### Women’s Hockey

**2000-2001**

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2000-2001 Women's Hockey Schedule

- Nov. 3 St. Mary's
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- Nov. 4 at Gustavus Adolphus
  Gustavus Adolphus 4, River Falls 2

- Nov. 10 Superior*
  Superior 2, River Falls 1

- Nov. 11 Superior*
  River Falls 4, Superior 3 OT*

- Nov. 17 at Bethel
  River Falls 9, Bethel 2

- Nov. 18 Bethel
  River Falls 6, Bethel 2

- Dec. 1 at Lake Forest*
  River Falls 3, Lake Forest 1

- Dec. 2 at Lake Forest*
  River Falls 5, Lake Forest 0

- Dec. 6 St. Thomas
  St. Thomas 3, River Falls 2

- Dec. 8 at Eau Claire*
  River Falls 8, Eau Claire 0

- Dec. 9 at Eau Claire*
  River Falls 5, Eau Claire 1

- Dec. 16 at St. Catherine
  River Falls 4, St. Catherine 2

- Dec. 17 St. Catherine
  River Falls 2, St. Catherine 2 OT

- Jan. 12 at Stevens Point*
  Stevens Point 3, River Falls 1

- Jan. 13 at Stevens Point*
  Stevens Point 3, River Falls 1

- Jan. 17 St. Benedict
  River Falls 6, St. Benedict 2

- Jan. 19 at Superior*
  Superior 2, River Falls 1

- Jan. 20 at Superior*
  Superior 1, River Falls 0 OT

- Jan. 22 at St. Thomas
  River Falls 4, St. Thomas 1

- Feb. 2 Lake Forest*
  River Falls 4, Lake Forest 2

- Feb. 3 Lake Forest*
  River Falls 6, Lake Forest 0

- Feb. 9 Eau Claire*
  River Falls 9, Eau Claire 2

- Feb. 10 Eau Claire*
  River Falls 9, Eau Claire 0

- Feb. 24 Stevens Point*
  River Falls 5, Stevens Point 0

- Feb. 25 Stevens Point*
  River Falls 6, Stevens Point 2

- March 3 NCHA Semifinals^*
  River Falls 4, Stevens Point 1

- March 4 NCHA Championship^*
  River Falls 2, Superior 1

* NCHA Games
^ at River Fall
Falcons Win NCHA Playoff Title

March 4, 2001

The Falcons took a 2-1 win over UW-Superior to claim the NCHA Playoff Championship in action at Hunt Arena Sunday afternoon.

After a scoreless first period, Elisha Best scored at 13:07 of the second period to give the Falcons the lead. Jenny Conzemius got the lone assist. At 16:20 the Falcons, now 19-7-1 overall, took a 2-0 lead when Hattie Hoff scored on a shot from the point with Susie Misheski assisting.

UWS, now 18-5-0 overall, made it a game at 3:17 of the third period when Angela Harvieux scored with assists to Mika Sharpe and Becky Gallagher.

UWRF goalie Stephanie Seiler made 25 saves and UWS's Kelly Timm stopped 18 shots.

Falcons Top UWSP in NCHA Semi-Final Playoffs

March 3, 2001

UW-River Falls got goals from four players on the way to a 4-1 win over UW-Stevens Point in an NCHA playoffs semi-final game played Saturday at Hunt Arena at UW-River Falls.

The Falcons, now 18-7-1 overall, led 1-0 after one and 2-0 after two.

Jenny Conzemius started the scoring at 1:43 of the first period with an assist from Megan Schelzetemberg. The Falcons went ahead, 2-0, at 7:48 of the second period when Jodi Hensch scored with assists to Hattie Hoff and Conzemius.

UWRF went ahead 3-0 at 2:49 of the third when Karyl Hylle scored with an assist to Susie Misheski. UWSP, now 12-13-1, made it a 3-1 game at 14:20 when Mandy Rhyner scored with an assist from Jessica Barrick. The Falcons put the game away at 17:16 when Keri Deschene scored unassisted.

UWRF goalie Jill Janikowski made 18 saves and UWSP's Diane Sawyer stopped 34 shots.

UWRF will play UW-Superior in the playoff championship game at 3 p.m. on Sunday. UWSP faces Lake Forest in the game for third place at noon.

Falcons Sweep Pointers in Physical 6-2 Win

Feb. 25, 2001

Five Falcons scored to lead the team offensively, and Stephanie Seiler held the Pointers to just two goals in a 21-penalty contest at Hunt Arena Sunday afternoon.

Katie Schwenke started it all off at 8:26 to get the Falcons going, and Mandy Stokes added a second goal, one-handed sliding into the goalie to finish off the first period, 2-0 Falcons. That goal came just three seconds after Hattie Hoff stepped out of the penalty box.

Point stepped up in the second period, scoring the only goal of the 20 minutes, but that was little of a deterrent for UW-RF. Four goals in the third put the Pointers to sleep. Beth Betker, unassisted on a steal, made her way through traffic, collected herself just to the left of the goalie, and put it away in the top right corner.

Then Jodi Hensch made things happen, her shot getting caught up in the crease and Jenny Conzemius finishing it off on power play. Later, at 12:01, an Elisha Best breakaway down the left side set up Hensch for the 5-1 lead.

The Pointers slipped their second and final goal in just 25 seconds later, but Stokes came back at 15:03, short-handed, when Point goalie Diane Sawyer kicked a penalty-kill ‘icing’ back out, ironically right to Stokes, who thenstormed the net and slipped the puck through Sawyer’s legs for the finishing touch.

Seiler came up with 18 saves as the Falcons launched 33 shots on goal. Of the 21 penalties, 12 were against UW-RF.

Next weekend the Falcons will again match up with Stevens Point as two and three seeds in the NCHA Tournament, either noon or 3 p.m. next Saturday.

Falcons Silence Pointers 5-0

Feb. 24, 2001

Jill Janikowski held the Pointers scoreless as Keri Deschene and Elisha Best led the Falcons to victory, 5-0 Saturday afternoon at Hunt Arena.

Deschene started it off at 9:07 when Mandy Stokes gave her the puck from across the crease, and Deschene never hesitated, giving the Falcons the early 1-0.

Best was next, flying by the benches on an unassisted breakaway and shooting it over the goalie's shoulder.
Three minutes later, still in the first period, Jenny Conzemius broke into the scoring column when Megan Schulzetenberg set her up perfectly, similar to Deschene's goal. But this time, Conzemius' first attempt was halted. It was her self-rebounded shot that went in for the 3-0 lead.

Though the second period was uneventful in shooting and scoring, the Pointers stepped up a little and put some heat on Janikowski.

But she held, and in the third period, Best showcased more great moves, coming in from the left on Point's goalie Diane Sawyer, and beating her to the bottom right, assisted by Conzemius.

Then Deschene put on the finishing touches at 18:40, taking Beth Beter's pass at the blue line, cutting back to the middle, and then cutting right again before she nailed the puck through the bottom left corner for goal.

The Falcons out-shot the Pointers by a total of 32-16. In penalties, Mandy Stokes picked up a double minor, but overall they were pretty even, 5-6 Falcons-Pointers.

Point returns at 2:05 p.m. Sunday afternoon, the Falcons last regular season game before next weekend's NCHA Tournament.

Falcons Blank Eau Claire 9-0
Feb. 10, 2001

Anna Permann's shutout performance at goalie led the Falcons in an equally fantastic offensive performance by the entire team.

Seven Falcons scored in the onslaught, including Mandy Stokes, Susie Misheski, Keri Deschene, Elisha Best (twice), Jenny Conzemius (twice), Jodi Hensch, and Lindsay Carlson.

Spreading their goals out, the Falcons opened the contest with three in the first period, then added four in the second and two in the third.

Overall, the Falcons outshot the Blugolds 44-13.

Now 15-7-1, the Falcons have a week off before UW-Stevens Point comes to town.

Falcons Shut Down Eau Claire 9-2
Feb. 9, 2001

After holding the Blugolds shot-less through the first, it was a scoring bonanza as the Falcons unloaded six in the second period alone, taking the eventual 9-2 win at home Friday night.

Julie Lutz took command of the crease for only her second time this season, but had an easy first period as her Falcon teammates completely kept the Blugolds out of contention. An 11-0 shot advantage in the first led the Falcons to a 2-0 lead with Karyl Hylle and Jodi Hensch finding goals early.

In the second, Keri Deschene initiated the onslaught only a minute in, and Mandy Stokes followed with a short-handed goal to make it 4-0 Falcons.

But then the Blugolds struck back. Bree Schacht slipped one right through Lutz's legs to put Eau Claire on the scoreboard.

That, however, was far from a deterrent for Falcons as they picked up four more before the period came to a close. Lindsay Carlson, Elisha Best, Rachel Goodwin (scoring her first goal of the season) and Jenny Conzemius all had goals before the Blugolds put another one up late in the period.

Up 8-2, the third period just had to be played for the Falcons to pick up the win, and Conzemius highlighted it with her second goal, the only one of the period, ending the rout 9-2 for the Falcons.

The Falcons finished out-shooting Eau Claire 39-10, and of the five penalties on the night, UW-RF had all (Beth Betker came up with another penalty hat-trick).

Improving to 14-7-0, the Falcons invite the Blugolds back to Hunt Arena for a second contest Saturday at 2:05 p.m.

Falcons Sweep Lake Forest with 6-0 Win
Feb. 3, 2001

Outshooting the Forresters 50-14, the Falcons took the two-game series with a convincing 6-0 win Saturday afternoon at Hunt Arena.

Coming out with a much better start than Friday, the Falcons dominated from the start. In a period where the Forresters put merely three shots on goal, the Falcons burst ahead with a two-goal lead.

Beth Betker started it off, launching a shot from behind the left circle that blew for Forrester goalie Theresa Taylor. Lindsay Carlson had the assist at 13:00.
A couple minutes later, at 17:17, it was a Hattie Hoff shot that set up Karyl Hylle's goal and set the Falcons in motion, up 2-0.

The second period began with a band when Mandy Stokes followed up on Katie Schwenke's shot for the 3-0 lead, but it would be a long thirty minutes of silence before they would strike again.

Instead, they got physical with the Forresters, accumulating to a point where Betker resorted to throwing punches. Penalties in the second period made up for a penalty-less first as Betker served a double minor for slashing and her opponent, Lake Forest's Jill Fox, served two minutes for roughing.

Overall, there was a coaches' consensus on poor officiating.

In the third, the Falcons finished the contest with a trio of goals, icing on the cake. The first was Susie Misheski's rebound for goal, off Carlson's shot at 9:08. The second, at 10:43, came when a Falcon shot got lost in the crease and Schwenke poked it in.

Finally, at 19:39, Keri Deschene's breakaway shot missed, but Stokes was there to pick up the rebound and her second goal of the night.

Stephanie Seiler came up with the shutout, saving 14 shots.

The Falcons, now 13-7-1, look forward to a similar series next weekend when the Eau Claire Blugolds come to town. Games are slated for 7:05 p.m. Friday and 2:05 p.m. Saturday, both at Hunt Arena.

**Falcons Comeback Beats Lake Forest, 4-2**

Feb. 2, 2001

Down 2-1 after two periods, the Falcons out-shot the Forresters 19-3 in the third and scored three goals to beat Lake Forest at Hunt Arena Friday afternoon.

The Forresters started the game off with a 9:43 goal on breakaway, but the Falcons came back at 16:11 when Elisha Best, bringing the puck in from the right side, put the puck on goal. Saved by the goalie, it came off right to Hattie Hoff and a moment later it was all tied at one.

Despite a lack of overall shots, the Forresters got back on top 7:04 into the second with a point blank goal past Jill Janikowski. This time, though, the Falcons didn't answer, and entered the third period down 2-1.

Calming Falcon fans throughout the arena, Jenny Conzemius stepped up at 6:30 and knocked one in from the right circle to tie.

Then, at 12:50, three seconds before their power play expired, Karyl Hylle slapped a shot on goal, and Mandy Stokes grabbed the rebound. Unsuccessful, it was her second attempt that got through to give the Falcons the 3-2 lead.

Finally, at 19:36, as the Forresters pulled their goalie, Conzemius broke toward the empty net, fighting against a Lake Forest opponent. As the two of them went down, Best saved the puck and put it in.

