Soccer 2006-2007

2006 Falcon Soccer Roster

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Assistant coach: Ben Gaddis, Paul Neidermire
Managers: Maya Peterson, Jessica Tacheney

Meet the Falcons

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Plymouth, Minn.
Bloomington Kennedy High School

Ashley Peterson
D, 5-2, Senior, #6
Lino Lakes, Minn.
Forest Lake High School

Kim Saufl
F, 5-9, Senior, #20
Champlin, Minn.
Champlin Park High School
Andrea Dudley
G, 5-6, Junior, #26
St. Paul Park, Minn.
Park High School

Tracy Olson
D, 5-5, Junior, #22
Rosemount, Minn.
Rosemount High School

Jennifer Pengra
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Amy Piersak
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Shoreview, Minn.
Mounds View High School

Julie Sperstad
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Eau Claire, Wis.
Memorial High School

Dianna Hermes
M, 5-3, Sophomore, #8
Prior Lake, Minn.
Prior Lake High School

Lindsey Merritt
M, 5-3, Sophomore, #17
Maplewood, Minn.
Totino-Grace High School

Sarah Peterson
M, 5-8, Sophomore, #12
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2006 Falcon Soccer Schedule/Results

as of Nov. 3, 2006

10-7-2 Overall, 5-3-0 WIAC

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Sept. 2 River Falls 7, Northland 0
Sept. 5 Macalester 2, River Falls 1
Sept. 9 River Falls 0, Augsburg 0 OT
Sept. 16 River Falls 2, Whitewater 1*
Sept. 20 River Falls 4, Superior 1*
Sept. 23 River Falls 7, St. Catherine 0
Sept. 25 River Falls 2, Carleton 1
Sept. 30 Oshkosh 2, River Falls 1*
Oct. 4 River Falls 3, Stout 0*
Oct. 7 River Falls 3, Platteville 2*
Oct. 12 Bethel 2, River Falls 1
Oct. 14 River Falls 1, Stevens Point 0*
Oct. 17 River Falls 2, St. Benedict 1
Oct. 21 Eau Claire 3, River Falls 0*
Oct. 22 St. Olaf 2, River Falls 1
Oct. 28 La Crosse 5, River Falls 2*
Oct. 31 River Falls 1, La Crosse 0**
Nov. 3 Eau Claire 2, River Falls 0**, WIAC Tournament Semifinals

* WIAC Matches
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Falcon News

Jensen Named to D3Kicks.com All-America Second Soccer Team
Dec. 13, 2006

Falcon soccer player Amy Jensen (Sr., Plymouth, Minn.) has been named to D3Kicks.com All-America second team.

Earlier this year Jensen was named to the first team All-Central Region team. She was also named to the All-WIAC first team for the third straight season.

Jensen finished with five goals and eight assists for 18 points. She finished third in points for the Falcons. She scored 28 goals, 22 assists and 78 career points. She was named the team's Offensive Player of the Week twice during the 2006 season.

The Falcons finished 10-7-2 overall and 5-3 in the WIAC. They advanced to the WIAC playoffs for the fifth straight season in 2006.

All-Central Region Soccer Team
Dec. 1, 2006

Falcon soccer player Ashley Peterson (Sr., Lino Lakes, Minn. Forest Lake HS) has been named to the NSCAA All-Central Region second team.

Earlier this year Peterson was named to the All-WIAC first team for the fourth straight year. She was also named to the D3Kicks.com second All-Central Region team.

Peterson, who played forward for most of the 2006 season, led the team in scoring with 17 goals and nine assists for 43 points. She scored five game-winning goals. In her four year career she finished with 37 goals, 25 assists for 99 points. The 17 goals she scored is fourth most, the nine assists is fourth most and the 43 points is fifth most in a season. The 37 career goals in second, the 25 assists is second and the 99 points is fourth most on the Falcon career list. She was named the team’s Offensive Player of the Week four times during the 2006 season. Peterson was named the WIAC Offensive Player of the Week on Oct. 10 and Sept. 18.

Julie Asselin (1997), Kate Pelinka (1998, 1999) and Sarah Carlson (2005) were all named to the first NSCAA All-Central Region team.

