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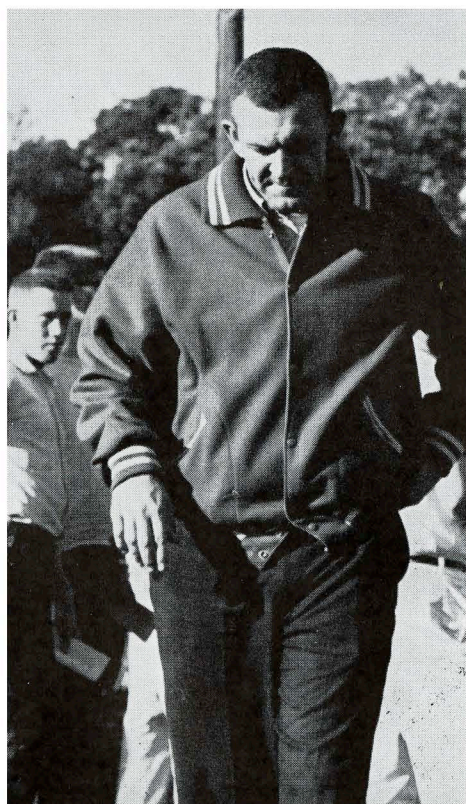
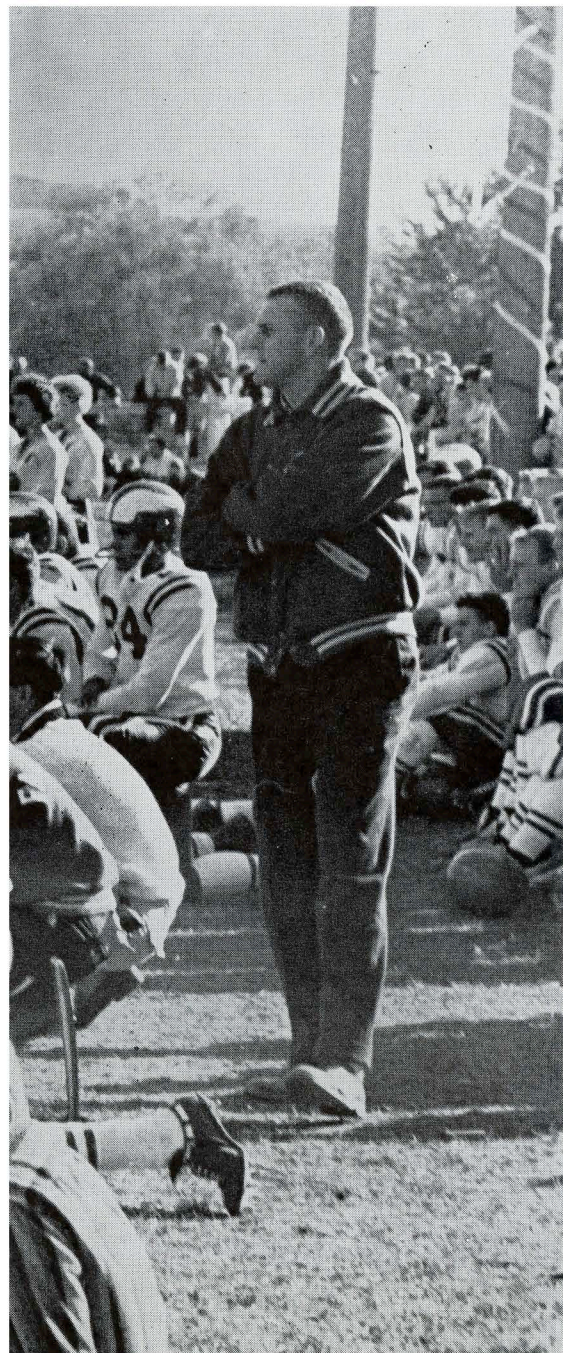
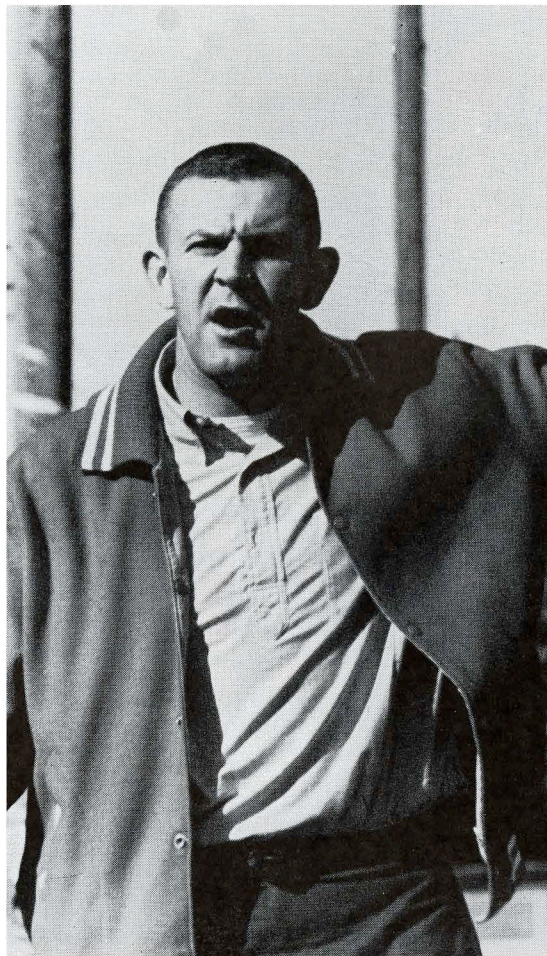








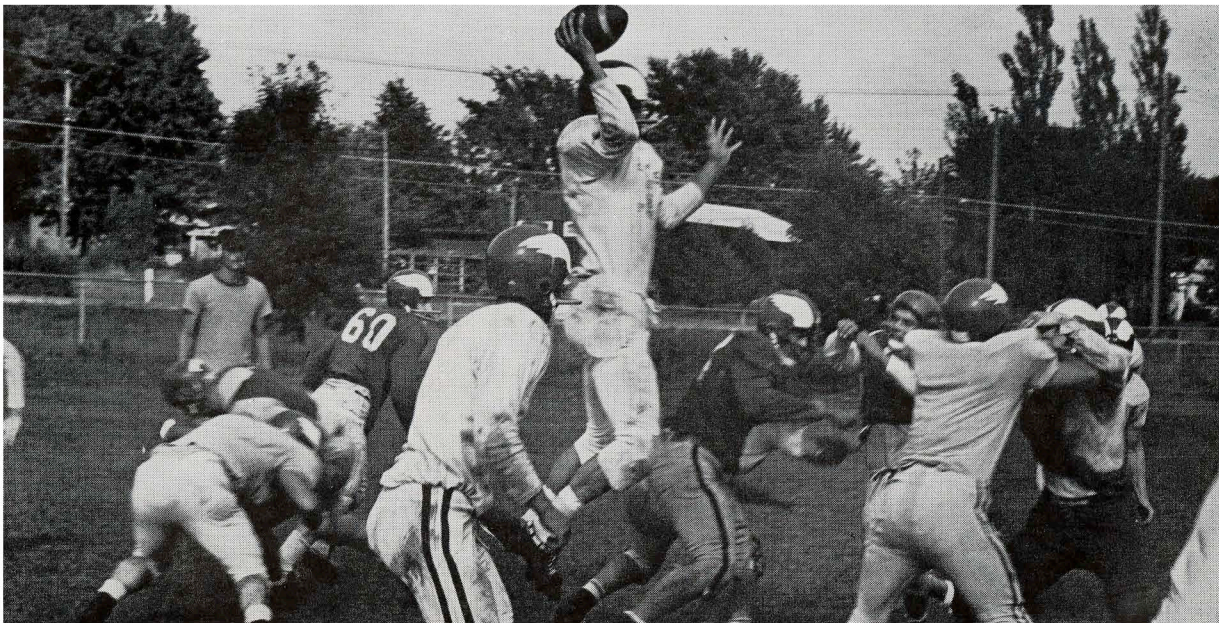
# GOODBYE FRAN



The appointment of Fran Polsfoot as new end coach of the St. Louis Cardinals professional football team has been announced.