Janikowski came up with 10 saves on the afternoon as the Falcons outshot the Forresters by a total of 38-12, despite leading the Forresters in penalties, 6-3.

UW-RF advances to 12-7-1 and Lake Forest drops to 6-8-1 on the season.

Lake Forest remains in town for a 1:05 p.m. rematch Saturday at Hunt Arena.

**Falcons Win at St. Thomas, 4-1**

Jan. 22, 2000

Elisha Best scored two goals and assisted on another to help lead the Falcons to a 4-1 win at St. Thomas Monday night.

The Falcons grabbed a 1-0 lead at 9:41 in the first period when Suzie Misheski scored with an assist to Lindsay Carlson. Best scored her first goal at 18:18 of the second period with Hattie Hoff getting the assist, to give the Falcons a 2-0 lead after two periods.

UST made it a 2-1 game with a goal at 6:55 of the third period. But Jenny Conzemius, playing in her first game with the Falcons, scored at 16:30 with assists to Jodi Hensch and Best. Best got the final goal of the night, unassisted, at 18:29.

Jill Janikowski got the win in the nets for the Falcons making 18 saves. The Falcons had 30 shots on goal.

The Falcons are now off until they host Lake Forest in a NCHA weekend series at Hunt Arena on Feb. 2-3.

**Falcons Lose in Overtime at Superior**

Jan. 20, 2001
Jenny Ginkel scored at 3:24 of overtime to help her team to a 1-0 win over the Falcons Saturday afternoon in Superior.

The Falcons outshot the Jackets, 44-14, but couldn't get the puck past UWS goalie Kelly Timm. The Falcons had 16 shots in the first period, 13 in the second, 12 in the third and three in overtime. Falcon goalie Jill Janikowski made 13 saves.

Monday the Falcons play at St. Thomas in a non-conference game that starts at 7:05 p.m.

**Falcons Drop 2-1 Decision to Yellowjackets**

*Jan. 19, 2001*

Yellowjacket Jodi Faye scored with 3:42 remaining in the game as UW-Superior defeated UW-River Falls, 2-1, in a WNCHA game Friday night.

After a scoreless first period, the Falcons grabbed the lead when Lindsay Carlson scored an unassisted goal at the 8:15 mark of the second period.

With :10 remaining in the period, the Yellowjackets tied the score with a Theresa Williams goal.

The game was tight all the way as both teams attempted 30 shots on goal, but Kelly Timm stopped one more than Jill Janikowski to earn the victory.

The loss drops the Falcons to 10-6-1, 5-4 in the NCHA. They will go for the series split tomorrow at Wessman Arena.

**Falcons Dominate St. Ben's, 6-2**

*Jan. 17, 2001*

Three Falcon goals in the first period propelled the women to a 6-2 onslaught of the Blazers Wednesday night at Hunt Arena.

It was a display of total domination on the part of the Falcons. Unleashing 20 shots on goal and scoring three times was only the beginning. By the night's end, Blazer goalie Kate Hall came away with 52 saves and the 6-2 loss.

Leading the offensive threat were the five-goal combo of Susie Misheski, who scored a hat-trick, and Hattie Hoff, who scored her only two goals of the season.

Lindsay Carlson led it off, though, midway through the first period when she took the puck all the way, deaced left and then put it in the right corner for the goal, assisted by Hoff.

Misheski then took credit for the next two of the period, a rebound off of another great Carlson maneuver 11:49 into the first, also assisted by Megan Schulzettenberg, and then a one-timer right in front of the net from a perfect Jody LaMotte pass from the corner, at 19:00.

Meanwhile, Falcon goalie Jill Janikowski and the Falcon defense held the Blazers shot-less in the first five minutes and scoreless through the first period.

In the second period, Hoff got into the mix with a pair of goals, split by the Blazers' first goal of the night. Both of Hoff's goals came from solid shots, the first at 1:09 from just inside the closest edge of the right circle, and her second at 13:47, launched from only ten feet inside the blue line.

At that point, it was 5-1 Falcons with a 40-11 shot advantage, and the third period would bid well also.

Following the Blazers' second goal of the night on a rebound a couple minutes after another six minute shot-less slump, Misheski topped the night off with her hat-trick goal at 12:43, a beautifully unassisted breakaway to the net. Coming in straight on, her fake left sold the goalie and her shot back to the right easily went in, giving the Falcons the comfortable 6-2 lead and eventual win.

Janikowski came away from the contest with 17 saves. Only five penalties were assessed the entire night, only two against the Falcons.

The win boosts the Falcons to a 10-5-1 overall record as they head to Superior this weekend for the two teams' rematch series. In November, the Falcons split the series with an overtime win in game two. Game times are 7 p.m. and 2 p.m. this Friday and Saturday at Superior.

**Falcons Drop Another 3-1 Decision at UWSP**

*Jan. 13, 2001*

Pointer goaltender Diane Sawyer kept the Falcons in check for most of the game as UW-Stevens Point swept the series with a 3-1 victory Saturday night.

Sawyer allowed just one goal in 23 shots on goal.
After a scoreless first period, defenseman Nicole Busse gave the Pointers a 1-0 lead with a power-play goal at the 17:20 mark of the second period. Jenny Leppen and Lea Haas would add goals to give the Pointers a three-goal advantage before Lindsay Carlson put the Falcons on the board with a goal at 13:35 of the third period.

Anna Permann made 22 saves in a losing effort for the Falcons.

The Falcons fall to 9-5-1, 5-3 in the WNCHA while the Pointers take over second place in conference with a 5-2-1 record.

The team will next play a two-game series at UW-Superior next Friday and Saturday.

**Falcons Drop 3-1 Decision at UWSP**

Jan. 12, 2001

Jodi Hensch scored the only Falcon goal in a 3-1 loss at UW-Stevens Point on Friday night.

UWSP led 2-0 after the first period and 3-1 after two. Alison St. Peter and Nicole Busse scored the first-period goals for the Pointers. Hensch scored at 16:00 of the second period. Busse scored UWSP's third goal at 17:23 of the third period.

UWRF goalie Stephanie Seiler made 11 saves and UWSP goalie Diane Sawyer made 31 saves.

Saturday the Falcons play the second game of the series starting at 8 p.m.

**Falcons Win, Tie in St. Kate's series**

Dec. 17, 2000

After a 4-2 victory at St. Kate's Saturday, the Falcons on Sunday sparked a third period comeback to take the lead but couldn’t hold on to win, tying 2-2 after O.T.

The Wildcats came out ready to fight, out-shooting and scoring the Falcons 12-8 and the 1-0 lead. In the second period, the Falcons turned the tide, shooting a 17-7 advantage but still couldn’t score.

Finally, in the third, Lindsay Carlson, skating the length of the ice, cut in front and then maneuvered back to the side, set up and powered the puck through for the 1-1 tie.

Two minutes later, it was Carlson again, launching a shot from behind the circle to score the go-ahead goal. But the Wildcats came back at 16:55 with a rebound off the boards to tie 2-2.

Dodging a couple close calls in overtime, Jill Janikowski and the Falcons held off on penalty kill to come out still tied. Janikowski came up with 25 saves on the afternoon.

Saturday, Janikowski repelled 17 shots in the Falcons’ 4-2 win over St. Kate’s.

Despite controlling the game 14-6 in shots, the Falcons remained scoreless as the Wildcats grabbed the first goal on a one-timer in the corner from the opposite side of the net.

The Falcons came back in the second, though, scoring on power play at the hands of Carlson, who once again maneuvered in for the kill. Another shot by Carlson was tipped in by Elisha Best a couple minutes later for the Falcon 2-1 lead.

At the end of the second, Karyl Hylle capitalized on scramble at the net.

The third period saw both teams add one more, both on power play. Another scramble at the net after Beth Betker brought the puck in from behind ended when Katie Schwenke put it in.

The 4-2 win and Sunday’s 2-2 tie give the Falcons an overall 9-3-1 record as they head into Christmas break.

**Falcons Win 5-1; Sweep Series at UWEC**

Dec. 9, 2000

Keri Deschene scored twice to lead the Falcons to a 5-1 win at UW-Eau Claire Saturday night.

The Falcons, now 8-3-1 overall and 5-1 in the NCHA, led 2-1 after one and 3-1 after two.

The Falcons scored the first two goals of the game. Susie Misheski scored at 3:52 and Deschene at 12:25 of the first period. UWEC made it a 2-1 game at 17:57 of the period. Deschene scored her second of the night at 8:08 of the second period. Mandy Stokes and Jody LaMotte each scored third-period goals.

Anna Permann made 18 saves in the Falcon goalie to get the win. The Falcons had 35 shots on goal.

The Falcons are in action again on Saturday when they go to St. Catherine for a 7:30 p.m. non-conference game.
Falcons Clobber Blugolds  

Dec. 8, 2000

Three Falcons scored two goals as UW-River Falls shutout UW-Eau Claire, 8-0, in NCHA action Friday night.

Leading 1-0 on a Elisha Best goal after a period, the Falcons battered Blugold goaltender Erin Bray with three goals in the second period. Mandy Stokes, Katie Schwenke, and Nicole Marcella each scored goals in the period to make the score 4-0.

The trio would be at it again in the third period where each would add another goal. Keri Deschene added the Falcons other goal.

Falcon goaltender Julie Lutz stopped all 10 shots attempted by the Blugolds. The Falcons outshot the Blugolds 31-10.

The Falcons improve to 7-3-1, 4-1 in the WNCHA. The Blugolds fall to 3-1-0, 0-5 in conference play.

Falcons Sweep Lake Forest  

Dec. 2, 2000

The Falcons swept a two-game NCHA series over Lake Forest over the weekend winning 3-1 on Friday and 5-0 on Saturday.

The Falcons, now 6-2 overall and 3-1 in the NCHA, got goals from Jodi Hensch, Elisha Best and Karyl Hylle in Friday's win. LFC scored the only goal of the first period, but the Falcons got the only three goals of the second period. Goalie Stephanie Seiler made 18 saves to get the win and the Falcons launched 39 shots on goal.

Information on Saturday's 5-0 win was not available.

The Falcons host St. Thomas in a non-conference game on Wednesday at the Hunt Arena. Game time is 7:05 p.m.

Falcons Sweep Bethel with 6-2 win  

November 18, 2000

A landslide 34-13 shot advantage and a Katie Schwenke hat trick propelled the Falcons to a 6-2 win Saturday afternoon at Hunt Arena.

The Falcons came out aggressive offensively, and a Hattie Hoff shot tipped in by Jody LaMotte started it off at 2:29. Rachel Goodwin also had an assist on the goal.

But the Royals had something to say as well. With a tough Falcon defense, the Royals only shot three on goal in the first period, but they were all about placement. The first, at 7:52, beat Stephanie Seiler on the rebound.

Friday night's hat-trick Lindsy Carlson hooked up on a Jodi Hensch pass, skated out in front from the corner and put it in for the 2-1 lead.

Just two minutes later, it was Katie Schwenke's turn, launching a shot from behind the circle that glanced off the goalie's shoulder and in. It was her first goal of the season, and would also become the first of a hat trick.

At the end of the first, Bethel climbed back into the thick of things with another quick shot for goal.

The five-goal first period hinted at a pace difference between the first and second period, but was misleading. Only one goal would surface in the second, but the Falcons would produce more shots on goal.

The 4-2 lead came at 3:16 when Carlson and Mandy Stokes broke on a 2-on-1. Carlson brought the puck up the ice and, after taking the defender, dished the puck off to Stokes, who fired it through for the score.

The third period was all Schwenke. Her second goal came from tipping a Carlson shot at 4:25, and her third was a rebound that she flipped up over the goalie's pads, giving the Falcons a 6-2 lead and the sure-win.

The Falcons defense held the Royals to only 13 shots on goal, and Seiler repelled 11 of them. Offensively, the Falcons came up with 34 shots on goal.

The Falcons, now 4-2, will meet Lake Forest for the first time in a conference match-up after Thanksgiving, at Lake Forest both Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1-2.

Falcons Rout Royals 9-2
Highlighted by a Lindsy Carlson hat trick, the Falcons routed the Royals 9-2 Friday night at Columbia Arena.

Out-shooting the Royals 53 to 22, the Falcons started gradually, scoring just two in the first period, but went on to capture three in the second before Bethel responded. An additional four goals in the third period put the finishing touches on the contest as Anna Permann held off the Royal offensive attack.

