (.632) from the field, including 13-24 (.542) from behind the arc. They were 9-12 (.750) from the line.

River Falls, now 8-15 overall and 4-11 in the WIAC, will next be in action on Saturday when they host UW-Eau Claire at the Karges Center. Action starts at 5:30 p.m. and the game will be the final regular season contest of the season.

Falcons Stun Visiting Pioneers

Feb. 12, 2005

With a 60-59 Falcon win over UW-Platteville (16-6, 11-3) on Saturday the River Falls men’s basketball team (8-14, 4-10) broke and started a winning streak. River Falls has now won two in a row while breaking the Pioneers nine game winning streak.
Platteville dominated the first half opening up the game on a 5-0 run and balloon their lead to 12 points (19-7) with 11:42 left in the first. On the following two possessions senior forward Jeff Holt and sophomore point guard Nick Hall both hit threes to bring RF to within six. River Falls trailed 30-24 at half but shot 43.3 percent from the field in the second half to outscore UWP by seven.

The Falcons experienced their first lead of the game when sophomore guard Hans Hoeg hit a three pointer to put River Falls up 41-40. The Pioneers built their lead back up to six points (59-53) with 2:27 to play in the game. RF held Platteville to zero points from then on while scoring seven. Sophomore guard Eric Kossoris made five of the Falcons final seven points including a baseline game winning lay up with 0.6 seconds left on the clock. The Pioneers would not be able to get a shot off and River Falls went on to win 60-59.

Statistically the Falcons shot 22-58 (37.9) from the field, 8-26 (30.8) from three point land and 8-8 (100.0) from the free throw line. As a team Platteville shot 22-50 (44.0) overall, 4-11 (36.4) from three and 11-15 (73.3) from the line.

Platteville outrebounded River Falls 40-27 overall and 13-9 on the offensive glass. The Pioneers finished with 30 points in the paint compared to 12 by RF. River Falls did force 16 UWP turnovers and converted them into 11 points. Platteville forced 10 RF turnovers which turned into six points. The Falcon bench step up once again outscoring the Platteville bench 17-1. Overall in the game the score was tied four times and lead changed five times.

Individually Hoeg led all scorers with 23 points, while grabbing a team high six rebounds and tying with Holt to dish out three high three assists. The only other Falcon in double figures were Holt with 15 points and Kossoris with 11. Kossoris led all with four steals and two blocks.

Platteville was led by Brandon Temperly's 16 points and Mark Gossens 12 points and game high 10 rebounds. Brad Reitzner finished with 11 points even though fouls shortened his second half. Jeff Skemp was the only other Pioneer to score in double figures with 11 points.

River Falls will next be in action on Wednesday at 7 p.m. when they travel to play first place UW-Stevens Point (20-2, 12-2).

Falcons Climb into Tournament Race with Home Win

Feb. 9, 2005

The River Falls men's basketball team came off last weekends bye with a 69-62 win over La Crosse (6-16, 3-10) at the Karges Center on Wednesday night. With the win River Falls (7-14, 3-10) moves into a three way tie with UWL and UW-Superior for the final two WIAC Tournament spots.

It was a back and forth game that was tied up at 26 at the half and involved four ties and six lead changes. The Falcons outscored La Crosse 43-36 in the second half thanks 57.9 (11-19) shooting overall and 50.0 (4-8) shooting from three point land.

Overall for the game River Falls shot 22-49 (44.9) from the field, 8-18 (44.4) from beyond the arc and 17-23 (73.9) from the free throw line. La Crosse was 24-60 (40.0) overall, 7-19 (36.8) from three and 7-14 (50.0) from the charity stripe. UWL out rebounded the Falcons 39-33 and 16-9 on the offensive glass. Joe Werner led with a game high 15 rebounds, 10 coming in the first half.

The Eagles outscored RF in the paint, 26-20; had more second chance points, 14-6, but were outscored on the bench 30-2 by River Falls. The Falcons won the turnover battle 10-12 and utilized the turnovers by converting them into 15 points while UWL only scored 10 points off of turnovers. River Falls had the games only four fast break points.

Individually junior guard Hans Hoeg led RF with 18 points and six rebounds while senior forward Jeff Holt put in 16 and sophomore guard Eric Kossoris finished scoring 12. Junior center Muris Lucarevic finished with a game high four blocks to go with seven points off the bench. Freshman center Ryan Zylstra came off the bench to contribute eight points and five rebounds.

Marcus Coniglario led all Eagles with 21 points while three other La Crosse players finished in double figures. Chris Fehrenbach scored 14, Werner added 12 and Timothy Owen finished with 10 points. Josh Hall dished out a game high four assists to go with a game high four turnovers.

River Falls will stay at home this week to play UW-Platteville this Saturday at 5:30 p.m. in the Karges Center.

Falcons Fall into Last Place with Road Loss

Feb. 2, 2005

The River Falls men's basketball team (6-14, 2-10) lost a WIAC road game, 74-65, Wednesday night at UW-Superior (12-9, 3-9). The loss puts the Yellowjackets in eighth place in the conference with a one game lead over RF for the final WIAC Tournament spot.

Superior established the lead early in the first half with a 10-2 run in the first 3:42. River Falls answered with a 12-0 run to take a 14-10 lead with 10:44 left in the half. The Yellowjackets went on to outscore the Falcons 29-12, resulting in a 39-26 Superior lead at the half.