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Jensen, Peterson, Saufl Named to D3Kicks.com All-Central Region Soccer Team
Nov. 27, 2006

Falcon soccer players Amy Jensen (Sr., Plymouth, Minn. Bloomington Kennedy HS), Ashley Peterson (Sr., Lino Lakes, Minn. Forest Lake HS) and Kim Saufl (Sr., Champlin, Minn.) have all been named to D3Kicks.com All-Central Region teams.

Jensen was named to the first team while Peterson and Saufl were named to the second unit.

Earlier this year all three were named to the All-WIAC first team. Peterson was named for the fourth straight year and Jensen was named for the third straight season.

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Saufl was second in scoring for the Falcons. She had 10 goals and eight assists for 28 points. She finished her career with 15 goals and nine assists. Saufl was named the team's Offensive Player of the Week twice during the 2006 season. Saufl is majoring in accounting and business administration. She was named to the UWRF Dean's List after the fall 2005 and spring 2006 semesters. She was a team captain and was named to the 2006 Advantage Cup All-Tournament team. Saufl was named to the WIAC Scholastic Honor Roll after the 2005-06 school year.

The Academic All-America program honors male and female student-athletes annually who have succeeded at the highest level on the playing field and in the classroom. Individuals are selected through voting by CoSIDA, a 2,000 member organization consisting of sports public relations professionals for colleges and universities in the United States and Canada.

To be eligible, a student-athletes must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 on a scale of 4.00, have reached sophomore athletic and academic standings at his/her current institution and be nominated by his/her
The Falcons finish the year with a 10-7-2 overall record and a 5-3 record in the WIAC. The team advanced to the WIAC Tournament semifinals for the fifth straight year.

Jensen, Peterson, Saufl, Sperstad Named to All-WIAC Soccer Team

Nov. 8, 2006

Falcon soccer players Ashley Peterson (Sr., Lino Lakes, Minn. Forest Lake HS), Amy Jensen (Sr., Plymouth, Minn. Bloomington Kennedy HS), Kim Saufl (Sr., Champlin, Minn.) and Julie Sperstad (Jr., Eau Claire, Wis. Memorial HS) have all been named to the 2006 All-WIAC team.

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Sperstad finished the season with two goals and four assists for eight points. She now has six goals, nine assists and 21 career points. Sperstad was named the team’s Defensive Player of the Week once during the 2006 season.

The Falcons finished 10-7-2 overall and 5-3 in the WIAC. They advanced to the WIAC playoffs for the fifth straight season in 2006.

Falcons Blanked in WIAC Semifinal at UWEC, 2-0

Nov. 3, 2006

The UW-River Falls soccer team marched to UW-Eau Claire in hopes of a second round playoff win. To their dismay, the Blugolds clicked on all cylinders and ended the Falcons’ season with a 2-0 loss.

River Falls was fresh off a 2-0 shutout of UW-La Crosse the first round of the WIAC playoffs and faced the Blugolds in the semifinal for the second straight year. Last season saw the Blugolds blank the Falcons 2-0 and go on to defeat UW-Oshkosh in the final, 2-1.

EC scored one goal in each half and all they needed was one of them. The first score came 34:30 into the first half, Shannon Conlin did the scoring. The Blugolds rolled the rest of the way.

RF saw the win slip away when EC tacked on another goal 66:03 into the contest via Allison Muer which solidified EC’s seat in the WIAC Championship Game. The Blugolds will face the winner of the UW-Stevens Point and UW-Oshkosh match-up.

The Falcons have not seen the WIAC Championship game since their 2003 appearance where they lost 2-1 at the hands of UW-Stevens Point.

Amy Jensen led the way in shots taken for the Falcons with three followed by Dianna Hermes’ two, Jen Terry’s one and Kim Saufl’s one.

Emily Steier was in goal for the Falcons and made five saves while allowing two scores. Steier was in goal for every RF game this season and finishes 10-7-2.

Allie Rivard (3) and Liz Weirick (2) split time in net for EC and combined for 5 saves.

The Falcons finish the year with a 10-7-2 overall record and a 5-3 record in the WIAC.

Falcons Win WIAC Playoff Game Against UWL

Oct. 31, 2006

On the afternoon of Halloween, the Falcon soccer team left no skeletons in the closet and knocked off UW-La Crosse in a first round WIAC playoff matchup, 1-0. The victory against La Crosse came three days after the Falcons closed out the regular season with a 5-3 loss to the Eagles.