Jodi Hensch started it all off at 6:06 with a goal from Katie Schwenke. Susie Misheski followed at 18:27 with a goal from Keri Deschene and Lindsy Carlson, making it 2-0 Falcons at the end of the first period.

Karyl Hylle came out shooting in the second period, scoring at 1:45 from Rachel Goodwin and Nicole Marcella. Then Carlson took over at 11:43 with the first of three consecutive goals, interrupted only by a Royal goal early in the third period.

Carlson's first came with assists from Hensch and Goodwin. Her second, at 16:20, was on power play and assisted by Hylle. And her third, at 12:00 into the third, came with help from Marcella.

And that goal came Bethel's second and last of the evening, with only 6:20 left to go. But the Falcons weren't even close to done.

With two and a half minutes to go, Elisha Best put the puck in the back of the net, assisted by Hensch. Shortly after that, it was Hensch herself, scoring from Carlson and Goodwin assists on power play. And finally, within the final minute of the game, Misheski knocked in her second of the night with assists from Jody LaMotte and Deschene, a power play goal as well.

The Falcons out-penalized the Royals 7 to 4. The Falcons scored on three of their four power play opportunities.

Permann's debut in the crease saw 22 shots, and she came away with 20 saves.

The Royals come to Hunt Arena Saturday for a 2:05 p.m. start on Falcon ice.

Falcons Split Series with 4-3 O.T. win over Jackets

November 11, 2000

In a back-and-forth battle where neither team ever acquired a two-goal lead, the Falcons claimed victory in O.T. Saturday to split the series with Superior.

The Falcons came out looking much better than Friday night's first period as they out-shot the Yellowjackets 11-7 in the first. And then at 8:30, short-handed, Katie Schwenke and Lindsy Carlson gave Elisha Best the puck right in front of the net, and she tipped it in for the score.

Five and a half minutes later, however, the Jackets responded when Monica Mollen launched a long shot from beyond the circle that Falcon goaltender Jill Janikowski couldn't stop, giving Superior the tie, 1-1.

In the second period, Keri Deschene broke away early and didn't stop until the puck was in the back of the net, at 2:33. She was assisted by Carlson.

Once again, though, the Jackets responded. This time, at 5:41, Thereasa Williams took a great pass and converted from the edge of the crease.

The third period saw Superior take their first and only lead of the game at 3:18 with another goal from point blank.

Stepping up to match the game before time ran out, the Falcons succeeded at 12:39 when captain Mandy Stokes scored on a pass from Deschene, deadlocking the game at threes.

The remaining seven and a half minutes would go without a score and force the contest into overtime.

In the O.T. period, at only 27 seconds in, Beth Berker took the period's first shot from behind the right circle and powered it past the Jackets' goaltender, Kelly Timm, for the game-winner.

Janikowski came away with 27 saves as both teams compiled 30 shots on goal.

The 4-3 O.T. win split the series 1-1 between the two conference rivals. River Falls emerges with a 2-2 overall record while the Jackets drop to 3-1.

Next weekend the Falcons take on Bethel College, at Bethel Friday night at 6:40 p.m. and then at home Saturday at 2:05 p.m.

Falcons Slip to Superior 2-1

November 10, 2000

After letting the Yellowjackets score two goals in the first period, the Falcons battled back to out-shoot Superior but lose 2-1.
Superior's first goal came on a weak shot at 9:57 that slipped through Stephanie Seiler's defense, and the second came at 17:41 on a defenseless shot that Seiler was unable to save.

But in the second, the Falcons shut down the Yellowjackets offense, holding them to just three shots on goal.

Later, at 17:28, the Falcons finally capitalized when Karyl Hylle knocked in a Rachel Goodwin shot from point blank.

Continuing to dominate in the third, UW-RF threatened the Jackets with a number of breakaways, but they weren't able to convert.

Meanwhile, Superior didn't even shoot until seven minutes into the period.

Then in the sixteenth minute, with pressure mounting, the Falcons put the puck in the net, but it was called off because of a player in the crease.

A minute later, Elisha Best broke to the goal but couldn't get the shot off before she got together with a Superior skater and then their goalie.

The final three minutes were unproductive for the Falcons and so they were forced to swallow the close 2-1 defeat.

UW-RF edged Superior in penalties, 4-3 and out-shot the Jackets 23-15.

The two will resume their grudge match when Hunt Arena again hosts on Saturday at 1:05 p.m.

Falcons Lose at Gustavus 4-2

November 4, 2000

The Falcons lost a 4-2 decision at Gustavus Adolphus Saturday night.

UWRF had a 1-0 lead after one period and the game was tied 1-1 after two.

Beth Betker scored the team's goal at 15:54 of the first period. GAC took a 2-1 lead in the third period before UWRF's Betker scored the team's second goal at 2:02. But GAC scored at 2:51 and 8:31 to ice the game.

UWRF goalie Stephanie Seiler made 29 saves while UWRF had 14 shots on goal.

The Falcons will host UW-Superior this weekend at Hunt Arena with games starting at 7:05 on Friday and 1:05 on Saturday.

Falcons Upset St. Mary's 3-0

November 3, 2000

The 2000-01 freshman class stepped up to the challenge and delivered, leading the Falcons to a 3-0 upset over St. Mary's in the season opener at Hunt Arena Friday afternoon.

Despite a rather uneventful first period in which both teams adjusted to being back in game situations, the Falcons shattered the silence in the second period.

At 3:56, freshman Lindsy Carlson put her moves on the Cardinal defensemen and beat the goalie with a solid shot from the inside edge of the left circle. Assisted by freshmen Nicole Marcella and Karyl Hylle, the goal gave the Falcons the 1-0 lead.

Meanwhile, Stephanie Seiler kept the Falcons ahead by repelling 13 shots on goal in the second period and 16 in the third, maintaining a shutout all 60 minutes.

Then, in the late second and throughout the third, the Falcons overcame persistent penalty troubles and Elisha Best came through at 4:53, scoring on a rebounded Katie Schwenke shot.

Playing penalty kill to their best, the Falcons held on despite being outshot 29-17 in those last two periods. Finally, when the Cards pulled their goalie in the last half minute, Best finished off the game with an empty netter from Carlson at 19:53.

The Falcons outnumbered St. Mary's in penalties 10-7, and St. Mary's outshot the Falcons 33-25.

The win gives the Falcons their first of the season, 1-0, and boosts their confidence going into an equally challenging Gustavus Adolphus Saturday night in St. Peter.
# 2001-2002 Falcon Women's Hockey Roster

**as of Nov. 15, 2001**

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2001-2002 Falcon Hockey Schedule

Feb. 25, 2001

13-11-3 overall, 8-6-2 NCHA

Nov. 3 at Concordia-Moorhead
Con.-Moorhead 5, River Falls 1

Nov. 4 at St. Benedict, 2:05 p.m.
River Falls 5, St. Benedict 4

Nov. 8 at Gustavus Adolphus
River Falls 2, Gustavus Adolphus 2 OT

Nov. 10 Augsburg
Augsburg 4, River Falls 3

Nov. 20 St. Catherine
River Falls 5, St. Catherine 1

Nov. 30 Lake Forest*
River Falls 5, Lake Forest 3

Dec. 1 Lake Forest*
River Falls 10, Lake Forest 2

Dec. 7 at Superior*
Superior 2, River Falls 1

Dec. 8 at Superior*
Superior 6, River Falls 2

Dec. 14 at Eau Claire*
River Falls 2, Eau Claire 2 OT

Dec. 15 at Eau Claire*
River Falls 1, Eau Claire 1 OT

Dec. 29 Bowdoin, 2:05 p.m.
Bowdoin 4, River Falls 3 OT

Jan. 8 at St. Mary's, 7:05 p.m.
River Falls 3, St. Mary's 1

Jan. 11 Stevens Point*, 7:05 p.m.
Stevens Point 3, River Falls 2 OT

Jan. 12 Stevens Point*, 2:05 p.m.
Stevens Point 1, River Falls 0

Jan. 23 St. Thomas
River Falls 2, St. Thomas 1

Jan. 25 Eau Claire*, 7:05 p.m.
River Falls 3, Eau Claire 0

Jan. 26 Eau Claire*, 2:05 p.m.
River Falls 7, Eau Claire 2

Jan. 30 Gustavus Adolphus
Gustavus Adolphus 6, River Falls 1

Feb. 1 at Stevens Point*
Stevens Point 2, River Falls 0

Feb. 2 at Stevens Point*
Stevens Point 2, River Falls 1

Feb. 8 at Lake Forest*
River Falls 4, Lake Forest 0

Feb. 9 at Lake Forest*
River Falls 2, Lake Forest 1

Feb. 16 Superior*, 2:05 p.m.
River Falls 3, Superior 2
Women's Hockey Loses to UWSP in NCHA Finals
Feb. 23, 2002
The Falcon women's hockey team lost to Stevens Point, 2-1, in the NCHA playoff finals game played at Willett Arena in Stevens Point on Sunday afternoon.

The Pointers opened up scoring at 17:32 of the first period when Ashley Howe put one in the net unassisted.

The Falcons answered back to tie the game in the second with a goal from Jenny Conzemius with an assist to Beth Betker at 14:54.

Kim Chenery from Stevens Point scored the game winning goal with assists from Becky Humphreys and Jenn Dorff with just 12 seconds to play.

Falcon goalie Marlene Yaeger made 29 saves. Stevens Point goalie Diane Sawyer stopped 19 shots.

The Falcons finish their season 13-11-3.

Falcons Beat UW-Superior, 3-1 in NCHA Semifinals
Feb. 23, 2002
The Falcon women's hockey team earned a 3-1 win in the NCHA playoff semifinals played at Willett Arena in Stevens Point on Saturday night.

All of the goal were scored in the third period. The Falcons opened the scoring at 7:20 when Mandy Stokes scored with assists from Keri Deschene and Beth Betker. Falcons opened up a 2-0 lead at 11:36 when Heather Egeness scored with an assist from Betker.

Superior made it a 2-1 one game at 16:47 when Melanie Salatino scored. The falcons ended the scoring at 19:59 when Elisha Best scored an empty net goal.

Falcon goalie Marlene Yaeger made 22 saves. UWS goalie Kelly Timm stopped 22 shots.

The Falcons (13-10-3) will play UW-Stevens Point in the NCHA championship game at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Willett

Falcons Beat UW-Superior, 2-0
Feb. 17, 2002
Behind goals by Jenny Conzemius and Beth Betker, and 25 saves by goalie Marlene Yaeger, the Falcon women's hockey team beat UW-Superior, 2-0, Sunday afternoon at Hunt Arena.

The first two periods were scoreless. Conzemius scored at 13:58 of the third period with assists to Jodi Hensch and Keri Deschene. Betker got the insurance goal at 16:45 with an assist to Megan Wahlstrom-Ramler. Yaeger made 11 saves in the first period, nine in the second and five in the third to get her third shutout of the season. UWS goalie Kelly Timm stopped 17 shots.

The Falcons, now 12-10-3 overall and 8-6-2 in the NCHA, finished third in the final NCHA standings. UWRF will play UWS on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the NCHA semifinals in the NCHA playoff championship tourney. The tourney will be at UW-Stevens Point. UWS plays UW-Eau Claire at 5 p.m. in the other semifinal. A third place game will be played at noon on Sunday followed by the championship game at 2:30 p.m. All games will be played at the Willett Arena in Stevens Point.

Falcons Top UWS, 3-2
Feb. 16, 2002
The Falcons picked up a 3-2 NCHA win over UW-Superior Saturday afternoon at Hunt Arena.

The Falcons grabbed a 2-0 lead after one period. Jenny Conzemius scored at 15:54 and Beth Betker scored at 19:25. UWS made it a 2-1 game at 2:25 of the second period when Mandy Brooks scored. UWRF got back a 3-1 lead at 6:33 when Lisa McGuire scored a power-play goal. UWS got back to within 3-2 at 18:19 of the second when Brooks scored a power-play goal.

UWRF goalie Marlene Yaeger made 22 saves and UWS's Heather Ash stopped 28 shots.

The Falcons, now 11-10-3 overall and 7-6-2 in the NCHA, will host UW-Superior on Sunday at the Hunt Arena. Action starts at 2:05 p.m.