In the first five minutes of the second half the Yellowjacket lead would balloon to 20 points (51-31) thanks to a 12-5 run. River Falls battled back shrinking the Superior lead to seven points with just under five minutes to play and five points with 1:19 left. In the final minute and a half the Falcons missed five out of six field goals while the Yellowjackets sank six out of their last eight free throws.

Statistically River Falls shot 23-59 (39.0) from the field, 9-23 (39.1) from three point land and 10-12 (83.3) from the free throw line. Superior shot 26-49 (53.1) overall, 7-14 (50.0) from beyond the arc and 15-26 (57.7) from the line.

Superior out rebounded RF 37-28 on the glass. River Falls won the turnover battle by committing only 10 and causing 13.

Individually senior guard Jeff Holt set a career high in points for the second week in a row. Last Saturday Holt scored a career best 25 points against Oshkosh. On Wednesday versus Superior the senior finished with 27 points. The only other Falcon to finish in double
figures was sophomore guard Hans Hoeg with 14 points. Hoeg as well as freshman guard Ryan Thompson led the Falcons with four assists each. Hoeg also grabbed a team high five boards.

The Yellowjackets had four players score in double digits. Leonard Cobb led the way with team highs in points, 23, and rebounds, six. Leron Reed and Bayilha Floyd Nyemeck both dished out a game high six assists while Reed scored 17 and Nyemeck put in 12.

River Falls will be off this weekend but will look to get back on the winning track at home on Tuesday February 9th at 7 p.m. versus UW-La Crosse (5-15, 2-9).

**Falcons Drop Close WIAC Home Game, 65-59**

Jan. 29, 2005

The River Falls men’s basketball team (6-13, 2-9) fell to UW-Oshkosh (15-5, 8-3), 65-59, Saturday evening in the Karges Center.

River Falls held a 25-24 lead at halftime thanks to seven three pointers, four from senior forward Jeff Holt who led all scorers with 14 points at the break. The Falcons scored their first 21 points on threes and held an 18-10 lead with 9:06 to play in the first. The Titans responded with a 15-7 run to close the half and pull within one.

The second half went back and forth. River Falls went on an 8-2 run to hold their largest lead of the second half at 42-36 with 9:44 to play. UWO responded with an 11-0 run to take a 47-42 led with just under eight minutes left. Oshkosh hit 10-12 free throws in the final five minutes to secure the 65-59 victory.

For the game River Falls shot 18-55 (32.7) overall, 11-32 (34.4) from three point land and 12-16 (75.0) from the free throw line. Overall Oshkosh shot 22-48 (45.8) overall, 3-14 (21.4) from beyond the arc and 18-24 (75.0) from the line.

Oshkosh outscored RF in the paint 32-17. River Falls turned 12 Titan turnovers into 15 points while Oshkosh only scored five points off of seven Falcon turnovers. Second chance points were 19-6 in favor of UWO.

Individually Holt scored a game and career high 25 points. The only other Falcons in double figures were senior guard Dan Torrez with 11 points and sophomore guard Hans Hoeg with 12 points. Holt also led RF with seven rebounds and two blocks. Freshman forward Scott Kelly dished out a game high five assists.

Three Titans reached double digits in scoring. Jim Capelle led all with 16 points, Andy Jahnke put in 12 points and Kerry Gibson scored 11. Gibson also had a game high four blocks to go with eight rebounds. Jahnke grabbed a game high nine boards.

The Falcons will next travel up to UW-Superior for a WIAC contest on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

**Falcons Lose to Stout, 79-71**

Jan. 26, 2005

The Falcon men’s basketball team drew within two points with just under two minutes to play, but ended with a 79-71 loss to UW-Stout Wednesday night at the Karges Center.

UWRF trailed 30-19 at the half and by 15 points twice in the second half before mounting a comeback. Trailing 54-39 with 11:08 to play, the Falcons went on an 11-0 run to get to within 54-50 with 8:53 to play. The Falcons then got to within one, 57-56, with 6:24 to play when Eric Kossoris scored on a layup. UWS then scored six straight points to go ahead, 63-56 with 5:37 to play. Trailing by nine, 72-63, with 2:26 to play the Falcons went on another run, this one 7-0, to pull to within 72-70 with 1:55 to play. But the Blue Devils outscored the Falcons, 7-1, down the stretch.

UWF was led by Jeff Holt who scored 18 points. Kossoris scored 16 and Hans Hoeg 12. Kossoris led the Falcons with five rebounds.

UWRF shot 26-59 (.441) from the field, including 11-30 (.367) from three-point range. The Falcons were 8-11 (.727) from the line.

UWS was led by Jacob Nonemacher who came off the bench to score 16 points and grab seven rebounds. Ryan Stangl finished with 14 points. He hit three three-pointers down the stretch. UWS was 27-53 (.509) from the field, including 8-22 (.364) from behind the arc. The Blue Devils were 17-25 (.680) from the line. UWS held a 37-29 advantage in rebounds.

The Falcons, now 6-12 overall and 2-8 in the WIAC, will host UW-Oshkosh on Saturday at the Karges Center. Tip off is set for 5:30 p.m.

