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Assistant coaches: Kris Weiby, Jeremy Weiss
Manager: Sara Torfin

Meet the Falcons

**Jenny Kern**
- YIS- Senior
- NUMBER- 17
- HEIGHT- 5-4
- POS.- Defence
- SHOOTS-
- HOME TOWN- Brooklyn Center, Minn.
- PREV. LEAGUE- Park Center H. S.

**Marlene Yaeger**
- YIS- Senior
- NUMBER- 1
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Falcon 2004-05 Women's Hockey Schedule
as of Feb. 28, 2005

13-12-0 Overall, 6-4-0 NCHA

Nov. 5 at St. Catherine
River Falls 6, St. Catherine 2
Nov. 6 St. Benedict
River Falls 7, St. Benedict 0
Nov. 12 Bethel
River Falls 8, Bethel 1
Nov. 13 at Gustavus Adolphus
Gustavus Adolphus 1, River Falls 0
Nov. 16 at Superior
Superior 2, River Falls 1
Nov. 20 Finlandia*
River Falls 4, Finlandia 2
Nov. 21 Finlandia*
River Falls 5, Finlandia 1
Nov. 23 at Augsburg
River Falls 5, Augsburg 3
Dec. 3 Lake Forest*
River Falls 3, Lake Forest 0
Dec. 4 Robert Morris (Exhibition)
River Falls 2, Robert Morris 0
Dec. 10 at Stevens Point*
Stevens Point 3, River Falls 0
Dec. 11 at Eau Claire*
Eau Claire 4, River Falls 1

Jan. 7 St. Thomas
St. Thomas 4, River Falls 1
Jan. 8 Middlebury
Middlebury 4, River Falls 0
Jan. 9 Williams
Williams 2, River Falls 0
Jan. 14 at Eau Claire
Eau Claire 3, River Falls 1
Jan. 15 Eau Claire
Eau Claire 2, River Falls 1
Jan. 21 Superior*
Superior 3, River Falls 2
Jan. 23 at Superior*
River Falls 1, Superior 0
Jan. 30 St. Mary's
River Falls 8, St. Mary's 1

Feb. 4 Eau Claire*
River Falls 3, Eau Claire 1
Feb. 5 Stevens Point*
Stevens Point 2, River Falls 0
Feb. 9 at St. Olaf
River Falls 2, St. Olaf 1
Feb. 18 at Robert Morris (Exhibition)
River Falls 2, Robert Morris 1
Feb. 19 at Lake Forest*
River Falls 6, Lake Forest 2
Feb. 26 vs. Superior (at Stevens Point)
River Falls 5, Superior 4 OT**
Feb. 27 at Stevens Point (NCHA Finals)
Stevens Point 3, River Falls 1

* NCHA Games
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Falcons Place Second in NCHA Tournament
Feb. 27, 2005

Kelly Jensen had the only goal for the Falcons in this 3-1 loss to UW-Stevens Point. Jensen's goal was just 31 seconds into the second period with an assist from Kristen Hurley.

The Falcons entered the championship game with a record of 13-11 and ranked third in the conference. Their opponent, UW-Stevens Point, was ranked number one with a record of 21-2-1.

UWSP started off the scoring with two goals in the first period. Their first goal was at 6:09, scored by Kim Lunneborg and assisted by Ann Ninnenmann. Katy Lankey scored the next goal with assists by Jackie Schmitt and Jessie Suter at 14:03.

Jensen’s goal for the Falcons came next. It was her fifth goal of the season.

UWSP had the final goal of the second period and the game at 5:17. It was scored by Schmitt and assisted by Lankey.

The Pointers out-shot the Falcons 18-26 and were 0-4 on power plays while the Falcons were 0-3.

Senior goalie Marlene Yaeger played goal for 59:58 and made 23 saves for the night. Her record is 7-9-0.

The Falcons finale record is 13-12, and the NCHA Tournament champions, UWSP, have a record of 22-2-1.

Scanlon Goal Gets Falcons OT Win Over UWS
Feb. 26, 2005

Jenna Scanlon scored at 17:27 of overtime to help lift the Falcon women's hockey team to a 5-4 overtime win over UW-Superior in the NCHA playoff semifinals played in Stevens Point on Saturday night.

In a game that had three lead changes and had six third period goals, the Falcons tied the game with three minutes left in regulation. UWS led 1-0 after one and the game was tied 1-1 after two.