Falcons Win at Lake Forest, 2-1
Feb. 9, 2002
The Falcons got goals from Heather Egeness and Lisa McGuire to take a 2-1 win at Lake Forest Saturday afternoon.
UWRF scored at 8:51 when Egeness scored with an assist to Megan Schulzetebng. LFC tied the game at 10:36 of the first period when Robyn Shae scored. After a scoreless second period, McGuire scored at 13:28 of the third to give UWRF a 2-1 lead. Megan Wahlstrom-Ramler and Egeness got the assists.

UWRF goalie Marlene Yaeger made 31 saves and LFC's Theresa Taylor stopped 13 shots.

The Falcons, now 10-10-3 overall and 6-6-2 in the NCHA, will host UW-Superior on Saturday at the Hunt Arena. Action starts at 2:05 p.m.

**Falcons Shut Out Lake Forest, 4-0**

Feb. 8, 2002

Marlene Yaeger and the Falcon women shut down the Foresters to take a 4-0 win at Lake Forest Friday night.

Karyl Hylle opened up the Falcon scoring column with an even goal at 14:14 of the first period, with assists from Keri Deschene and Mandy Stokes.

Jodi Hensch added the second goal at 14:13 in the second period unassisted on power play.

Early in the third, at 2:46, Jenny Conzemius made it a 3-0 Falcon lead by scoring from Megan Schulzetebng and Meghan Wahlstrom-Ramler.

Wahlstrom-Ramler also finished the Foresters off at 17:51 with the Falcons' fourth goal of the night with assists from Rachel Goodwin and Annie Shanahan.

Yaeger saved 14 shots while the Falcon offense manufactured 32 shots on goal.

The Falcons served six penalties and the Foresters served eight.

The Falcons, now 9-10-3 overall and 5-6-2 in the NCHA, will play at Lake Forest on on Saturday with the puck dropping at 2:05 p.m.

**Falcons Lose at UWSP, 2-1**

Feb. 2, 2002

The Falcon women's hockey team lost another tight game, 2-1, at UW-Stevens Point Saturday night.

UWSP took a 1-0 lead at 17:56 of the first period when Emily Teachout scored. UWSP went ahead 2-0 at 2:26 of the second period when Jackie Schmitt scored.

UWRF got back in the game at 11:35 of the third period when Beth Betker scored with an assist to Mandy Stokes.

UWRF goalie Marlene Yaeger made 28 saves and UWSP's Shannon Kasparek stopped 18 shots.

The Falcons, now 8-9-3 and 4-5-2 in the NCHA, will play at UW-Stevens Point on Friday with the puck dropping at 7:05 p.m.

**Falcons Lose at UWSP, 2-0**

Feb. 2, 2002

The Falcon women's hockey team lost a 2-0 decision at UW-Stevens Point Friday night.

After a scoreless first period, UWSP led 1-0 after two. Ahsley Howe scored an unassisted power-play goal at 6:38. In the third, UWSP's Emily Teachout scored an empty-net goal at 19:44 to end the scoring.

UWRF goalie Marlene Yaeger made 26 saves and UWSP's Diane Sawyer stopped 13 shots.

The Falcons, now 8-9-3 and 4-5-2 in the NCHA, will play at UW-Stevens Point again on Saturday with the puck dropping at 7:35 p.m.

**Falcons Lose 6-1 Decision to Gustavus Adolphus**

Jan. 30, 2002

The Falcon women's hockey team lost a 6-1 decision to Gustavus Adolphus Wednesday night at Hunt Arena.

GAC, now 13-2-1 overall, led 2-0 after the first period off goals by Anna Stenstrom at 5:29 and Nicole Grimond at 10:03. GAC led 3-0 after two off a goal by Bobee Jo Lang at 17:44. UWRF made it a 3-1 game in the third period when Heather Egeness scored at 6:23. But GAC scored three goals, by Layra Stypulkowski, Sarah Moe and Katie Deschneau, in the final half of the period.

UWRF goalie Marlene Yaeger made 23 saves and GAC's Anne Kautzer stopped 32 shots.
The Falcons, now 8-7-3 and 4-4-2 in the NCHA, will play a pair of NCHA games at UW-Stevens Point this weekend. Action starts at 7:35 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

**Falcons Beat UWEC, 7-2**

Jan. 26, 2002

Annie Shanahan, Karyl Hylle and Keri Deschene each scored two goals to help lead the Falcon women's hockey team to a 7-2 win over UW-Eau Claire Saturday afternoon at Hunt Arena.

UWRF led 2-0 after the first period and 3-2 after two. Jenny Conzemius scored at 4:12 and Deschene at 5:37 to give the Falcons a 2-0 first period lead. UWEC tied the game in the second period with goals at 5:18 and 6:27. Hylle scored at 12:21 to make it a 3-2 game after two. UWRF scored four unanswered goals in the third. Shanahan scored at 3:58 and 5:03. Hylle got her second at 16:16 and Deschene got her second at 18:52.

UWRF goalie Marlene Yaeger made 22 saves to get the win. UWEC goalies Tara Berliute (23) and Rachel Rundquist (1) combined for 24 saves.

The Falcons, now 8-7-3 and 4-4-2 in the NCHA, will host Gustavus Adolphus on Wednesday in a non-conference game at Hunt Arena. The puck drops at 7:05 p.m.

**Falcons Top UWEC, 3-0**

Jan. 25, 2002

The Falcon women's hockey team scored one goal in the first period and added two more in the second, and goalie Marlene Yaeger made 13 saves to record her first career shutout, in a 3-0 win over UW-Eau Claire Friday night at Hunt Arena.

Meghan Wahlstrom-Ramler scored at 6:08 of the first period to give the Falcons the lead for good. Laura Berg scored her first collegiate goal at 16:24 of the second period to give the Falcons a 2-0 lead. Jenny Conzemius scored at 19:59 of the second period to make it a 3-0 game.

Yaeger made six saves in the first, three in the second and four in the third. The Falcons had 30 shots on goal.

The Falcons, now 7-7-3 and 3-4-2 in the NCHA, will host UW-Eau Claire again on Saturday with the puck dropping at 2:05 p.m.

**Falcons Get 2-1 Win Over St. Thomas**

Jan. 23, 2002

The Falcons got goals from Lisa McGuire and Jenny Conzemius to get a 2-1 win over St. Thomas Wednesday night at Hunt Arena.

Falcon goalie Marlene Yaeger made 32 saves to help the Falcons to the win. Yaeger stopped seven shots in the first period, eight in the second and 17 in the third. There was no scoring in the first or second periods. McGuire scored at 13:53 of the third period to give UWRF the lead. Conzemius scored an empty-net goal at 19:30 of the period to make it a 2-0 game. UST's Tiffany Petermeir scored with :15 to play to make it a one-goal final. UST goalie Danielle Mikolai stopped 23 shots.

The Falcons, now 6-7-3 and 2-4-2 in the NCHA, will host UW-Eau Claire this weekend in a pair of NCHA games at Hunt Arena. Friday's game starts at 7:05 p.m. Saturday's contest starts at 2:05 p.m.

**Falcons Lose Second to Pointers, 1-0**

Jan. 12, 2002

The Falcons kept UW-Stevens Point scoreless through two and a half periods, but the Pointers' lone goal in the third lifted them to a physically hard-fought 1-0 win at Hunt Arena Saturday afternoon.

UW-SP's Emily Teachout skated right to left across the face of Falcon goaltender Marlene Yaeger and lifted a shot from the left side to beat the Falcons at 10:05 into the third period.

The Falcons fought for a scoring opportunity and had a few, but Pointer goalie Diane Sawyer was stolid.

With 1:25 yet to go, Yaeger stepped out of action to give the Falcons a woman advantage.

Yaeger finished with a 32-save effort. The Falcons put 20 shots on goal.

The Falcons, now 5-7-3 and 2-4-2 in the NCHA, will take next weekend off and return to the ice for a mid-week contest with St. Thomas on Jan. 23 in Hunt Arena at 7:05 p.m.
Falcons Fall in Overtime, 3-2

Jan. 11, 2002

The Falcon women's hockey team came back from a 2-0 deficit to force overtime, but the Pointers took the game with 35 seconds left to win 3-2 Friday night at Hunt Arena.

The Pointers had their 2-0 lead by midway through the second period after taking the first on a rebound at 19:45 of the first and the second at 10:53 of the second period.

Late in the second, though, the Falcons responded and Jodi Hensch skated down the ice, fired a shot from behind the circles, and put the Falcons on the scoreboard, unassisted.

Then, at 12:39 of the third period, with pressure to tie mounting, Hensch came through again on a similar hard shot that blew by Pointer goalie Shannon Kasparek. Lisa McGuire assisted on the goal.

The Falcons kept the Pointers scoreless for the remainder of regulation and sent the contest to overtime.

The Pointers dominated overtime by keeping the puck in their offensive zone. And at 4:25, a shot from behind the blue line bounced off Marlene Yaeger's save to just out of her reach. Pointer Ann Ninnemann, rushing for the puck, found a way to hammer it past Yaeger and end the game.

Yaeger stopped 24 shots on the night; her teammates shot 24 on goal. The Falcons were 1-for-6 on the power play while the Pointers went 0-for-4 with the extra player.

Saturday the two teams play the second game in the series with the puck dropping at 2:05 p.m. at Hunt Arena.

Falcons Top St. Mary's, 3-1

Jan. 8, 2002

The Falcon women came out with a 3-0 lead through two periods and held on to defeat St. Mary's, 3-1, on the road Tuesday night.

Marlene Yaeger stalled a tough Cardinal offense for nearly two and a half periods, and it was enough for the Falcon skaters to gain the edge they needed.

After nearly a completely scoreless first period, senior Mandy Stokes led the squad with the opening goal at 19:36, unassisted.

Then after another silent half period, the Falcons struck again at the hand of Annie Shanahan, assisted by Beth Betker, at 13:04 in the second period.

Jenny Conzemius then reinforced her lead in team points and goals with a score at 19:12 of the second period, with help from Katie Hiscock.

It wasn't until 9:18 of the third period that the Cardinals beat Yaeger on an unassisted Mo Hayes goal.

Yaeger stopped 33 shots on goal Tuesday evening as her teammates compiled 23 shots on the Cardinal goal.

The game was lightly peppered with penalties — the Cardinals with four for eight minutes and the Falcons with three for six minutes.

The Falcons improve to 5-5-3 overall, play again on Jan. 8 at St. Mary's. Game time is 7:05 p.m.

Women's Hockey Team Loses in Overtime, 4-3

Dec. 29, 2001

The UW-River Falls women's hockey team lost to the second-ranked team in the nation, Bowdoin College, 4-3, Saturday afternoon at Hunt Arena.

UWRF jumped out to a 1-0 lead after one period. Elisha Best scored with assists to Jenny Conzemius and Katie Hiscock at 10:58. BC tied the game with the only goal of the second period. Jen Pelkey scored at 15:18. BC took a 2-1 lead at 8:52 of the third period when Sadie Wieschhoff scored. UWRF then took a 3-2 lead. Annie Shanahan scored an unassisted goal at 1:00 and Conzemius scored at 14:04 with an assist to Beth Betker. But at 15:37 Pelkey scored her second of the game, unassisted, to tie the game at 3-2. In the OT, Ba Lanoue scored the game-winner at the 3-minute mark.

UWRF goalie Marlene Yaeger made 28 saves and the Falcons had 28 shots on goal.

The Falcons, now 4-5-2 overall, play again on Jan. 8 at St. Mary's. Game time is 7:05 p.m.
Women's Skaters Tie UW-Eau Claire Again

Dec. 15, 2001

The UW-River Falls women's hockey team skated to a 1-1 overtime tie, the second tie at UW-Eau Claire in as many days.

The two teams tied 2-2 in overtime on Friday night. UWEC took a 1-0 lead at 15:25 of the first period when Lindsay Siesennop scored. UWRF tied the game at 19:05 of the period when Lisa McGuire scored a short-handed, unassisted goal. Neither team scored after that. UWRF had 12 shots on goal the rest of the game while UWEC had 25.

UWRF goalie Marlene Yaege made 32 saves and UWEC's goalie Tara Berlute stopped 16 shots.

The Falcons, now 4-4-3 overall and 2-2-2 in the NCHA, next hosts Bowdon College on Dec. 29 at Hunt Arena. The puck drops at 2:05 p.m.