**Falcons Lose 76-53 at Whitewater**

Jan. 22, 2005

The Falcon men’s basketball team (6-11, 2-7) suffered a 76-53 loss at UW-Whitewater (13-4, 5-4) late Saturday afternoon. River Falls trailed 29-20 at halftime but were outscored by 14 points in a second half that saw Whitewater score 47 points.

For the game the Falcons shot 21-59 (.356) from the field, 8-28 (28.6) from three point land and 3-8 (.375) from the free throw line. The Warhawks finished shooting 28-63 (44.4) overall, 6-17 (.353) from three and 14-21 (66.7) from the line.

Whitewater out rebounded RF 47-34 and only turned the ball over nine times while causing 12 Falcon turnovers.

The Warhawks Angelo Griffin finished with a game high 19 points. UWW’S Craig Anderson and Melvin Williams each had 12 points while Anderson also grabbed a game high eight rebounds.

Individually for River Falls only two players reached double figures, senior guard Dan Torrez had 15 points and sophomore guard Eric Kossoris put in 13 points. Freshman guard Ryan Thompson led RF with six rebounds and tied sophomore guard Hans Hoeg with a team high four assists.

River Falls will next play UW-Stout on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Karges Center.
Falcons Get 42-41 Win at UWEC
Jan. 18, 2005
The Falcon men's basketball earned a 42-41 WIAC win at UW-Eau Claire Tuesday night.
The Falcons trailed, 30-21 at the half, but held UWEC to just 11 second half points. UWEC went on 10-0 run to take 10-2 lead to start the game. The Falcons then went on a 14-4 run to close to 19-18. The Blugolds went on 11-3 run to close out the first half. UWEC went nearly 12 minutes without scoring as the Falcons went on 13-0 run to take 40-37 lead in the second half. The Blugolds took 41-40 lead on a Buck Smith three-point play. RF took 42-41 lead on a Dan Torrez lay-up with 48 seconds to play.
Jeff Holt led the Falcons with 12 points and Muris Luquarevic added 10. Holt led the Falcons with eight rebounds and Luquarevic had six. The Falcons shot 17-51 (.333) from the field, including 3-14 (.214) from three-point range. UWRF was 5-9 (.556) from the line.
UWEC was led by Dan Archambault who scored 11 and Smith who had 10. Smith led all rebounders with 15 and Kale Proksch had 10. UWEC had a 50-36 advantage in rebounds - including 24 on the offensive end. UWEC shot just 14-62 (.226) from the floor, including 5-22 (.227) from behind the arc. UWEC was 8-12 (.667) from the line. UWRF limited UWEC to just 4-35 (.114) shooting from the floor in the second half. The Falcons held Casey Drake to just eight points - he entered the game as the second leading scorer in the WIAC with a 17.5 points per game average. Archambault was averaging 13.4 points a game, 11th in the WIAC.
The victory is the first for the Falcons on the road this year. The 42 points is the fewest scored by the Falcons in a game this year, and the 41 points allowed is also the fewest the Falcons have allowed in a contest. The Falcons have won two of their last three games, all in WIAC play. UWRF is now 77-96 all-time against UWEC, which is now 10-7 overall and 4-5 in the WIAC. The Falcons entered the game last in scoring defense in the WIAC, allowing 70.7 points game, but the Falcons came up with a big defensive effort.
The 42 points by the Falcons in the fewest in a game since Dec. 3, 2003 when the Falcons lost, 56-38, at UW-Stevens Point. The 41 points against the Falcons is the fewest allowed by UWRF since a 69-41 win at Northwestern College on Dec. 19, 2003.
River Falls, now 6-10 overall and 2-6 in the WIAC, will play at Whitewater on Saturday. Action starts at 3:30 p.m. UWW won at UWRF, 73-68, on Jan. 8.

Falcons Fall at Platteville, 58-50
Jan. 15, 2005
The River Falls men's basketball (5-10, 1-6) team lossed a WIAC matchup at UW-Platteville (10-5, 5-2) on Saturday, 58-50. The Pioneers led 27-23 at halftime scoring 20 of those points off of offensive rebounds. For the game Platteville out rebounded the Falcons 22-9 on the offensive glass and 43-27 in total rebounds. River Falls was down by as much as 14 points in the second half and were as close as six points but ended up losing by eight.
For the game the Falcons shot18-48 (37.5) from the field, 7-21 (33.3) from beyond the three point line and 7-9 (77.8) from the free throw line. The Pioneers shot 18-53 (34.0) overall, 4-13 (30.8) from three and 18-24 (75.0) from the line.
Platteville won the turnover battle 14-15 as well as points off of turnovers 19-9. The Pioneers dominated the glass resulting in a second chance points advantage of 28-6 over RF.
Senior River Falls guard Dan Torrez scored 15 points and freshman forward Scott Kelly put in 11 to help the Falcon bench outscore the Platteville bench 30-13. In the game their were five ties and six lead changes. Platteville had the lead since 4:15 to play in the first half when RF led 19-18.
Individually Falcon sophomore guard Eric Kossoris led the River Falls starters with 10 points. Junior center Muris Luquarevic came off the bench to lead RF with seven rebounds. Sophomore guard Hans Hoeg dished out a game high four assists.
Brad Reitzner and Brandon Temperly each had 14 points to lead Platteville and were the only Pioneers to reach double digits. Temperly also led Platteville with two assists. Two UWP players had double digits in rebounds: Mark Gossens grabbed 10 and Levon Crawford hauled in 11 off the bench.
River Falls will next travel to UW-Eau Claire for a WIAC matchup Tuesday January 18, 2005. Tipoff is at 7 p.m.

