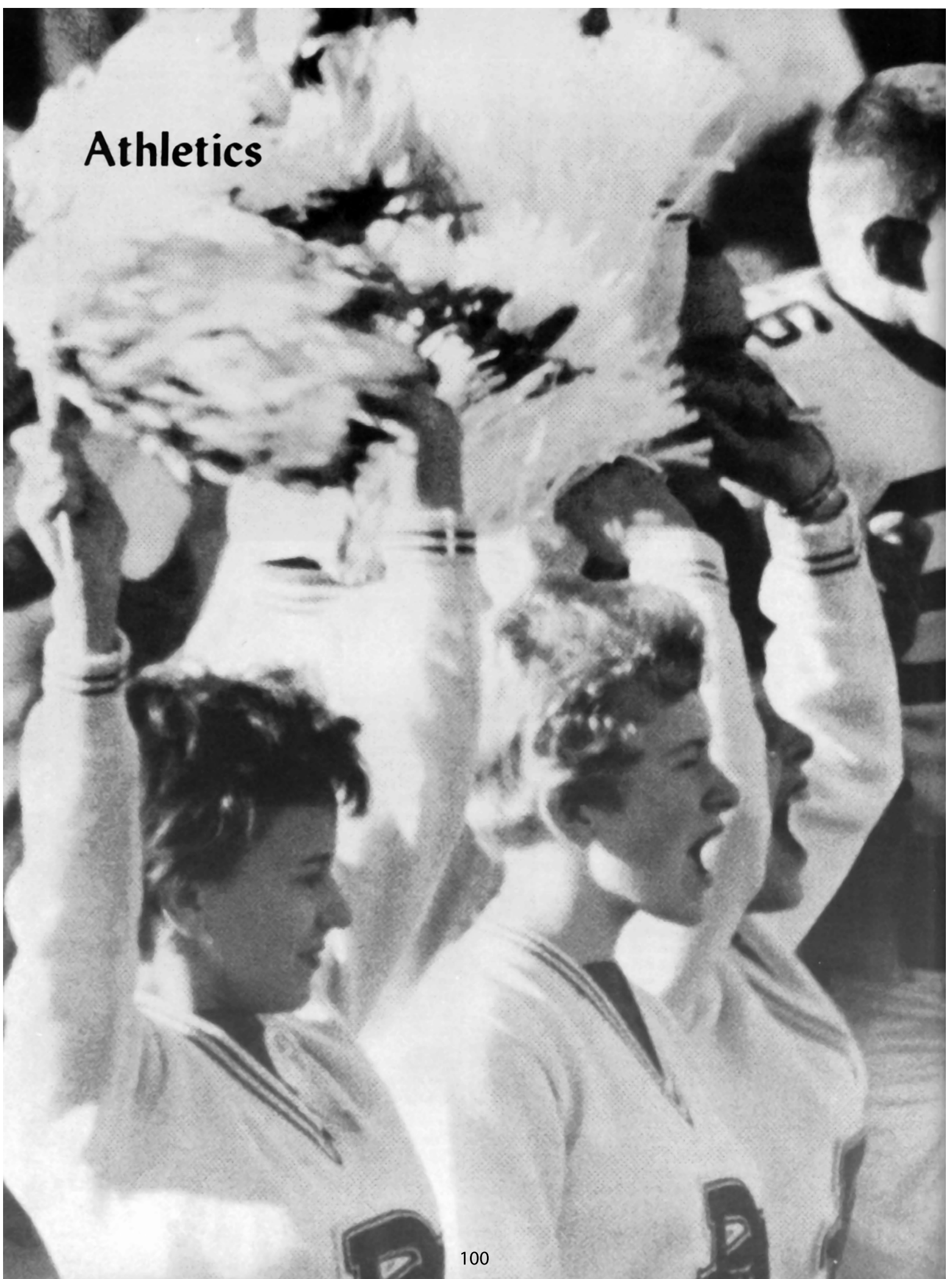
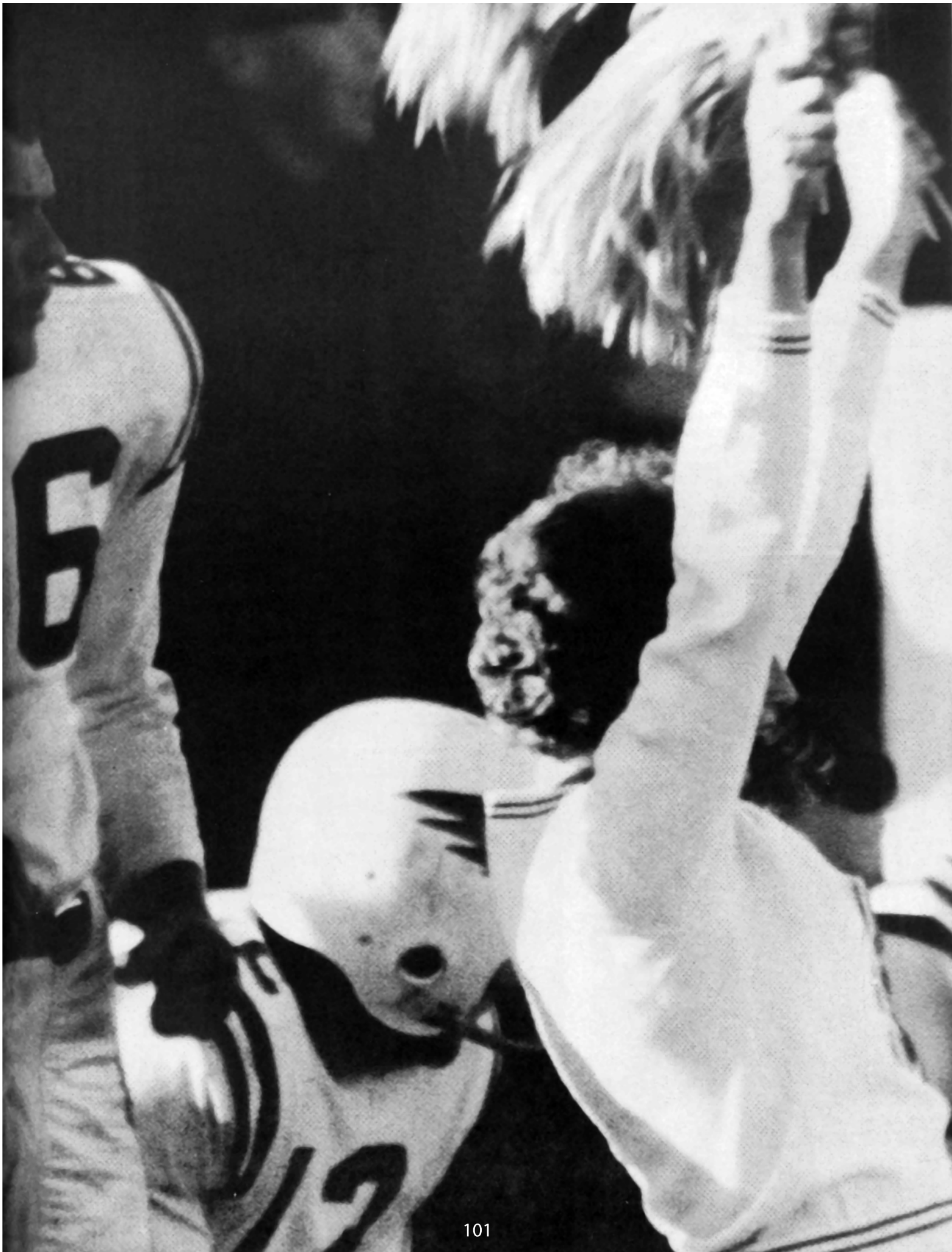


