The Falcons

Kelsey Scheele
OH, 5-7, Sophomore, #1
Norwood, Minn.
Mayer Lutheran High School

Kelsey returns to the Falcon lineup as one of the top players. Kelsey is an all-round athlete who has great savvy for the game. Her work ethic and leadership brings the team's level of competition up and makes players around her play harder and better. Kelsey played in every match in 2006 collecting 163 kills and 467 digs. Look for Kelsey to take another step up throughout the 2007 season. She is the daughter of Scott and Cheryl. Majoring in accounting.

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Drew Hample
L/DS, 5-4, Junior, #2
Mahtomedi, Minn.
Mahtomedi High School

Drew helped the Falcons during the 2006 season sparingly, but look for her to increase her role through the season as the libero or defensive specialist. Drew is a very solid volleyball player with great court sense. She is a fierce competitor and an exceptional leader, which will help as the young Falcons learn the ropes of playing in the always-tough WIAC. She is the daughter of Dirk and Patricia. Majoring in elementary education.

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Mandy McKenzie
L/DS, 5-2, Freshman, #3
Hugo, Minn.
Stillwater High School

Mandy is an exceptional athlete with a tremendous desire to succeed. Mandy has the potential to become one of the top defensive players in the WIAC. She provides the Falcons with a solid and steady passing game and has tremendous instincts on defense; both skills are critical to the success of this young Falcon team. She is the daughter of Taun and Deb. Majoring in business management.

Courtney Schroeder
OH, 5-7, Senior, #4
Byron, Minn.
Byron High School

Courtney brings some much-needed leadership to the Falcon lineup. One of two seniors on the roster Courtney played in 75 games for the Falcons during the 2006 season and collected 145 digs. Courtney's leadership has been invaluable; she understands her role and has helped many of the young Falcons adjust to collegiate volleyball. With Courtney's guidance and experience look for the Falcons to develop into a strong team throughout the 2007 season. She is the daughter of Gene and Cindy. Majoring in elementary education.

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Gina DeRosa
MB, 6-0, Sophomore, #5
Maplewood, Minn.
North St. Paul High School

Gina returns to the Falcon lineup after an outstanding freshman season in 2006. Gina gained valuable experience throughout the 2006 season and that will supply the Falcons with some much-needed experience. With a dominating presence at the net look for Gina to take another step forward in becoming a strong middle for the Falcons. As a freshman Gina collected 222 kills and was the team's block leader with 1.04 blocks per game. She is the daughter of Mike and Judy. Majoring in elementary education.

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Becca Lippert
MB, 6-0, Freshman, #6
Ellsworth, Wis.
Ellsworth High School

Becca has a great physical stature with tremendous desire to succeed; when you put those two qualities together you won't be surprised when she develops into a top middle for the Falcons. Like most young middles she will need time to develop and adapt to the fast pace of the collegiate game. She is the daughter of Brad and Karen. Majoring in elementary education.

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Emily Hagen
S/OH, 5-7, Sophomore, #8
New Richland, Minn.
New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva High School

Emily is an exceptional athlete with a tremendous desire to succeed. Her work ethic and leadership brings the level of competition up and makes players around her play harder and better. The Falcons look for Emily to definitely take another step up this season. She is the daughter of Randy and Ann. Majoring in marketing.

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Becky Ponick
S, 5-4, Freshman, #9
Stanley, Wis.
Stanley-Boyd High School

Becky comes to the Falcon volleyball program with a great amount of success. Her Stanley-Boyd High School team won the 2006 WIAA Division 3 State Championship. Becky will be called upon to lead the Falcon offensive charge during the 2007 campaign. You can’t train what Becky brings to the program. She has been in a successful program and knows what it takes to be competitive at the highest level. She is the daughter of Joan and Chad Verbeten. Majoring in health and human performance.

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Nina Cooper
OH, 5-8, Junior, #10
St. Croix Falls, Wis.
St. Croix Falls High School

Nina is an extremely competitive player and has all the physical tools to contribute to the Falcon lineup. Nina is a “workaholic” and has an excitable passion for the game of volleyball. Every time she leaves the gym, she has gotten better and that’s a huge tribute to her love for playing volleyball. Nina is also a gifted leader; her spirit and good humor make it easy for the young Falcons to follow. Look for Nina to gain more court time as the season progresses. She is the daughter of Steve and Carolyn. Majoring in health and human performance.

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Tara Metcalf
OH, 5-8, Freshman, #11
Spring Valley, Minn.
Kingsland High School

Tara is a good athlete with a strong work ethic and has come into the Falcon program and picked up skills and techniques quickly. Tara is an explosive jumper with good defensive and passing skills. In time she can develop into a top outside hitter for the Falcons. She is the daughter of Boyd and Lori. Majoring in health and human performance.

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Ashley Wheeler
RS, 5-10, Freshman, #12
Moorhead, Minn.
Moorhead High School

Ashley brings excellent volleyball skills and experience to the Falcons. Ashley is a good athlete and has competed at the highest level with her Moorhead High School team earning two trips the Minnesota State tournament in her junior and senior seasons. Ashley is a fundamentally sound player who will contribute to the Falcon lineup as a rightside hitter. She is the daughter of Robert and Tracy. Majoring in math.