Mr. Polsfoot, who has been coaching at Wisconsin State College at River Falls since 1954, has resigned his post here. During the past five years he has been head football coach here, posting a record of 22 wins, 20 defeats and two ties during that time. He reported June 1 to the St. Louis club.





Who's open for a pass?



Henderson blocks for Everson.

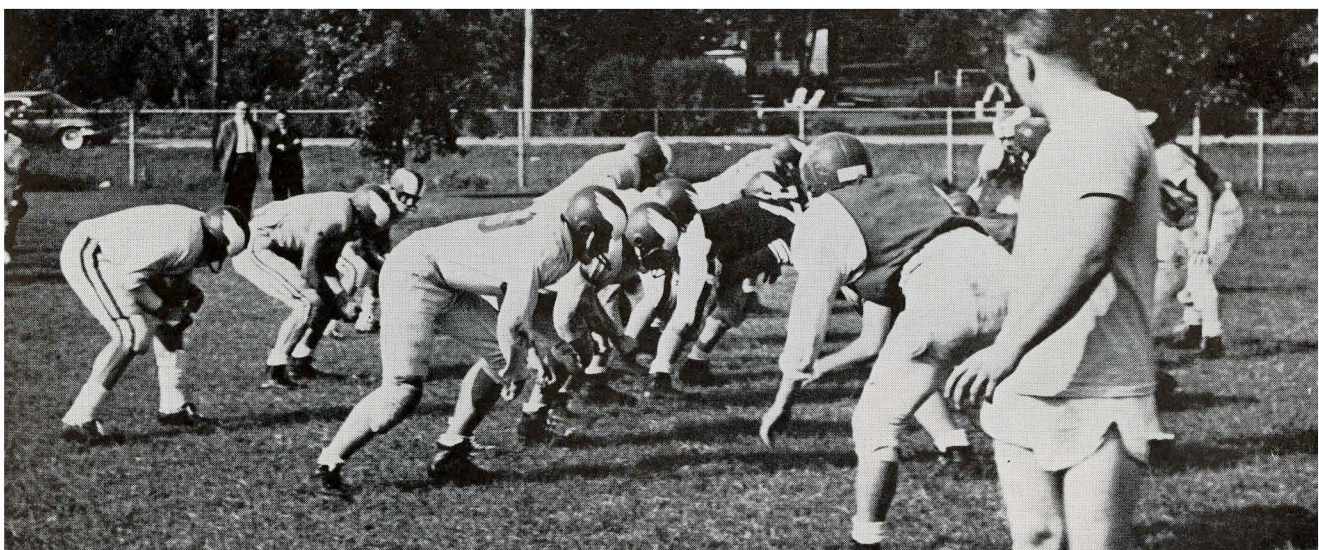
## FALCON FOOTBALL

In his final year at River Falls, Coach Fran Polsfoot managed another winning season for the Falcons. With only 17 lettermen returning to practice at the first work session, it could have been much worse.

Offensive stalwarts Bob Dawson and Dave Jensen did their part for the departing Fran. Dawson completed 83 passes for 918 yards and was named all-conference quarterback. Jensen gained 375 yards rushing.

Especially effective on defense were Big Jim Blank and team captain and all-conference tackle Larry Julien. The two led the team in total number of tackles made.

Practice makes perfect.



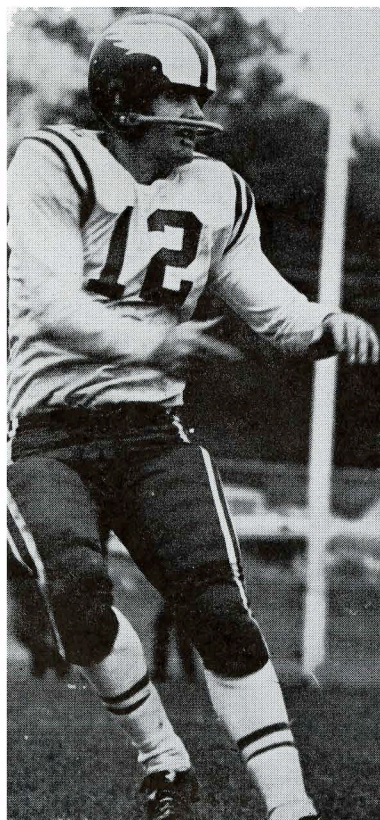




Team Shot—Row 1: Larry Lloyd, Bob Pritchard, Bob Dawson, Jim Norrish, Jim Tichnor, Dave Henderson, Mike Wiskerchen, Ed Vick, Dennis Louks, DeWayne Johnson, and Jim Blank. Row 2: Tom Overman, Pete Bronson, Harold Rivard, Kent Kraft, Larry Julien, Gary Burke, John Doyle, Howard Hofschild, Roger Pechacek, Mike Bieck, Lief Gigstad, and Bob Fritz. Row 3: Duane Jenson, Duane Tollefson, Jim Schmidt, Ken Miller, Jim Rivard, Dan Hubin, John Garrett, Mick Rogers, Wayne Burich, and Reno Rizzo.

## All Conference

Dawson on a pitch out.



Julien runs the ball.



### SEASON'S RECORD

Winona 31	RF 7
Stevens Point 26	RF 0
Stout 6	RF 19
La Crosse 32	RF 7
Oshkosh 6	RF 12
Eau Claire 6	RF 7
Superior 0	RF 6
Northland 6	RF 19
Augsburg 19	RF 7
St. Thomas 12	RF 12

### INDIVIDUAL SCORERS

Dawson	18
Lloyd	12
Norrish	12
Jenson	12
Overman	12
Henderson	6
Tollefson	6
Burich	4
Burke	2