Falcons Get First WIAC Win, 73-68
Jan. 11, 2005
The Falcon men's basketball team beat UW-Superior, 73-68, and won its first WIAC game of the season Tuesday night at the Karges Center.
The game was tied 34-34 at halftime and the Falcons outscored the Jackets, 39-34, in the second half. The win snapped a three-game Falcon losing streak.
Hans Hoeg led the Falcons with 21 points and 13 rebounds. He was 6-11 from the field, including 1-1 from three-point range. He was a perfect 8-8 at the line. Dan Torrez came off the bench and scored 16 points. He was 5-9 from the field and 3-7 behind the arc.
Eric Kossoris added 11 points and he grabbed six rebounds. He also had three assists and a steal. UWRF was 25-46 (.543) from the field, including 7-14 (.500) from three-point range. The Falcons were 16-22 (.727) from the line. The Falcon field goal shooting percentage was a season high.
Floyd Nyemeck-Bayilha led the Jackets with 16 points. Leonard Cobb scored 13 points and had 10 rebounds. UWS shot 25-62 (.403) from the field, including 11-26 (.423) from three-point range. UW was 7-11 (.636) from the line.
River Falls, now 5-9 overall and 1-5 in the WIAC, will play at Platteville on Saturday. Action starts at 5 p.m.
Falcons Lose WIAC Home Game, 73-68
Jan. 8, 2005

The Falcon men's basketball team (4-9, 0-5) dropped a 73-68 WIAC decision at home to visiting Whitewater (11-3, 3-3).

The Warhawks shot 27-51 (52.9 percent) from the field, 3-13 (23.1 percent) from three and 16-22 (72.7 percent) from the line. River Falls was 26-53 (49.1 percent) overall, 4-14 (28.6 percent) from beyond the arc and 12-19 (63.2 percent) from the line. Whitewater turned the ball over 17 times while the Falcons committed just 10 turnovers. The Warhaws out rebounded RF 34-26.

Individually Whitewater was led by Angelo Griffin's 21 points and Giovanni Riley's 20 points. Melvin Williams was the only other Warhawk in double figures with 15 points. Griffin also had a game high eight rebounds.

Falcon Eric Kossoris put in a game high 26 points while Muris Lucarevic added 13 and Hans Hoeg scored 12. Hoeg also grabbed a team high seven rebounds.

River Falls will next play UW-Superior Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Karges Center.

Falcons Lose at UWL, 67-56
Jan. 4, 2005

The Falcon men's basketball team dropped a 67-56 WIAC decision at UW-La Crosse Tuesday night.

Hans Hoeg came off the bench to lead the Falcons with 17 points. He was 4-9 from the field, including 1-1 from behind the arc. He was a perfect 8-8 from the line. He had four rebound and one steal. Eric Kossoris was the only other Falcon to finish in double figures with 10. Jeff Holt led the Falcons with five rebounds, and he scored seven points. Scott Kelly had four rebounds and he scored six points. Nick Hae led the Falcons with four assists and he had six points. UWRF shot 18-55 (.327) from the field, including 6-23 (.261) from three-point range. UWRF was 14-17 (.824) from the charity stripe.

UWL was led by Joe Werner who scored 20 points and grabbed 15 rebounds, both career highs. UWRF shot 25-52 (.481) from the field, including 3-8 (.375) from three-point range. The Eagles, now 4-9 overall and 1-3 in the WIAC, were 14-18 (.778) from the line.

UWRF grabbed a 19-18 first half lead, but UWL went on a 14-3 run to take a 32-22 lead. In the second half the Falcons put together a 14-5 run to pull within 51-47 with 7:20 to play. But UWRF responded with a 14-7 run to end the game.

The Falcons, now 4-8 overall and 0-4 in the WIAC, will host UW-Whitewater in a WIAC game on Saturday at the Karges Center. Tip off will be at 1 p.m.

Falcons Fall in Cenex Championship, 62-52
Dec. 30, 2004

River Falls (4-7, 0-3) lost 62-52 to Calvin College (8-3) in the final of the Cenex Harvest States Classic at the Karges Center. The Falcons held a 26-25 lead at halftime before the Knights outscored RF by 11 in the second thanks to 43.8 percent shooting.

Neither team shot well, Calvin shot 24-64 (.375 percent) from the field, 8-25 (.320 percent) from three point land and were 6-11 (.54.5 percent) from the free throw line. River Falls shot 20-64 (.31.3 percent) overall, 8-22 (.36.4 percent) from three and 4-4 (.100 percent) from the line. Calvin out rebounded RF 47-41, 32 to 29 on the defensive glass and 15 to 12 on the offensive. River Falls did only commit 13 turnovers while forcing the Knights to 14.

Calvin's senior forward Dan Aultman led all scorers with 19 points (8-15 FG, 3-4 FT). Two other Knights reached double figures, junior forward Andy Draayer had 12 points (4-9 FG, 4-8 3pt) off the bench and starting junior forward Kyle Trehwellia contributed 10 (4-7 FG, 2-3 3pt). Calvin sophomore forward/center Josh Meckes had five points and two blocks to go with his team high 10 rebounds.