Andria Vetsch
RS, 5-10, Sophomore, #13
Minneapolis, Minn.
Richfield High School

Andria gained valuable experience as a member of the Falcon volleyball team last season. A hard worker and determined player Andria has developed into a strong player for the Falcons. Physically, Andria is capable of dominating at the net from a hitting and blocking standpoint. She is another player the Falcons look towards becoming a dominant performer throughout the season. She is the daughter of Terri. Undecided on a major.

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Krista Russell
OH, 5-10, Senior, #14
Apple Valley, Minn.
Eastview High School

Only one of two seniors on the roster Krista will be called upon not only to lead, but also contribute to the overall success of the team. Playing in a limited role throughout her career Krista has all the ability to keep the Falcons competitive. Krista will be not only one of our biggest threats offensively, but just her presence on the court from a leadership standpoint will really help the young Falcons. She is the daughter of Keith and Ann. Majoring in marketing communications.

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Elizabeth Braun
MB, 5-10, Freshman, #15
Racine, Wis.
St. Catherine's High School

Elizabeth is another good athlete with a good work ethic, and when you put those two things together she's going to be a good player for the Falcons. As with any young middle she will need time to adapt and learn the collegiate game. She is the daughter of Dan and Teri. Majoring in animal science.

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Justine Speckel
MB, 5-10, Sophomore, #16
Buffalo, Minn.
Buffalo High School

Justine begins her second season with the Falcon volleyball program. The two-sport athlete (basketball) has a strong work ethic and a great understanding for the game. Look for Justine to contribute and add experience and depth to the Falcon line up. She is the daughter of Tim and Patty. Majoring in biology.

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Samantha Kaminski
OH, 5-9, Freshman, #17
Weyerhaeuser, Wis.
Weyerhaeuser High School

Samantha has great athletic ability, which will help her transition into the collegiate game. She has a tremendous desire to compete and excel and with those characteristics you know she will succeed. Like all great athletes, as Samantha develops she has the potential to develop into a dominate outside hitter for the Falcons. She is the daughter of David and Janet. Majoring in animal science with an equine emphasis.

Margret Rubis
MB, 6-0, Freshman, #18
Jackson, Minn.
Jackson County Central

Margret will be a big surprise to a lot of people. A steady presence at the net Margret will provide the Falcons with strong, reliable middle play. This will be a big learning year for Margret as she learns the fast transition of the collegiate game. The Falcons look for her to secure and learn her position as a middle blocker and contribute to the game as a young player. She is the daughter of Craig and Karen. Majoring in social work.

Amy Weber
OH, 5-5, Freshman, #19
Hugo, Minn.
White Bear Lake, Minn.

Amy brings great high school and club experience to the Falcons. Amy is a "natural" at the passing and defensive parts of the game. Small in stature, Amy plays big in the front row. She has a great concept of what is needed to score as a hitter and she can get the job done with efficiency. The Falcons look for Amy to give some stability to the Falcon line up. She is the daughter of Gary and Bonnie. Majoring in English literature.
Ali Busby  
RS, 5-9, Sophomore, #20  
St. Croix Falls, Wis.  
St. Croix Falls High School

A hard-working athlete Ali is the essence of team player. Though her court time has been limited she bring an ideal persona to the gym and her contributions go well beyond playing time. Ali is the type of player who can provide the Falcons with many different roles throughout the season. Look for Ali to develop into a reliable rightside hitter for the Falcons. She is the daughter of Carl and Shawn. Majoring in health and human performance.

Lyndsey Ihrke  
MB, 5-10, Freshman, #21  
Hammond, Wis.  
St. Croix Central High School

Lyndsey is a great surprise for the Falcons. Lyndsey is going to be a great middle for the Falcons as she develops. A natural jumper and quick study, it will only be a matter of time before she finds her way to the court. Her work ethic is excellent and the Falcons are excited to see her progress throughout the season and her career. She is the daughter of Lew and Penny. Majoring in elementary education.

April Reamann  
L, 5-6, Freshman, #24  
Bismarck, N.D.  
Century High School

April is another great surprise for the Falcons. The Bismarck, N.D., native brings a solid passing and defensive game to UW-River Falls. April has the athletic ability to develop into a very good defensive specialist or libero for the Falcons. She is the daughter of Nadine Isaak and Jim Reamann. Major is undecided.

Samantha Cole  
RS, 5-9, Freshman, #25  
Scandia, Minn.  
Forest Lake High School

Samantha comes from a solid high school program where she played middle and rightside. She will be trained at the rightside position. Samantha is a good athlete and very coachable player, which should help her adapt quickly to the collegiate game. She is the daughter of Kathleen. Majoring in communicative disorders and Spanish.