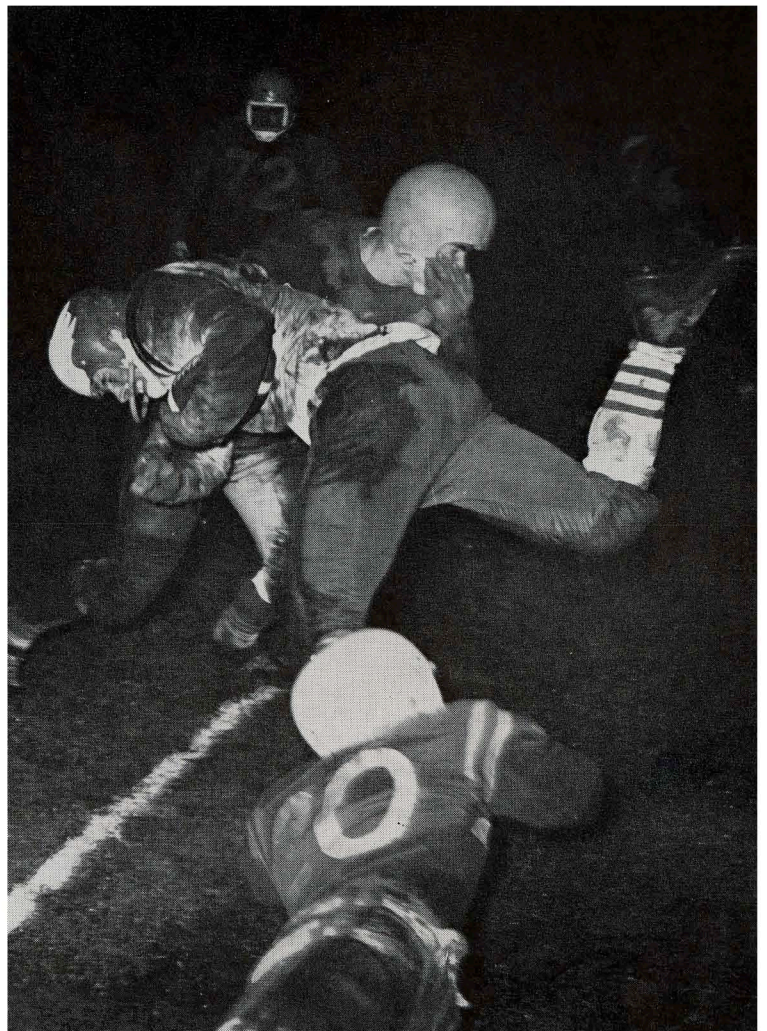
Need some help?

#### WSCC STANDINGS

Stevens Point	7-1-0
La Crosse	5-1-0
River Falls	4-2-0
Whitewater	3-3-0
Eau Claire	3-5-0
Superior	2-3-1
Stout	2-3-1
UW Milwaukee	2-4-0
Oshkosh	2-4-0
Platteville	1-5-0

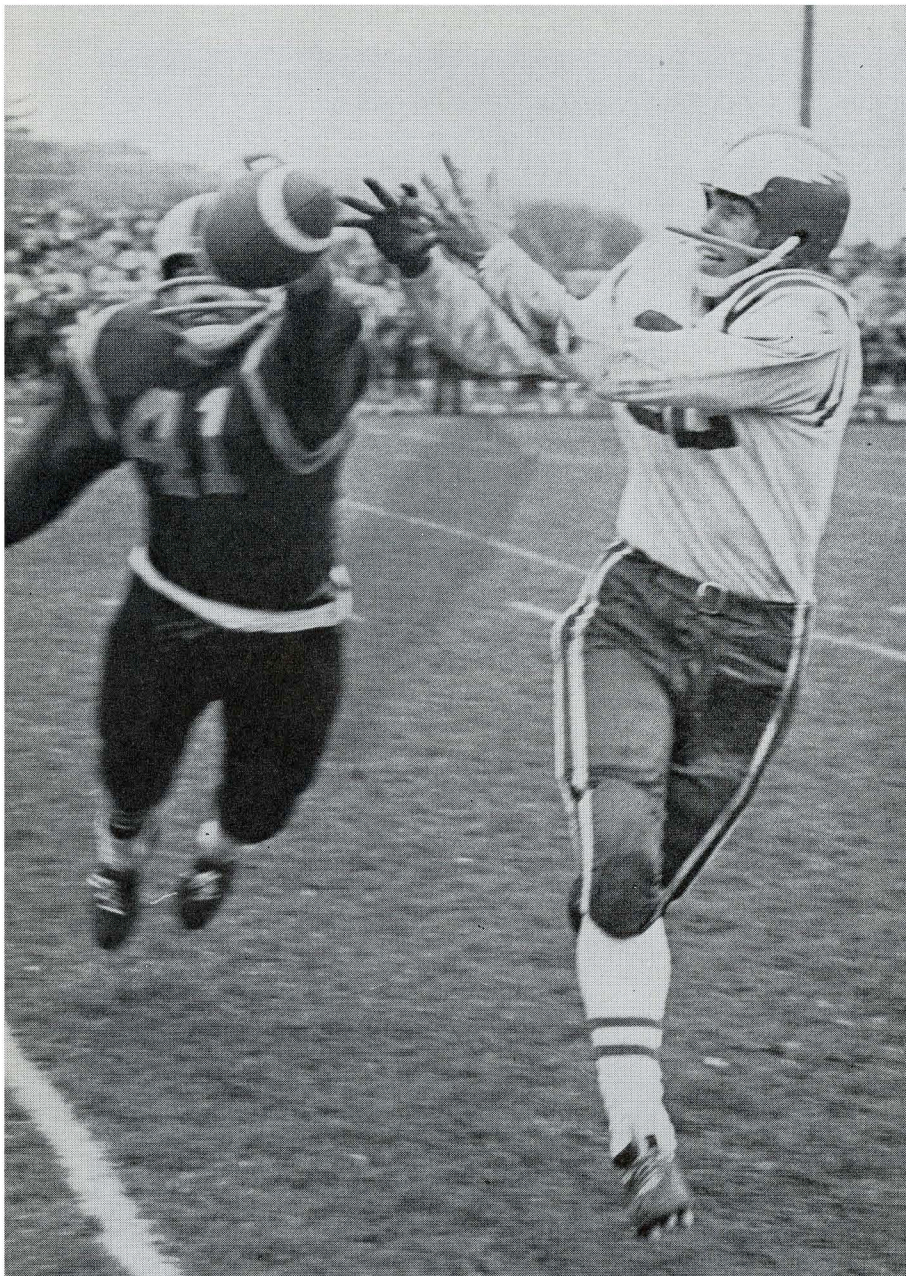


The pause that refreshes.



Two on one!





## TEAM STATISTICS

336	Rushing attempts	400
933	Rushing yardage	1348
2.8	Yards per try	3.4
193	Passing attempts	129
86	Passes completed	52
1007	Yards passing	678
1940	Total yards gained	2026
48	Number of punts	48
1661	Punts distance	1376
34.6	Punt average	28.7
15	Fumbles	20
13	Fumbles lost	17
63	First downs rushing	63
36	First downs passing	25
5	First downs on penalty	8
104	Total first downs	96

Does Denny have it?

I don't have it!