Women's Skaters Tie UW-Eau Claire

Dec. 14, 2001

The UW-River Falls women's hockey team tied UW-Eau Claire, 2-2, in a WNCHA contest Friday night in Eau Claire.

The Falcons (4-4-2, 2-2-1 in the WNCHA) tied the game at 2-2 with 9:55 elapsed in the second period when Heather Eggness scored with an assist from Jenny Conzemius.

The tally would be the last of the game as both goaltenders had perfect third periods and overtimes.

Falcon goalie Marlene Yaege stopped 26 shots, seven in the third period and overtime, while her counterpart Tara Berlute made 24 saves, nine in the final stanza and extra period.

The Blugolds (4-6-1, 0-4-1) took the lead earlier in the second period. Christa Hubert scored with 7:43 elapsed to give the Blugolds a 2-1 lead.

The first period ended in a 1-1 tie. Falcon Lisa McGuire gave River Falls the lead at 4:15, but the Blugolds answered with a goal at 11:00 by Jen Mead.

The two teams will hook up again tomorrow in Eau Claire.

Superior Sweeps Falcons, 6-2

Dec. 8, 2001

The Falcons took an early 2-1 lead, but the Yellowjackets were too much to handle as they scored four goals in the second period to sweep the weekend series Saturday, 6-2, in Superior.

At 13:47 in the first period, Jenny Conzemius put the Falcons on the scoreboard with an unassisted power play goal to tie the game, 1-1. Then at 6:16 in the second period, Karyl Hylle scored the Falcons' second goal from a Beth Betker assist.

Seconds later, though, at 6:26 and after the Falcons went one woman short, the Yellowjackets started a spree of scoring: four goals in just over six minutes of play. Another Superior goal in the third period topped the game off at six.

The Falcons' Marlene Yaege tended the contest, saving 25 shots on goal; the Falcons shot 29 at 'Jacket goalie Kelly Timm.

The Yellowjackets were excellent on the power play, scoring on four of their five opportunities. The Falcons made good on one of seven chances.

The Falcons drop to 4-3-1 overall and 2-2-0 in the NCHA with the loss; the Yellowjackets are now 10-1-0 (6-0-0).

Next weekend the Falcons will face-off against the Blugolds at Eau Claire Friday at 7:05 p.m. and Saturday at 2:05 p.m.

Falcons Lose 2-1 Decision at UW-Superior

Dec. 7, 2001

Jenny Conzemius scored a short-handed goal but it wasn't enough as the Falcons lost a 2-1 decision at UW-Superior Friday afternoon.

After a scoreless first period UWS took a 1-0 lead after two when Jody Faye scored at 11:44 of the second period. UWS went ahead at 17:56 of the final period when Jordan Sharpe scored what proved to be the game-winner. Conzemius finally got the Falcons on the board with just six seconds to play when she scored short-handed. Elisa Best picked up the assist. UWRF goalie Marlene Yaege made 48 saves while UWS's Kelly Timm stopped 21 shots.

The Falcons, now 4-3-1 overall and 2-1 in the NCHA, finish the series at UWS on Saturday with the puck dropping at 2:05 p.m.
Conzemius, Egeness Score Twice to Lead Falcons
Dec. 1, 2001

Jenny Conzemius and Hether Egeness each scored twice to lead the Falcons to a 10-2 win over Lake Forest Saturday afternoon at Hunt Arena.

The Falcons led 3-0 after the first period on goals by Elisa Best, Beth Betker and Conzemius. UWRF led 5-1 after two. Annie Shanahan and Meghan Wahlstrom-Ramler got the Falcon goals. In the third the Falcons got five goals - from Karyl Hylle, two from Egeness, one from Conzemius and one from Katie Hiscock. Best's goal came with the Falcons skating short-handed and Egeness's first goal came on the power-play. Falcon goalie Marlene Yaeger made 14 saves and the Falcons had 35 shots on goal.

The Falcons, now 4-2-1 overall and 2-0 in the NCHA, play at UW-Superior on Friday with action starting at 2 p.m.

Best, Egeness Lead Falcons Over Lake Forest
Nov. 30, 2001

Elisha Best and Heather Egeness each scored twice to help lead the Falcons over Lake Forest, 5-3, Friday night at Hunt Arena.

The game was tied 1-1 after one and 2-2 after two. Egeness scored a power-play goal at 19:24 of the first period and LFC scored to tie the game just seven seconds later. In the second LFC took a 2-1 lead before Mandy Stokes scored a power-play goal at 15:43 to make it a 2-2 game after two. The Falcons broke the game open in the third. Best scored a four-on-four goal at 2:16, but less than a minute later LFC scored a four-on-four goal of its own to tie the game for a third time. But Best got the game-winner at 16:44 and Egeness added an insurance goal at 18:15. Falcon goalie Marlene Yaeger made eight saves to get the win. The Falcons had 45 shots on goal.

Saturday the Falcons host Lake Forest in the second game of the series. Action starts at 2:05 p.m. at Hunt Arena.

Best Scores Twice to Lead Falcons over St. Kate's
Nov. 20, 2001

Elisha Best scored two goals to help lead the Falcons to a 5-1 win over St. Catherine Tuesday night at the Hunt Arena.

SC scored at 10:08 of the first period to take the lead. But Keri Deschene scored at 14:17 to tie the game. The Falcons took a 3-1 lead after two. Best scored both goals, at :31 and 4:16. The Falcons added two goals in the third. Jenny Conzemius, who also had an assist on Best's second goal, scored a power-play goal at 5:59 and Ashley Burrows scored with just 25 seconds to play.

UWRF goalie Marlene Yaeger made 20 saves to get the win. The Falcons had 29 shots on goal.

The Falcons next host Lake Forest in a pair of NCHA games on Nov. 30 - Dec. 1 at Hunt Arena. Friday's game starts at 7:05 and Saturday's at 2:05 p.m.

Falcons Tie at Gustavus Adolphus, 2-2
Nov. 8, 2001

The Falcons played to a 2-2 overtime tie at Gustavus Adolphus College on Thursday night in St. Peter, Minn.

After a scoreless first period the Falcons took a 1-0 lead at 4:43 of the second period when Katie Hiscock scored with assists to Jodi Hensch and Lisa McGuire. GAC tied the game at 6:02 of the period when Sarah Moe scored a short-handed goal.

GAC took a 2-1 lead at 15:25 of the third period when Moe scored again, this time with her team on the power-play. But the Falcons tied the game with 2:27 to play when Meghan Wahlstrom-Ramler scored with assists to Beth Betker and McGuire. Both teams had two shots on goal in the overtime period.

UWRF goalie Marlene Yaeger made 40 saves, including 18 in the second period. The Falcons had 16 shots on goal.

Saturday the Falcons have their home opener at 2:05 p.m. when they host Augsburg College at Hunt Arena.

Falcons Drop Opener, 5-1
Nov. 2, 2001

The Falcons opened their 2001-2002 season with a 5-1 loss at Concordia-Moorhead Saturday afternoon.

Mandy Stokes scored the only Falcon goal. She scored at 18:36 of the second period and tied the game at 1-1 at the time. Rachel Goodwin got the lone assist.
After a scoreless first period, C-M took a 1-0 lead at 1:22 of the second period. Sandra Ryden scored a power-play goal. C-M added four third-period goals to get the win. Katie Jacques scored a short-handed goal at 7:13, Jenai Estrada scored at 10:26, Christine Kleven at 12:02 and Jacques again at 13:32.

UWRF goalie Jill Janikowski made 16 saves while the Falcons had 32 shots on goal. The Falcons had six penalties for 12 minutes and C-M had seven for 14.

The Falcons return to action on Sunday when they play at St. Benedict at 2 p.m.

**Falcons Open Season at Concordia-Moorhead**

Oct. 28

The one word that comes to Coach Joe Cranston's mind when asked what the key to success will be for the 2001-2002 UW-River Falls women's hockey team is consistency.

"In past years we have been very inconsistent—up and down. We have to come ready to play consistent hockey or we could very easily lose to any team on our schedule," Cranston said. "Along with the team goals of winning our conference and possibly a trip to nationals, our biggest goal is to simply play well."

With a 19-7-1 record, a conference playoff championship, and several players named to the All-NCHA team, the women finished last year with a lot to be proud of. However, competition has increased. The schedule is as tough as ever with intense games set against some of the top MIAC teams like Gustavus Adolphus and Concordia-Moorhead. As well as the challenge of an experienced NCHA Superior program.

"The women won't be able to expect to just show up and win anymore," Cranston said, "whereas last year we were able to do that somewhat."

With the loss of the 2001 NCHA Player of the Year sophomore Lindsy Carlson, who transferred to UW-Superior pursue a nursing degree, both Suzie Misheski and Hattie Hoff, and sophomore forward Katie Shwenke who also transferred, the Falcons will have some rebuilding to do.

However, with the addition of nine recruits, including sophomore Leah Peyer who transferred from Ohio State, and talented freshman goalie Marlene Yeager joining Stephanie Seiler and Jill Janikowski in the crease, this year's team depth has increased tremendously.

"Last year we got scoring from maybe two lines," Cranston said. "This year I expect all four to do some scoring. We have six defencemen in comparison to only four last year. And it is nice to have two veteran goalies with two years of college experience. Yeager also brings a different dimension. I am confident that she could step right in and do a good job."

Among the returners is second leading scorer Elisha Best who completed last year with 18 goals and 11 assists for 29 points. She will co-captain the team with junior Mandy Stokes. Beth Betker and Jodi Hensch are also both back this year. Betker had a strong year at defense for the Falcons last year and Hensch was third in scoring.

Cranston, in his third year as head coach of the Falcons, will have help again this year from defense Coach Kris Weiby along with goalie Coach Jeremy Weiss. Hoff, a captain of last year's team, will also contribute her experience.

The Falcons, in their third year at varsity status, have been picked by the NCHA coaches to win the conference championship. Even though it is just a coaches' poll Cranston still feels it is a compliment to the team. "It's fun for the players," he says. "It shows them that we are the team to beat."
# 2002-2003 Falcon Women's Hockey Roster

**as of Dec. 10, 2002**

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**Assistant coaches:** Kris Weiby, Jeremy Weiss  
**Student manager:** Anna Permann
2002-2003 Falcon Women's Hockey Schedule

March 22, 2003

20-6-4 Overall, 12-1-3 NCHA

Nov. 1 Augsburg
River Falls 5, Augsburg 3

Nov. 2 Gustavus Adolphus
River Falls 1, Gustavus Adolphus 0

Nov. 8 at St. Mary's
River Falls 2, St. Mary's 2 OT

Nov. 9 at St. Thomas
St. Thomas 1, River Falls 0

Nov. 13 at St. Catherine
River Falls 7, St. Catherine 0

Nov. 22 at Lake Forest*
River Falls 2, Lake Forest 1

Nov. 23 at Lake Forest*
River Falls 2, Lake Forest 2 OT

Nov. 27 St. Benedict
River Falls 4, St. Benedict 0

Dec. 6 Superior*
River Falls 4, Superior 0

Dec. 7 Superior*
River Falls 6, Superior 1

Dec. 11 at Gustavus Adolphus
Gustavus Adolphus 5, River Falls 2

Dec. 14 Eau Claire*
River Falls 3, Eau Claire 2

Dec. 15 Eau Claire*
River Falls 3, Eau Claire 1

Jan. 4 Williams
Williams 2, River Falls 1 OT

Jan. 11 Stevens Point*
River Falls 2, Stevens Point 0

Jan. 12 Stevens Point*
Stevens Point 3, River Falls 2

Jan. 15 St. Thomas
River Falls 4, St. Thomas 2

Jan. 24 at Eau Claire*
River Falls 3, Eau Claire 1

Jan. 25 at Eau Claire*
River Falls 2, Eau Claire 2 OT

Jan. 31 at Stevens Point*
River Falls 1, Stevens Point 1 OT

Feb. 1 at Stevens Point*
River Falls 3, Stevens Point 2

Feb. 7 Lake Forest*
River Falls 3, Lake Forest 2

Feb. 8 Lake Forest*
River Falls 8, Lake Forest 1

Feb. 14 at Superior*
River Falls 4, Superior 1

Feb. 15 at Superior*
River Falls 3, Superior 0

Feb. 21 NCHA Semifinals at Hunt Arena
River Falls 4, Superior 3

Feb. 22 NCHA Finals at Hunt Arena
River Falls 5, Stevens Point 1

March 14 St. Thomas
River Falls 5, St. Thomas 1

March 21 at Elmira, N.Y.
Elmira 2, River Falls 1

March 22 at NCAA Third Place Game vs. Bowdoin (Elmira, N.Y.)
Bowdoin 4, River Falls 2

* NCHA Games
** NCHA Playoff Games
^ NCAA Playoff Games
Falcons Finish Fourth at NCAA Tourney

March 22, 2003

The Falcon women's hockey team finished fourth at the NCAA Div. III tourney played in Elmira, N.Y.