Athletics





THE 1959 FALCON FOOTBALL record, told in monosyllables, would sound something like, AUGSBURG 27, FALCONS 21 (oh); STEVENS POINT 7, FALCONS 13 (ah!); WHITEWATER 34, FALCONS 14 (ooh); SUPERIOR 13, FALCONS 13 (well . . .); STOUT 7, FALCONS 40 (yeah!); EAU CLAIRE 9, FALCONS 6 (unh!); LACROSSE 21, FALCONS 14 (ack!); PLATTEVILLE 22, FALCONS 14 (arrgh!); MANKATO 12, FALCONS 6 (aww!). Well, as someone said . . . the virtue is in the battle, not the victory. By this premise, the 1959 Falcons did come out virtuous, at least. Coach Fran Polsfoot can look forward to better times next year. Of 34 lettermen for 1959, 24 return for the '60 scrimmages. Old hands and All-League honor winners Lauber, Carew, and Neurer will be missed, of course, but there will still be firmness in the Falcon line.

The opening '59 game saw the Falcons surprised by a first half Augsburg onslaught. At first the Falcons seemed to be able to do little but stand on the levee and watch the flood go by. By the second half, however, it was the Augies turn to head for high ground. The Falcons mounted an offense that flooded 21 points high, until the drought came. Falcon men had great admiration for Augie halfback Jim Roback.

Second time out, it was better. Falcon Laubers (John and Mick) and Neurer, Carew, and Hallen, among others, led the team in giving a few pointers to the Steven's Pointers. Hallen passed, the Laubers ran and caught, then ran some more. The Falcon wall was invincible on offense (Sackett, Carew, and crew) and on defense; the Pointers failed to gain a first down until the second period.

through the air, Dawson to Neurer. Whitewater's Coulthart retaliated almost immediately, swooping back to score on a punt return. But a Dawson-to-Everson aerial sailed the Falcons back to the one-yard line. Everson stepped through and across. (14-14). Baubles, fumbles, and mis-deeds hurt the Falcons in the second half. Another interception, a poor pass from center accounted for two Warhawk scoring opportunities. Final: 34-14, Warhawks.

Row One: Fred Colman, Ed Olund, Bob Dawson, Jim Hallen, Dick Shimel, Jack Neurer, Jim Carew, Tom Sackett, Karl Schmidt, Roger Piehl; **Row Two:** Jon Hillstead, Jim Ticknor, Harold Rivard, Bob Skar, Tom Everson, Larry Julien, Curley Hanson, Duane Jensen, Mick Rogers, Jim Murphy, Larry Lloyd; **Row Three:** Jake Lauber, Ken Mouw, Gary Wagenbach, Dave Swan, Tom Kluck, Dave LeClaire, Tom Overman, Duane Tollefson, Bill Halverson, Howie Hofschild; **Row Four:** John Lynch, John Doyle, Jack Omer, Mick Lauber, Larry Brandt, Dennis Schoenick, Steven Funk, Lloyd Stunkel, Tom Keefer, Chuck Smith; **Row Five:** Head Coach Fran Polsfoot, Tom Laney, Jerry Luepke, Fred Kopacz, John Miller, Assistant Coach Byron James.