Kim Saufl led the way for River Falls and got the only score of the game 36:11 into the first half. The Falcons would not look back and shutout the Eagles.

RF was able to dominate the ball and get 15 shots compared to UWL’s 11.

Emily Stier was in goal for the Falcons and recorded two saves in the shutout.

Amanda Clark goaltended for the Eagles and made five saves while allowing the only score of the game.

The Falcons will advance to the next round of the playoffs which will take place on Friday. Game time and opponent is still to be determined.
Falcons Drop Conference Game to UWL
Oct. 28, 2006

Two Ashley Peterson goals were not enough in a conference home game against UW-La Crosse. The Falcons lost to the Eagles 5-3. UW-L got on the board first when Amy Todd knocked in a goal at 10:46. The Falcons battled back under a minute later when Kim Saufl put home an unassisted goal. The Eagles got one more score in the first half by Jennifer Watry at 24:44 and went into the recess with a 2-1 lead.

River Falls tied the game 2-2 10 minutes into the second half thanks to an Ashley Peterson score. Peterson was assisted by Amy Jenson on the play. UW-L then went on a two goal run with scores by Amy Cory (57:07) and Todd (69:03). Peterson put in her second goal of the game at 83:24 to make the score 4-3 but that would be all the scoring the Falcons would do on the day. The Eagles clinched the game at 88:20 when Michaela Kocon put one in the net.

Emily Stieler was in goal for the Falcons and made five saves. Her season record now stands at 9-6-2. Amanda Clark was in net for the Eagles and piled up eight saves in the win.

The Falcons finish the regular season with a 9-6-2 overall record and finish 5-3-0 in the WIAC. The Falcons will host a first round WIAC playoff game on Tuesday against an undetermined opponent. Game time will be at 2 p.m. at Ramer Field.

St. Olaf Drops Falcons, 2-1
Oct. 22, 2006

Julie Sperstad put in an early first half River Falls goal against St. Olaf Sunday afternoon but it was not enough as the Oles took the game 2-1.

St. Olaf jumped out to an early lead when Kelsey Watts put in a goal, assisted by Christina Mills, at 5:07. Just over four minutes later, Katie Bierlein added a second SO goal to put the Oles up by two. RF got back to within one when Sperstad scored the only Falcon goal of the contest at 11:06, assisted by Kim Saufl.

The second half went by quietly without any scores and SO took the one goal victory.

The Falcons were outshot in the game, 13-9, and were led in the department by Sperstad who booted six tries.

Emily Stieler was in goal for RF and tallied two saves. Her record now falls to 9-5-2 on the season.

Anna Feigum was keeper for the Oles and made four saves while taking the win.

The Falcons are now 9-5-2 overall and 5-2 in the WIAC. The Falcons wrap-up the regular season on Saturday when La Crosse visits Ramer Field for Senior Day. The WIAC game starts at 2 p.m.

Falcons Blanked by Blugolds
Oct. 21, 2006

UW-Eau Claire visited the Falcons on Saturday afternoon and and only needed one of their three scores to knock off the Falcons.

The Blugolds came out shooting and dominated River Falls in the shot department, 24-6. Kim Saufl led RF with two shots. The Falcons were able to keep the game scoreless until the 33rd minute when Maria Iaizzo put Eau Claire in front by a goal.

EC continued to pound RF with shots well into the second half. Late goals by Amily Waldorf (72:51) and Emily Meisinger (82:03) put the Falcons away for good as Eau Claire rolled to a 3-0 victory.

Emily Stieler was in goal for the Falcons and made three saves.

Both Liz Weirick and Allie Rivard played in the goal for EC and combined for two saves while shutting out the Falcons.

The loss is only the second conference loss RF has suffered. The Falcons are now 9-4-2 overall and 5-2 in the WIAC.

The Falcons next visit St. Olaf on Sunday afternoon. Game time is set for 2 pm.

Jensen’s Goal Propels Falcons to 1-0 Win at UWSP
Oct. 14, 2006

Amy Jensen’s goal with under 16 minutes to play was just enough to help lead the Falcon soccer team to a 1-0 WIAC win at Stevens Point Saturday afternoon.

