HUNT ARENA 11/30/2016 Z.DWYER

Spectators going to see U-W-River Falls hockey now will have a completely new fan experience after the recent renovation of Hunt Arena. Zach Dwyer has the story.

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ZACH DWYER: RECENT RENOVATIONS TO HUNT ARENA HAVE CREATED A NEW FAN EXPERIENCE FOR SPECTATORS WATCHING FALCON HOCKEY. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR CRYSTAL LANNING DESCRIBES OLD PROBLEMS THAT HAVE BEEN ADRESSED WITH EASIER VIEWS FOR FANS IN THE NEW ARENA.

CRYSTAL LANNING: ONE OF THE BIGGEST CONCERNS WITH HUNT ARENA PREVIOUSLY WAS THE SIGHTLINES. THE LEVEL OF WHERE THEY WERE AT EVERY SPECTATOR WAS BELOW GLASS LEVEL, SO YOU COULDN’T SEE CLEARLY FROM ONE END OF THE ICE TO THE OTHER.

ZACH DWYER: JOHN PARSONS, A 51-YEAR-OLD FAN FROM RIVER FALLS, IS EXCITED FOR WHAT THE FUTURE OF THE FACILITY WILL BRING.

JOHN PARSONS: WITH THE NEW BASKETBALL ARENA BEHIND US GOING UP AND TO HAVE THE DOUBLEHEADERS — HOCKEY AND BASKETBALL PLAYING SATURDAY NIGHTS, IT SHOULD BE QUITE THE HOPPING AREA AROUND HERE.

ZACH DWYER: FALCON HOCKEY NOW SEEMS TO FINALLY HAVE AN ARENA WORTHY OF THE QUALITY OF HOCKEY ON THE ICE. FOR FALCON NEWS SERVICE, THIS IS ZACH DWYER.

Fans can expect minor touches as work continues on the Falcon Center.

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