Game four, with Superior, gave negative relief. The Falcons didn't fall, the Yellowjackets weren't stung. When the dust settled, the scoreboard was tied down in a tangle of 13-13.

Against Stout, it was one of those nights when nothing could go wrong. Falcons Lauber, Hanson, Lloyd, Hillstead, and Everson slipped over to tally. Stout hearts will always have a soft spot for Glen Harke, who snagged a wayward RF pass, and scored the Bluedevil's only touchdown with a fifteen-yard run.

A pass interception, a frantic huddle, a perfect last-second field goal; it was agonizingly over, courtesy of the Blue Golds. And it all happened Homecoming Day. The Falcons strode ahead first, on a spectacular Mick Lauber 97-yard run for the score zone. Except for the final, fatal field goal by Junior Bluegold Don Lee, it was the high point of the game.

By the time the Falcons got to LaCrosse they were still undefeated. It was almost murder. The Indians had to hatchet their way from behind twice before the final warhoop died and the score was settled at 21-14.

At Platteville, the Falcons again showed considerable spark but not quite enough punch. The Pioneers led 13-0 when Mick Lauber collected the kick-off and swung forward around 90 yards worth of Pioneer players. Guard Larry Julien busted through the Pioneer line later, and raced 22 yards for a score, before the Pioneer quarterback realized he had handed-off the ball to the wrong man. But the Pioneers had scored again by then and they were to score again, on a final-minutes field goal, to end it 22-14.

Early scoring followed by defensive play made the finale of the season with Mankato quite a thriller. The Minnesotans were ahead 12-0 in the first quarter. A Dawson plunge from the one yard line eased Falcon supporters, and the team ended the half 12-6. The scoring was over. Falcon Frank Sprenger turned to with eleven tackles on his own. The score stood at 12-6 for Mankato.

SEASON'S RECORD

River Falls 21, Augsburg 27
 *River Falls 13, Stevens Point 7
 *River Falls 14, Whitewater 34
 *River Falls 13, Superior 13
 *River Falls 40, Stout 7
 *River Falls 6, Eau Claire 9
 *River Falls 14, LaCrosse 21
 *River Falls 14, Platteville 22
 River Falls 6, Mankato 12
 *Conference Games
 Season's Record: Won—2, Lost—6, Tied—1
 Total Points: RF—141, Opp.—152
 Ave. Per Game: RF—15.6, Opp.—16.9





Get down where you belong!



One more lousy foot . . .



Tolly dives for elusive Warhawk.



Essential elements for winning football.

WSC CONFERENCE STANDINGS

	W	L	T
Whitewater	6	0	0
LaCrosse	5	1	0
Superior	3	1	2
Stevens Point	3	3	1
Milwaukee	3	3	0
Oshkosh	2	3	2
Platteville	2	4	0
River Falls	2	4	1
Eau Claire	1	5	1
Stout	0	5	1



All-American



High-stepping Everson gets short yardage.

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

	TD	PAT	TP
Mick Lauber	5	0	30
Jack Neurer	4	0	24
Mary Hanson	3	0	18
Tom Everson	3	0	18
Jim Hallen	0	15	15
Bill Halverson	1	0	6
Bob Dawson	1	0	6
Larry Julien	1	0	6
Larry Lloyd	1	0	6
John Lauber	1	0	6
Ed Olund	1	0	6
TOTALS	21	15	141

AN ALL-CONFERENCE football player has proved to the Wisconsin State College Conference officials and fans that he is not only an outstanding ball player, but one who believes in team cooperation and fair play. An All-Conference ranking is one of the highest honors any member of an athletic team can achieve, and Wisconsin State College at River Falls each year has had good representation on the all-league team.

Three RF football gridders wound up spectacular college careers this year and nabbed all-conference births for the second or third time. They were Jim Carew, Mick Lauber, and Jack Neurer, the third-time winner.

Tackle Jim Carew was one of the toughest men to ever don the red and white uniform for the Falcons. His performance in the 1959 Stevens Point game will be one that Falcon fans will long remember. Carew not only sent two Pointers flying, but picked up the fumble besides. "Caruchi" has been described as a "terror on opposing passers," and made more than his share of tackles in his four years.

Mick Lauber, the "fleet-footed halfback," was a sure bet for the All-Conference team and no one was surprised when he got it. Known for his amazingly long runs, one-handed catches, and tough defense, Lauber finished the season with a total of five touchdowns in conference play. This placed him third among the WSC scorers. Three of those touchdowns tallied up the amazing total of 269 yards!

Jack Neurer, who was named All-Conference in his sophomore year and each year since, was also considered for the NAIA All-American team. Described as "a bundle of dynamite and a glue-fingered receiver," Neurer's performances with the Falcons gave many a fan a thrill. He racked up four touchdowns for the season, one against LaCrosse following a fake field goal attempt. He turned in four of the best seasons any River Falls end ever has, despite his relatively small stature.

