SIBLEY 03/22/2017 A. SAUERWEIN

UW-River Falls hockey player Dani Sibley capped off a terrific year by being named awarded the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Player of the year and the Laura Hurd Award for best N-C-A-A Division III player. For more, here’s Ace Sauerwein.

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ACE SAUERWEIN: THE SENIOR OUT OF MONTICELLO, MINNESOTA ,WILL GO DOWN AS ONE OF THE BEST PLAYERS IN FALCONS HISTORY. IN HER LAST SEASON, SIBLEY BROKE SEASON RECORDS AT RIVER FALLS IN GOALS, ASSISTS, AND POINTS. HOWEVER, THE RECORDS WEREN’T HER GOAL.

DANI SIBLEY: AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING FOR ME IS THAT I DO EVERYTHING IN ORDER FOR OUR TEAM TO HAVE SUCCESS.

ACE SAUERWEIN: AND THAT’S EXACTLY WHAT SHE AND HER TEAM DID: FOUR STRAIGHT N-C-DOUBLE-A TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES, INCLUDING A RUNNER-UP FINISH LAST YEAR. FALCON COACH JOE CRANSTON PARTIALLY CREDITS THE SUCCESS TO THE PROGRESSION OF SIBLEY.

JOE CRANSTON: LOOKING AT HER, WHEN SHE GOT HERE, SHE WASN’T VERY FAST, SHE WASN’T A BIG DIFFERENCE MAKER IMMEDIATELY, BUT BY THE END OF HER FRESHMAN YEAR YOU COULD TELL SHE WAS GOING TO BE A DOMINANT PLAYER HERE.

ACE SAUERWEIN: WHILE SIBLEY CREDITS HER PROGRESSION TO GREAT COACHING.

DANI SIBLEY: MY HIGH SCHOOL COACHES GAVE ME A REALLY GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY COLLEGE HOCKEY AND WITHOUT THEM I PROBABLY WOULDN’T BE HERE. SO I OWE DEFINITELY A LOT OF MY SUCCESS TO EVERYONE WHO’S HELPED ME ALONG THE WAY.

ACE SAUERWEIN: SIBLEY’S COLLEGIATE HOCKEY CAREER HAS COME TO A CLOSE, BUT SHE WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE A CAREER IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION. FOR THE FALCON NEWS SERVICE, I’M ACE SAUERWEIN.

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