Laura Eversman  
S, 5-8, Sophomore, #26  
Rhinelander, Wis.  
Rhinelander High School

Laura has taken the past year to work hard on her game. She has a strong desire to succeed and will be added to the Falcon line up as a setter or defensive specialist. This season will be one of learning and growing into a role that can help the Falcons in the future. She is the daughter of Mark and Kathy. Majoring in elementary education.
Schedule

Aug. 31 at Eau Claire Tournament
Hamline defeated River Falls, 29-31, 30-23, 30-27, 30-21
Eau Claire defeated River Falls, 30-25, 30-22, 30-22

Sept. 1 at Eau Claire Tournament
Stout defeated River Falls, 32-30, 30-23, 30-21
Gustavus Adolphus defeated River Falls, 30-21, 33-31, 30-21

Sept. 5 Bethel defeated River Falls, 30-17, 31-29, 30-19
Coe defeated River Falls, 28-30, 30-26, 23-30, 30-19, 15-12
River Falls defeated Edgewood, 30-17, 30-22, 30-19

Sept. 7 at Platteville Tournament
Millikin defeated River Falls, 27-30, 30-20, 30-18, 30-22
Concordia defeated River Falls, 30-15, 30-27, 30-24

Sept. 8 at Platteville Tournament
Monmouth defeated River Falls, 27-30, 30-20, 30-18, 30-22
Concordia defeated River Falls, 30-15, 30-27, 30-24

Sept. 10 Bethel defeated River Falls, 30-17, 31-29, 30-19
Coe defeated River Falls, 28-30, 30-26, 23-30, 30-19, 15-12
River Falls defeated Edgewood, 30-17, 30-22, 30-19

Sept. 12 at Ripon Tournament
River Falls defeated Carroll, 30-26, 30-25, 30-19
River Falls defeated Martin Luther, 30-26, 30-23, 30-23

Sept. 13 at Ripon Tournament
St. Norbert defeated River Falls, 30-26, 30-23, 30-21
River Falls defeated Ripon, 30-17, 30-25, 31-29

Sept. 15 River Falls defeated Superior*, 22-30, 30-21, 30-19, 15-12
Stevens Point defeated River Falls*, 30-27, 30-18, 27-30, 30-25

Sept. 16 at Platteville Tournament
Loras defeated River Falls, 30-24, 30-21, 30-22
Warburg defeated River Falls, 30-25, 30-24, 30-16

Sept. 17 at Simpson Tournament
Simpson defeated River Falls 30-28, 30-27, 30-25
Principia defeated River Falls 30-21, 30-25, 30-22

Oct. 5 at Platteville*
La Crosse defeated River Falls 30-20, 30-24, 30-22

Oct. 6 at La Crosse*
La Crosse defeated River Falls 29-31, 32-30, 30-17, 30-28

Oct. 10 Stout defeated River Falls 30-25, 30-19, 24-30, 30-27*

Oct. 12 at Wartburg Tournament
Simpson defeated River Falls 30-19, 30-22, 26-30, 18-30, 15-11
Illinois Wesleyan defeated River Falls 30-16, 30-18, 26-30, 30-24

Oct. 14 at Warburg Tournament
Bethel defeated River Falls 30-27, 20-30, 30-21, 30-20
Augustana defeated River Falls 30-32, 30-28, 22-30, 30-21, 15-4

Oct. 15 River Falls defeated Macalester 30-23, 30-24, 22-30, 22-30, 15-7

Oct. 17 Oshkosh defeated River Falls 30-18, 27-30, 30-19, 30-27*

Oct. 20 Whitewater defeated River Falls, 30-22, 30-23, 31-33, 30-18*
Concordia defeated River Falls, 30-27, 30-19, 30-26

Oct. 22 at Elmhurst Tournament
River Falls defeated Westminster, 30-20, 30-15, 30-11
River Falls defeated Marian, 30-22, 37-35, 30-17

Oct. 24 at Elmhurst Tournament
River Falls defeated Westminster, 30-20, 30-15, 30-11
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Falcon News

Scheele Named to All-WIAC Volleyball Team; Cooper Named to All-Sportsmanship Squad

Nov. 6, 2007

Falcon outside hitter Kelsey Scheele (So., Norwood, Minn. Mayer Lutheran HS) has been named to the first All-WIAC volleyball team and Nina Cooper (Jr., St. Croix Falls, Wis.) has been named to the All-Sportsmanship team.

Scheele, 5-7, played in all 122 games for the Falcons. She led the team with 445 kills and a .220 hitting percentage. She also led the team with 532 digs. Scheele, one of only two sophomores named to the first All-WIAC team, had 30 service aces and 41 blocks. She was named the team’s Player of the Week four times. The 532 digs is sixth in a single season.

"Kelsey is a complete volleyball player and that was demonstrated throughout the season. She established herself as one of the top outside hitters in the WIAC by providing the Falcons with valuable stats in hitting and defensive categories. She is a very solid volleyball player and has great court sense. Even though many teams focused on her she always found a way to score," said Falcon Coach Patti Ford.

The league’s All-Sportsmanship Team is for individuals that displayed exemplary sportsmanship throughout the season. The team included one member from each school as selected by that school. "Nina is the true essence of team. She has great passion for playing volleyball and works extremely hard on her game. Nina is a gifted leader and her spirit and good humor creates an environment that is fun and enjoyable," said Ford.