UWS's Amy Kachinske scored the only goal of the first period, at 8:41. The Falcons tied it a 1-1 at 11:27 of the second period when Kelly Jensen scored a power-play goal. It was her fifth goal of the year. In a wild third period, the Falcons took a 3-1 lead. Renae Bergh scored her fifth goal of the year at 5:31 and Molly Buehner scored her second goal of the season at 7:19. But just 19 seconds later, UWS got to within 3-2 when Rae Hannah scored. At 16:11 Hannah scored her second goal of the game to tie the score, 3-3. UWS then went ahead 4-3 at 16:39 when Erin Kegley scored. But the Falcons bounced back to tie the game at 17:00 when Amy Bruggeman scored her fifth goal of the season with assists to Buehner and Jenny Wallace. That set up Scanlon's game-winner in overtime. Kristen Hurley assisted on the final goal.

UWRF goalie Amber Lindner made 19 saves, including six in the overtime session. UWRF had 32 shots on goal.

The Falcons, now 13-11-0 overall, will play UW-Stevens Point in the NCHA Championship game on Sunday at the Ice Hawks Arena in Stevens Point. The puck drops at 5 p.m. UWSP won the 2005 NCHA regular season title and won the 2004 NCHA Playoff championship.

Falcons Win at Lake Forest, 6-2
Feb. 19, 2005

The Falcon women's hockey team bounced back from a 2-1 deficit and went on to a 6-2 win at Lake Forest Saturday afternoon.

The Falcons led 1-0 after one and 3-2 after two. Leah Baron got the only goal of the first period. She scored a power-play goal at 9:51. It was her eighth goal of the year and she was assisted by Lindsay O'Keefe. LFC then grabbed a 2-1 lead with goals at 3:33 and 10:47 of the second period. But O'Keefe scored at 17:19 and Amy Bruggeman scored at 19:00 to put the Falcons ahead for good. It was O'Keefe's 10th goal of the year and she was assisted by Baron. Bruggeman got her fourth goal of the season and she was assisted by Kelly Jensen. It was all UWRF in the third. Kelly Hurley scored her ninth goal of the year, with assists to O'Keefe and Jenny Kern, at 5:25. Jenna Scanlon scored her first goal of the year, at 9:30, with an assist to Kacie Anderson. Jenny Wallace finished the scoring at 15:23 with a power-play goal. It was her seventh goal of the year and she was assisted by Bruggeman and Jensen.

Falcon goalie Marlene Yaeger made 26 saves to improve her record to 7-8-0. The Falcons had 36 shots on goal.

The Falcons, now 12-11-0 overall, will compete in the NCHA playoffs on Saturday and Sunday at UW-Stevens Point. The Falcons will play UW-Superior in one semifinal game that is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. The third-place game is set for 2 p.m. followed by the championship game at 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Falcons Beat St. Olaf, 2-1
Feb. 9, 2005
The women's hockey team came out against St. Olaf with a big bang. Their only goals were made in the first period, but it was enough to give the Falcons a 2-1 victory.

Lou Paulson was the first to score for the Falcons. She made her 12th goal for the season at 10:22 of the first period with assists from Lindsay O'Keefe and Leah Baron. Kelly Hurley scored the next goal at 14:05 with assists from Amy Bruggeman and Kelly Jensen. That was Hurley's 8th season goal.

St. Olaf made their only goal at 16:52 of the second period on a power play. St. Olaf went 1-6 on power plays while the Falcons were 0-7.

Shooting was pretty even throughout the game, but the Falcons out-shot St. Olaf 26-23. Blocking all of shots for the Falcons and improving her record to 6-8-0 was senior goalie Marlene Yaeger. "Marlene played really well," commented Coach Joe Cranston, who was really happy with his team's performance, "We played really good in the first period."

The Falcons now have an even record of 11-11-0. Their next game isn't until next Friday when they will travel to Robert Morris for an exhibition game beginning at 7:25 p.m.

**Falcons Unable to Score Against NCHA Champs**

Feb. 5, 2005

The Falcons women's hockey team went scoreless against UW-Stevens Point with a finale score of 2-0 Saturday afternoon at Hunt Arena. This score was an improvement from the previous 3-0 loss suffered the last time these two teams played. It was yesterday that the Pointers won the NCHA title when they played at Superior.

Despite their scoreless performance, the Falcons did not give this game up without a fight. The first period saw no scoring from either team. Lou Paulson made a daring attempt at a score when she flew down the rink in a one on one situation, but was unable to get the puck across the goal line.