Jensen’s goal, her fifth of the season, came at 73:24. Kim Saufl picked up the assist on the play; it was her seventh of the season. Pointer goalie Meredith DeCaluwe made a save on a Saufl shot but Jensen was there to bang in the rebound.

UWSP outshot the Falcons, 13-8 and had a 6-2 advantage in the first half. Both teams had three corner kicks. UWSP was called for 12 fouls and the Falcons eight.

Falcon goalie Emily Stieler made two saves to register her sixth shutout of the season. DeCaluwe stopped six shots.

The win was the second straight for the Falcons at UWSP. UWRF had never won at Stevens Point until last year’s WIAC playoff game when the Falcons took a 1-0 overtime win. Before that UWRF win the Pointers had won 15 straight matches between the two teams.
The Falcons, now 8-3-2 overall and 5-1 in the WIAC, will host St. Benedict in a non-conference match on Tuesday at Ramer Field with action starting at 3:30 p.m.

Falcons Lose at Bethel, 2-1
Oct. 13, 2006

The Falcons were able to score the first goal of the match, but Bethel rebounded to take a 2-1 win over the soccer team on Thursday afternoon in Arden Hills, Minn. Ashley Peterson got the Falcons on the scoreboard first with a goal at 8:01 with assists to Dianna Hermes and Amy Jensen. It was Peterson’s team-leading 13th goal of the season. Hermes picked up her first assist of the year and it was Jensen’s fourth assist of the season.

BU came back just four minutes later to tie the game. Aimee Munson scored off an assist from Kristin Kishaba. The Royals, 6-6-2 after the win, got the game-winner at 54:42 when Nicki Luehrs scored with an assist to Jessie Techetter.

The Falcons had a big advantage in shots, 23-11. UWRF had 12 shots in the first half and 11 in the second. BU had seven first-half shots and four in the second. UWRF had a 13-3 advantage in corner kicks.

Falcon goalie Emily Stieler made six saves and BU goalie Charli Sorensen kept the Royals in the game with 12 saves. Peterson led all players with eight shots.

The Falcons, now 7-3-2 overall and 4-1 in the WIAC, will next play a WIAC match at UW-Stevens Point on Saturday with action starting at 2 p.m. The Falcons have won only once at UWSP - that came last year in a 1-0 double overtime win in the first round of the WIAC playoffs.

Peterson Named to D3kicks.com Team of the Week
Oct. 10, 2006

Falcon soccer player Ashley Peterson (Sr., Lino Lakes, Minn. Forest Lake HS) has been named to the D3kicks.com Team of the Week. She is the first Falcon soccer player to be named to the team.

Earlier today she was named the WIAC's offensive Player of the Week.

Peterson, a 5-2 forward, played a key role in the Falcons two conference victories against Stout (3-0) and Platteville (3-2). Peterson recorded three goals and three assists over the two-game span. She scored twice, and had one assist, at Stout and came back with a goal and two assists against Platteville. She was involved in every Falcon goal. "I think playing with Kim (Saufl) up front makes it fun for her," said Falcon Head Coach Sean McKuras. "We are seeing a lot of benefits since moving Ashley up front." She currently leads the team in scoring with 12 goals and 33 points. This is the second time this season that Peterson has been named the conference offensive player of the week - she earned the honor on Sept. 25.

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Peterson Named WIAC Offensive Player of the Week
Oct. 10, 2006

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Saufl, Peterson Help Falcons to Win
Oct. 7, 2006

Kim Saufl scored twice and Ashley Peterson scored once and had two assists to help lead the Falcon soccer team to a tough 3-2 WIAC win over Platteville Saturday afternoon at Ramer Field.

The Falcons grabbed a 2-0 first half lead. UWRF had a strong 15-20 mile per hour wind to its back in the first half and took advantage of it to dominate the first 45 minutes.

Saufl and Peterson combined to score both first half goals. The first came at 38:24 and the second at 40:30. Saufl scored the first off a pass from Peterson and the second off a cross. It was Saufl's seventh and eighth goals of the year and Peterson raised her assist total to nine. UWRF outshot the Pioneers, 16-5 in the opening half.

The Pioneers had the wind in the second half and that helped tighten the contest. UWRF's Ashley Hamilton made it a 2-1 game at 66:55. She scored off a long run.
Peterson then scored what proved to be the game winner at 74:55 off a penalty kick. It was her team leading 12th goal of the season. UWP did not give up and made it a one goal game at 85:20 when Allie Metcalfe scored. But the Falcons played well in the final five minutes to get the win despite being outshot, 8-7, in the second half.