For River Falls senior guard Dan Torrez had a team high 11 points (4-12 FG, 3-6 3pt) and sophomore guard Hans Hoeg (4-14 FG, 0-1 3pt, 2-2 FT) were the only other Falcons to score double digits, each had 10 points. Hoeg registered a double-double by hauling in a game high 11 rebounds. Sohomore guard Nick Hall and freshman forward Kelly Scott each had three assists to lead RF.

The Falcons will next see action in a WIAC matchup at UW-La Crosse (2-8, 0-3) on Tuesday January 4, 2005 at 7 p.m.

Falcons Beat St. Thomas, 78-74, to End Losing Streak
Dec. 29, 2004

The River Falls men's basketball team (4-6) won their first game of the Cenex Harvest State Classic, 78-74, over the University of St. Thomas (3-3). The Falcon victory ended a five game losing streak and set RF up to play Calvin College tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the final game of the Cenex Harvest State Classic at the Karges Center. Calvin beat Wartburg 64-55 in the 6 p.m. game of the Classic.

The Tommies and Falcons both shot well from the field. St. Thomas shot an overall 31-60 (.51.7 percent) from the field, 2-13 (.15.4 percent) from three point land, and 10-15 (.66.7 percent) from the free throw line. River Falls shot 24-52 (.46.2 percent) overall, 11-22 (.50.0 percent) from beyond the arc, and 19-26 (.73.1 percent) from the line.

Individually the Tommies junior forward Joey Shimek led all scorers with 24 points while sophomore forward Isaac Rosefelt grabbed a game high 13 rebounds to go with his 19 points. Two other Tommies scored double figures, junior guard Neil Anderson had 15 points and junior guard Sean Sweeney had 11.

The Falcons also had four players in double figures. Senior forward Jeff Holt led all with 18 points while sophomore guards Eric Kossoris and Hans Hoeg finished with 16. Senior guard Dan Torrez scored 12 of his 14 points in the first half. Hoeg also led River Falls with six rebounds.
Falcons Lose at Concordia-St. Paul, 95-83
Dec. 18, 2004
The Falcons were defeated in a high scoring affair Saturday afternoon at the hands of the Golden Bears of Concordia-St. Paul.

Dan Torrez returned to his old school for the first time and shot the lights out in the first half, scoring 19 points on 7-13 (.538) from the field and 4-5 (.800) from three point range. With 53 seconds remaining in the half the Falcons held a ten point lead. The Golden Bears then quickly came back and closed the gap at 46-43 going into the break.

With 14:24 remaining in the second half the Falcons held their biggest lead, 60-49. Conc-St. Paul came back and took the lead with 9:01 to play at 65-63. The Golden Bears never trailed again, holding their biggest lead, 87-73 with 2:28 to play.

Torrez finished the game with 26 points on 10-20 shooting from the field and 5-7 from beyond the arc. Hans Hoeg came off the bench to score 23, shooting 5-8 (.625) from the field. He also added 11 points from the free throw line, knocking down 11-12. Hoeg is shooting 96 percent from the free throw line on the season, hitting 46-48. He also had four assists on the day.

Jeff Holt, Muric Lucarevic and Erik Kossoris each scored 10 points for the Falcons. Nick Hall led the Falcons in assists with five and Mitch Coffman grabbed five rebounds to lead the Falcons.

The Falcons next play host for the Cenex Harvest State Classic on Dec 29-30. The Falcons face off against St. Thomas in the first round. The game tips off at 8 p.m.

Falcons Lose at Viterbo, 65-56
Dec. 14, 2004
The Falcon men’s basketball lost a 65-56 decision at Viterbo Tuesday night.

Dan Torrez led UWRF in scoring with 17 points going 6-10 from the field including 5-11 from three-point range. Jeff Holt scored 15 points and Hans Hoeg 12. Torrez led the Falcons with five rebounds and Eric Kossoris led UWRF with four assists.

With the game tied 10-10 with 14:28 to go in the first half, VU went on an 11-3 run to take a 21-13 lead. The Falcons cut a 32-20 deficit to three with three straight three-pointers and a layup - Hans Hoeg hit two of the three pointers and the layup and Torrez had the other three. VU led 35-31 at the half. Viterbo used a 12-4 run in the second half to lead 50-40 but RF cut it back to one on a three-pointer by Torrez. Kyle Hines hit 5-7 free throws in the final minute to seal the win for Viterbo.

Hines led Viterbo with 18 points - he finished 5-5 from the field and 7-9 from the line. Jeremy Fradette scored 16 points and had a game high 10 rebounds. Vince Ruger added 12 points.

The Falcons were 20-54 (.370) from the field and 12-28 (.429) from behind the arc. The Falcons were 4-5 (.800) from the line. Viterbo finished 21-44 (.477) from the field and 4-10 (.400) from three-point range. They were 19-23 (.826) from the line. VU had a 31-28 advantage in rebounding.

The Falcons, now 3-5 overall, play a non-conference game at Concordia-St. Paul on Saturday. Game time was originally scheduled for 8 p.m., but has been changed to 3 p.m.

Tough Pointer Defense Leads to Falcons Second Straight Loss
Dec. 7, 2004
The Falcon men’s basketball team (3-3, 0-2) lost their WIAC home openner to number one ranked Stevens Point (7-0, 3-0), 65-50. The Pointers went into halftime up 29-14 thanks to River Falls shooting 19.2 percent overall from the field (5-26) and 8.3 percent from three point land (.19). UWSP finished the first half on a 16-5 run.