The Pointers scored their first goal at 1:56 of the second period. Their second goal came late in the third period at 14:27. Tempers flared in the third period and emotions were running high. The Falcons called a timeout at 18:57 where they decided to pull senior goalie Marlene Yaeger. This was Yaeger’s last home game, her record is now 5-8-0. Immediately after the Falcon timeout Stevens Point took one. Shooting from both sides remained pretty even throughout the game with the Pointers holding a slight 24-21 advantage.

There were a lot of close calls in this game with a rush of players at the goal, but for some reason the Falcons couldn’t get a point. Coach Joe Cranston commented, "we played well. I don’t know why we couldn’t get a goal."

This game marks the last home game of the season and the Falcons will play their next game on Tuesday at St. Olaf. The game is scheduled to begin at 7:05 p.m.

**Falcons Top UWEC, 3-1**

Feb. 4, 2005

It took four tries, but the Falcon women's hockey team finally defeated UW-Eau Claire, 3-1, Friday night at Hunt Arena.

UW-Eau Claire wasn't going to give this game up without a fight, however, and tonight’s game proved to be a battle.

Both teams came out ready to play, but it was Falcon Leah Baron who scored the first goal late in the first period. She scored on a 5-4 power play with assists from Jenny Wallace and Lindsay O'Keefe at 18:14. Falcons went 1-4 on power play opportunities.

During the second period, Baron scored an unassisted goal at 3:12. It was her seventh goal of the season. Later in the period the Falcons got a scare when goalie Amber Linder lost her stick. It was a mad dash to get the puck, but the Falcons played tough and were able to clear the puck without any damage.

The Blugolds came out in the third period with a rush of urgency as they managed to score from just in front of the net just 26 seconds into the period. Coach Joe Cranston commented, "that could have thrown us, but we kept playing good." He’s right because it was Lou Paulson who answered right back with a goal of her own at 2:48 with both a Falcon and a Blugold in the penalty box. It was Paulson's team leading 12th goal of the season.

When asked how it felt to finally defeat UW-Eau Claire, Coach Cranston commented that, "It’s great. We did what he had to do to win."

Amber Lindner played a great game in goal. She blocked 28 out of 29 and improved her record to 5-3-0.

The Falcons, now 10-10-0 overall and 5-3-0 in the NCHA, will be playing at the Hunt Arena on Saturday against Stevens Point. The puck will drop at 4:05 p.m. UWSP is in first place in the NCHA and has an 18-2 overall record.

**Falcons Get Big 8-1 Win Over St. Mary's**

Jan. 30, 2005
The Falcon women’s hockey team scored an overwhelming 8-1 win against St. Mary’s on Sunday at Hunt Arena.

Lou Paulson came out aggressively and got the scoring started just 19 seconds into the first period. She was helped with assists from Leah Baron and Jenny Wallace. At 14:35 Kelly Harley scored with some help from Kelly Jensen and 20 seconds later Paulson put in her second goal with Wallace there for the assist.

St. Mary's made it a 3-1 game at 6:08 when they scored on a power play. But that was the only goal they would net. The Falcons came back and answered on a power play goal of their own at 8:42. The goal was scored by Lindsay O’Keefe and assisted by Wallace.

The Falcons really lit up the scoreboard during the third period. Molly Buehner started things off with a goal at 5:53 with assists from Jensen and Wallace. Wallace had a total of four assist for the game. O’Keefe scored her second goal of the game on a power play at 13:36 with assists from Baron and Paulson. Paulson, who started off the scoring, got her hat trick on a shorthanded goal at 16:15 with an assist from O’Keefe.

All three Falcon goalies got some time on the ice. Marlene Yaeger protected the goal during the first period making eight saves. The game was tied 1-1 after one and UWS led 2-1 after two. The Falcons have lost eight straight.

The Falcons, now 9-10-0 overall and 4-3-0 in the NCHA, next game is against Eau Claire on Friday at 7:05 p.m. at the Hunt Arena.

**Falcons Win, 1-0, at UWS**

**Jan. 23, 2005**

Leah Baron scored the only goal of the game and goalie Amber Lindner made 38 saves to help the Falcon women's hockey team to a 1-0 win Sunday afternoon at UW-Superior.

Baron scored a power-play goal at 4:23 of the third period with an assist to Lindsay O'Keefe. It was Baron's fifth goal of the season and her first game winning goal of the year. The Falcons scored just 21 seconds after UWS was called for a minor penalty. Lindner picked up her first shutout of the season and improved her record to 4-3-0. Lindner made nine saves in the first period, 17 in the second and 12 in the third. UWRF had 25 shots on goal. The win snapped an eight game Falcon losing streak.

The Falcons, now 8-10-0 overall and 4-3-0 in the NCHA, will next host St. Mary's on Sunday at Hunt Arena with the puck dropping at 2:05 p.m.