Falcon goalie Emily Steiler made five saves to raise her record to 7-2-2 on the year. UWP goalie Laurie Trifone stopped 12 shots to keep her in the game.

The Falcons outshot UWP, 23-13. UWP was called for 22 fouls and the Falcons 10. Four UWP players received yellow cards. The Falcons had a 5-2 advantage in corner kicks.

The Falcons will next play a non-conference match at Bethel on Thursday with action starting at 4 p.m.

**Soccer Game to Air on FSN North Wisconsin on Sunday**

**Oct. 5, 2006**

The Falcon soccer game against UW-Stout played on Wednesday, Oct. 4 in Menomonie, is scheduled to be broadcast on Sunday, Oct. 8 at 2 p.m. on FSN North Wisconsin.

The Falcons won the game, 3-0, with Ashley Peterson scoring two goals and one assist and Kim Saufl scoring a goal and registering one assist.

The Falcons, now 6-2-2 overall and 3-1 in the WIAC, host Platteville at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Ramer Field.

**Falcons Blank UW-Stout**

**Oct. 4, 2006**

Ashley Peterson continued her season scoring barrage by netting two goals in the Falcons’ 3-0 victory at WIAC rival UW-Stout.

Peterson got River Falls on the board early with a goal at 4:14, assisted by Kim Saufl. The Falcons held a one goal edge for the entire first half.

Saufl would add a goal to her stat line six minutes into the second half. Saufl's goal is her sixth of the season. The score was assisted by Peterson to record her second point of the game. Peterson was not done yet as she put in an insurance Falcon goal at the 66:32 mark. Peterson leads the Falcons in scores this season with 11 goals.

RF was able to dominate in the shot department as they more than doubled the Blue Devils, 27-13.

Emily Steiler was in goal for the Falcons and played her usual consistent game. Steiler made six saves along with locking up another shutout.

Jessica Halverson was in net for UWS and made an impressive 16 saves, but allowed three to get by her which was the difference.

RF next welcomes UW-Platteville to Ramer Field on Saturday afternoon. The game is set to start at 2 pm.

**Titans Oust Falcons**

**Sept. 30, 2006**

Jen Terry's late goal was not enough to push the Falcons past the Titans when they visited Oshkosh Saturday afternoon. The Falcons four match winning streak was snapped as Oshkosh took the game, 2-1.

The Falcons jumped out to an early lead when Maggie Hoffman put in an unassisted goal just over a minute in.

Oshkosh increased their lead in the second half to two when Amanda Matze knotted a goal at 69:15. River Falls made an effort to get back in the game when Terry put in the first Falcon score at 71:41. Terry's goal was assisted by Ashley Peterson and would be the only Falcon goal of the afternoon.

There were no more scores the rest of the game and Oshkosh took the one goal win.

Emily Stiedler was in goal for the Falcons and made five saves on seven shot attempts.

Katie Bera took the net for the Titans and made five saves while only allowing one goal.

The Falcons look to rebound when they visit UW-Stout on Wednesday night in another WIAC match-up. Game time is set for 7 pm.

**Peterson Named WIAC Offensive Player of the Week**

**Sept. 26, 2006**

Falcon soccer forward Ashley Peterson (Sr., Lino Lakes, Minn. Forest Lake HS) helped lead the Falcons to two wins last week and has been named the WIAC Player of the Week according to league Sports Information Director, Matt Stanek.

The Falcons beat UW-Superior 4-1 in WIAC play and St. Catherine, 7-0 in two matches at Ramer Field.

Peterson led the offense scoring three goals in each contest. Against Superior she scored the team's first three goals; her second goal was unassisted and was the game-winner. Against St. Catherine she scored the team's first, third and sixth goals. She also picked up an assist on the team's fourth goal.

"Ashley has the ability to change the game," said Falcon Coach Sean McKuras. She currently leads the Falcons with eight goals and 20 points.

The Falcons will next play at UW-Oshkosh on Saturday in another WIAC match that starts at 1 p.m.
Two First Half Goals Lift Falcons

Sept. 25, 2006

Ashley Peterson and Amy Jensen scored first half goals to help lead the Falcon soccer team to a 2-1 win at Carleton on Monday afternoon.