The Falcons finished the 2007 season with an 8-26 overall and a 1-7 WIAC record.

Volleyball Team Finishes 2-2 at Elmhurst Tourney

Oct. 30, 2007

The Falcon volleyball team ended its season on a positive note winning two matches on Saturday at the Elmhurst Tournament.

The Falcons beat Westminster and Marian three games to none on Saturday. Against Westminster Kelsey Scheele led the team with 12 kills and 12 digs. Gina DeRosa had seven kills and three block assists. Emily Hagen had 18 assists and Becky Ponick had seven aces and 13 assists. Against Marian, Scheele ended the year with 27 kills, two aces and 18 digs. Andria Vetsch had seven kills. Hagen led the team with 28 assists and 21 digs. She had three aces.

On Friday the Falcons lost to Concordia-Chicago and Elmhurst, three games to none. Against Concordia DeRosa led the team with 12 kills, a solo block and two block assists. Scheele had seven kills and a team-high 12 digs. Ashley Wheeler had six kills. Hagen had 18 assists and four aces and Ponick had 17 assists. Against Elmhurst DeRosa had 10 kills and two block assists. Courtney Schroeder led the team with 18 digs. Scheele had seven kills and 15 digs. Mandy McKenzie had 15 digs. Wheeler had one solo and six block assists and Margret Rubis had six block assists.

The Falcons end the 2007 season with a 8-26 record.

Volleyball Team Loses WIAC Match to Warhawks

Oct. 20, 2007

The Falcon volleyball team lost to No. 8 ranked UW-Whitewater, three games to one, Saturday afternoon at the Karges Center.

UWW won the first two games, 30-22 and 30-23. The Falcons came back to win the third game, 33-31. UWW closed out the match with a 30-18 win in game four.

Kelsey Scheele led the Falcons with 16 kills and 29 digs. Courtney Schroeder finished with a team high three aces and she had 10 kills and 17 digs. Gina DeRosa, who had seven kills, led the Falcons with two solo blocks and five block assists. Margret Rubis, who had nine kills, had seven block assists. Ashley Wheeler had six block assists to go along with six kills. Andria Vetsch had seven kills and four block assists. Mandy McKenzie had 17 digs. Emily Hagen, who led UWRF with 22 assists, had 14 digs. Becky Ponick had 13 digs and 20 assists.

UWW, now 23-4 overall and 7-0 in the WIAC, was led by Kelly Sorenson and Carley Polk who each had 13 kills.

The Falcons, now 6-24 overall and 1-7 in the WIAC, will play at the Elmhurst Tourney on Friday and Saturday.

Volleyball Team Falls to UW-Oshkosh

Oct. 19, 2007

The Falcon volleyball team lost to UW-Oshkosh in four games.

The Falcons lost the first game 30-18 and came back to win game two 30-27 and lost games three and four 30-19, 30-27 for the match.

Gina DeRosa led the Falcons in kills with 13 in addition to having four blocking assists. Kelsey Scheele also reached double digits in kills with 12 and had 15 digs, one blocking assists and two service aces. Margret Rubis pulled down eight kills and lead the game in blocking with seven blocking assists and three solo blocks in addition to digging six balls and had a team high of three service aces. Andria Vetsch and Ashley Wheeler each had seven kills while Vetsch had 4 digs and three blocking assists whereas Wheeler had two digs, and five blocking assists. Courtney Schroeder had five kills, one blocking assist and a team high 23 digs. Emily Hagen and Becky Ponick each had 14 digs. Hagen also had one blocking assist. Mandy McKenzie contributed to the Falcon effort with 16 digs.
The Falcons, now 6-23 overall and 1-6 in the WIAC, will host UW-Whitewater this Saturday Oct. 20, at 12 noon at the Karges Center.

Ford Wins 400th Career Match

Oct. 17, 2007

Falcon volleyball Coach Patti Ford earned her 400th career win when the Falcons defeated Macalester, three games to two, on Tuesday night (Oct. 16) at the Karges Center.

Ford, in her 16th year with the Falcons, has a 400-193 record. She is second among active WIAC coaches in wins and is fifth of all WIAC coaches in career victories. The 1999 Falcon team finished the WIAC season with a perfect 8-0 record.

Ford has coached seven AVCA All-Americans, 15 AVCA All-Region players, two WIAC Players of the Year, four WIAC Scholar-Athletes and 23 All-WIAC players.

In 2003 Ford led the Falcons to 35 wins and to the NCAA Sweet 16. In 1995 the Falcons set a record for season wins with 38. She has been named the WIAC Coach of the Year in 1996, 2000 and 2003.

The Falcons host UW-Oshkosh on Friday at 7 p.m., and UW-Whitewater on Saturday at noon at the Karges Center.