**Falcons Drop 3-2 Decision to UWS**

**Jan. 21, 2005**

The Falcon women’s hockey team dropped another close game, 3-2, to UW-Superior Friday night at Hunt Arena.

The game was tied 1-1 after one and UWS led 2-1 after two. The Falcons have lost eight straight.

Lou Paulson scored the first goal of the game at 2:15 off a rebound from a shot by Lindsay O’Keefe. It was Paulson’s seventh goal of the year. UWS tied the game at 12:03 when Hally Sharrow scored from 15 feet in front of the UWRF net. UWS took a 2-1 lead at 12:55 of the second period when Rae Hannah scored. UWS took a 3-2 lead at 11:05 of the final period when Tara Evoy scored a power-play goal. The Falcons got to within 3-2 at 12:22 when O’Keefe scored her seventh goal of the year. She was assisted by Leah Baron and Jenny Wallace.

Falcon goalie Marlene Yaeger made 18 saves. The Falcons had 32 shots on goal, including 16 in the third period when they out shot UWS, 16-4.

The Falcons, now 7-10-0 overall and 3-3-0 in the NCHA, will next play another NCHA game at UW-Superior on Sunday. The puck drops at 2:05 p.m.

**Falcons Lose to UWECS, 2-1**

**Jan. 15, 2005**

The Falcon women's hockey team dropped a 2-1 decision to UW-Eau Claire Saturday afternoon at Hunt Arena.

The Falcons grabbed a 1-0 lead at 10:09 of the first period when Lou Paulson scored with an assist to Emily Nierenhausen. It was Paulson's seventh goal of the year, tops on the team. But UWEC tied the game at 16:24 when Amber Stevenson scored. UWEC got what proved to be the game winner at 7:50 of the second period. Laura Suppes scored the goal with her team on the power play. Paulson was awarded a penalty shot at 16:32 of the third period, but UWEC goalie Jill Arendt made the save.

Falcon goalie Amber Lindner stopped 21 shots and Arendt finished with 30 saves.

The Falcons, now 7-9-0 overall, will next host UW-Superior on Friday at Hunt Arena. Game time is set for 7:05 p.m. Earlier this year UWS took a 2-1 win in Superior.
Falcons Lose at UWEC, 3-1  
Jan. 14, 2005  
The Falcon women's hockey team lost a 3-1 decision at UW-Eau Claire Friday night.
All the goals were scored in the third period. UWEC got on the scoreboard first at 4:58 when Katie Vanelli scored. At 6:06, with the Falcons on the power play, UWEC made it a 2-0 game. Laura Supes scored the short-handed goal. The Falcons made it a 2-1 game at 9:48 when Emily Nierenhausen scored with assists to Amy Bruggeman and Kelly Jensen. UWEC ended the scoring with 27 seconds to play when Laura Brackey scored an empty-net goal.
Falcon goalie Marlene Yaeger made 26 saves and the Falcons had 23 shots on goal.
The Falcons, now 7-8-0 overall, will host UWEC on Saturday at Hunt Arena in another non-conference game. Action starts at 1:05 p.m. The two teams have played twice already this year with UWEC winning both. The Blugolds took a 4-1 win in Eau Claire on Dec. 11. The Falcons will try to snap a six-game losing streak.

Falcons Lose to Williams, 2-0  
Jan. 9, 2005  
The Falcon women's hockey team was shut out for the second straight game, 2-0, against Williams College Sunday morning at Hunt Arena.
Saturday the Falcons lost to Middlebury, 4-0.
Williams scored single goals in the first and second periods. Jackie Gaff scored at 3:27 of the first period and Malissa Vandermyn scored an unassisted goal at 4:17 of the third period.
UWRF outshot the Ephs, 42-31, including 19-13 in the final period. UWRF finished 0-3 on the power play and WC was 0-2.
Falcon goalie Amber Lindner made 29 saves.
The Falcons, now 7-7-0 overall, will next play a non-conference game at UW-Eau Claire on Friday with action starting at 7:05 p.m.

The Falcons Lose to Top Ranked Middlebury  
Jan. 8, 2005  
The Falcons played hard, but still lost to the number one ranked team in the nation, Middlebury, 4-0.
The first period saw no scoring action from either team. The two teams played tough, but it was Middlebury who outshot the home team 18-7.
The Panthers took control over the game during the second period scoring 3 goals and leaving the Falcons with 0. They scored constantly with their first goal scored on a 4-on-3 power play at 4:17. They scored their second goal at 8:40, and again at 13:58.
The Panthers came out in the third period to make one final goal at 3:08.
Senior Marlene Yaeger defended the goal all 60 minutes making 38 saves out of 42 shots on goal.
Overall, Middlebury outshot the Falcons 42-21, but Coach Joe Cranston believes his team played well against their tough competitors. "We played really well and didn't worry about the scoreboard. It was our best team effort."
The Falcons play again at 10 a.m. against Williams at Hunt Arena.