Peterson got the first goal of the contest at 10:45 with an assist to Kelly Piersak. It was Peterson's team leading ninth goal of the season and Piersak's first assist. Jensen scored what proved to be the game-winning goal at 31:42 with assists to Peterson and Kim Saull. She scored into the lower left corner to give the Falcons a 2-0 lead. It was Jensen's fourth goal of the season. Peterson and Saull each picked up their fifth assist of the year. They lead the team in assists. Saull led the team in shots with three and two were on goal.

Carleton, now 3-4-1, made it a 2-1 game at 67 minutes when Dylan Welch scored her first goal of the season with an assist to Clare O'Connor. Welch scored off a high cross from O'Connor. Welch led all players with four shots in the contest.

Falcon goalie Emily Stieler made three saves in the game to improve her record to 5-2 overall, will next open their WIAC season on Saturday at Whitewater.

Falcon goalie Emily Stieler picked up the win making three saves. She is now 2-0 in the WIAC, return to WIAC play on Saturday at Oshkosh. Action starts at 1 p.m.

Falcons Win 7-0 Over St. Catherine

Sept. 23, 2006

Ashley Peterson led the Falcons with three goals as River Falls dominated College of St. Catherine on Saturday afternoon, 7-0.

River Falls jumped out to an early lead following Peterson's first score of the game six minutes in. Scoring was limited until the Falcons' Julie Sperstad netted a goal at 29:28. Sperstad was assisted by Amy Jensen who played a key role the rest of the game.

Peterson knocked in her second score of the game at 47:01. The Falcon lead was at three and there were no signs of them slowing up. Jensen scored her first goal of the game at 49:23, assisted by Peterson. Kim Saull was the fourth Falcon player to score when she put in a score at 50:51. Peterson scored her third goal of the game at 55:04, assisted by Jensen. Peterson and Jensen reversed roles on the next and final goal as Jensen scored her second goal of the game at 77:48.

The Falcons' seven goals were the most points put up since September 12, 2004 when River Falls knocked off Concordia-St. Paul, 7-1.

Emily Steiler made two saves in goal for the Falcons to extend their winning streak to three.

Elizabeth Schreiner and Danielle Wies combined for 5 saves in goal for St. Catherine.

The Falcons next visit Carlton on Tuesday, gametime is set for 4 pm.

Falcons Open WIAC Season With 2-1 Win at Whitewater

Sept. 16, 2006

The Falcons opened 2006 WIAC play with a 2-1 win at UW-Whitewater on Saturday afternoon.

All the scoring came in the first half and the Falcons had to stage a comeback to get the win. UWW's Lindsey Kohlbeck opened the scoring with an unassisted goal at 19:11. It was her first goal of the season.

The Falcons battled back and tied the game just 49 seconds later when Ashley Peterson scored her second goal of the year with an assist from Kim Saull. It was her second assist of the year. The game-winner came at 31:00 when Kim Saull scored her team-leading fourth goal of the year. Peterson picked up the assist - it was her third assist of the year.

Falcon goalie Emily Stieler picked up the win making three saves. She is now 2-1-2 this year. UWW goalies Alyssa Lemke (1) and Sam Neely (2) combined to make three saves.

The final shots total were nearly even - the Falcons had eight and the Warhawks seven. UW-RF had four shots in each half while Whitewater had three in the first and four in the second. UWW did hold an 8-3 advantage in corner kicks. The Falcons had 11 fouls and Whitewater nine.

The Falcons, now 2-1-2 overall and 1-0-0 in the WIAC, will next host UW-Superior on Wednesday at Ramer Field in another WIAC game. Action starts at 4 p.m.

Falcons Tie With Augsburg

Sept. 9, 2006

The Falcons played 110 minutes of soccer and ended with a 0-0 tie with Augsburg College Saturday afternoon at Ramer Field.

The Falcons had a slight, 15-14, advantage in shots for the game. Both teams had good scoring chances that were either stopped by the goalie or a defender or the shot sailed wide. The Falcons put a push on in the final minute of overtime and had three shots from 15-20 feet in front of the AC goal that were blocked by defenders. AC had 10 corner kicks and the Falcons four. Both teams were called for 12 fouls.

