

FALCONS CROWNED CHAMPS



HARRY GIBBS
Guard
Madison, Wisconsin

DeLong Garner 51; Falcons Trounce Huskies By 89-56

It was simply a case of one man against five here last Monday night as River Falls walloped the St. Cloud Huskies 89-56, with Nate DeLong dumping in 51 points.

The Falcon giant garnered 18 points in the first half which would ordinarily be a good night in itself, but the ball was falling off the boards right for Nate and his team mates were excellent feeders, a factor that enabled him to score 33 points the second half for his amazing 51 point total.

The local cagers jumped into an early four point lead and were never headed from there on in.

Harry Olson, St. Cloud guard, took runnersup scoring honors with 22 points.

The Box Score:
River Falls (89)

	fg	ft	pf	tp
Deiss	4	2	1	10
Most	2	0	1	4
Benson	4	2	1	10
Cardinal	1	0	0	2
DeLong	22	7	2	51
Gibbs	5	1	4	11
Henneman	0	1	4	1
Demulling	0	0	0	0
Thompson	0	0	0	0
Brooke	0	0	0	0
Totals	38	13	13	89

St. Cloud (56)

	fg	ft	pf	tp
Rajacich	4	2	1	10
Swanson	0	1	0	1
Delich	4	1	1	9
Kne	0	2	1	8
Bergstrom	3	2	1	8
Wadhams	1	0	3	2
Olson	10	2	4	22
Banks	0	0	0	0
Winter	0	2	3	2
Repulski	0	0	1	0
Totals	22	12	14	56

Score at half: River Falls 31, St. Cloud 25.
Officials: John Sammon, Roger Martin.

May Get Bid For Kansas City Tournament; 15-6 Season Record

The Falcons of River Falls State Teachers College have just closed their most successful bas-



GEORGE SCHLAGENHAUF
Coach

ketball season of the last seven years, amassing fifteen victories in 21 games. A trip to the N. A. I. B. tournament in Kansas

City is imminent, pending the outcome of a play-off game with Oshkosh Teachers tonight.

The Falcon cagers opened the season with six impressive wins over St. Olaf, Winona Teachers, Stout, Eau Claire, and two against Macalester, before dropping a close 38 - 37 decision at St. Thomas just before the Christmas holidays.

Returning to the hardwoods after vacation, De Long and company lost a non-conference game to the Minnesota 'B' team, whipped St. Thomas in the return game, then dropped one to Winona on the home floor and one to St. Olaf at Northfield.

On a weekend trip into the Lake Superior country the Falcons beat Superior Teachers on Friday night and Northland College on Saturday night and up until this date had not suffered a conference defeat, but on January 31 Stout's unpredictable Blue Devils upset them 63 - 46. Since meeting Stout, the Falcons have lost one other conference game.

It is hard to pick any one outstanding man in this year's lineup. Nate DeLong, a product of Chippewa Falls is the leading scorer and rebound man. Eugene Deiss of River Falls and Newman Benson of Drummond are constant scoring threats and many will say there isn't a finer ball handler in collegiate basketball than Benson. Harry Gibbs, hailing from Madison is the long shot artist of the team and has been outstanding in breaking up the opponents defense with his almost uncanny ability to hit from the center of the floor. Jack Henneman, the big guard, also hails from River Falls, and there isn't a better defensive man on the team. He is a good ball handler and is invaluable because of his fine play making ability.

This team's record speaks for (Continued on next column)



JACK HENNEMAN
Guard
River Falls, Wisconsin

Red and White Fight Back To Trip Eau Claire For Title

The River Falls Falcons clinched their first conference championship in 17 years by defeating Eau Claire Teachers on the Blugold floor by a score of 64-59.

Leading the local offense were Nate DeLong who got 8 field goals and 10 free throws for 26 points, "Boots" Deiss, who counted 17, all in the second half, and Newman Benson who got 11 on four field goals and three charity tosses.

River Falls was trailing by 14 points at haltime, 36 - 22, and were 12 points behind with 12 minutes remaining in the game, but with five minutes left the Falcons tied the count at 55 all, and were never again headed.

The Box Score:
River Falls (64)

	fg	ft	pf	tp
Deiss	7	4	5	18
Most	1	0	2	2
Benson	4	3	5	11
DeLong	8	10	4	26
Healy	0	0	0	0
Gibbs	0	3	4	3
Henneman	2	0	3	4
Thompson	0	0	0	0
Totals	22	20	23	64

Eau Claire (59)

	fg	ft	pf	tp
Helixon	4	6	2	12
Davies	5	0	2	10
Lehman	1	0	5	2
Couture	2	1	5	5
Washburn	0	1	3	1
Babbington	7	2	4	16
Young	4	2	4	10
Zaug	0	1	1	1
Totals	23	13	26	59

Red and White Tripped by LaCrosse 54-53; Benson High with 20

The conference champion Falcons swallowed a bitter pill in losing their last conference game 54 - 53 at the hands of the place LaCrosse Indians at LaCrosse Saturday night.