The Falcions lost a 4-2 decision to Bowdoin College in the game for third place.

There was no scoring in the first period. BC had an 11-2 advantage in shots on goal. UWRF was 0-2 on the power play and BC was 0-1.

BC scored the first goal of the game at 4:30 of the second period. Leah McClure got the goal in a scramble in front of the Falcon net. Shelly Chessie and Nicki Young assisted. The Falcons turned the puck over in their zone and Marissa O'Neil scored off a rebound at 8:45 to put BC up 2-0. Gillian McDonald assisted. BC made it a 3-0 game at 14:03 when O'Neil scored a power-play goal with a tip off a shot from the point by Kristi Anderson. Chessie also assisted. UWRF made it a 3-1 game at 17:29 when Lou Paulson scored off a rebound in front. It was her 10th goal of the season. Lindsay O'Keefe and Mandy Stokes assisted. BC had a 13-5 advantage in shots. UWRF was 0-2 on the power play and BC was 0-1.

The Falcons got to within 3-2 just 30 seconds into the third period. Ali Slinden scored her 20th goal of the season with an assist to Megan Wahlsstrom-Ramler. Slinden scored off a scramble in front of the BC net. BC got back the three goal lead at 10:56 when Beth Muir scored with an assist to O'Neil. Just two minutes later Slinden was stopped on a breakaway with a nice save by BC goalie Emily McKissock. With just over three minutes to play McKissock stopped Jenny Conzemius on a breakaway while the Falcons were on the power play.

UWRF goalie Marlene Yaeger made 24 saves. BC's McKissock stopped 12 shots.

UWRF ends the season with a 22-6-4 overall record.

Falcons Drop 2-1 Decision at Elmira

March 21, 2003

The Falcon women's hockey team dropped a 2-1 decision at Elmira College in the NCAA Div. III semifinals.

EC started the scoring at 4:31 of the first period when Lindsey Palmer scored, her 18th goal of the season, from 10 feet in front of the Falcon goal. UWRF tied the game at 9:50 off a Mandy Stokes slap shot from 20 feet in front of the EC net. It was her fourth goal of the season. Katie Hiscock and Lindsay O'Keefe got the assists. EC held a 11-7 advantage in shots on goal in the period. Both teams were 0-2 on the power play.

EC took a 2-1 lead at 11:09 of the second period when Jaclyn O'Neil scored who proved to be the game winner off a scramble in front of the net. It was her 14th goal of the season. Laura Hurd and Charissa Gawant got the assists. EC held a 11-9 lead in shots on goal. UWRF was 0-2 on the power-play and EC was 0-1.

UWRF killed off a EC two-man advantage to start the third period. EC scored a goal with about 11 minutes to play but it was waved off because the puck was ruled kicked into the net.

UWRF goalie Marlene Yaeger made 30 saves. EC's Edith Racine stopped 22 shots.

UWRF, now 22-5-4 overall, will play Bowdoin at 4 p.m. (EST) in the third place game on Saturday.

Falcons Top St. Thomas, 5-1; Advance to Semifinals

March 14, 2003

The Falcon women's hockey team exploded for four second period goals en route to a 5-1 win over St. Thomas in the NCAA Div. III playoff game Friday night at Hunt Arena.

With the win the Falcons, 20-4-4 overall, advance to the NCAA semifinals on March 21 and will play Elmira, N.Y. College. The Soaring Eagles are the defending NCAA champions and will host this year's finals.

UST, now 19-7-2 overall, held a 1-0 lead after one period. Tomery Stolz scored the only goal of the period at 17:17. It was her 16th goal of the year. UWRF outshot the Tommies, 9-5 in the period but couldn't score.

The Falcons won the game in the second period scoring four goals. Lisa McGuire tied the game with a goal at 2:06, her sixth of the year. Tiff Stencil and Mandy Stokes assisted. The same trick combined for what proved to be the game winning goal at 6:56. Stencil got the goal, her second of the year, with assists to McGuire and Stokes. The Falcons went ahead 3-1 at 7:28 when Leah Baron scored her fifth of the year with an assist to Megan Wahlsstrom-Ramler. Ali Slinden scored a power-play goal at 16:22 with assists to Jodi Hensch and Lindsay Carlson to give the Falcons a 4-1 lead after two. It was her team leading 19th goal of the season. In the third, Carlson scored a power-play goal at 16:50 with Jenny Conzemius getting the lone assist. It was Carlson's eighth tally of the year.

UWRF goalie Marlene Yaeger made 17 saves to get the win. St. Thomas starting goalie, Danielle Mikolai made 21 saves in two periods of action. Becky Kilkpatrick stopped seven shots in the third period.
Falcons Win NCHA Playoff Championship
Feb. 22, 2003

The Falcon women's hockey team won the 2003 NCHA Playoff Championship with a 5-1 win over UW-Stevens Point Saturday afternoon at Hunt Arena.

It is the second NCHA playoff title for the Falcons in the three year history of the league playoffs. The Falcons won the 2001 title.

UWSP took a 1-0 lead at 7:05 of the first period when Tracy Truckey scored with an assist to Kim Lunneborg. But the Falcons tied the game before the period was over. Lindsay O'Keefe scored a power-play goal with Jenny Conzemius and Jodi Hensch assisting at 9:01.

With UWRF on a power-play to start the second period, the Falcons scored at 17: when Lou Paulson scored with assists to Hensch and Lindsay Carlson. The Falcons took a 3-1 lead at 18:08 when Lisa McGuire scored with assists to Mandy Stokes and Tiff Stencil.

The Falcons scored twice more in the third. Hensch scored a power-play goal at 6:46 with an assist to Paulson. O'Keefe netted her second of the game, into an empty net, at 15:30, with Paulson assisting again.

Falcon goalie Marlene Yaeger had a strong game making 32 saves to get the win. The Falcons had 17 shots on goal.

The Falcons, now 19-4-4 overall, will await word from the NCAA regarding a berth in the Div. III National Tournament. Selected teams will be announced on March 9.

Falcons Top UWS in NCHA Semifinal
Feb. 21, 2003

The Falcon women's hockey team got two third period goals from Heather Egeness to get a 4-3 come-from-behind win over UW-Superior in the NCHA playoff semifinals held Friday afternoon at Hunt Arena.

UWRF jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first period. Lindsay O'Keefe scored at 1:02 with an assist to Jodi Hensch. Lou Paulson gave UWRF a 2-0 lead at 9:13 when she scored with an assist to Katie Hiscock.

But UWS scored three straight goals to take a 3-2 lead after two. Nicole Fortier scored at 14:28 of the first period with assists to Jodi Faye and Tanya Regner. The Jackets tied the game at 8:26 of the second period when Brei Thompson scored a power-play goal with an assist to Tara Evoy.

UWS took a 3-2 lead at 17:01 when Regner scored with an assist to Faye. The Falcons rebounded in the third with two goals by Egeness. She scored at 3:32 with assists to Beth Betker and Paulson. Egeness netted the game-winner at 9:18 with assists to O'Keefe and Paulson.

UWRF goalie Marlene Yaeger made nine saves and UWS's Kristy Faechner stopped 23 shots.

The Falcons, now 18-4-4 overall, will face the winner of the UW-Stevens Point-Lake Forest semifinal game at 4:05 p.m. Saturday at Hunt Arena. UWRF advances to the NCHA playoff championship game for the third straight year. The Falcons won the title in 2001.

UWS will play in the third place game at 12:05 p.m. on Saturday.

Falcons Sweep UWS, 3-0
Feb. 15, 2003

Jodi Hensch scored two goals to help lead the women's hockey team to a 3-0 win at UW-Superior Saturday afternoon.

After a scoreless first period, UWRF took a 1-0 lead at 6:10 of the second period when Mandy Stokes scored with an assist to Tiff Stencil. The Falcons went ahead, 2-0, at 6:57 when Hensch scored with assists to Leah Baron and Laura Berg. Hensch scored her second, a power-play goal, at 10:56 of the third with assists to Baron and Ali Slinden. UWRF goalie Marlene Yaeger made 25 saves to get the win. It was her fifth shutout of the season. The Falcons had 26 shots on goal.

The Falcons, now 17-4-4 overall and 12-1-3 in the NCHA, will host the NCHA tournament on Fed. 21-22 at Hunt Arena. UWRF will play UW-Superior at 3:05 p.m. on Friday. In the other semifinal, UW-Stevens Point will play Lake Forest at 7:05 p.m. There will be a third place game on Saturday at 12:05 p.m. followed by the championship game at 4:05 p.m.

Falcons Win at UW-Superior; Claim NCHA Title
Feb. 14, 2003

The Falcon women's hockey team took a 4-1 win at UW-Superior Friday afternoon and with the win have won the 2003 NCHA regular season championship.

The Falcons and UW-Stevens Point are currently tied for first place with 25 points. The Falcons get the championship because they hold the tie breaker over the Pointers with a 2-1-1 advantage in the series between the two teams this year. The Falcons will host the NCHA playoff championships on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 21-22 at Hunt Arena.

UWRF led 2-0 after one period and had the same lead after two. Lindsay O'Keefe scored the first Falcon goal at 5:47 of the first period with assists to Heather Egeness and Lou Paulson. At 18:44 Lisa McGuire got the eventual game winner with an assist to Tiff Stencil. The Falcons jumped ahead 3-0 at 6:03 of the third period when Megan Wahlstrom-Ramler scored with an assist to Leah
Falcons Earn Sweep Over Lake Forest, 8-1
Feb. 8, 2003
The Falcon women's hockey team scored a season high eight goals to earn an 8-1 win over Lake Forest Saturday afternoon at Hunt Arena.

The Falcons led 2-0 after one and 4-1 after two. Mandy Stokes started the Falcon scoring with a goal at 12:55 of the first period. Tiff Stencil picked up the assist. At 15:23, Megan Wahlstrom-Ramler scored her first of two goals in the game. She scored the power play goal with assists to Ali Slinden and Lindsay Carlson. The Falcons made it a 3-0 game at 7:49 of the second period when Slinden scored with an assist to Leah Baron. LFC got to within 3-1 at 12:36 when Catherine Norton scored a power-play goal. The Falcons got that one back just 16 seconds later when Slinden scored her second of the game with an assist to Baron. In the third, Carlson scored a power-play goal at 4:59 with Wahlstrom-Ramler assisting, and Baron scored a power-play goal at 6:47 with Slinden and Wahlstrom-Ramler assisting. Lindsay O'Keefe scored at 13:19 with an assist to Heather Egeness and Wahlstrom-Ramler scored her second of the game, at 19:39, with an assist to Katie Hiscock.

Three Falcon goalies played in the game. Marlene Yaeger made 14 saves, while Natalie Olson and Jenny Jannett each had one save. UWRF had 29 shots on goal. The Falcons finished 3-6 on the power play and LFC was 1-5.

The Falcons, now 15-4-4 overall and 10-1-3 in the NCHA, play at UW-Superior on Friday with action starting at 3 p.m.

Falcons Beat Lake Forest, 3-2
Feb. 7, 2003
The Falcon women's hockey team scored two goals with 1:09 of the second period to get a 3-2 win over Lake Forest on Friday night at Hunt Arena.

The game was tied 1-1 after one period and UWRF led 3-2 after two. LFFC got on the scoreboard at 7:30 of the first period when Nicki Paquette scored. UWRF tied the game at 15:30 when Ali Slinden scored her 15th goal of the year with assists to Leah Baron and Megan Wahlstrom-Ramler. LFC took a 2-1 lead at 2:09 of the second period when Mel Guillermo scored. The Falcons tied the game at 11:26 when Beth Betker scored with assists to Slinden and Wahlstrom-Ramler. The Falcons got the game winner at 12:35 when Katie Hiscock scored with an assist to Lou Paulson.