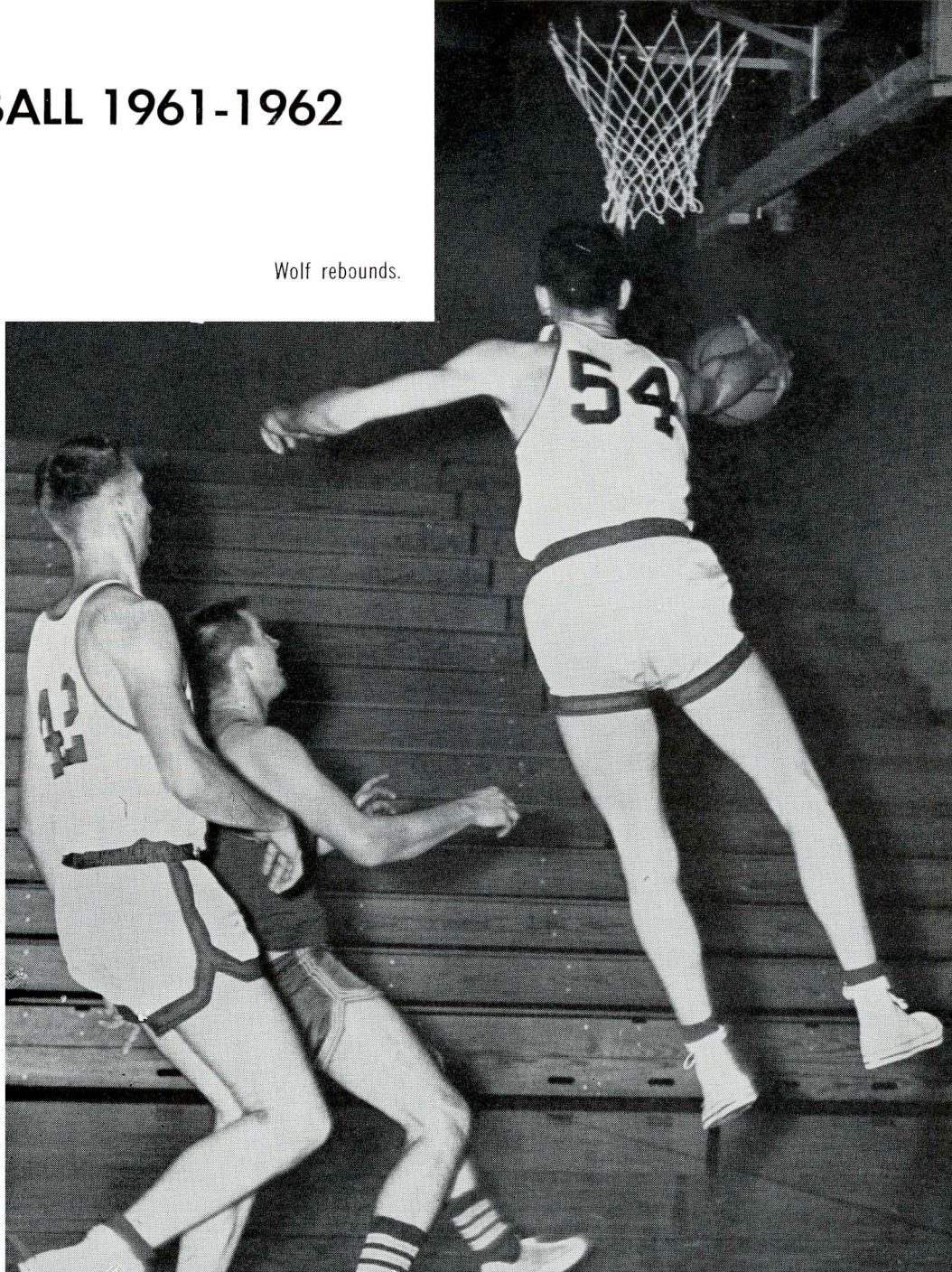


# FALCON BASKETBALL 1961-1962

Wolf rebounds.

## WSSC STANDINGS

Whitewater	10-2
Stevens Point	9-3
La Crosse	7-5
River Falls	7-5
Oshkosh	6-6
Platteville	5-7
Stout	5-7
Superior	5-7
Eau Claire	3-9
UW - Milwaukee	3-9



## FINAL STATISTICS

Name	G	FGA	FGM	PCT	FTA	FTM	PCT	F	TP	AVE
Koepnick	21	346	130	37.6%	105	82	78%	60	342	16.3
Scharfenberg	21	284	117	41%	122	75	61.5%	79	309	14.7
Garey	21	335	110	33%	82	59	72%	57	279	13.3
Wolf	21	165	74	45%	85	48	56.5%	64	196	9.3
Pritchard	17	130	44	34%	44	29	66%	34	117	6.9
Rice	21	114	41	36%	48	25	52%	28	107	5.1
Wolfe	16	53	19	36%	26	14	54%	17	52	3.25
Olson	18	42	17	40%	27	12	44%	23	46	2.5
Swartz	14	12	7	58%	16	10	62.5%	14	24	1.7
Oestreich	13	38	3	08%	26	17	65%	15	23	1.68
Pennington	5	6	2	33%	10	4	40%	7	8	1.62
Strasser	7	2	1	50%	10	4	40%	7	8	1.6
Kaiser	7	2	1	50%	2	2	100%	1	4	.6
Wanish	7	5	1	20%	2	1	50%	2	3	.43
Totals	21	1532	566	37%	595	378	63.5%	401	1510	71.9



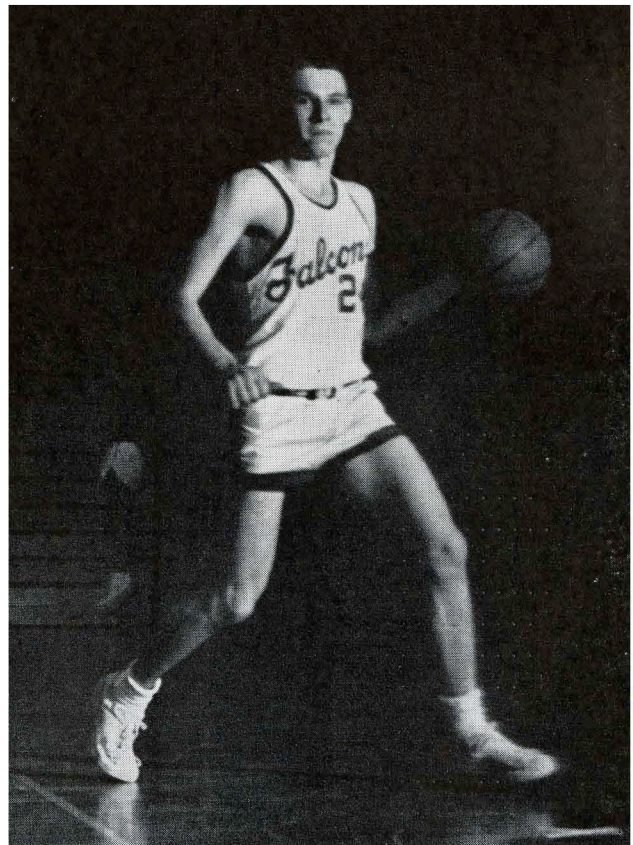


Koepnick drives.

## Falcon Basketball 1961-1962

### SEASONS RESULTS

Augsburg	79	RF	69
Bethel	69	RF	79
St. John's	54	RF	70
Stout	79	RF	85
Superior	67	RF	74
St. John's	72	RF	67
Eau Claire	82	RF	64
Bethel	73	RF	55
Oshkosh	69	RF	85
La Crosse	77	RF	57
UW - Milwaukee	71	RF	82
Augsburg	80	RF	71
St. Cloud	87	RF	68
Mankato	75	RF	71
St. Cloud	69	RF	55
Platteville	69	RF	58
Stevens Point	87	RF	66
Eau Claire	91	RF	103
Stout	81	RF	86
Superior	85	RF	70
La Crosse	74	RF	75
Totals	1590		1510



Scharf moves into position.