UST Tops Falcons, 4-1  
Jan. 7, 2005  
The Falcons dropped a 4-1 decision to St. Thomas Friday afternoon at Hunt Arena.
UST led 1-0 after one and 3-1 after two. UST had a 3-0 lead in the second period when Jenny Wallace scored a power-play goal at 18:32. She was assisted by Kelly Jensen. It was Wallace's sixth goal of the year and her fifth power-play goal of the season.
UST out shot the Falcons, 36-35, including 12-5 in the first period. The Falcons had a 19-14 advantage in shots in the final period. The last UST goal was scored into an empty net with 4:42 to play.
Falcon goalie Marlene Yaeger made 32 saves.
The Falcons, now 7-5 overall, will host Middlebury College at 6 p.m. on Saturday at Hunt Arena. MC is the top ranked team in the USCHO poll.

Falcons Drop 4-1 Game at Eau Claire
Dec. 11, 2004

The Falcons lost a 4-1 NCHA decision at UW-Eau Claire Saturday afternoon. The Falcons started the game off with a bang from Leah Baron who scored just 1:58 into the first period. Unfortunately it was all Blugolds after that.

The Blugolds scored their first goal at 12:17 of the first period during a River Falls power play. They scored again at 12:18 of the second period and again at 6:28 and 5:52. The third period was scoreless. UW-Eau Claire came into the game winless in the NCHA. The Falcons are now 7-4-0 overall and 3-2-0 in the NCHA.

Both teams managed to get 28 shots on goal for the night.

Senior goalie Marlene Yaeger and sophomore goalie Amber Linder shared goaltending time. Yaeger played a total of 25:52 making eight saves. Linder played 34:08 and made 16 saves and allowed four goals. “We came out flat and a little frustrated from last night's game. Eau Claire just wanted it more,” commented Coach Joe Cranston.

The Falcons are off until Jan. 7 when they host St. Thomas at noon at Hunt Arena.

Falcons are Shut-Out by UW Stevens Point

Dec. 10, 2004

The women’s hockey team had a 3-0 loss to the Pointers. After having shut-out both teams they played against last weekend, the Falcons get a taste of their own medicine.

The Pointers had their first goal during the first period on a power play at 12:20. Their next two goals were scored during the third period. The Pointers scored at 3:21 and another at 15:33 of the third period.

The Falcons had plenty of power-play opportunities, but were not able to score on them. They went 0-8, while pointers were 1-5.

Marlene Yaeger defended the goal all 60 minutes and made a total of 19 saves. Despite loosing, the Falcons still out shot the Pointers 33 to 22.

Coach Joe Cranston explained, "We played really well, it was one of our better games, we just couldn't buy a goal."

This game marks the first NCHA loss, leaving them with a record of 3-1 for conference and 7-3 overall.

The Falcons will play again on Saturday at Eau Claire, the game will begin at 2:05 p.m.

Falcons Continue Shut-out Weekend with 2-0 Victory

Dec. 4, 2004

The women's hockey team earned another shut-out victory in the exhibition game against Robert-Morris. The Falcons also earned continued success in power play situations.

The Falcons were able to get all of their scoring done early with Lou Paulson making an unassisted power play goal at 5:10 of the first period. Lindsay O'Keefe was the next to score for the Falcons on a power ply at 14:04. She recieved assists from Emily Nierenhausen and Paulson.

Overall the Falcons were 2 for 6 on power plays and they did an excellent job keeping the other team from scoring on their power play opportunities, leaving the Eagles 0 for 4. Coach Joe Cranston commented that, "Our power plays look good and our penalty kills are good, but when its 5 on 5 we were sloppy." The Falcons

The Falcons had 40 shots on goal while the Eagles only managed 19. It was Amber Linder who defended the goal all 60 minutes and blocked those 19 shots.

The Falcons will play again Dec. 10 at Stevens Point. The puck will drop at 5 p.m.

Falcons Shut-Out Lake Forest, 3-0

Dec. 3, 2004

The women's hockey team defeated the Foresters 3-0, thanks in part to the Falcons ability to capitalize on power plays.