Patti Ford

Year   Record   WIAC
2006   24-13, .648  4-4 (5th)
2005   17-18, .486  2-6 (5th, tie)
2004   24-11, .685  5-3 (3rd, tie)
2003   35-6, .853   7-1 (1st, tie)
2002   31-8, .794   7-1 (1st, tie)
2001   20-17, .540  5-3 (3rd, tie)
2000   27-11, .710  7-1 (2nd)
1999   30-7, .810   8-0 (1st)
1998   32-6, .842   6-2 (2nd)
1997   23-11, .676  5-3 (3rd)
1996   34-5, .871   7-1 (1st)
1995   38-7, .844   6-2 (3rd)
1994   24-15, .615  5-3 (4th)
1993   23-14, .621  1-7 (8th)
1992   12-22, .352  2-6 (7th)
Totals 394-171, .697 77-43, .641

Volleyball Team Snaps Losing Streak With Win Over Macalester

Oct. 16, 2007

The Falcon volleyball team beats Macalester in five games, giving Coach Ford her 400th win.

The Falcons won the first two games 30-23, 30-24, then lost games three and four, 22-30, 22-30, and came back to win game five for the match 15-7.

Gina DeRosa led the Falcons in kills with 14. She also had six blocking assists, two solo blocks and one dig. Kelsey Scheele was the only other Falcon to reach double digit kills with 12 and led with 27 digs. She also had one blocking assist, one solo block and one service ace. Courtney Schroeder and Andria Vetsch each had seven kills while Schroeder had 14 digs and one blocking assist whereas Vetsch had six digs, four blocking assists and one solo block. Margret Rubis had four kills, seven digs and four blocking assists. Mandy McKenzie led the Falcons in service aces with two, in addition to digging 25 balls. Emily Hagen and Becky Ponic each had one service ace while Hagen had 12 digs to Ponic’s 15.

Tonight’s victory was Patti Ford’s 400th win of her collegiate career.

The Falcons, now 6-22 overall and 1-5 in the WIAC, will host UW-Oshkosh this Friday Oct. 19, at 7 p.m in the Karges Center.

Falcons Lose Twice at Wartburg Tourney

Oct. 13, 2007

The Falcon volleyball team lost two matches on Saturday at the Wartburg Tournament.
Gina DeRosa led the Falcon attack with 15 kills. She had two solo and four block assists. Kelsey Scheele finished with nine kills, two aces and 21 digs. Mandy McKenzie led the team with 22 digs. Courtney Schroeder had four kills, two aces and 19 digs. Ashley Wheeler finished with eight kills and three block assists. Becky Ponick had 21 assists and nine digs while Emily Hagen had 16 assists and nine digs.

In the team’s final match of the day the Falcons lost a three games to two decision to Augustana. UWRF won the first (32-30) and third games (30-22) while Augustana won the second (30-28), fourth (30-21) and the deciding fifth game (15-4).

Four Falcons had double digits in kills led by Scheele who had 14. Schroeder and Margret Rubis had 12 each and Andria Vetsch had 10. Vetsch had eight block assists and Rubis had one solo block and four block assists. Scheele had 34 digs to lead the Falcons. Schroeder had 23 digs and McKenzie had 21. Ponick, who had 28 assists, and Hagen, who had 27 assists, each had 13 digs. DeRosa, who had seven kills, had two solo and six block assists.

The Falcons, now 5-22 overall will host Macalester on Tuesday at 7 p.m., at the Karges Center.

**Falcons Lose Twice at Wartburg Tourney**

**Oct. 12, 2007**

The Falcon volleyball team lost two close matches at the first day of the Wartburg Tournament on Friday.

UWRF opened with a 3-2 loss to Simpson. Simpson won the first two games, 30-19 and 30-22. The Falcons battled back to win the next two, 30-26 and 30-18. Simpson took the deciding game, 15-11.

Krista Russell and Kelsey Scheele led the Falcons with 14 kills each. Ashley Wheeler had 11 and Gina DeRosa had eight. Scheele also led the Falcons with four aces and 23 digs. Emily Hagen led the Falcons with 29 assists and she had 19 digs. She had two aces. Becky Ponick, who had 16 assists, had 10 digs. Mandy McKenzie finished with 16 digs and two aces. DeRosa led the Falcons at the net with one solo and four block assists. Margret Rubis had five kills, three aces and four block assists.

The Falcons lost a three games to one match to Illinois Wesleyan. IWU won the first two games, 30-16 and 30-18. The Falcons won the third game, 30-28, before IWU won the fourth, 30-24.

Scheele was the only Falcon to reach double digits in kills - she had 10. She had 15 digs and two block assists. Amy Weber had 17 digs to lead UWRF. Rubis finished four kills, a team high five aces and nine block assists. Wheeler had nine kills and eight block assists. DeRosa finished with six kills and four block assists. Hagen, who had 23 assists, had 11 digs and Ponick, who had 10 assists, also had 11 digs. McKenzie had 14 digs.

The Falcons, now 5-20 overall and 1-5 in the WIAC, and will face Bethel at 9 a.m., on Saturday in the second day of the Wartburg Tourney. The Falcons will face another team depending on their finish in pool play.