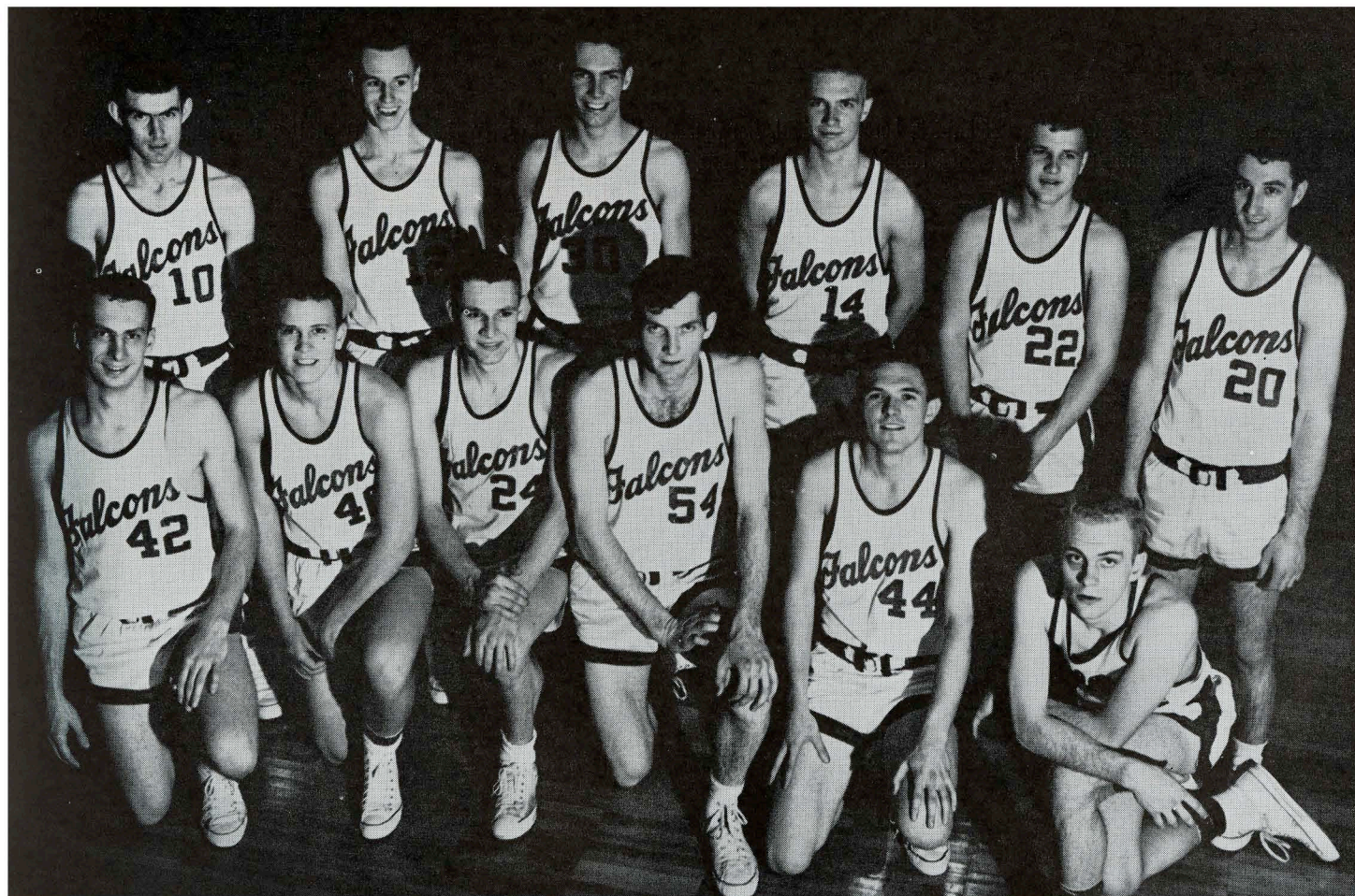
Inconsistency could in many ways sum up the 1961-1962 Falcon Basketball team. When they seemed to jell by winning two or three games in a row, they fell apart and could do nothing.

"Hot and Cold", "On and Off", or any other such name could tab them. At times it seemed if fans were watching a potential conference champion team, and at other times it seemed as though a strong high school team could lick them.

For the season's total of nine wins, only one was won on the road. In the last half of the season, River Falls could manage only three wins while losing seven, leaving them with an over-all record of nine wins and twelve losses. Their conference record was seven wins and five losses.



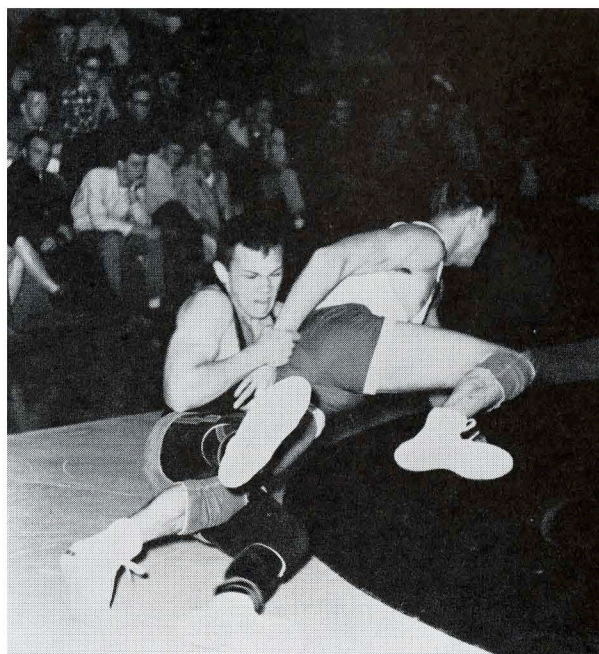
Team Shot — Row 1: Toby Garey, Bill Swartz, Gary Scharfenberg, George Wolf, Denny Kaiser, and Roger Oestreich. Row 2: Mike Rice, Don Koepnick, Gordon Olson, Harold Wolfe, Bob Pritchard, and Vern Wanish.





# FALCON WRESTLING

Culver works for escape.