The Pointers largest lead of the ball game was 26 points (52-26) with seven minutes remaining. Stevens Point got the margin by outscoring RF 14-4 in the previous six minutes.

Overall River Falls shot 17-53 from the field for 32.1 percent, 6-26 from three for 23.1 percent and 10-15 from the line for 66.7 percent. The Falcons grabbed 28 total rebounds, 18 defensive and 10 offensive. RF only turned the ball over seven times while forcing 11 from UWSP.

Stevens Point shot 50.0 percent from the field (23-46), 42.1 percent from beyond the arc (8-19) and 61.1 percent from the line (11-18). As a team the Pointers hauled in 38 total rebounds, 27 defensive and 11 offensive.

Individually River Falls was led by senior guard Dan Torrez who scored 16 points off the bench (6-13 FG, 2-5 3pt, 2-3 FT). Sophomore guard Hans Hoeg was the only other Falcon in double figures with 11 (3-12 FG, 1-6 3pt, 4-4 FT), Hoeg and freshman forward Kelly Scott each snagged five rebounbs which was second to senior center Mitch Coffman’s six.

Stevens Point also had only two players score in double figures, senior center Jason Kalsow had a game high 17 points (6-10 FG, 2-2 3pt, 3-4 FT) and senior forward Nick Bennett had 14 (5-11 FG, 2-6 3pt, 2-2 FT). Kalsow also had a game high nine total rebounds and five assists.

River Falls will look to pick up its first conference victory on the road this Saturday, December 11, at UW-Oshkosh. Tip off is scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

Falcons Drop WIAC Game at UWO
Dec. 11, 2004
The Falcon men’s basketball team lost a 62-51 WIAC decision at UW-Oshkosh Saturday afternoon.
Jeff Holt led the Falcons with 16 points. The Falcon men's basketball team opened its home season with a 62-59 victory over St. John's Tuesday night at the Karges Center.

Falcons Top SJU, 62-59
Nov. 20, 2004
The Falcon men's basketball team opened its home season with a 62-59 win over St. John's Tuesday night at the Karges Center.

Jeff Holt led the Falcons with 16 points - he was 6-11 from the field, including 4-9 from three-point range. Dan Torrez finished with 14 points and Muris Lucarevic scored 13 points and led the Falcons with eight rebounds. He also led the Falcons with two blocks. UWF shot 19-38 (.500) from the field, including 7-23 (.304) from three-point range. The Falcons were 6-7 (.462) from the line. Kerry Gibson led UWO with 12 points. Andy Jahnke and Pete Warming each scored 10. UWO was 22-50 (.440) from the field and 6-12 (.500) from three-point range. The Titans were 12-15 (.800) from the line. UWO had a 35-32 advantage in rebounding and held a 35-24 lead at the half. The Falcons, now 3-4 overall and 0-3 in the WIAC, play a non-conference game at Viterbo on Tuesday. Tip off is set for 7 p.m.

Tough Second Half Leads to 83-43 Loss
Nov. 30, 2004
The Falcon men's basketball team (3-2, 0-1) dropped its first WIAC contest at UW-Stout (2-2, 1-0), 83-43. River Falls played tough in the first half, shooting 31.0 percent from the field and 42.9 percent from three point land. In the first the Falcons held the advantage in turnovers 10-8 but Stout went had a 30-27 lead, thanks to 41.4 percent shooting overall.

The second half was a completely different story. RF just couldn't shoot while Stout caught fire outscoring the Falcons 53-16 after the half. The Blue Devils shot 76 percent, 19-25 from the field and 70 percent, 7-10, from beyond the arc along with only missing one of nine free throws. Not all of the Stout second half performance was on the offensive end. The Blue Devils forced 12 second half RF turnovers and held the Falcons to 20.8 percent shooting overall, 5-24, and only allowed one three pointer, 1-11.

For the game River Falls shot 26.4 percent, 14-53, from the field; 4-18 for 22.2 percent from three, and 11-16 from the line for 68.8 percent. Stout finished shooting 31.54 overall, 57.4 percent, while knocking down 11-24 from deep, 45.8 percent, and making all but one of 11 free throws. The Blue Devils dominated the glass 40-24 and forced 20 Falcon turnovers to thier own 18.

Senior forward Jeff Holt led River Falls with 11 points (3-8 FG, 2-4 3pt, 3-3 FT). No other Falcon scored in double figures. The next highest point total is seven by sophomore guard Hans Hoeg (2-6 FG, 0-2 3pt, 3-4 FT). Holt and Hoeg each had a team high four rebounds and freshman point guard Ryan Thompson led RF with three assists.

Stout's freshman point guard Adam Chandler led all starters with 14 points, three assists and two steals. Chandler was not the scoring leader as UWS junior forward Kalusus Coleman put in 15 points (6-8 FG, 3-4 3pt). Two other Blue Devils scored in double figures, freshman guard Ryan Stangl with 11 points (4-8 FG, 3-6 3pt) and junior forward Brian Buck with 12 (6-6 FG). Buck also had seven boards which were only bettered by teammate junior forward Terry Farmer's game high eight. Stangl and junior guard Greg Chaixson each had a game high four assists.