Scoring came late in the game and it was Jenny Wallace who scored the first goal for the Falcons when she capitalazied on a power play at 13:40 of the second period. She recieved assists from Lindsey O'Keefe and Lou Paulson. Paulson had the next goal of the night at 3:40 of the third period. O'Keefe was there to give her second assist for the night. The finale goal of the night was scored on a power play by Leah Baron at 8:25 of the the third period, with assists from Jenna Scanlon and Kelly Hurley.

Senior goalie Marlene Yaeger played all 60 minutes blocking 25 shots for the night. Tonights game marks Yaeger's 12th career shut-out.
Coach Joe Cranston was pleased with his team's efforts. "We played awesome. We outplayed them every period." The Falcon's out-shot the Foresters 37-25.

The Falcons play Saturday night at 2:05 p.m. when they host the Robert Morris for an exhibition match.

**Falcons Beat Augsburg University, 5-3**

**Nov. 23, 2004**

The women's hockey team had a great win when they defeated Augsburg University, 5-3.

Lindsay O'Keefe started out the scoring with an assist from Lou Paulson. Jenny Wallace had the next goal with some help from Leah Baron and Kelly Hurley, then Hurley made a goal of her own with another assist from Baron. Kristen Juven came in with the fourth goal and her first one for the season with assists from Kacie Anderson and Paulson giving her second assist for the night.

The fifth goal came from Paulson who made an unassisted goal with two Falcons in the penalty box. Coach Joe Cranston commented that Paulson's 5-3 goal was "unbelievable, it was the first time I had ever seen that happen!"

Marlene Yaeger was the goalie for the night defending all 60 minutes and making 27 saves.

The Falcons play again on December 3 when they host Lake Forest at 7:05 p.m. in the Hunt Arena.

**Falcons Defeat Finlandia, 5-1**

**Nov. 21, 2004**

The women's hockey team started out their first NCHA weekend against Finlandia with a sloppy 4-2 victory, but finished them off strong with a 5-1 win.

The scoring did not come till late in the first period when Lou Paulson made a goal with assists from Kristen Juven and Emily Niernhausen at 13:19. The Falcons didn't score again until 11:01 into the second period with Kelly Hurley making a play with some help from Jenny Wallace and Leah Baron.

The third period started out strong for the Falcons when Lindsay O'Keefe scored on an unassisted power play to make a goal 57 seconds into the beginning of the period. Paulson went solo to make her second goal for the night at 9:58 and O'Keefe finished up the scoring for the Falcons by making her second goal for the night at 12:46 with an assist from Renae Bergh. Finlandia managed to get one goal in before the buzzer at 19:05.

Marlene Yaeger protected the goal all 60 minutes and made 19 saves out of 20 shots.

Shooting was up for the Falcons as they more then doubled Finlandia's shots with 45-20.

"We played really well today and were mentally prepared. This is our first game of three good periods." Said Coach Joe Cranston.

The Falcons play again on Tuesday at Augsburg, the puck will drop at 7:05 p.m.

**Falcons Beat Finlandia Despite Poor Play**

**Nov. 20, 2004**

The women's hockey team start out the NCHA season sloppy, but still manage to defeat Finlandia University 4-2. Finlandia has yet to win a game this year and the Falcons were predicted to win by a landslide.

The Falcons came out slow in the first period, but Amy Bruggeman started out the scoring with a goal at 12:51, with assists from Kelly Snedeker and Kelly Jensen. Kelly Hurley slammed in another point at 14:17 with some help from Jenna Scanlon.

It was one goal for each team in the second period when Finlandia came out right away to score at 3:43, but the Falcons answered right back with a goal at 4:49 from Lou Paulson with assists by Lindsay O'Keefe and Kristen Juven.

Scoring came late in the third period, with Jensen scoring at 17:42 with assists from Snedeker and Bruggeman. The Falcons let their guard down after that, allowing the Lions to score the final goal at 19:26.

Amber Linder protected the goal all 60 minutes and had 12 saves out of 14 shots.

Shooting was down for the Falcons when they could only come up with 8 shots in the first period, 13 in the second, and 10 in the third. It was enough, however, to out shoot the Lions 31-14.

"This was our worst game all year, we weren't ready and it is up to the team to be focused for tomorrow's game." Said Coach Joe Cranston.

Tomorrow the Falcons will play Finlandia again at 2:05 p.m. at the Hunt Arena.

**Falcons Loose Close Battle with UW-Superior**

**Nov. 16, 2004**
The women’s hockey team faced another tough loss from UW-Superior, with a final score of 2-1. The Falcons faced early trouble when they fell behind 2-0 by the beginning of the second period and were not able to make a come back.