THE FALCON'S BASKETBALL SEASON was one of many optimistic moments, despite a dismal record of 4 wins and 17 losses. Because the team was composed of two seniors, three juniors, three sophomores, and seven freshmen, Coach Don Page can look to the future with high expectations. Leading the team in scoring was 6'5" freshman center, Charlie Johnson, with an 18.4 average.

The only graduating senior on the first five was Mick Lauber, and his presence will be sorely missed next year. Mick was listed among "Who's Who in Small College Basketball" for his outstanding play during the season. Also absent from next year's squad will be Jack Omer, a reliable reserve guard.





Up and over!

SEASON'S SCORES

River Falls 89,	Augsburg 93
River Falls 83,	Bethel 88
River Falls 69,	St. Cloud 67
River Falls 68,	Mankato 75
*River Falls 69,	LaCrosse 87
River Falls 64,	Winona 78
River Falls 71,	Oshkosh 91
*River Falls 66,	Platteville 92
River Falls 55,	Mankato 81
*River Falls 73,	Stout 84
*River Falls 62,	Eau Claire 78
River Falls 84,	Augsburg 102
*River Falls 77,	Superior 93
*River Falls 73,	LaCrosse 75
River Falls 72,	Bethel 68
*River Falls 67,	Stevens Point 75
*River Falls 54,	Whitewater 91
*River Falls 90,	Stout 88
River Falls 98,	St. Cloud 102
*River Falls 74,	Eau Claire 80
*River Falls 83,	Superior 62

*Conference games.