River Falls returns home to the Karges Center for a December 7th matchup versus the defending National Champions, UW-Stevens Point. Tip off will be at 7 p.m.

Falcons Big Second Half Fuels Victory, 81-73
Nov. 27, 2004
The Falcon men's basketball team (3-1) won their second straight home game 81-73 over Macalester College (1-3). It was a story of two halves, Macalester took a 35-32 lead into the half thanks to 55.6 percent three point shooting. River Falls only shot 34.4 percent overall in the first but shot 58.1 percent from the field and 53.8 percent from beyond the arc in the second half to outscore the Scots 49-38 in the second half.

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

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

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

River Falls will next play at UW Stout on Tuesday November 30, 2004 at 7 p.m. in the first WIAC game of the season.
Henrichs scored 16 points to lead the Johnnies and he had seven rebounds. Matt Ohme added 12 points, Scott Schafer 10 and he led SJU with eight rebounds. SJU shot 24-56 (.429) from the field, including 6-15 (.400) from three-point range. SJU was 6-15 (.385) from the line.

UWRF, now 2-1 overall, will host Macalester at 7 p.m. on Saturday at the Karges Center.

**Falcons Suffer First Loss of Season, 88-62**

**Nov. 20, 2004**

The Falcon men's basketball team (1-1) lost their first game of the season at Bethel University, 88-62. The Royals went on a 22-10 run at the end of the first half to lead River Falls 47-32 at the break. More of the same continued in the second half as BU outscored the Falcons 41-30 to win their own Bethel University Tournament.

As a team River Falls shot 21-58 for 36 percent from the field and 11-15 for 72 percent from the line. Bethel made 33-77 for 42 percent in total field goals and went 8-11 from the free throw line for 72 percent. The Royals shot eight more threes (14-35) than RF (9-27); and still shot a better percentage, 40 to 33. Bethel also out rebounded the Falcons 51-35. The Royals used 24-13 offensive rebound advantage to outscore River Falls on second chance points 21-9.

Bethel had four players score in double figures including the lead scorer of the game Travis Jones, who put up 24 on 9-21 shooting, 1-5 from beyond the arc a 5-5 from the line. Charles Meadowcroft had a game high 11 boards to go with his 13 points. Falcon senior guard Dan Torres led RF with 22 points on 7-20 from the field, 5-13 from three and 3-4 on free throws.

River Falls turned the ball over 22 times resulting in 31 Royal points. Bethel turned it over 17 times but the Falcons only scored 15 points off them. The BU bench dominated the first half scoring 28 of their total 38 points while the Falcon bench put in 21 total points. The Bethel bench was led by Tyson Bjorklund's 18 points and Matt Fredrickson's 12 points. Senior forward Hector Marchand was the one of only two Falcons in double figures and led the RF bench with 10 points.

River Falls will play St. Johns next in their home opener on Tuesday November 23 at 8 p.m. in the Karges Center.

**Falcons Top Lakeland, 84-68**

**Nov. 19, 2004**

The Falcon men's basketball team opened its 2004-05 season with an 84-68 win over Lakeland at the Bethel University Tourney Friday night.

Hans Hoeg led the Falcons with a career-high 28 points. He finished 16-16 from the line, a school record. The previous record was by three players, each finishing 12-12 from the line. Hoeg was 5-8 from the field, including a perfect 2-2 from three-range. Dan Torrez added 20 points. He finished 6-11 from the field, including 6-7 from three-point range. The six three-pointers ties him with several other Falcons for third most in a game. Jeff Holt finished with 11 points. Nick Hall led the Falcons with four rebounds and he scored seven points. Hoeg and Tyler Pivec each had three assists.

UWRF finished 23-42 from the field (.548) including 12-15 (.800) from three-point range. The 80 percent shooting from behind the arc is a school record. The Falcons finished 26-30 (.867) from the line.

Kris Saiberlich led Lakeland with 17 points.

The Falcons, now 1-0 overall, will play Bethel in the tournament championship game at 8 p.m. on Saturday. Bethel topped Martin Luther, 101-63, to advance to the title game.

**Falcons Hold Their Own Against Valparaiso**

**Nov. 13, 2004**

Despite losing 78-55, the Falcons men's basketball team played well in their exhibition game against Division I team Valparaiso. The Falcons played the Crusaders tough and actually got within twelve points at one time. The game will not count in either teams records.

The Falcons were led by sophomore guard Hans Hoeg with 14 points and by senior guard Jeff Holt, who added 10 points.

The Falcons will begin their season with a non-conference match-up against Lakeland on Friday night. The game will be part of the Bethel College Tournament at will tip off at 6 p.m.
Rick Bowen - Head Men's Basketball Coach

UW-River Falls Falcon basketball has experienced a great deal of success since Rick Bowen assumed the helm 18 years ago. Setting the standard for wins among UW River Falls basketball coaches was accomplished years ago. Bowen currently is 7th all time in the WIAC win column. Despite a successful record establishing UWRF as a top tier team in the Conference of Champions, a WIAC title has eluded him. Close enough in 2001-02: the Falcons needed only a win in their last two games. The disappointment of coming close, but finishing a disappointing 3rd, increased the non-championship string to 52 years and counting.