**Volleyball Team Comes Up Short Against UW-Stout**

**Oct. 10, 2007**

The Falcon volleyball team loses WIAC match to UW-Stout in four games.

The Falcons lost the first two games 30-25, 30-19, came back to win the third game 30-24 and lost the fourth and final game 30-27.

Kelsey Scheele led the falcon in kills and digs, 14 and 23 respectively. She had two blocking assists as well. Brittany Johnson had 10 kills and one service ace. Gina DeRosa had nine kills, five blocking assists and one dig. Ashley Wheeler knocked down eight kills, five balls, had one blocking assist and one solo block. Emily Hagen dug five balls, had two blocking assists, two serving aces and three kills. Mandy McKenzie added to the defensive effort with 21 digs and had two serving aces.

The Falcons, now 5-18 overall and 1-5 in the WIAC, and will next compete in the Wartburg College Tournament, this weekend. Their first match is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 12, at 8p.m.

**Volleyball Team Loses to La Crosse**

**Oct. 06, 2007**

The Falcon volleyball team loses WIAC match against UW-La Crosse in four games.

The Falcons won the first game 31-29, and lost the next three 32-30, 30-17 and 30-28.

Kelsey Scheele was the only Falcon to reach double digits in kills with 19. She also dug 17 balls, and served two aces. Margret Rubis had nine kills, two digs and one service ace. Gina DeRosa and Andria Vetsch had eight kills apiece and DeRosa had three blocking assists and one solo block while Vetsch had two digs. Ashley Wheeler added five kills, six digs and one blocking assist. Amy Weber led the Falcons in digs with 24 while adding six kills, and one blocking assist. Emily Hagen chipped in with 14 digs, two kills and one blocking assist and service ace. Mandy McKenzie helped the defensive effort with 15 digs.

The Falcons, now 5-17 overall and 1-4 in the WIAC, and will host UW-Stout at the Karges Center Wednesday Oct. 10th at 7p.m

**Volleyball Team Loses at Platteville**

**Oct. 05, 2007**

The Falcon volleyball team loses WIAC match against UW-Platteville in three games.

The Pioneers won, 30-20, 30-24 and 30-22.
Kelsey Scheele led the Falcons in kills with eight, and added seven digs and two service aces. Both Gina DeRosa and Ashley Wheeler had five kills. DeRosa also had four blocking assists and two solo blocks while Wheeler contributed three blocking assists and one dig of her own. Courtney Schroeder added three kills and seven digs. Andria Vetsch also had three kills and had four blocking assists. Mandy McKenzie was the only falcon to reach double digits in digs with 12. Krista Russell had five digs and two kills. Emily Hagen helped the Falcon effort with five digs, one kill, and four serving aces.

The Falcons, now 5-16 overall and 1-3 in the WIAC, will next play at La Crosse at noon Saturday Oct. 6th.

**Volleyball Team Goes 0-4 in Simpson Tournament**

**Sept. 30, 2007**

The Falcon volleyball team lost all four matches at the Simpson College Tournament this past weekend.

River Falls’ first loss was against Loras with the score of 30-24, 30-21, and 30-22. Kelsey Scheele led the Falcons with seven kills, 16 digs and one blocking assist. Gina Derosa knocked down six kills of her own as well as six assisting blocks and dug two balls. Mandy McKenzie also had 16 digs and one kill. Emily Hagen had five digs and two blocking assists.

Wartburg handed UWRF their second loss of the tournament with the scores of 30-25, 30-24, 30-16. Scheele led with eight kills and dug six. DeRosa managed to hit five kills and had one assisting block. Becky Ponic had two service aces, four kills and 11 digs. Krista Russell added four kills, and three digs. Drew Hample had two service aces and three digs. McKenzie led the Falcons in digs with 15.

The Falcons third loss came against host Simpson with the score of 30-28, 30-27, 30-25. Once again Scheele led the Falcons with 17 kills, eight digs, three assisting and one solo block. Hample led in digs with 15, and hit two serving aces. DeRosa hit eight kills, had three blocking assists and one dig. Ashley Wheeler hit six kills, had three blocking assists and one solo block, and dug one ball. Sam Kaminiski had five kills; three digs and one serving ace. Elizabeth Braun had two kills, one dig and a team high five blocking assists. Russell added one kill and eight digs.

River Falls’ fourth loss was against Principia with the score of 30-21, 30-25, and 30-22. Scheele led the Falcons in kills for the fourth time of the tournament with 12. She also dug 12 balls, and had one serving ace. DeRosa added nine kills of her own as well as a team high three solo blocks and one blocking assist, and one dig. McKenzie led in digs with 14, and had one serving ace. Ponic had 12 digs, and three kills. Andria Vetsch had five kills, three blocking assists and one dig. Margret Rubis had four kills, six digs, four blocking assists and one serving ace.

Russell added one kill and eight digs.

The Falcons next game is against UW-Platteville on Friday Oct. 5th at 7 p.m. in Platteville.

**Volleyball Team Falls to UW-Eau Claire**

**Sept. 26, 2007**

The Falcon volleyball team goes 1-2 in WIAC play with a loss to UWEC this past Wednesday night.