Won 4, Lost 17

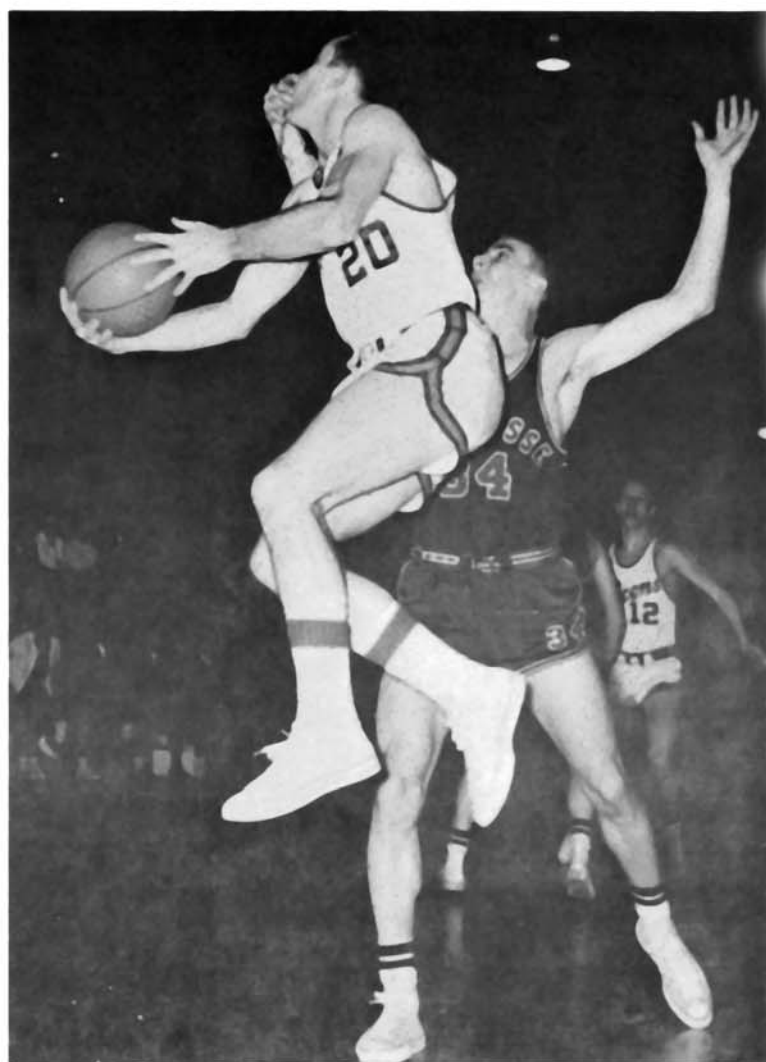
Conference: Won 2, Lost 9

RF Total Points: 1541

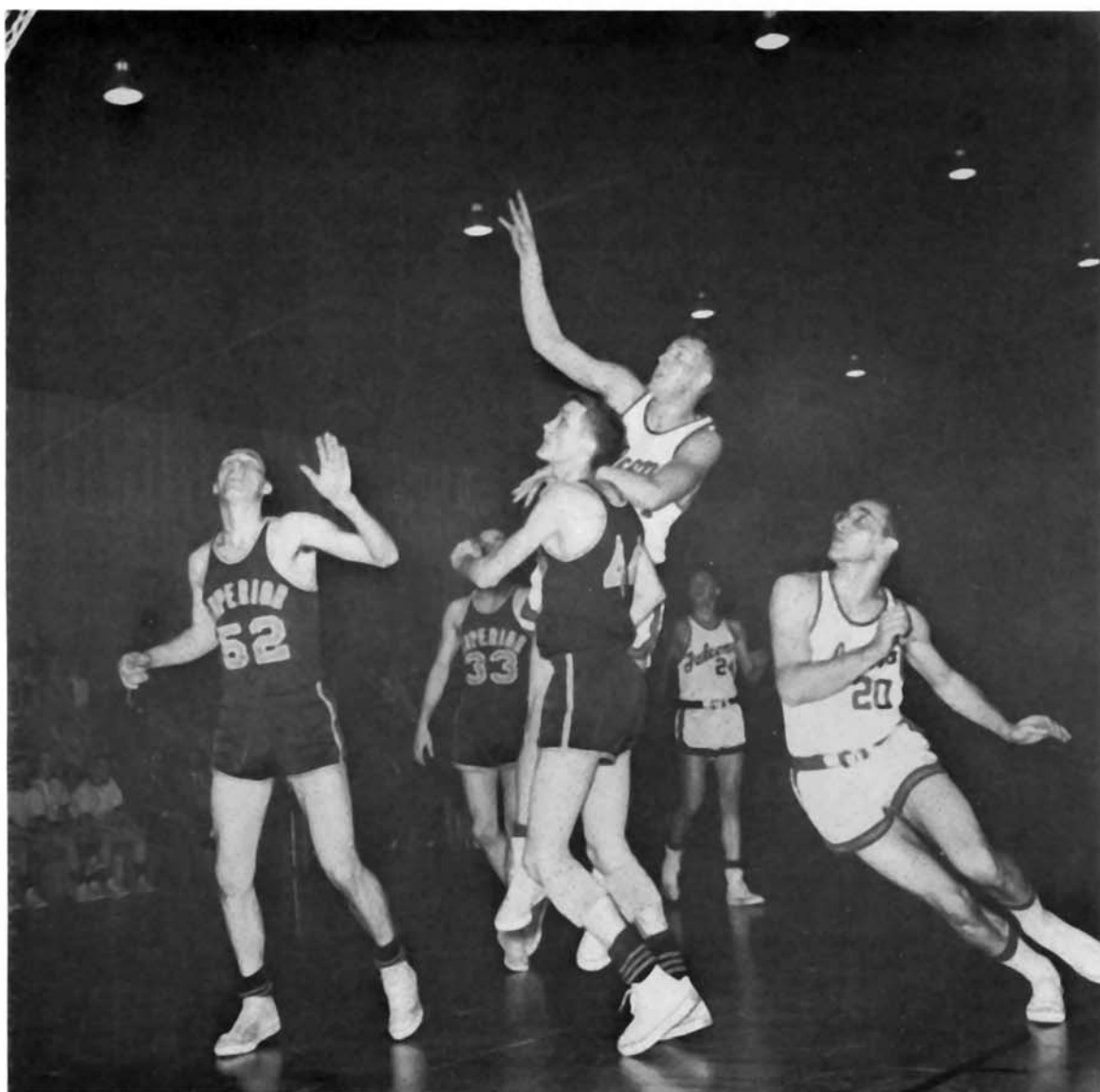
Ave. Per Game: 73.3

Opp. Total Points: 1749

Ave. Per Game: 83.3



What did you say?



It just has to go in.

INDIVIDUAL SCORING AND REBOUNDING TOTALS

Name	G	FGA	FGM	FG%	FTA	FTM	FT%	REB	PF	TP	AVE.
C. Johnson	21	314	131	41%	168	125	74%	183	63	387	18.4
M. Lauber	21	276	105	39%	138	86	62%	139	62	296	15.0
M. Collins	21	251	91	38%	57	42	73%	87	50	225	10.7
T. Garey	21	236	80	34%	62	39	63%	77	44	199	9.4
G. Scharfenberg	21	151	66	44%	60	41	68%	113	81	172	8.2
J. Lauber	17	162	47	29%	74	46	62%	46	42	140	8.2
D. Koepnick	16	69	25	38%	26	19	73%	36	21	69	4.3
J. Omer	14	43	10	23%	12	8	67%	18	25	28	2.0
D. Engler	10	13	4	31%	5	5	100%	5	4	13	1.3
G. Kirk	3	3	2	67%	1	0	0%	2	1	4	1.3
C. Lehman	3	2	2	100%	0	0		1	1	4	1.3
B. Lindsay	4	2	0	0%	2	2	100%	2	1	0	0.5
D. Jenson	6	6	1	17%	3	0	0%	4	2	2	0.3
R. Lange	2	2	0	0%	0	0		0	2	0	0.0
J. Jenson	2	1	0	0%	0	0		0	0	0	0.0
TOTALS	21	1529	563	38%	608	411	67%	716	399	1541	73.3



Lauber gets jump.

WSC CONFERENCE STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
Milwaukee	10	2	.833
Eau Claire	8	4	.667
Oshkosh	8	4	.667
Platteville	8	4	.667
Superior	6	6	.500
Stevens Point	5	7	.417
Whitewater	5	7	.417
LaCrosse	4	8	.333
Stout	4	8	.333
River Falls	2	10	.167



Collins hooks for two.