Newman Benson was high for River Falls with nine field goals and two gift shots for 20 points. Nate DeLong managed to collect 16 points although the Indians had three men crowding him, and "Boots" Deiss came through with 11 counters on four field goals and three charity tosses.

The Box Score:

River Falls (53)

	fg	ft	pf	tp
Benson	9	2	2	20
Most	0	0	0	0
Deiss	4	3	4	11
DeLong	6	4	2	16
Henneman	0	0	5	0
Gibbs	3	0	2	6
Totals	22	9	15	53

LaCrosse (54)

	fg	ft	pf	tp
Lukes	6	2	4	14
Schwanberg	6	1	0	13
Wier	0	0	1	0
Kalosh	0	0	4	0
Salter	1	0	5	2
Bodah	9	5	2	23
Novak	1	0	4	2
Schwartz	1	0	0	2
Totals	24	8	21	54

Halftime score; L. X-35, R.F.-33.

itself and nothing we could put in words would properly express the gratitude the students have for these boys, the reserves on the squad and Coach George Schlagenhaut for the fine performances they have given us this year.



NEWMAN BENSON
Forward
Drummond, Wisconsin



NATE DELONG
Center
Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin

1947 Northern Division Champions



Top Row, Left to Right: Bob Gavic - Spring Valley; Bob Olson - Madison; Oliver Larum - Pepin; Jim Moore - Balsam Lake; Gene Cardinal - Chippewa Falls; Carl Wichman - Algoma; Coach George Schlagenhaut.
Middle Row, Left to Right: Byron Brooke - Spring Valley; Joe Young - Hudson; Herbert Hunt-Frederic; Jerry Healy - River Falls; Gordon Vine-Neilsville; Roy Durst - Algome; Clair Tobias - El-lsworth; Manager Al Prescott - Madison.
Front Row, Left to Right: Charles Most - Prescott; Newman Benson - Drummond; Eugene Deiss - River Falls; Jack Henneman - River Falls; Nate DeLong - Chippewa Falls; Harry Gibbs - Madison; Charles Thompson - Hudson.



EUGENE DEISS
Forward
River Falls, Wisconsin

*Talking It Up...
with Butch*

Now that we have won the Conference championship, are we going to go to Kansas City? That is the question heard regularly around the cafeteria but at the present no one seems to know just what lies ahead for the Falcons. It seems that the choice lies between Beloit and River Falls with Beloit receiving a slight edge due to their season record of 17 wins against 2 losses. However they have not appeared to be too impressive in their last few starts to gain the berth without a challenge. The only fair way to decide is to have the two conference winners meet on a neutral floor with the winner representing our district at Kansas City.

The High School tournament will be over before we go to press but I'll make a few predictions even though Penno won't be issuing his weekly carton as a prize. In the elimination games: New Richmond 33, Baldwin 27; Spring Valley 35, Hudson 31. In the first round games: River Falls 42, Ellsworth 36; Spring Valley 34, New Richmond 33. The final night, River Falls 45, Spring Valley 36.

Ossie Cowles, the former River Falls coach, really came up with a defense in the Minnesota game. Big Jim McIntyre was only able to score one free throw which really hurt the Minnesota fans.

The Eau Claire game was really a dandy! It was by far the game of the season as far as any of the River Falls fans that attended were concerned. To add to the excitement of the game, Washburn, who is better known for his ability in football got in some pre-season practice with three beautiful body blocks.

In the intra-mural race, the 4th Street Gang still remains unbeaten followed closely by the S Club and Forgotten '5' with one defeat apiece. Plans are now being made to stage an intra-mural tournament in the near future which should be of interest to the student body. The 4th Street Gang will naturally be the favorites but the S Club will give any team a battle now that Lindholm has joined their ranks.

Some more news on the Kansas City Tourney has developed and I'll try to pass it on as nearly correct as possible. Coach Schlagenhauf has been keeping the telephone hot with calls and now has the word of the 3 men on the committee that there will be a play-off between River Falls and Beloit. The date has not been set nor has the neutral floor been decided upon. Beloit has a very good team as it's record speaks for itself. About all I know about the team itself is that they have a very tall center. He is 6' 10" to be exact so it should be fun to watch him and De Long battle for the rebounds. One of the guards should have a work-out too as they have a great forward in Orr. He previously played for Illinois and did all right in the Big Nine. That about covers everything known to date about the play-off. Hope to see you in Kansas City! That should be worth a day off from school, don't YOU think???

BULLETIN!

The Falcons will play Oshkosh Teachers on the Eau Claire High School court at 8:00 p.m. tonight (Monday) for the right to enter the N. A. I. B. tourney at Kansas City next Monday.

Oshkosh defeated the Milwaukee peds 63 - 59 Friday night for the title of the southern TC loop.

Several busses will transport students to this all-important game.

BOOST THE TEAM!

**Just Reminiscing . . .
Falcons Set Record**

As we browse through the records of River Falls basketball teams since 1895 we find that in handing the La Crosse Indians a stinging 89 - 60 defeat, our Falcons set an all-time single game scoring record for River Falls quintets and notched the first conference championship since 1930. This is the eighth basketball championship for the Falls since the 1915-16 quint first brought home the bacon.