UWRF goalie Marlene Yaeger made 22 saves and LFC's Theresa Taylor stopped 19 shots.

The Falcons, now 14-4-4 overall and 9-1-3 in the NCHA, host Lake Forest again on Saturday at Hunt Arena with action starting at 2:05 p.m.

Falcons Win at UWSP, 3-2
Feb. 1, 2003
The Falcon women's hockey team earned a 3-2 win at UW-Stevens Point Saturday afternoon.

UWRF led 2-0 after one and 3-1 after two. Mandy Stokes started the scoring for the Falcons with a goal at 6:45 of the first period. Tiff Stencil got the lone assist. Lindsay Carlson scored a power-play goal at 18:11 to give UWRF a 2-0 lead. Jodi Hensch and Lindsay O'Keefe got the assists. UWSP made it a 2-1 game at 1:21 of the second period when Ann Ninnemann scored a power-play goal. The Falcons went ahead, 3-1, at 6:39 of the second period when Heather Egeness scored a power-play goal. Hensch and Carlson assisted. UWSP made it a 3-2 game at 12:30 of the third period when Emily Teachout scored a power-play goal.

UWRF goalie Marlene Yaeger made 35 saves to get the win. The Falcons had 13 shots on goal.

The Falcons, now 13-4-4 overall and 8-1-3 in the NCHA, host Lake Forest on Friday at Hunt Arena. The puck drops at 7:05 p.m.

Falcons Tie at UWSP, 1-1
Jan. 31, 2003
The Falcons battled to a 1-1 overtime tie at UW-Stevens Point Friday night.

UWRF held a 1-0 lead after one period. Ali Sliden scored the Falcon goal with an assist from Rachel Goodwin at 6:01. There was no scoring in the second period. UWSP tied the game at :18 of the third period when Emily Teachout scored with assists to Ann Ninnemann and Jackie Schmitt.

UWRF goalie Marlene Yaeger made 42 saves and the Falcons had 18 shots on goal.
The Falcons, now 12-4-4 overall and 7-1-3 in the NCHA, play at Stevens Point again on Saturday with the puck dropping at 2 p.m.

**Falcons Get 2-2 Tie at UWEC**

Jan. 25, 2003

The Falcons had 1-0 and 2-1 leads, but had to settle for a 2-2 overtime tie at UW-Eau Claire Saturday night.

The Falcons led 1-0 after one period. Lindsy Carlson scored a power-play goal at :19:48. The game was tied, 1-1 after two periods. UWEC scored a power-play goal at 14:31. The Falcons took a 2-1 lead at 2:42 of the third period when Leah Baron scored. But UWEC tied the game with 3:18 to play with a goal. The Falcons outshot UWEC 38-25 in the game, including 5-0 in the third period.

The Falcons, now 12-4-3 overall and 7-1-2 in the NCHA, play a two-game series at UW-Stevens Point next weekend. Action Friday starts at 5 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday.

**Falcons Beat Eau Claire 3-1**

Jan. 24, 2003

The Falcons scored two goals in the second period to give them the lead and the game Friday night at UW-Eau Claire.

Lindsy Carlson opened the scoring column first at 5:05 of the first period with an unassisted goal. The Blugolds tied that mark with a goal at 7:50 from a Jodi Hensch assist. At 9:39, Lindsay O'Keefe scored the go-ahead goal unassisted.

The Falcons outshot the Blugolds 32-23. There were 13 penalties, six served by the Falcons.

UW-RF was 0-for-7 on the power play; UW-EC was 1-for-5.

The Falcons, now 12-4-2 overall and 7-1-1 in the NCHA, will next play a second NCHA contest at UW-Eau Claire on Saturday. Game starts at 7:05 p.m.

**Paulson's Hat Trick Leads Falcons Over UST, 4-2**

Jan. 15, 2003

Lou Paulson scored the hat trick to help lead the Falcons to a 4-2 win over St. Thomas Wednesday night at Hunt Arena.

UWRF scored all four goals in about a two-minute span in the first period. Paulson started the scoring with a power-play goal at 7:36. She was assisted by Lindsay O'Keefe and Jenny Conzemius. The Falcons then scored three goals in 28 seconds. Leah Baron scored her second goal of the year at 9:00 with assists to Ali Slinden and Megan Wahlstrom-Ramlar. Paulson scored her second at 9:20 with Katie Hiscock assisting. After a UST time out, Paulson got her third goal just eight seconds later with assists to Heather Egeness and Hiscock. It was Paulson's sixth goal of the season. UST scored at 12:42 of the second period to make it a 4-1 game after two. UST scored a power-play goal at 4:46 of the third period.

UWRF goalie Marlene Yaeger made 22 saves and the Falcons had 34 shots on goal.

The Falcons, now 11-4-2 overall and 6-1-1 in the NCHA, will next play a NCHA series at UW-Eau Claire on Jan. 24-25. Both games start at 7:05 p.m.

**Falcons Lose to UWSP, 3-2**

Jan. 12, 2003

UW-Stevens Point scored a power-play goal with just 30 seconds to play to earn a 3-2 win over the Falcon women's hockey team Sunday afternoon at Hunt Arena.

UWRF had 1-0 and 2-1 leads in the game, but UWSP got the final goal to get the win. Lindsay Carlson gave the Falcons a 1-0 lead at 6:20 of the first period with an unassisted power-play goal. UWSP tied the game at 8:30 of the period. UWRF took a 2-1 lead at 11:41 of the second period when Lindsay O'Keefe scored a power-play goal. But UWSP tied the game on a breakaway goal at 18:29. to tie the game after two periods. UWSP scored the game-winner while on the power-play in the third.

UWRF goalie Marlene Yaeger made 23 saves and the Falcons had 34 shots on goal.

The Falcons, now 10-4-2 overall and 6-1-1 in the NCHA, host St. Thomas in a non-conference game on Wednesday at Hunt Arena. Game time is 7:05 p.m.

**Falcons Top UWSP, 2-0**
Jan. 11, 2003

Falcon goalie Marlene Yaeger stopped all 41 shots she faced to help lead the women's hockey team to a 2-0 win over UW-Stevens Point Saturday night at Hunt Arena.

UWRF led 1-0 after one period and 2-0 after two. Megan Wahlstrom-Ramler scored at 4:54 of the first period with the Falcons on a 5-3 power-play. In the second period, Lindsay O'Keefe scored at 6:32 to put UWRF ahead, 2-0. Yaeger, who earned her fourth shutout of the season, stopped 14 shots in the first, 17 in the second and 10 in the third.

The Falcons, now 10-3-2 overall and 6-0-1 in the NCHA, host UWSP on Sunday at Hunt Arena with action starting at 2:05 p.m.

Falcons Fall To Williams, 2-1, in OT

Jan. 4, 2003

The Falcon women's hockey team scored first but couldn't stop Williams College in the 2-1 overtime loss Saturday afternoon at Hunt Arena.

That lone goal doubled as the Falcons' only first period shot on goal as Jenny Conzemius skated around a defender through the right circle and then cut right in front of Williams goalie Monelle Quevillon and slipped the puck in at the left corner. Lindsy Carlson assisted on the 18:39 goal.

In the second period, however, the Falcons edged the Ephs in shots, 9-8, but neither team put one in the net.

Williams evened the score at 8:43 of the third period on a power play when Eliissa Popoff fired a shot at Marlene Yaeger from well behind the right circle that slipped between Yaeger's legs.

In overtime, a point blank shot by Julia Karoly on the right bounced off Yaeger's pads to the left, where Molly Wasserman found an open rebound and game-winning goal at 1:27.

The Ephs outshot UW-RF 33-15 in the contest. Williams beat UW-Stevens Point in overtime by the same score Thursday.

The loss puts the Falcons at 9-3-2 overall. Next Saturday and Sunday the Falcons host Stevens Point at 7:05 p.m. (Sat.) and 2:05 p.m. (Sun.) at Hunt Arena.

Falcons Top UWEC to Earn Sweep

Dec. 15, 2002

The Falcon women's hockey team won a 3-1 decision over UW-Eau Claire Sunday afternoon at Hunt Arena to earn a sweep and move into first place in the NCHA.

The Falcon weekend sweep of UWEC coupled with UW-Stevens Point's split at UW-Superior, moved the Falcons into first place in the NCHA standings. The Falcons are 5-0-1 for 11 points and UWSP is 5-1-0 for 10 points.

The Falcons led 1-0 after one period and 3-0 after two. Jodi Hensch scored the team's first goal at 1:40 of the first period with Lou Paulson getting the assist. Ali Slinden gave the Falcons a 2-0 lead at the 8:10 of the second period. Leah Baron and Megan Wahlstrom-Ramler got the assists. UWRF opened a 3-0 lead at 17:36 of the second period when Lindsay O'Keefe scored with an assist to Heather Egeness. UWEC made it a 3-1 game at 13:34 of the third period when Jamie Hewitt scored.

UWRF goalie Natalie Olson made 16 saves to get the win and raise her record to 2-0 on the year. The Falcons had 26 shots on goal.

The Falcons, 9-2-2 overall and 5-0-1 in the NCHA, are off until Jan. 4 when they host Williams College at Hunt Arena in a non-conference game that starts at 12:05 p.m.

Falcons Top UWEC, 3-2

Dec. 14, 2002

The Falcon women's hockey team came back from a 1-0 deficit to earn a 3-2 win over UW-Eau Claire Saturday afternoon at Hunt Arena.

UWEC took a 1-0 lead at 3:36 of the first period when Claire Parda scored. UWRF scored twice before the period was over to make it a 2-1 game after one. Ali Slinden scored at 9:10 with an assist from Jenny Conzemius. At 17:35 Lindsay O'Keefe scored with assists to Lou Paulson and Heather Egeness. UWEC tied the game at 9:44 of the second period when Sarah Zollars scored. The Falcons got the game-winner at 15:27 pf the second when Tiff Stencil scored with an assist to Lindsy Carlson.

UWRF goalie Marlene Yaeger made 15 saves and the Falcons had 28 shots on goal.

The Falcons, 8-2-2 overall and 4-0-1 in the NCHA, host UW-Eau Claire on Sunday at 2:05 p.m. at Hunt Arena.

Falcons Fall to Gustavus
Dec. 11, 2002

The Falcons fell to Gustavus in a 5-2 loss Wednesday night.

In the first period, Gustavus came out strong scoring two goals at 7:51 and 18:20. The second period went by scoreless.

UW-RF didn't answer until the third period when Lindsay O'Keefe scored at 1:10 with Lou Paulson and Heather Egeness on the assists. Gustavus didn't falter, however, and scored the next three goals of the game at 4:39, 9:44 and 16:28. UW-RF closed out the game when Lou Paulson scored at 19:12. Jeny Cozemius and Katie Hiscock had the assists.

UW-RF goalie Marlene Yaeger had 35 saves. Gustavus goalie Molly O'Donnell had 19 saves.

The Falcons, 7-2-2 overall and 3-0-1 in the NCHA, host UW-Eau Claire on Saturday at 1:05 p.m. at Hunt Arena.

Falcons Sweep UWS with 6-1 Win

Dec. 7, 2002

The Falcons scored four goals in four minutes of the first period and added two more the rest of the way to a 6-1 win over UW-Superior Saturday afternoon at Hunt Arena.

Lisa McGuire started the run at 4:46 of the first with a successful scramble in front of the net. Her goal was assisted by Tiff Stencil and Jenny Conzemius.

21 seconds later Jodi Hensch skated right to left across the crease and backhanded the puck in. Lindsy Carlson got an assist on the play.

At 6:24, early in the game's first power play opportunity for the Falcons, Lindsay O'Keefe made a great pass to Lou Paulson at the right edge of the crease for a tip-in and the 3-0 lead. Hensch also helped on the goal.

And at 8:07, Meghan Wahlstrom-Ramler finished the streak with the fourth goal assisted by Ali Slinden.

The Yellowjackets responded early in the second period at the hand of Nicole Fortier with a player advantage. Amy Kachinske and Jodi Faye had assists.

Late in the second, Leah Baron scored from Wahlstrom-Ramler, and Slinden made it 6-1 at 1:09 of the third period from Baron and Wahlstrom-Ramler.

The Jackets didn't get a shot on Falcon goalie Marlene Yaeger in the third period until just after the 19-minute mark. Yaeger finished with 17 saves. The Falcons had 39 shots on goal.