2003-04 will go down in history as the season that ended 54 years of frustration. The Falcons are the 2003-04 reigning WIAC basketball Champions. Rick Bowen finally brought the elusive title home to Karges Center, the campus and the city of River Falls. He was awarded the WIAC Basketball Coach of the Year award for 2003-04. His peers also selected him as the NABC West Region Coach of the Year.

This was not the only national recognition Bowen and the Falcons received. The NABC named 6’8” Rich Melzer as the Division III National Player of the Year and a 1st team All American for the second consecutive year.

The 2003-04 season was one of landmarks. The Falcons hit the 20-win mark for the first time since the 1950 season. The season was also the 5th consecutive season with 14 or more wins. Bowen has totaled 15 or more wins 7 times and 14 or more wins 11 times during his 18 year River Falls tenure, far surpassing any previous Falcon coach.

This past year Rick Bowen was named the permanent UWRF Athletic Director. He is the only coach in the WIAC doing double duty serving as a coach and Director of Athletics.

Bowen came to UW River Falls in 1986 following five years as a Wisconsin Badger assistant coach. He previously was an assistant coach at Ball State University, working under Coach Steve Yoder at both institutions.

Bowen began his career in Indiana teaching government and coaching basketball for 12 years. Arriving in 1986, the basketball program at UW River Falls has grown into one of expected success. The seven consecutive winning seasons from 1989 to 1996 was a stretch that was last equaled in the 1915-22 basketball seasons. Bowen’s Falcons made school history for the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th time by landing a spot in the NAIA District 14 playoffs in 1987, 1990, 1991 and 1992.

This past season the 20-7 record is the first 20-win season in 54 years. The Falcons were close to greatness losing six of their seven games by a total of 13 points. Losses by 2, 3, 1, 1, 3 and 3 accounted for six of the seven blemishes on the Falcon record. The 56-38 loss to Stevens Point opening the WIAC season was the only game lost by more than three points the entire year. River Falls began WIAC play 0-2 and then won 12 of their next 14 games to finish at 12-4.

Bowen graduated from Indiana University with a BS in physical education in 1966. He served the Hoosiers as a student manager under two time National Champion Branch McCracken. Rick earned a masters degree from St. Francis College in 1971. He served in the United States Army as a combat medic from 1967-69 with service in Vietnam from December of 1967 to December of 1968. For his actions in Vietnam he was awarded a Bronze Star.

Rick and his wife Sandy met as students while at Indiana University. They have been married for 38 years and have two sons. Sandy retired this past year after teaching in the science department at River Falls High School the past 18 years.

Mathew is assistant basketball coach at Valparaiso University. Like his father, Matt was an Indiana University basketball manager serving under Bob Knight. Matt is married to Ashli. They have a daughter, McKenzi.

Mike and his wife Pam, a UWRF graduate in marketing communications and former Falcon tennis player, own and operate Bowen’s Garage on Main Street in River Falls. Pam also works in the Graduate and Outreach department at the University.
Jeff Berkhof - Men's Basketball Assistant Coach

Jeff Berkhof is entering his 11th season with the Falcon basketball coaching staff, his eighth as Coach Rick Bowen’s top assistant. Before joining the coaching ranks, Jeff spent two seasons playing for Coach Bowen at UW River Falls. During his senior season, he was selected to the 1993-94 All-WSUC team and was chosen Co-MVP and Co-Captain by his teammates.

In addition to his assistant basketball coaching position, Jeff is the head women’s golf coach and ad-hoc instructor in the Health and Human Performance Department. In the fall of 2004, Berkhof was named the women’s golf WIAC Coach of the Year.

Along with his on the floor coaching duties and administrative tasks, he directs the Falcon recruiting efforts, coordinates scouting and film exchange, and is director of the Falcon summer basketball camps and annual high school varsity tournament – the Great Falcon Shootout.

Before coming to River Falls, Jeff played two years at Worthington Junior College, in Worthington, Minn. In 1997, he was inducted into the Minnesota Junior College Athletic Hall of Fame. Prior to Worthington JC, he attended South Dakota State University in Brookings, S.D., and was a member of the SDSU football squad.

The Hills, Minn. native will finish his Masters of Education degree in Sport Management at the University of Minnesota in the spring of 2005. He completed his Bachelor of Science degree at UWRF with a major in physical education and a minor in athletic coaching. Jeff and his wife Jill, reside in Hudson. Jill is a UWRF alum and fifth grade teacher at Lake Elmo, Minn. They have one son, Benjamin, who was born in June of 2004.

Dave Young - Men's Basketball Assistant Coach

Dave Young is in his second season as an assistant coach with the Falcons.

His duties include player development, scouting, recruiting and helping with the Falcon Summer Basketball camps.

The Black River Falls, WI native played collegiate basketball and golf at UW La Crosse.

Dave completed his teacher education degree at UW-River Falls in the summer of 2003 and is currently substitute teaching in the area.

Kurran Sagan - Men's Basketball Student Assistant Coach

Kurran Sagan is in his first year as a student assistant coach after spending his first two years as a student manager.

His duties this year include supervising the student managers, game administration, and running the freshmen squad in practice. He is currently completing an internship with the Athletic Department at UWRF in game administration.

Kurran will graduate with a degree in health and human performance (health and physical education) this spring.

He was the 2003-2004 UWRF H&HP Major of the Year.

Kurran is from Elk River, Minn., where he played varsity basketball for two years.