Kim Saull led the Falcons with five shots. Ashley Peterson had four. Whitney Holman led AC with six shots.

UW-RF goalie Emily Stieler made five saves and Auggie goalie Maggie DeGroot stopped 11 shots.

The Falcons, now 1-1-2 overall, will next open their WIAC season on Saturday at Whitewater with action starting at 2 p.m.
Larson Named WIAC Player of the Week
Sept. 6, 2006

Soccer defender Jessi Larson (Fr., Winona, Minn. Cotter HS) helped lead the Falcons to a 1-0-1 record last weekend and has been named the WIAC soccer Defensive Player of the Week, according to league Sports Information Director Matt Stanek.

Larson scored what proved to be the game-winning goal in the team’s 7-0 win over Northland. She scored her first collegiate goal at 15:45 from just inside the box off a corner kick. “Jessi started both games and came up with a big goal against Northland,” Falcon Coach Sean McKuras said.

The Falcons, 1-1-1 overall, will host Augsburg on Saturday at Ramer Field. Action starts at 1 p.m.

Falcons Lose to Macalester, 2-0
Sept. 5, 2006

Macalester scored two first half goals and made them hold up in getting a 2-0 win over the Falcons on Tuesday afternoon at Ramer Field.

Macalester, ranked No. 10 in the pre-season D3Kicks.com poll, dominated the first half of play out shooting the Falcons, 9-2. Grace King scored her second goal of the season off a long run at 14:02. With just under two minutes to play in the half, the Scots grabbed a 2-0 lead when Maggie Yates scored her first goal of the season with an assist to Rachel Oman. Yates scored on a header off a cross.

The Falcons had a much better second half and out shot the Scots, 9-7. Amy Jensen led the Falcons with four shots. Falcon goalie Emily Stieler made seven saves. Macalester goalie, Jenny Lee, stopped five shots to earn her second win and second shutout of the season. Annie Burton led the Scores with five shots - all coming in the first half. Kim Saufi, Ashley Peterson and Dianna Hermes each had two shots in the contest. The Scots out shot the Falcons, 16-11 and both teams had 11 fouls. The Scots had seven corner kicks and the Falcons three.

The Falcons, now 1-1-1 overall, will next host Augsburg at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Ramer Field.

Saufl Scores Three Goals to Lead Falcons to 7-0 Win
Sept. 2, 2006

Kim Saufl scored three goals to help lead the Falcon soccer team to a 7-0 win over Northland College Saturday afternoon in Duluth.

After playing to a 0-0 overtime tie on Friday against St. Scholastica, the offense exploded against Northland. UW-RF led 2-0 after the first half and scored five times in the second half.

Jessi Larson scored what proved to be the only goal the Falcons would need at 15:45. It was her first collegiate goal. Jen Terry added a goal at 25:28 with Saufl getting the assist. The Falcons then dominated play for an eight minute stretch in the second half. Saufl scored her first goal of the season at 45:23 with Ashley Peterson assisting. Peterson then netted her first goal of the year at 48:20. The Saufl-Peterson combination connected again with UW-RF’s fifth goal at 50:28. Saufl scored her third goal of the game at 53:53 with an assist to Julie Sperstad. Amy Jensen ended the scoring with her first goal of the season with an assist to Amy Piersak at 71:49.

The Falcons had 15 first half shots and finished with 37 in the game. UW-RF limited Northland, now 0-1, to just one first-half shot. NC goalie Brittany Ballwanz made 11 saves. The Falcons had a 10-4 advantage in corner kicks.

UW-RF goalie Emily Stieler recorded her second straight shutout of the season. This one was a little easier than in Friday’s match - she wasn’t required to make a save. She has now played 200 minutes without allowing a goal.

The Falcons, now 1-0-1 overall, will next host Macalester on Tuesday at 5 p.m. at Ramer Field. Macalester was ranked No. 10 in the

Falcons Tie at St. Scholastica
Sept. 1, 2006

The Falcon soccer team opened its season on Friday battling to a 0-0 overtime tie at St. Scholastica in the first round of the Advantage Emblem Cup tournament.

Neither team could score in 110 minutes of action. The Falcons held an 8-4 advantage in shots in the first half, but the Saints played better in the second half and outshot the Falcons, 10-4.