There were 19 penalties in the contest; the Falcons served eight.

The win boosts UWRF to 3-0-1 in the NCHA and 7-1-2 overall. Next Saturday the Falcons host UW-Eau Claire at 1:05 p.m. in Hunt Arena.

Falcons Beat UWS, 4-0

Dec. 6, 2002

Ali Sliden scored the hat trick and goalie Marlene Yaeger made 10 saves to help the Falcons to a 4-0 win over UW-Superior Friday night at Hunt Arena.

UWRF scored two goals in both the first and third periods. Sliden scored the first goal at 7:09 of the first period, unassisted. At 18:13, Heather Egeness scored with an assist to Lindsay O'Keefe. After a scoreless second period, Sliden scored unassisted at 5:16 to make it a 3-0 game. She scored a power-play goal at 16:19, with an assist to Jodi Hensch, to end the scoring. It was her team-leading 10th goal of the season.

Yaeger got her second straight shutout of the season, and third of the year. UWRF had 36 shots on goal.

The Falcons, now 6-1-2 overall and 2-0-1 in the NCHA, host Superior again on Saturday at Hunt Arena. Action starts at 2:05 p.m.

Falcons Beat St. Benedict, 4-0

Nov. 27, 2002

The Falcons got goals from four players and goalie Marlene Yaeger made 15 saves to lead UWRF to a 4-0 win over St. Benedict Tuesday night at the Hunt Arena.

UWRF led 1-0 after one period and that was the score after two. The Falcons added three third period goals to get the win. Jodi Hensch scored her first goal of the season at 13:17 of the first period to give the Falcons the lead. Jenny Conzemius assisted. Lisa McGuire scored an unassisted goal at 7:12 of the last period. Just 18 seconds later Conzemius scored, with an assist to Tiff Stencil, to give UWRF a 3-0 lead. Ali Sliden scored a power-play goal at 16:31, with an assist to Lindsay O'Keefe.
Yaeger stopped two shots in the first, three in the second and 10 in the third to get her second shutout of the year and fifth of her career.

The Falcons, now 5-1-2 overall, will host Superior at 7:05 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6 at Hunt Arena in a NCHA game.

**Falcons Tie at Lake Forest, 2-2**  
Nov. 23, 2002

The Falcons played to a 2-2 overtime tie in a NCHA game at Lake Forest on Saturday afternoon.

UWRF led 2-1 after one period. Beth Betker scored her second goal of the season at 9:55 of the first period with assists to Lou Paulson and Lindsay O'Keefe. LFC tied the game with a power-play goal at 13:42 by Lindsey Wild. UWRF took back the lead at 14:02 when Ali Sliden scored her sixth goal of the season, unassisted. There was no scoring in the second period and LFC tied the game in the third. Emily Blegen got the goal with 4:24 to play to send the game into overtime. In the five minute extra session LFC had two shots on goal and UWRF one.

UWRF goalie Marlene Yaeger made 44 saves, including 17 in the third period. LFC's Theresa Taylor stopped 42 shots. UWRF was 0-5 on the power play and LFC was 1-6 with the player advantage.

The Falcons host St. Benedict at 7:05 p.m. Wednesday in a non-conference game at Hunt Arena.

**Falcons Win at LFC, 2-1**  
Nov. 22, 2002

Jenny Conzemius scored with just 34 seconds to play to lift the Falcon women's hockey team to a 2-1 win at Lake Forest Friday night.

LFC scored the only goal of the first period at 2:21 when Nicole Greco scored. There was no scoring in the second period. In the third, the Falcons tied the game at 8:41 when Ali Sliden scored with assists to Lindsey Carlson and Rachel Goodwin. Conzemius got the game-winner with assists to Leah Baron and Jodi Hensch. It was LFC's first loss of the season and dropped their record to 5-1.

UWRF goalie Marlene Yaeger made 24 saves to get the win. UWRF had 46 shots on goal.

The Falcons play a second game at Lake Forest on Saturday with action starting at 2 p.m.

**Falcons Defeats St. Catherine, 7-0**  
Nov. 13, 2002

The Falcons came up with a big win Wednesday night defeating St. Catherine, 7-0.

Rachel Goodwin led the Falcons with a pure hat trick. UWRF led 1-0 after one and 3-0 after two. Heather Egeness scored at 11:21 of the first period to put the Falcons on the board. In the second period, Beth Betker scored at 5:22, followed by a Goodwin goal at 16:22. The Falcons finished strong in the third period with Goodwin scoring twice, at 2:59 and 6:00, followed by goals from Lisa McGuire at 7:19 and Ali Slinden at 12:36.

UWRF goalie Natalie Olson made her first collegiate start a good one in making 14 saves to get the shutout. UWRF had 50 shots on goal.

Both teams had four penalties in the game.

The Falcons see action next at Lake Forest on Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m. It will be the team's first NCHA game of the season.

**Women's Hockey Loses to St. Thomas, 1-0**  
Nov. 9, 2002

Falcon goalie Marlene Yaeger stopped 36 shots but had one get by as UW-River Falls lost 1-0 at St. Thomas Saturday.

Tommy forward Sue Hewmiller capped a power play with her 12:31 goal in the second period. UST had 19 shots on goal in that period and finished with 37 against Yaeger, who played 59:26 in the crease.

The Falcons shot 33 shots on goal against Danielle Mikolai.

Both teams had six penalties and six power play opportunities. Tiff Stencil served a five-minute penalty for butt ending.

The loss puts the Falcons at 2-1-1 on the season. UST is at 1-0.

Next weekend the Falcons are off. They resume play at Lake Forest Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m.

**Women's Hockey Team Ties at St. Mary's, 2-2**
Ali Sliden and Lou Paulson each scored goals and the Falcons finished in a 2-2 overtime tie Friday night at St. Mary's.

UWRF took a 1-0 lead after one period on Slinden's third goal of the season. With just 38 seconds to play in the second period, Paulson scored her first collegiate goal with an assist to Lindsay O'Keefe to put UWRF ahead 2-0 after two. But SMU scored two third period goals to tie the game. Beth Zabrynski scored her first goal of the season at :16 with her team on the power-play, and Tasa Kostel scored her first of the season at 5:21. SMU outshot the Falcons, 8-2 in the overtime.

UWRF goalie Marlene Yaeger made 29 saves and SMU's Missie Meenken had 27. UWRF was 0-3 on the power-play and SMU was 1-7. UWRF took seven minor penalties and SMU had four.

The Falcons, now 2-0-1 overall and ranked No. 9 in the Nov. 4 USCHO Div. III poll, play at St. Thomas on Saturday with action starting at 2:05 p.m.

**Women's Hockey Team Tops GAC, 1-0**

Nov. 2, 2002

Ali Sliden scored the only goal of the game and UWRF goalie Marlene Yaeger made 23 saves to help the Falcon women's hockey team to a 1-0 win over Gustavus Adolphus Saturday night at Hunt Arena.

Sliden scored on a breakaway at 5:31 of the second period. Both teams had good chances to score in the game, but both goalies played well. Yaeger made 12 saves in the second period when the Gusties outshot the Falcons, 12-7. GAC was ranked No. 4 in the USCHO poll. The Falcons killed off all four GAC power-plays and UWRF was 0-1 with the player advantage.

The Falcons, now 2-0-1 overall, play at St. Mary's on Friday with action starting at 7:05 p.m.

**Women's Hockey Opens With Win**

Nov. 1, 2002

Lindsay Carlson scored twice to help lead the women's hockey team to a 5-3 win over Augsburg in UWRF's opening game of the season.

UWRF led 3-1 after one period and 4-3 after two. Carlson started the scoring at 2:16 of the first period with an unassisted goal. At 11:25, AC tied the game with a power-play goal. Ali Sliden scored at 12:31 to give the Falcons the lead for good. Tiffany Stencil got the assist. UWRF went ahead 3-1 at 15:40 when Carlson scored her second, a power-play goal, with an assist to Sliden. UWRF went ahead 4-1 at 2:56 of the second period when Heather Egeness scored with an assist to Lou Paulson. AC then scored two quick goals, at 10:33 and 10:49, to make it a 4-3 game. In the third, Lisa McGuire scored an insurance goal at 7:06 with assists to Meghan Wahlstrom-Ramlar and Courtney Cnniff.

UWRF goalie Marlene Yaeger made 19 saves to get the win and the Falcons had 35 shots on goal.

The Falcons host Gustavus Adolphus on Saturday at Hunt Arena with action starting at 7:05 p.m.

**Women's Hockey Team Opens This Weekend**

Oct. 28, 2002

The Falcon women's hockey coach, Joe Cranston, has high expectations for the 2002-03 season. That season starts this weekend for the Falcons when they host Augsburg College on Friday and Gustavus Adolphus on Saturday. Game time both nights is 7:05.

"My expectations for this season are to win the conference and to participate in nationals. I firmly believe we have the skill level and the talent to do it," said Cranston last week.

As the program and Cranston enter the fourth season, there are multiple changes and progressions that may allow the expectations become a reality.

"Stevens Point is the team to beat. They were 26-1 last year. We lost all five games to them, all by one goal. I am sure that they will be a better team this year, but I really think that we have closed the gap. I think that Point and ourselves will be at the top of the conference, but anyone can beat anyone else in the conference, just as in the men's conference," said Cranston about the 2002-03 NCHA season.

In the five games against the Falcons, the Pointers out shot UWRF 138-97. In 2002-03, the Falcon forwards will just simply have to put the puck to net more if they are to have any chance of beating Point and any other top ranked team. The defense will have to continue to stop the puck as they did last season against Point. The Falcon defense had to stop 41 more shots then the Pointer defense had to. If the Falcons can continue to stop the puck and increase their number of shots, they will definitely be one of the teams battling for the top spot in the conference.

Non-conference competition will help play a strong role in the quest to nationals. Playing top teams increase the strength of their schedule. Winning, and a tough schedule, allows for a team to be nationally ranked.

Gustavus Adolphus was a final-four contender and took third in 2002. "They [Gustavus] are always a nationally ranked team. We have never beaten them. We them this weekend, so that will be a test. Gustavus and St. Thomas will be the two toughest teams to beat
in the MIAC," according to Cranston.

Returning skaters will have to use their veteran status to pull the team together and make things happen. Returning to the net is sophomore Marlene Yaeger "By far, [Yaeger] will be the most valuable returning player. She looks better than she did before she left off last year," says Cranston. During the 2001-02 season, Yaeger was on the ice for over 1500 minutes and had 598 saves. She had an impressive 1.83 goals against average, which was well under her opponent's average of 2.71. She finished with a .929 saves percentage.

The top seven scorers from 2001-02 are returning to the ice. If they are able to improve their game and incorporate into their game plan the new players, they may be able to accomplish the goal of making the national playoffs. Those top seven players had a combined total of 114 points. Senior Jenny Conzemius led the team with 16 goals and 26 points. Elisha Best was second with 10 goals and 18 points. "Best, Conzemious and Courtne Canniff are together on a line. They have the skills to really make things happen. Conzemius and Best were our top two scorers the past two seasons," says Cranston.

After taking a year leave-of-absence, junior Lindsy Carlson returns to the Falcons and is expected to make a big impact on the team.

Expectations are high for the freshman line of Tiff Stencil, Ali Slinden and Leah Baron. They are believed to be the line that will step-up and make things happen. Freshmen Lou Paulson and Lindsay O'Keefe will be guided by sophomore Heather Egness. Egness had eight goals and four assists last season.

There are some definite changes to the roster and skills of the team, but physical changes are present as well. Hunt Arena went under renovation at the end of the season last year. New boards and glass were put in, the old ones now in the River Falls Youth Hockey Arena, and the locker rooms were updated.

The Falcon women will no longer have to dress in the Robert P. Knowles Recreation Center and walk down to the arena. They now have their own locker room in the arena. The men's and women's locker rooms are mirror images of each other.

"The renovations will definitely be a benefit to the team. It [Hunt Arena] has always been a nice facility, but this year, for the women, we can finally call it our home," says Cranston.

The only way to determine how a season is going to go is to wait until the end and check the results. With all of the new additions that will only strengthen the core of the team, there is no other option then to view positively on the 2002-03 Falcons.

Cranston summarizes the pre-season outlook: "The team will have to remain healthy and eligible. It is when everyone realizes that we are a team and we need each other, that we will be a good hockey team."