The records of the former conference champs are as follows:

Year	Won	Lost	Coach
1915-16	14	2	B. E. Swenson
			Ossie Solem, Ass't.
1916-17	10	2	Ossie Solem
1919-20*	10	3	Endre Anderson
1922-23*	12	1	Otto Eggebrecht
1926-27*	12	4	Ted Cox
1828-29	10	2	Carl Klandrud
1929-30'	13	3	Carl Klandrud

* Undefeated in conference competition.

Although our high-powered 1946-47 aggregation holds the high scoring mark it can hardly touch the defensive mark set up by the 1915 edition in defeating Minnesota College 64 - 2. Another team with quite a record to boast of was our 1919 - 20 team which was undefeated in conference play, losing only three games all season. 2 of these were 36-17 and 26-23 losses to Wisconsin and a 31-17 defeat by Ripon College.

As we sit in the North Hall gym and watch Marge's rapture at Harry's 19 points, Donna's delight as Nate goes over the 20 point mark, and Amy's squirming as Boots misses 6 or 7 under-the-bucket shots and leaves the game with a mere 22 points, we wonder what the gals would say to such scores as: La Crosse 15, River Falls 13; River Falls 17, St. Thomas 16; River Falls 13, Superior 9; and River Falls 17, Superior 5. These scores were not uncommon in the pre-World War I days. Then, to add to our reminiscing, let's dream of those days of 1917 when the scoreboard read River Falls 62. Eau Claire 6. Ouch! Somebody send Coach Zorn a copy of this.

As we close the record book, put it back on its dusty shelf and drag our creaking bones through the door, we are reminded that this is our first conference championship in 17 years and but the third since 1927. That year River Falls grew up and graduated from the status of Normal School to that of Teachers College.

Let's not wait another 17 years but fill the old locker room with

**Fourth Street Gang
Favored For Title**

With another round of play completed in the Intramural Basketball League it is becoming more and more apparent that the undefeated Fourth Street Gang must be made heads-on favorite for the championship.

Blocking the Fourth Streeter's title path is the dangerous S Club and Seldom Inn. Shay, Lindholm and Wisdom of the S Club have the height and scoring punch needed to defeat the Fourth Streeters and again throw the race into a scramble.

While the Fourth Street Gang, S Club and Seldom Inn fives are battling for the top rung there remain five or six teams fighting to finish high in the first division. These teams are the slumping Five Aces, the scrappy Forgotten Five the redoubtable George's Trainers, the Six Old Men and the House of Jerney.

**INTRAMURAL STANDINGS
(Through Feb. 15)**

Team	W	L	Pct.
Fourth Street Gang	9	0	1.000
S Club	7	1	.875
Seldom Inn	7	1	.875
Five Aces	7	2	.777
Forgotten Five	6	2	.750
George's Trainers	6	2	.750
Six Old Men	6	2	.750
House of Jerney	6	3	.667
Northerners	5	4	.555
ADD's	4	4	.500
House of Nelson	3	5	.375
Raiders	3	5	.375
Stork Club	2	6	.250
Rapid Rabbits	2	6	.250
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WIND"

**RIVER FALLS TOPPLES
NORTHLAND 71 - 51**

River Falls' newly crowned basketball champions had little or no trouble at all disposing of a weak but game quintet from Northland College by a score of 71 - 51.

Harry Gibbs, shooting sensationally from way out was the local's high man but he had to yield game honors to 'Red' Nylen of Northland who garnered 22.

Again River Falls held a large halftime score, 48 - 21, and reserves showed their wares for the most part of the last half. Every Falcon on the bench saw a few minutes action and the outstanding reserves were Most, Healy, Thompson and Gene Cardinal.

NOTICE!

Measurements for caps and gowns will be taken March 10 - 15. The rental fee of \$1.75 will be collected at the time measurements are taken.

Watch the bulletin boards for announcement of time and place. This concerns graduates of all classes. See Miss Hathorn for further information.

MOONEY LIST RESULTS

Dr. Stone has announced that the Curriculum Committee expects to publish the results of the Mooney Student Problem Check List in the next issue of the VOICE.

The Mooney test was given to all students on February 13.

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**GRAD GETS EXCHANGE
POST IN DENVER**

Eddie Cass, class of 1938, his wife and 13 month old son, have left St. Cloud, Minnesota, for Denver where Cass has accepted the position of director of the Western Teachers Exchange.

The Casses have been residing in St. Cloud where he has been OPA supervisor for the Central Minnesota area for the last three years.

His first position with the OPA was at Hammond where he acted as chief clerk until his promotion to supervisor in 1943. Previous to this time he taught school and acted as superintendent of schools for a total of three years.

He earned his M.A. degree in public school administration at the University of Wisconsin two years after graduating from this college with a B.S. in 1938.

Ruhsam Heads R Club

Dave Ruhsam was elected president of the R Club at a recent meeting. Butch McCardle is the new vice president, and Les Horn was named secretary-treasurer.

The lettermen will hold a party in the near future, but exact plans have not yet been completed. Dick Berggren was appointed chairman of the party committee.

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