Falcon goalie Emily Stieler, making her first collegiate start, made seven saves. Forward Dianna Hermes led the offensive attack with five shots.
Sean McKuras - Head Coach

July 9, 2006

Sean McKuras starts his fifth season as the Falcons head coach and has helped bring the Falcon program to state prominence.

He has led the Falcons to a 54-18-6 (.730) record in four seasons. The Falcons are 17-11-4 (.593) in WIAC games over that span. He has a 4-4 record in WIAC playoff games. He earned his 50th career win in a 7-0 win over UW-Superior on Sept. 27, 2006. McKuras has led the Falcons to the WIAC Playoff semifinals in the past four seasons. In 2003 the Falcons advanced to the WIAC Playoff championship match only to lose in double overtime (2-1).

The Falcons had yet another strong season in 2005 under McKuras. UWRF finished 12-3-3 overall and 3-3-2 in the WIAC. Falcon Sarah Carlson was named the WIAC's Player of the Year and Scholar-Athlete. In 2004 UW-RF finished 12-5-1 overall and 4-3-1 and in fourth place in the WIAC. In 2003 the Falcons won the WIAC regular season championship for the first time in school history. UWRF finished 6-2 in WIAC play and is the only other team than UW-Stevens Point to win a regular season crown. The Falcons advanced to and hosted the WIAC playoff championship match and lost to UW-SP, 2-1, in two overtimes. McKuras was named the WIAC Coach of the Year for the second straight season after leading the Falcons to a school best 17-4 overall record.

In 2002 McKuras led the Falcons to a third place finish in the WIAC regular season. The Falcons advanced to the WIAC semifinals. McKuras was named the WIAC Coach of the Year after the Falcons finished with a six-win improvement over the 2001 season. The Falcons were the four most improved team in the nation in 2003 under McKuras' leadership. He was the team's assistant coach in 2001 when the Falcons finished 6-10-1 overall and 2-6 and in seventh place in the WIAC.

McKuras has coached the WIAC Player of the Year in two of the last four seasons - Sarah Carlson earned the honor in both 2003 and 2005. He has coached 13 players to the All-WIAC team and has had one player named to the All-Region squad.

In the fall of 2000, he was the head boy's coach at Shakopee, Minn., High School, and in the spring of 2000 he was the head coach for the Eau Claire North High School's girls' varsity program.

In 1998 and 1999 McKuras was the head coach of the UW-Eau Claire men's club team and helped lead the team to one its most successful seasons. He was an assistant varsity boy's and girl's coach and head coach of the junior varsity at Eau Claire North High School in 1998 and 1999. From 1994 to 2000 he was a coach with the Valley United Soccer Club in Apple Valley, Minn. In 2000 his U16 girl's team won the State Cup championship and his 1999 team won the Minnesota State championship. In 1998 he helped lead a boy's team to the Minnesota State title. Currently he is a coach and trainer with the Blooming Youth Soccer Club. In 2003 McKuras was the head coach of the Bloomington U15 premier boys team that won the Minnesota State Cup. He is currently a member of the Minnesota ODP/State Select staff.

He is the Director of Coaching for the Bloomington, Minn., Youth Soccer Club. The position is also responsible for coaching and player development. He earned the NSCAA Level 1 goalkeeper's license in 2000, and the USSF "B" coaching license in 2005.

Assistant Coach

Aug. 30, 2007

Ben Gaddis returns for his fifth year as assistant coach at UW-River Falls. He holds USSF National "B" and "Y" coaching licenses, along with 18 years of coaching experience.

Gaddis has a long tradition of coaching and winning, including six Minnesota State Cup Championships and three Minnesota Youth Soccer Association State titles. He was the St. Paul City Conference Coach of the Year in 2000 while coaching the boy's varsity at St. Paul Highland Park, his alma mater. He is currently coaching with Minnesota's top girls' club, Bangu-Tsunami.

Gaddis played soccer at UW-Parkside from 1990-92. As a player, he helped the U19 St. Paul Blackhawks win a National Championship in 1990. This is the only boy's team to win a National Championship in the state's history. He spent six years as a Minnesota ODP/State select team member, and twice selected for the Midwest/Region II ODP team.

Gaddis currently resides in St. Paul's Merriam Park neighborhood with his wife, Ashley.