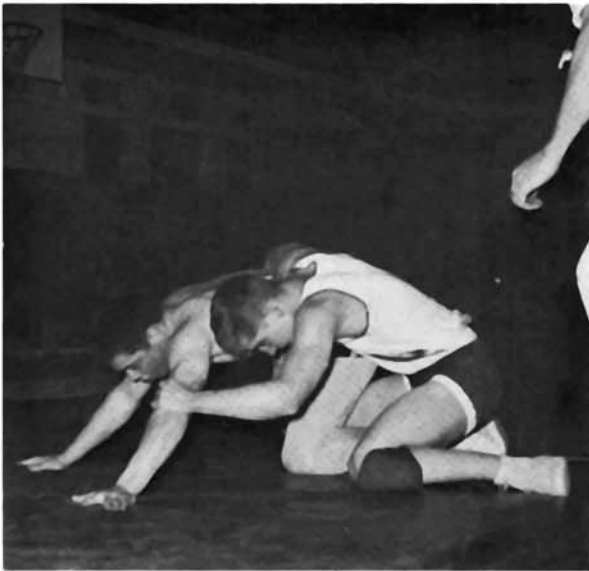
THE RIVER FALLS WRESTLING SQUAD, under the direction of first-year coach Byron James, captured the Wisconsin State College Conference Wrestling Championship after only three years of intercollegiate competition. The Falcon grapplers compiled an impressive team record of 10 wins, 1 tie, and 2 losses. Among these victories were wins over the strong North Dakota State squad, the highly rated Carleton team, and a smashing 26-5 walloping of Macalester, the Minnesota Interscholastic Athletic Conference champions.

The only losses of the season came at the hands of Moorhead and Winona, Minn. Early in the season, La-Crosse tied the Falcons, but the Indians fell at the hands of the Falcons in due time.

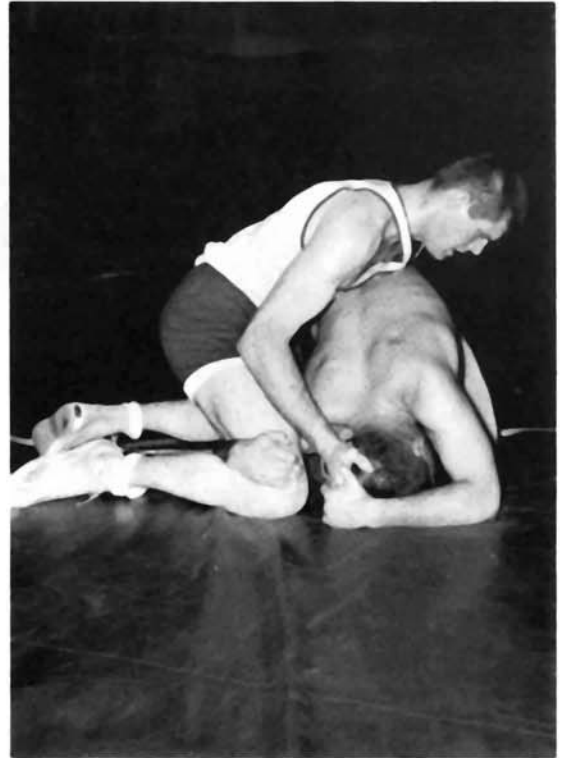
Individually, Larry Julien, Jim Drummy, Dave Garlie, and Marvin Gorres swept conference championships in their weight classes. Ron Aasmundrud finished second, and Frank Mrotek and Jerry Fehlen gained third place ranks.



Row One: Coach Byron James, Tom Braun, Bill Martenson, Richard Culver, Jim Kanable, Dale Diedrich, Manager Dale Schickowski; **Row Two:** Jerry Fehlen, Marvin Gorres, Ron Aasmundrud, Pat Mrotek, Dave Garlie, Jerry Halverson, Jim Drummy, Larry Julien.



Garlie hangs on.



Riding time for Drummy.



Champ in action.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	W	T	L
Jerry Fehlen	4	6	1
Dave Garlie	12	3	1
Larry Julien	18	0	2
Frank Mrotek	9	6	2
Jim Drummy	9	0	5
Jerry Halverson	5	0	8
Ron Aasmundrud	5	4	1
Marv Gorres	12	0	3
TOTALS	74	19	23



Takedown for Julien.



Halverson applies pin.



James' tigers.

SEASON'S SCORES

*River Falls 22,	Stout 15
River Falls 21,	Augsburg 9
*River Falls 15,	LaCrosse 15
River Falls 16,	Gustavus 13
*River Falls 21,	Stevens Point 13
*River Falls 33,	Superior 3
River Falls 6,	Moorhead 20
River Falls 19,	Carleton 13
River Falls 16,	N. D. State 12
*River Falls 24,	Stout 6
River Falls 26,	Macalester 5
River Falls 11,	Winona 9
*River Falls 14,	LaCrosse 11
*Conference matches.	



THE BASEBALL TEAM, with nine returning lettermen, set an over-all record of 5-11 and a conference record of 3-7 to end the 1960 season.