The Yellowjackets were the first to score when they capitalized on a power play opportunity with two seconds remaining in the first period. They came back again 4:48 into the second period to score their final goal.

The Falcons finally found their way to the net when Lou Paulson scored with an assists to Jenna Scanlon on a power play at 7:50 in the second period. The third period would see no scoring action from either side and the game ended 2-1. Marlene Yaeger defended the goal all 60 minutes and made 27 saves for the night.

"We just came out flat in the first period. We played really well in the second and third period, but we weren't able to make a come back.” said Coach Joe Cranston.

The first period saw little shooting opportunities for the Falcons when the Yellowjackets out shot them 14-5. The Falcons found their shooting rhythm the next period, however, when they out shot their opponents 9-8, but both would battle out the third when they each ended up with 6.

The Falcons will play again on Saturday when they host Finlandia at the Hunt Arena. The game starts at 1:05 p.m.

**Falcons Suffer First Defeat to Gustavus Aldophus**

**Nov. 13, 2004**

The women’s hockey team suffered their first defeat to Gustavus Adolphus with a 0-1 loss. Penalties resulting in a lot of power play opportunities is what is to blame for this first defeat.

The game remained scoreless after the first period, but the Falcons had trouble finding open shots. During the first period, Gustavus outshot the Falcons 22-4 and it did not improve much after that when by the end of the game they were only able to find 10 opportunities to their opponents 44.

Senior goalie Marlene Yaeger, who played all 60 minutes, held tough and only allowed one shot to get through during the second quarter when the Gusties scored on a 5-on-4 power play at 12:13.

"They were a better team, and just outplayed us.” Coach Joe Cranston commented. The sixth ranked Gustavus improved their record giving them their first victory and improving their record to 1-0-1, while the Falcons suffered their first defeat giving them a record of 3-1-0.

The Falcons will play again on November 16 at UW-Superior. The game will begin at 7:05 p.m.

**Another Big Win for Women's Hockey**

**Nov. 12, 2004**

The women’s hockey team had another big win over Bethel University with a 8-1 victory. They had another consistent game scoring two goals in the first period, three goals in the 2nd, and another three in the 3rd.

The 1st goal of the game was made at 12:41 by Leah Baron with some help from Renae Bergh. Kelly Hurley had the next goal at 19:23 when she received assists from Emily Nierenhausen and Jenny Wallace.

Hurley scored again at the beginning of the 2nd period when Lindsay O'Keefe set her up for the 3rd score of the game. That made Hurley the leading scorer for the night. Bethel got their first goal in the middle of the 2nd period, but the Falcons fired right back 4 minutes later when Nierenhausen scored in a power play with assists from Lou Paulson and Jenna Scanlon. Bergh came in with 47 seconds left on the clock to put in one more unassisted goal.

It was all Falcons after that as they silenced the Royals with three more goals. Kelly Jensen came in right away to score 1:58 into the first period with an assist from Kacie Anderson. Jenny Wallace had her first goal for the night when she scored on a power play at 8:53 with Paulson giving her 2nd assist for the night. Jenny Kern had the final goal for the Falcons at 15:35 with some help from Wallace to finish the game 8-1.

Sophomore goalie Amber Linder played all 60 minutes and stopped 17 out of 18 shots for the night and improved her record to 2-0.

This Falcon team is soundly dominating every opponent it has had so far, Coach Joe Cranston explained how his team does it. "We’re generating a lot of offense and the defense is scoring which opens a lot of things up. We’re doing this every game and it has been our key to winning.”

The Falcons will travel to Gustavus Aldolphus on Saturday, the puck will drop at 2:05 p.m.

**Falcons First Home Game is a Shutout**

**Nov. 6, 2004**

The Falcons women hockey team's first home game was also their first shut out as they beat the St. Benedict Blazers, 7-0. They played consistant all the way through scoring three goals in the first period, three goals in the second, and one goal in the third.

Freshman Kelly Jensen started the team off early, scoring the first two goals. "We got the jitters out from the game before and were able to dominate this game.” Coach Joe Cranston commented afterwards. Goalie Marlene Yaeger had her 11th career shutout and
even contributed to the scoring by giving an assist to Renae Bergh who scored the team's fifth goal at 5:30 of the second period. Yaeger made 13 saves in the game.

This team is proving to be a threat from every position on the ice. Defense is able to keep the puck down on the other end of the ice, while the offense is having little trouble finding open shots. The Falcons out shot the Blazers 51-13 and had similar results last night when they outshot St. Catherine 60-10.