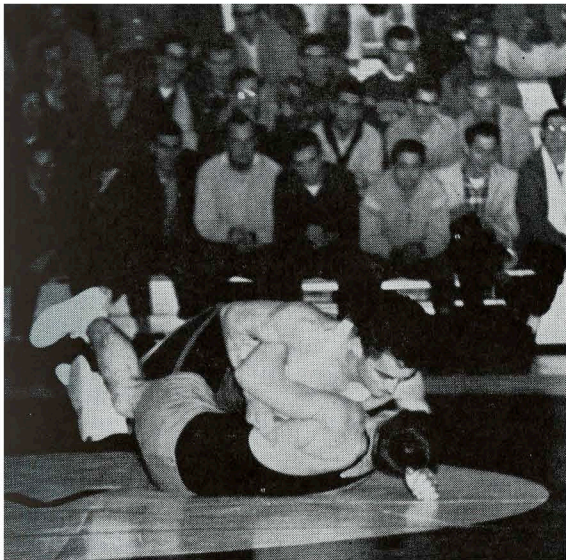
## INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS

	W	L	T
Julien - Sr. ....	16	2	1
Halverson - Jr. ....	16	4	1
Mrotek - Jr. ....	14	3	1
D. Culver - Jr. ....	9	1	0
Fehlem - Jr. ....	9	4	2
Nordahl - Fr. ....	11	6	0
Peterson - Fr. ....	9	5	0
Kanable - Jr. ....	6	4	0
Hindes - Fr. ....	6	4	0
B. Culver - Soph. ....	4	3	0
Gutting - Fr. ....	2	2	0
Christianson - Fr. ....	3	4	0
Dix - Fr. ....	5	7	1
Mahan - Fr. ....	1	1	0
Timm - Fr. ....	1	1	0
Zeller - Fr. ....	1	0	0
Cliver - Fr. ....	1	3	0
Menkt - Fr. ....	0	1	0

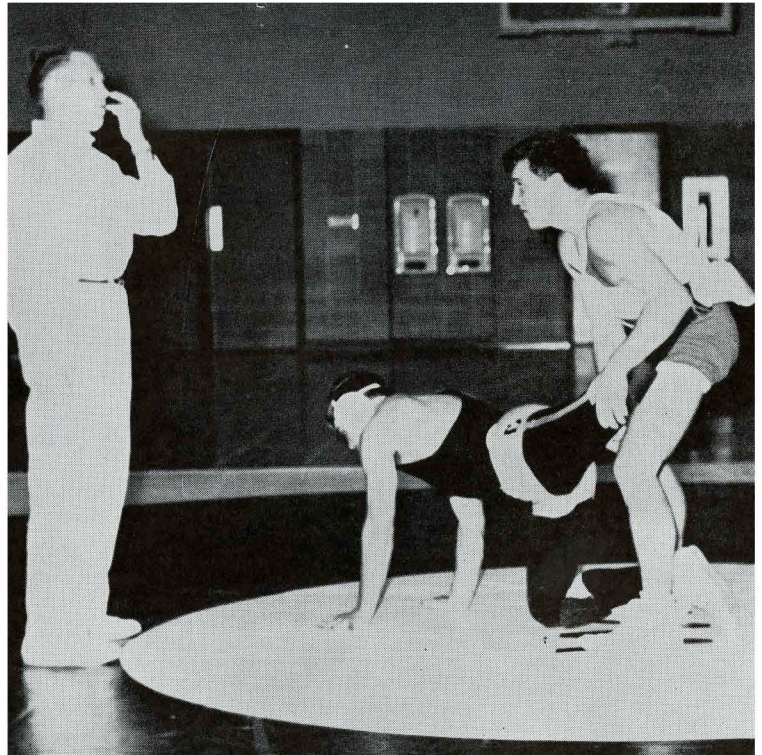
Team Shot - Row 1: Chuck Hindes, Pat Mrotek, Loren Nordahl, Jim Kanable, Dick Culver, Jerry Halverson, Dean Dix, Larry Julien, and Bob Culver.  
Row 2: Jerry Braun, Jim Zeller, Harv Skoug, Kermit Mahan, Tim Timm, Harold Christianson, and Bob Menkt.







How you like it fella!



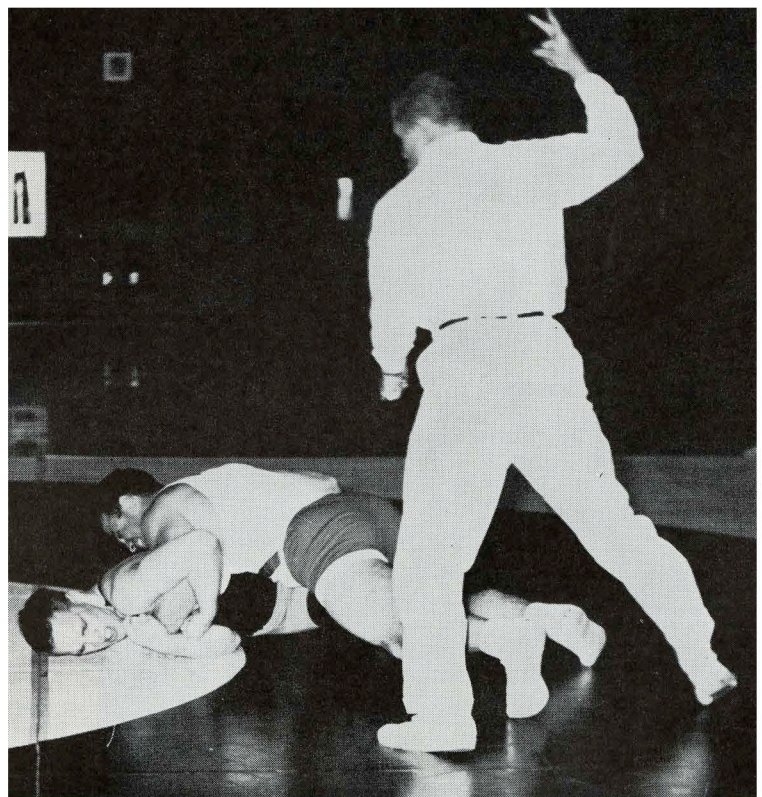
Now what did I do?

#### WSSC FINAL POINT STANDINGS

River falls	.....77	points
Superior	.....73	points
Stevens Point	.....55	points
Stout	.....37	points
La Crosse	.....30	points
UW Milwaukee	....23	points
Platteville	.....18	points
Eau Claire	.....13	points
Whitewater	.....1	point

#### INDIVIDUAL CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

115 pounds	Bill McCreary	Superior
123 pounds	Ted Wise	Stevens Point
130 pounds	Tom Wile	Superior
137 pounds	Pat Mrotek	River Falls
147 pounds	Dick Culver	River Falls
157 pounds	Terry Cole	Superior
167 pounds	Glen Hardy	Stout
177 pounds	Timm Stauffer	Superior
191 pounds	Jim Hermans	Stevens Point
Heavyweight	Bob Schultz	Stevens Point



"Julie" goes for a pin.



# Tennis



Tennis team shot - Row 1: Ralph Rossing, Jim Segerstrom, John Otto. Row 2: Ray Christianson, Coach Byron James, Gerald Dexter.

## BOWLING INTERCOLLEGIATE STANDINGS

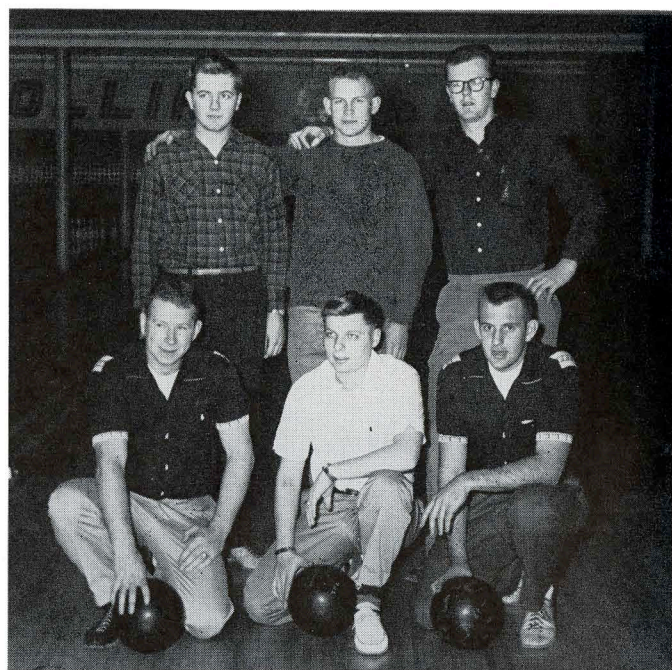
Whitewater	33-15	899
Oshkosh	29-19	895
Ripon College	29-19	884
Michigan Tech	25-23	898
Bradley University	21½-26½	871
River Falls	18-30	892
Stevens Point	12½-35½	874



Golf team shot - Row 1: Jim Stolzman, Ed Ganske, Val Barrows. Row 2: Harvey Skow, Chris Carisch, Pete Bronson, Coach O. B. Bergsrud.

