HOCKEY 12/14/2016 A. SAUERWEIN

The first half of the Falcons hockey season has come to a close. As the UW-River Falls teams head into winter break, the men and the women have two different tales to tell. For a recap of the first half of the seasons here’s Ace Sauerwein.

MP3 R/T: 1:00 O/C: STD.

ACE SAUERWEIN: THE WOMEN’S HOCKEY TEAM IS OFF TO ANOTHER TERRIFIC START COMING OFF THEIR NATIONAL RUNNER-UP FINISH A SEASON AGO. WITH A TEN AND ONE RECORD, COACH JOE CRANSTON SAYS THE WINTER BREAK IS MUCH APPRECIATED.

JOE CRANSTON: IF ANYTHING, THE REST IS GOOD, YOU KNOW. AS LONG AS THEY STAY ACTIVE.

ACE SAUERWEIN: ALTHOUGH THE PLAYERS GET A REST, THE COACHES' WORK DOESN’T STOP.

JOE CRANSTON: IT’S OUR BUSIEST TIME FOR RECRUITING WITH ALL THE HOLIDAY TOURNAMENTS AND HIGH SCHOOL GAMES.

ACE SAUERWEIN: ALTHOUGH THE FALCONS ARE TEN AND ONE, COACH CRANSTON SAYS THE TEAM CAN IMPROVE ON THEIR CONSISTENCY. FOR THE MEN’S TEAM ON CAMPUS, IT’S BEEN A DIFFERENT STORY. WITH A FIVE-EIGHT AND ONE RECORD, COACH STEVE FREEMAN SAYS THE BREAK CAME AT A GOOD TIME AS WELL.

STEVE FREEMAN: THIS YEAR, WITH OUR STRUGGLES, AND THINGS, I THINK IT’S GOING TO BE GOOD FOR US TO GET THE EXTRA PRACTICE TIME.

ACE SAUERWEIN: THE MEN’S TEAM GOT OFF TO AN ABYSMAL 0 (Oh) AND FOUR START. COACH FREEMAN MADE A CHANGE AT GOALIE. ALEX OKICKI (O-Kick-E) WAS BENCHED IN FAVOR OF FRESHMAN ZACH QUINN.

STEVE FREEMAN: AT THAT POINT WE JUST THOUGHT THAT WE NEEDED A CHANGE. YOU KNOW, WE THOUGHT THERE WERE SOME GOALS THAT WERE GOING IN THAT SHOULDN'T WENT IN EARLY ON.

ACE SAUERWEIN: BOTH TEAMS RESUME PLAY THE FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY. FOR THE FALCON NEWS SERVICE I’M ACE SAUERWEIN.

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