UWEC won all three games to end the match with scores of 30-13, 30-25, 30-23.

Kelsey Scheele lead the Falcons with 11 kills, and added 10 digs, two service aces and one blocking assist. Gina DeRosa contributed six kills of her own as well as one solo block and four blocking assists. Drew Hample had a team leading 12 digs. Emily Hagen added to the Falcon effort with nine assists, eight digs, two service aces and one kill.

The Falcons, now 5-11 overall and 1-2 in the WIAC, will next play in the Simpson College Tournament. Their first match begins at 3 p.m. on Saturday Sep. 28th.

**Volleyball Team Loses WIAC Match to UWSP**

**Sept. 22, 2007**

The Falcon volleyball team lost a WIAC match to UW-Stevens Point Saturday afternoon at the Karges Center.

UWSP won the first two games, 30-27 and 30-18. The Falcons won the third game, 30-27, before UWSP won the the fourth game, 30-25.

Kelsey Scheele led the Falcons with 21 kills. Gina DeRosa was the only other Falcon to reach double digts in kills - she finished with 11. Becky Ponick led UWRF with 41 assists. Andria Vetsch had 13 digs while Scheele and Ponick each had 10.

Margret Rubis, who had five kills, had two block assists and DeRosa had one solo and one block assist.

The team’s best hitting game was the third when they had 18 kills and a .316 hitting percentage. The Falcons had 59 kills (.168) and UWSP had 50 (.167).

The Falcons, now 5-10 overall and 1-1 in the WIAC, will next play at Eau Claire on Wednesday with action starting at 7 p.m.

**Volleyball Team Opens WIAC Season With Win**

**Sept. 19, 2007**

The Falcon volleyball team opened its WIAC season with a three games to one win at UW-Superior on Wednesday night.

The Falcons lost the first game, 30-22, but came back to win the next three, 30-21, 31-29, 34-32.

Kelsey Scheele led the offense with 23 kills. She also played good defense finishing with 19 digs. Krista Russell had 15 kills and she was a defensive leader with 20 digs. Mandy McKenzie also had 20 digs and she had three aces. Margret Rubis finished with 11 kills and she led the Falcons with four aces. Emily Hagen led the team with 48 assists and she had 18 digs. Drew Hample finished with 16 digs. Gina DeRosa led the Falcons with one solo block and three block assists and she had 10 kills.
The Falcons have won four of their last five matches and are now 5-9 overall and 1-0 in the WIAC. UWRF will host UW-Stevens Point on Saturday in another WIAC match. Action starts at noon at the Karges Center.

Volleyball Team Loses To Stout, Gustavus Adolphus at UWEC Tourney

Sept. 1, 2007

The Falcon volleyball team lost two more matches on Saturday at the UW-Eau Claire Tournament.

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Sept. 1, 2007

The Falcon volleyball team lost two more matches on Saturday at the UW-Eau Claire Tournament.
UWRF opened with a three games to none loss to Stout. UWS won, 32-30, 30-23, 30-23. The Falcons finished with a loss to Gustavus Adolphus, 30-21, 33-31 and 30-21.

Against Stout Scheele led the team with 14 kills and 22 digs. Mandy McKenzie had 20 digs and two aces. Emily Hagen had 14 digs and two aces. Becky Ponick led UWRF with 33 assists. Gina DeRosa, who had eight kills, had two block assists. Margret Rubis and Amy Weber also had two block assists.

Against Gustavus Scheele led the Falcons with 10 kills and she had 30 digs. DeRosa finished with 11 kills and had four block assists. McKenzie had another strong defensive match with 20 digs. Weber, who had seven kills, had 10 digs. Ponick finished with 38 assists.

After committing 20 service errors and 25 reception errors on Friday, the Falcons had only 10 service errors and eight reception errors on Saturday.

The Falcons, now 0-4 overall, will play at Bethel on Wednesday with action starting at 7 p.m.

**Volleyball Team Opens Season**

at UWEC Tournament

Aug. 31, 2007

The Falcon volleyball team will have some new players on the court this year in key roles, but the team's goals will remain the same.

"Our goals are always the same," said Falcon Coach Patti Ford. "We want to compete at the highest level and be one of the top teams in the WIAC."

To do that the Falcons will need several players to fill in at several positions. UWRF lost four starters to graduation and that will give some new players an opportunity to shine.

"This is a new opportunity for this team to set its own tone and mark on Falcon volleyball," said Ford. "We're poised to do some good things and it will be an exciting year because of the unknowns. Our leadership and energy is high and that is a key."

Ford said that juniors Drew Hample and Nina Cooper are just two Falcons who are doing a great job of leading the relatively young team that has just two seniors on the roster. "Really all of our upperclassmen are good leaders and have a strong work ethic and that will help our new players understand Falcon volleyball. As we start to put the pieces together they all will be called upon to lead. We need to go to our experienced players who have been there and seen how things are done," said Ford.