Armed with three returning lettermen in Gerald Dexter, Mike Lukowicz, and Ray Christianson and one returning player of two years ago, the tennis team looks as if they could improve their record of 1-5 last year. The returning member is Jim Segerstrom who played two years ago before transferring out. Back with the team he helps in rounding things out very well. According to the tennis coach, Byron James, the team is much improved over last year. He says that the team is evenly matched in showing a lot of above average material but no real star.

# Bowling



Bowling team shot - Row 1: Len Hoffmann, Vic Londo, Ron Zirbel. Row 2: Norm Garlie, John Cook, Mike Lukowicz.

# Golf

## RIVER FALLS GOLFERS (INDIVIDUALS)

Val Barrows	177
Pete Bronson	175
Jim Stolzman	184
Harv Skow	182
Chris Carisch	179
Total	710



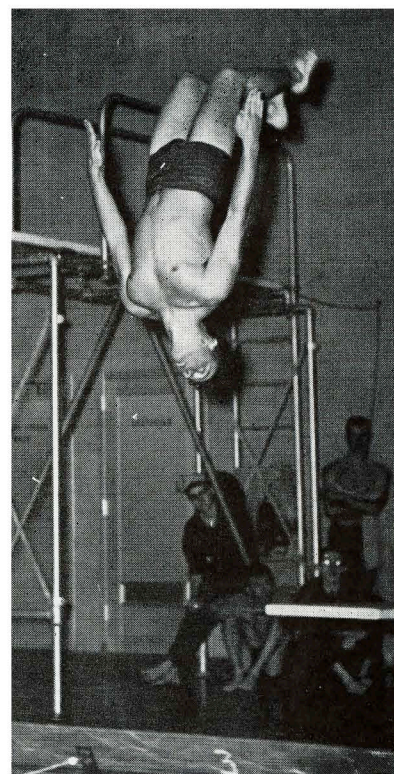


Team shot - Row 1: Don Nelson, Tom Cuskey, Don Duszinski, Winfield Mitchell, Dick Siebold, and Mick Olson. Row 2: Steve Hay, Tom Harris, Ron Lindberg, Chris Carisch, Coach Russ Gerber, Lloyd Nelson, Dave Fellinz, James Hirschinger, and Jerry Sargent.

## SWIMMING TEAM

The River Falls swimming team closed the 1961-1962 season with a 56-41 victory over St. Olaf in the Karges pool. The win capped a long hard struggle for Coach Russ Gerber and his squad as they steadily improved throughout the season to cop their final win of the year and the first in the history of River Falls swimming.

In the eleven matches that the Falcons have had this year, Dick Siebold has placed first in the diving competition eight times, second twice, and third once. He placed third behind Winona's Fatchett and Foran. Fatchett placed eighth in the Olympic try-outs last year.



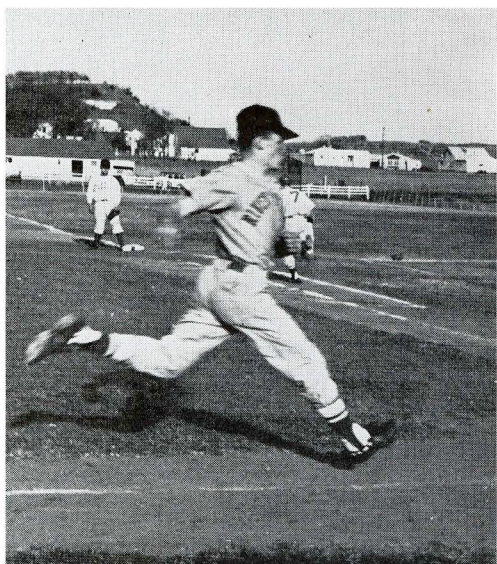
Dick shines for RF.



# BASEBALL



Team shot - Row 1: Bob Pritchard, Bob Sommerville, Reno Rizzo, Jim Raether, Thomas Moser, Wayne Johnson, and Frank Brown. Row 2: Coach Don Page, Vern Wanish, DeWayne Johnson, John Durow, Tom Strasser, Bob Nielsen, Lloyd Klapperick, Rolland Reick, and Charlie Moore.



**WINNING RUN!**

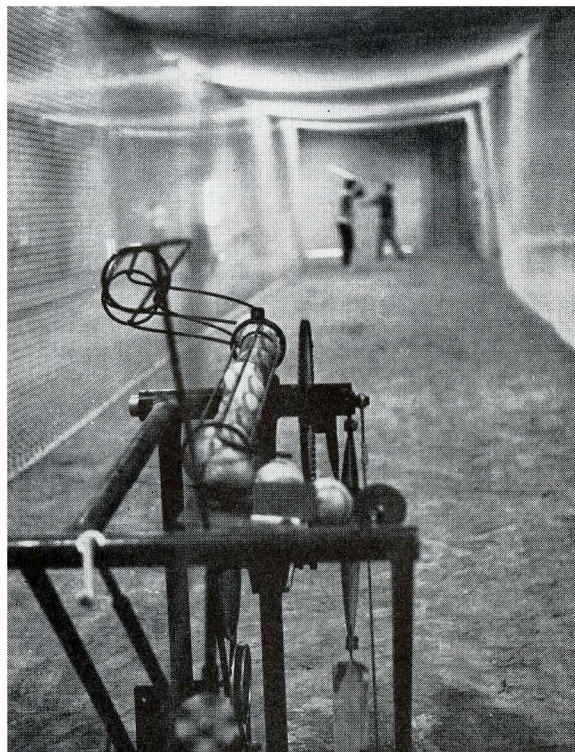
After the first week of official practice, Coach Don Page seems impressed by the fine turn out of the team. There are 32 freshmen and 21 upper classmen that have signed up so far. There are 10 returning lettermen from last year's team which ended the season with a 13-6 overall record and a 5-3 conference record which was second only to the Stout Bluedevils.

This year's team will be built around the pitching arms of John Boortz and Ed Gregorich. Returning outfielders are Jim Tichnor, Glenn Stuve, and Bill Halverson. Bob Nielsen is the only returning catcher. Returning infielders are Jim Norrish, Vern Wanish, Tom Strasser, and Charlie Moore.



Iron Mike.