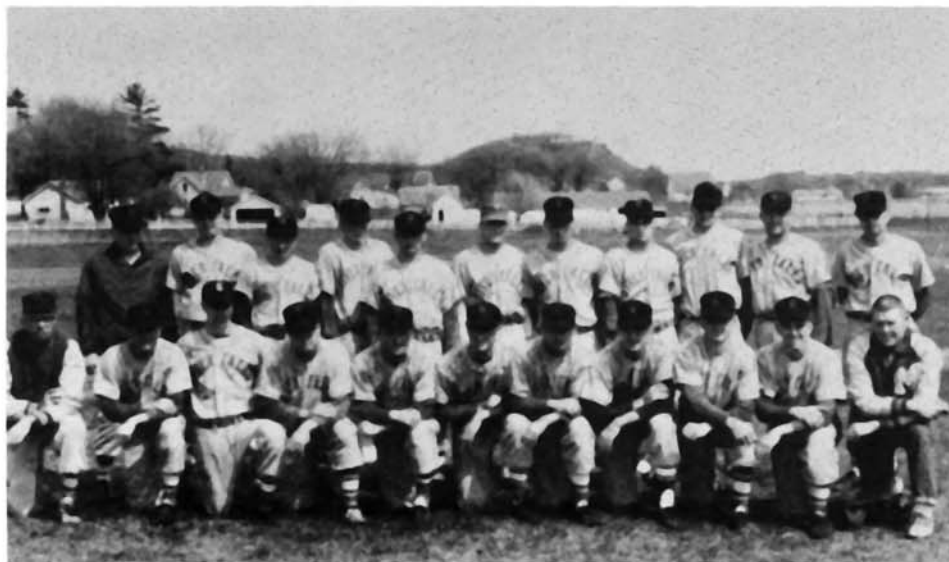
In the opening double-header with LaCrosse, the Falcons were buried 9-1 and 7-1. Capitalizing on the Falcon's loose fielding, the Indians wrapped up the first game with an 8-run first inning. In the second game they collected seven runs on just a pair of hits. Hitting star for the Falcons was Bill Halverson, who picked up three singles in six appearances.

After splitting one with Macalester in a double-header, the Falcons received two defeats at the hands of the Winona Warriors. The first game tallied 4-3, won on only five hits. Lauber issued eight walks in the seven-inning fray. Freshman twirler Jack Scholz yielded to a total of six runs in the second game.

In a two-game stand with Eau Claire, the Falcons lost the opener 9 - 4 to the Blue Golds due to shaky defense. In the nightcap, the Falcons took advantage of eight EC errors and a four-hit pitching stint by Scholz to win 10-1.

The RF ballers then shut out the Stout Bluedevils 5-0 for their first conference victory. Stout took the second game in ten innings — 6-4.

The Superior games turned in identical scores of 6-3, one win for each side. Then the LaCrosse Indians returned to dump RF twice to end the season.



Row One: Don Page, coach, Bob Nelsen, Don Koepnick, Russ Radke, Gary Burke, Ross McCullough, Frank Gombold, Mick Lauber, Jim Pohl, Ed Gregorich, John Doyle, Mgr.; **Row Two:** Jack Scholz, Brad Noreen, Dick Peper, Gene McNamara, Wayne Johnson, Ray Saxby, Bill Halverson, Jim Turnquist, Mick Rogers, Roger Piehl, Hank Lauber.



Row One: Barry Lindsay, Jim Hallen, Chuck Wall; Row Two: Terry Hexum, Jerry Stern, O. B. Bergsrud, coach, Ralph Ryan.

THE RF GOLF men, paced by Jim Hallen and Ralph Ryan, set a 7-4 record in dual competition this year.

The RF linksters defeated Bethel $11\frac{1}{2}$ to $6\frac{1}{2}$ in one of the opening meets. Ryan received medalist honors with a 5 over par 75.

Bergsrud's boys had a 4-4 victory over Stout's with Hallen and Ryan getting 7 over par 77 for the 18-hole course. They also defeated Eau Claire 10-8.

Carleton College in Northfield handed the golfers a $16\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ defeat. In a triangular meet with Bethel and Augsburg, the RF team took second place, losing to Bethel, despite a hole-in-one by Hallen.

THE RF TRACK team had a spotty season this year, finishing second or third in a number of quadrangular and triangular meets.

Coach Fran Polsfoot's team sported 12 lettermen, including Fred Colman, record holder for the half mile, and Roger Pec-hacek, holder of the state high school half mile.

Opening the season against Winona, the Falcons were scalped 101-30 by the Warriors. The tables were turned at the next meet, and the RF thinclads trounced the Auggies 77-45.

Meets at LaCrosse, Winona, and St. Cloud, netted seconds and a third place, respectively.

Highlight of the year was the defeat of Bethel, Stout, and Eau Claire in a Ramer Field meet. The RF sprinters swept top honors in three out of four events.