The Falcons will host Bethel, Friday at the Hunt Arena at 7:05 p.m.

Falcons Win 6-2 in Season Opener

Nov. 5, 2004

The Falcon women's hockey team started out their season against St. Catherine with a big win. They came in tough after the first period ready to defeat the Wildcats 6-2, with a different Falcons scoring each of the goals.

The Falcons were down 1-0 after the first period, but then came out ready to play when Leah Baron scored the first goal followed by Jenny Wallace who led the game with one goal and two assists. Other scorers for the Falcons included Lindsay O'Keefe, Renae Bergh, Emily Nierenhausen and Amy Bruggeman. Amber Lindner was the goalie for the game.

"We out-shot them 60-10" Falcon Coach Joe Cranston said, "as long as we keep working we’ll win a lot of games."

The Falcons play their first home game on Saturday against the St. Benedict. The puck will drop at 1:05 p.m. at the Hunt Arena.

Joe Cranston - Head Women's Hockey Coach

Joe Cranston starts his sixth season as women's hockey coach at UW-River Falls.

The Falcons had another banner year in 2004 finishing 17-9-1 overall and 11-4-1 in the highly competitive NCHA. The Falcons advanced to the NCHA playoffs and won the third place game. UWRF had its best season ever in the school's five year history in 2003. They finished 20-6-4 overall and won the NCHA regular season title with a 12-1-3 record. They went on to win the NCHA playoff championship for the second time. The Falcons then got the team's first ever berth into the NCAA Div. III playoffs. In a first round game the Falcons beat St. Thomas, 5-1, and advanced to the NCAA Frozen Four. In Elmira, N.Y., the Falcons lost to the eventual national champions Elmira, 2-1 in the semifinals.

In 2002 the Falcons finished 13-11-3 overall and 8-6-2 and finished third in the NCHA. UWRF won a first-round NCHA playoff game to reach the league playoff championship game for the second straight year. UWRF lost a close 2-1 decision to UW-Stevens Point in the title game in Stevens Point. In 2001 the Falcons finished 19-7-1 and finished second in the NCHA regular-season standings. Cranston then led the Falcons to the NCHA Playoff Championship. UWRF beat UW-Stevens Point, 4-1, in the playoff semifinals and then the Falcons topped regular-season champions, UW-Superior, 2-1 in the title game. He has a 55-39-8 record with the Falcons.

Cranston was the head coach of the Somerset boy's varsity high school team from 1990-1998. He was an assistant coach there from 1988-1990. He has coached the Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association camps, clinics and select teams for over 14 years. Cranston has conducted several hockey clinics and served on the WIAA All-State selection committee for two years. He is also a coaching instructor for USA Hockey.

Cranston, a native of Fergus Falls, Minn., played youth and high school hockey there. He played for the high school team from 1979-1983 and was the team captain as a senior. He played, and was the captain, of the 1983-84 North Iowa Huskies of the USHL. Cranston then returned to Fergus Falls to attend the community college where he played with that team in 1985-86. He was the team's captain, MVP and was ranked in the Top 10 in the nation in scoring.

He earned an AA degree from Fergus Falls Community College in 1986 and earned his undergraduate degree in elementary education from UW-River Falls in 1990. He taught third grade in the Somerset School District from 1990-97.
**Falcon Assistant Coaches**

**Kris Weiby**
Kris Weiby enters his fifth year as an assistant coach for the Falcons.

He was an assistant coach with the club team for two years prior to the team reaching varsity status. He is a coach and evaluator for the Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association. He is also a coach and scout for the Girls Metro STP program in the Twin Cities. He is majoring in health and human performance with coaching and health minors.

Born and raised in Superior, Wis., he attended Superior Senior High School. As a three year letter winner, he helped the varsity hockey team to three consecutive state championships in 1994, 1995, and 1996.

**Jeremy Weiss**

is in his fifth year as goalie coach. He competed in hockey and baseball at UWRF. He has worked as a goalie coach for the WAHA girls selects camp as well as the USA hockey Central District camp.

He earned his undergraduate degree in health and human performance at UWRF.

**Mandy Stokes**

Mandy Stokes is a student assistant coach with the Falcons. She played college hockey at UW-RF from 1999-2003.

She was the captain of last year’s team which set a school record with 20 wins. Stokes was named to the NCHA All-Academic team three years in a row. She was the team’s captain and was named the team’s Hardest Worker every year she played.

Stokes is the Falcon career leader in games played (102) and she scored 30 goals and 50 career points.

She is finishing her undergraduate degree work at UW-RF and is majoring in health & human performance.