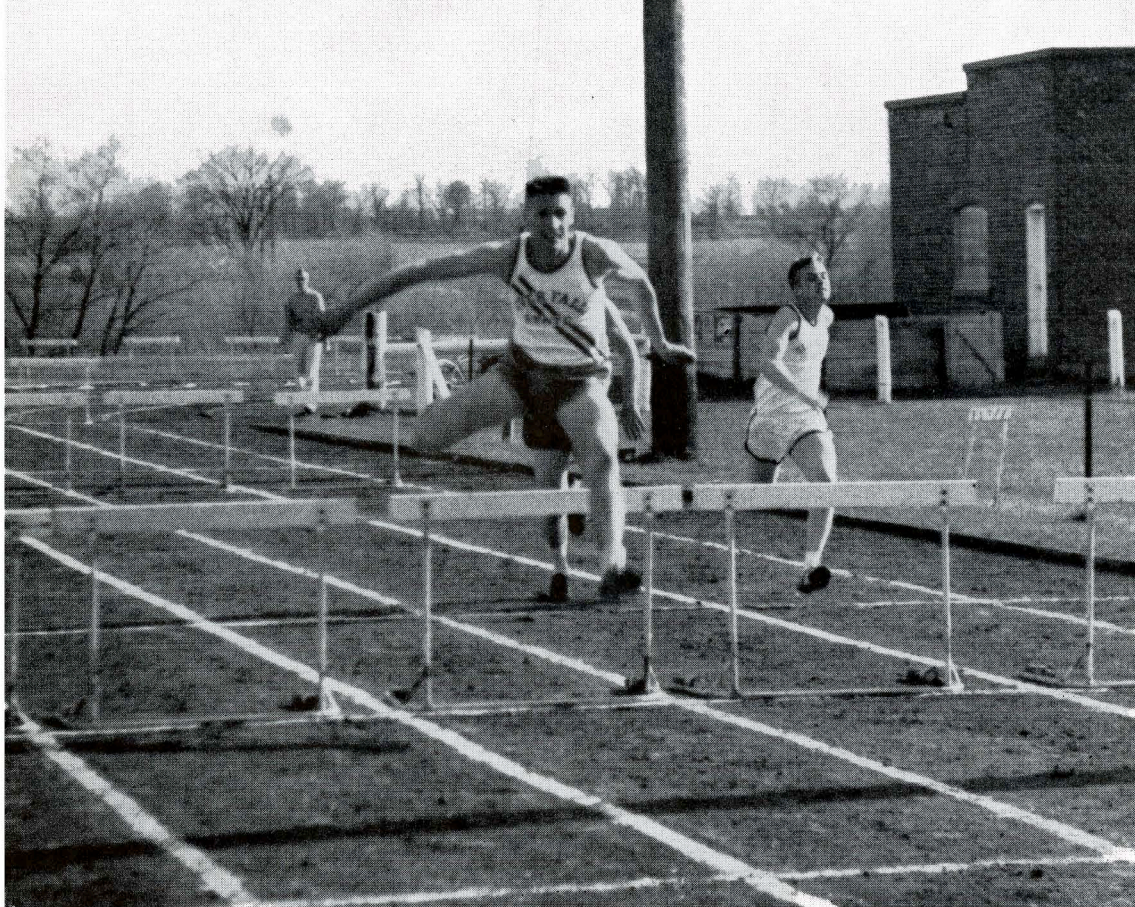
This year's schedule finds the Falcons playing 21 games, nine of which are at home. The conference has changed from last year in that there will be only one standing and not a north and south split. The conference schedule finds each team playing 10 games and a northern team must play one double header with a southern team. River Falls drew Platteville team as its opposition. The championship will be based on the highest percentage of wins. Mr. Page stated that a team must play at least 10 games to be considered for the championship.



Reno cocks his bat.







Gordy steps over.

## TRACK

This year's track team won three and lost one. At the conference track meet at Stevens Point they wound up in seventh place.

La Crosse won the conference title this year followed in order by Platteville, UWM, Oshkosh, Stevens Point, Whitewater, River Falls, and Stout.

School records were set in the 100 yard dash, the 220 yard dash, the low hurdles, the 880 yard relay, and the high jump at the conference track meet.

Flying through the air!





Photo finish.



The outstanding individual Falcon performer this year has been Leon (Butch) Headley, sophomore from the Panama Canal Zone. Headley was beaten in his specialty, the 100 yard dash, only once this season and that was by his teammate, Larry Feltes.

Last season as a freshman, Headley won the conference 100 yard title and placed in the 220. This year as a sophomore he broke all existing state and school records in the 100 as he blistered the track in a brilliant 9.6 seconds, in winning his second straight title. This season he added another feather to his hat as he was the only Falcon to win two events in the state meet, winning the 220 and setting another record in the process with a time of 21 seconds flat.

Where is everyone?





# INTRAMURAL SPORTS



War on the Field!

The intramural athletic program at River Falls has become an important part of the college sports program. Under the direction of Ben Bergsrud the intra-mural program offers the average college athlete a chance to participate in competitive individual and team sports.

The Jokers defeated all teams but one on their way to the Volleyball championship. They accumulated five wins and one loss. The first game they won by forfeit, the second by a score of 15-6, the third was lost to the Zabrowski squad in overtime play 10-8, and the fourth through sixth by scores of 18-9, 23-3, and 18-7. The squad members were: Galen Pittman, Dick Pariseau, Dave Emerson, Jim Van Camp, Charlie Moore, and Vern Wanish.

The spring intramural baseball program found these standings as the Meletean went to press:

## "R" LEAGUE

Bombardiers	7-0
Lumber Pilers	5-1
Rails	4-3
Walverines	3-3
Meos's	3-3
Cheerful Charlies	4-3
Valley Boys	3-4
Doyne's Boys	3-4
Schwaintz	3-5

## "F" LEAGUE

Prucha III's	5-0
The Travels	6-1
Terrible Ten	4-1
The Clowns	6-2
No Names	4-3
Stratton Belters	2-2
Clear Lake Clods	2-2
Fakuwee	3-3
Stratton Playboys	2-3
St. Paulites Inc.	0-5
Prucha Livewires	0-6





The Cowards were crowned the 1962 intramural football champions after finishing the season with an unblemished record of 8-0. Only five teams participated in the football intramural season a drop from ten teams, which vied for the title last year. The Lumber Pilers, last year's title winners, finished in second place with a 7-1 record, their only loss going to the Cowards.

Cowards	8-0
Lumber Pilers	7-1
2nd Floor	7-1
Sots	6-2
Elite	4-4

Intramural Football Champs - Row 1: John Lynch, Maurice LeBreck, and Don White. Row 2: Bob Wells, Rich Miller, Tom Sackette, and Joe Stanek.

Intramural Basketball Champs - Row 1: John Doyle, Jim Tichnor, Roger Beebe and Larry Lloyd. Row 2: Howard Hofschild, referees Con Koepnick and Bill Swartz, Duane Jenson, Larry Greenwold, and Barry Lindsey.

The hard fought intramural basketball championship turned into a sudden frenzy of checking totals on both the score board and official scoring sheet. The score board read 48-47 giving the Untouchables the victory over the Saddlelites. The score sheet counted 48-48. To add to the confusion, the Untouchables still had one free throw left from a foul at the final gun, which was not shot as they thought they had won.

Later on in the week the Intramural Board met and awarded the game to the Untouchables due to the fact that the foul was back court and hence counted one point.