Two sophomores after starting for the Falcons in 2006. Middle hitter Gina DeRosa and outside hitter Kelsey Scheele are back for a second season with some very good experience, according to Ford. DeRosa had 222 kills and Scheele had 163. DeRosa led the Falcons with 130 blocks and Scheele was third on the team with 467 digs.

Senior Krista Russell, sophomore Andria Vetsch and freshman Ashley Wheeler will man the right side hitting spot. Russell had 55 kills in 2006.

Freshman Becca Ponick looks to take over the important setter's position. "She is a good setter and is capable of running our offense," said Ford.

Sophomore Becca Troop and freshman Mandy McKenzie are the top players at libero. "Both are solid and tough," said Ford.

Outside hitter Courtney Schroeder and setter Emily Hagen are two other returnees who will play significant roles with the Falcons this fall. Schroeder played in 75 games last year and Hagen in 51.

Freshmen Margret Rubis, Rebecca Lippert and Elizabeth Braun have the abilities to help the Falcons as middle hitters.

Ford believes that Whitewater and Oshkosh are the top two teams in the WIAC at this stage. "The league will be as tough as usual. We want to be able to compete for the WIAC title and want to be at our best when playing the conference opponents. Our schedule will help prepare us for WIAC play. There's not a lot of difference between any of the teams in the WIAC right now."

Losing a big group of players to graduation is nothing new to the Falcons and Ford doesn't see it as a hurdle. "This is a great opportunity for us. We've lost big groups of graduating seniors before and we have still continued on with success."

The Falcons open their season this weekend at the Eau Claire tournament. They face Hamline and Eau Claire on Friday and Stout and Gustavus Adolphus on Saturday.
Patti Ford - Head Coach

July 9, 2007

Patti Ford starts her 16th season as head volleyball coach at UW-River Falls and has led the Falcons to six NCAA Div. III national playoff berths. She is currently second among active WIAC coaches in wins (394) and third in winning percentage (.697).

She enters the 2007 season needing just six wins to reach 400 in her career at UWRF.

The Falcons finished 24-13 in 2006 and placed fourth in the WIAC with a 4-4 record. UWRF has won 20 or more matches in 13 of the 15 years Ford has been head coach. Ford coached several post-season award winners in 2006. Four Falcons (Andrea Geehan, Kat Krtnick, Lindsey Mace, Kaate Thompson) were named to the All-WIAC team and Geehan was named to the AVCA All-America team. In addition, Krtnick was named the WIAC's Scholar-Athlete and she was voted to the CoSIDA second All-District V team.

The 2005 season fell short of expectations as the team finished 17-18 overall and 2-6 in the WIAC. In 2004 Falcons had a strong year. UWRF had another 20-win season finishing 24-11 overall and 5-3 in the WIAC and in third place.

The Falcons had a banner year in 2003 winning the WIAC regular season title and advancing to the NCAA Div. III national playoffs. UWRF finished the year 35-6 overall and advanced to the NCAA "Sweet 16." In 2002 the Falcons finished 31-8 overall and 7-1 in the WIAC. UWRF won back-to-back WIAC regular season titles under Ford's direction 2002-03. UWRF has won four WIAC titles and finished the 1999 season 8-0.

Ford has coached seven AVCA All-Americans, 15 AVCA All-Region players, two WIAC Players of the Year and four WIAC Scholar-Athletes.

In 2001 the Falcons finished 20-17 overall and 5-3 and in third place in the WIAC. The Falcons advanced to the NCAA Div. III playoffs but lost a first-round match, three games to two to Elmhurst College.

In 1999 the Falcons finished 30-7 overall and were ranked as high as fourth in the nation. The Falcons finished 8-0 in WIAC dual matches and finished second in the WIAC tourney. Ford was named the WIAC Coach of the Year for the second time since 1995. The Falcons advanced to the NCAA Tourney but lost in the first round.

Ford has coached the Falcons to 30 or more wins in four of the past 12 seasons and the Falcons have finished lower than third in the WIAC regular-season standings just twice in that same time period.

In 1998 the Falcons finished 32-6 overall and were 6-2 in the WIAC and finished second in the regular-season standings. They finished second in the WIAC playoffs. They advanced to the NCAA Championships and after winning their first match, lost in the finals. In 1996 the Falcons finished 34-5 overall and 7-1 in the WIAC. The Falcons went on to win the WIAC tournament title and hosted a NCAA Div. III first-round match.

The Falcons finished the 1995 season with a 38-7 record. The 38 wins are a record in a single season. The Falcons were 6-2 and placed third in the WIAC. Ford earned the WIAC Coach of the Year award.

Ford was an assistant coach at North Dakota State before coming to UWRF. With Ford as an assistant coach, the Bison won three straight North Central Conference championships. They placed second in the NCAA Div. II national championships in 1990 and third in 1989 and 1991.


In 1991 she was named the North Dakota Coach of the Year and the East Regional Coach of the Year.

She earned her undergraduate degree from Mount Marty College, S.D., in 1983 in health, physical education and recreation. She earned her master's degree at NDSU in education/physical education in 1994.

Ford teaches in the University's health and human performance department and serves as the assistant athletic director.