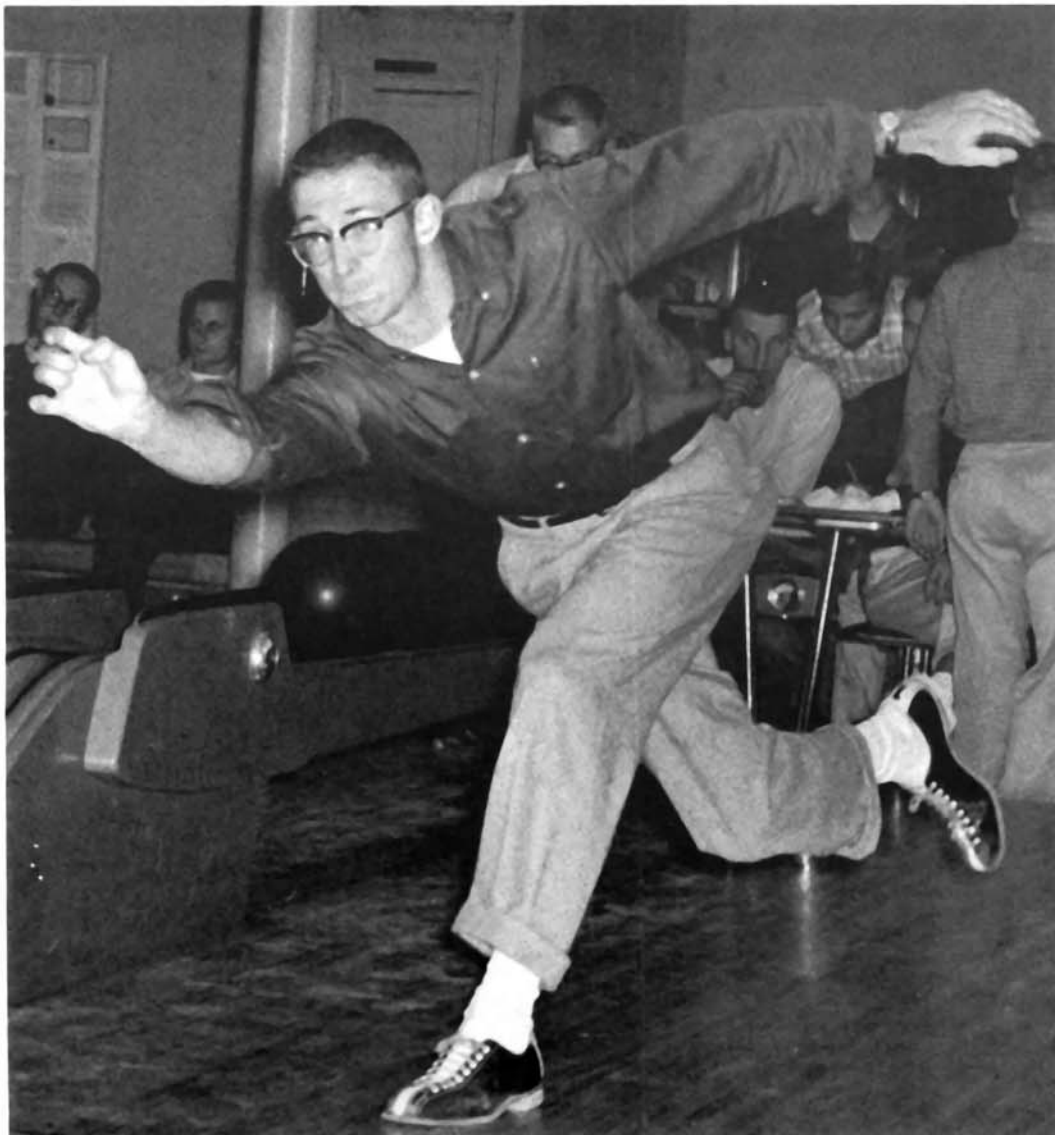


INTRAMURAL director O. B. "Ben" Bergsrud's varied program reached an all time high this year as an estimated 600 male students took part in the numerous activities. That figure represents nearly 80 per cent of the entire male population of the campus.

Action got off to a torrid start when the Stool Bums swept through the intramural football season with an unblemished 6-0 record. Riding the sharp-shooting arm of quarterback Hank Lauber, the Bums knocked off the QB's 9-6 in the annual Homecoming championship at Ramer Field.

Next came the fall Archery Shoot. Clare Hewitt came out on top edging Tom Brickner and a field of eight other bowmen.

Basketball and bowling were next in season and spirited play highlighted both sports as action continued into the spring. Ralph Carlson's underdog Gutter Dusters (they finished fourth in regular season play) surprised everyone by walking off with top honors in intramural bowling. Two leagues of eight teams each blasted the maples during the winter months with the King Pins copping the "A" league title and the Pin Busters winning the "B" league crown. But the Gutter Dusters dumped the Tequila Kids in



the playoff finals to win going away. Members of the crew included Carlson, Earl Finder, John Brey, Dale Edlin, Dan McKeeth, Verne Linse, Chuck Bolder, and Frank Bartzen.

Meanwhile competition was fierce in the intramural basketball games held nightly in the North Hall Gym. 24 teams fought it out in the "R" league and the "F" league. When the commotion subsided, the Mooses stood head and shoulders above the pack. Led by the high-scoring Ken "Moose" Mouw, the winners copped the "R" league title posting an 8-1 record, while the Floor Burns were running away with the "F" league glory by amassing a 12-1 mark.

The Mooses eked out three thrilling wins in the tournaments by almost identical scores of 44-43, 45-43, and 46-42, with the last coming over the No Names in the championship game. Mouw paced the champs with a 19.1 per game average. Others on the squad included Bill Halverson (capt.), Barry Lindsay, Jim Blank, Jerry "Tank" Cushing, Duane Tollefson, John Livingston, and John "Animal" Doyle.

Rich Miller won the scoring title in the "R" league, meshing 182 points in nine games for a 20 point per game average, while Larry Hopkins scored 186 to take "F" league honors.

In the first annual pool tournament, Dale Pearson bested 33 other contestants including Tom Motley in the final best-of-three match.

Approximately 16 teams saw action in intramural softball, and with the swimming, golf, and tennis tourneys, climaxed an action-packed year in intramural sports at River Falls.



Row One: Jack Jenson, Lee Rutherford, Hank Lauber, Bill Armbruster, Tom Sempf, Ed Schlumpf, captain; Row Two: Gary Sharfenberg, Mick Collins, Ross McCullough, Don Koepnick, Jack Rode, Ken Keenlyne.