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# LEINIE'S CHALLENGE

Amateur Baseball Tournament, River Falls, WI



# Tournament Program



# Experience River Falls, the City on the Kinni!

The River Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau invites you to experience River Falls—the City on the Kinni. Ranked as one of the best small cities in the country by Demographics Daily, River Falls exemplifies the best Wisconsin has to offer with its perfect combination of outdoor activities, arts, cultural events and hometown charm. Nestled on the banks of the Kinnickinnic River, River Falls is a bustling community of 15,000 and the home of the University of Wisconsin River Falls.

Conveniently located 30 minutes from the Twin Cities, River Falls features a historic Main Street adorned with specialty shops, antique stores, and art galleries/studios. Dine at one of our family-friendly restaurants or eateries that offer delicious, home-cooked meals—open year round! For a special treat, relax and enjoy a first-run film with refreshments at the quaint Falls Theatre at 1970's prices.

River Falls is an entertainment mecca where live music is performed every Friday and Saturday evening year-round at multiple locations. For a relaxing, outdoor summer performance, check out Veteran's Park or the CHILL ON THE HILL Summer Concert Series at the University of Wisconsin River Falls.

Unlimited, year-round opportunities abound for outdoor adventurers. The Class 1 designated trout stream, the Kinnickinnic River, is a treasure trove enjoyed by fly fishing enthusiasts from the Upper Midwest. Kayak adventurers traverse through towering canyons and serene landscapes. A local outfitter will even drop you off and pick you up.

As a designated bronze-level biking community, the River Falls area offer miles of scenic and rugged trails. The Whitetail Ridge is a Twin Cities favorite for mountain bikers looking for an ever-evolving challenge. Excellent greens and affordable prices make River Falls the preferred destination for area golfers.

Check out Kinni Outdoor Adventurers at the University of Wisconsin River Falls for bike and sports equipment rentals for an afternoon of fun. The bustling campus also offers an abundance of cultural events including concerts, lectures, fine art exhibits, and plays presented by its theatrical group.

Let us know how the Chamber can help you map out a memorable stay. Whatever the season, whatever the reason—your experience in River Falls will most certainly be a memorable one!

For more information, contact the River Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau at 715-425-2533 or visit us at [www.rfchamber.com](http://www.rfchamber.com).



# river falls fighting fish

2015 Record\*: 13-4 overall, 8-2 in league  
 \*As of June 18

*Members of the St. Croix Valley Baseball League  
 Wisconsin Baseball Association*



This is the second year for the River Falls Fighting Fish in First National Bank of River Falls Field after finishing 2014 with a 21-9 overall record, 13-2 in the SCVBL, and a second consecutive trip to the WBA Finals.

This year sports a revamped pitching staff, with the additions of James Georgakas (4-0, 2.49 ERA) and Andy Kemper (2-0, 3 SV, 2.01 ERA). Offensively, the team is led by Brian Giebel (.429, 4 HR), newcomer Sam Barr (.357, 2 HR), Joel Schaffer (.342, 2 HR), and Clint Kempf (.315, 1 HR, 16 RBI).

After a rugged trip through the first half of their league schedule, the Leinie's Challenge is the beginning of a long stretch of non-league action before picking up their league schedule again on July 17.



No.	Player	Hometown
1	Sam Giliuson	Rosemount, MN
2	Josh Halling	River Falls, WI
3	Jack Herum	River Falls, WI
4	Adam Stuessel	River Falls, WI
5	Nathan Brom	Willard, WI
6	Jake Halling	River Falls, WI
7	Josh Eidem	Rochester, MN
8	Clint Kempf	River Falls, WI
9	Spencer Kempf	River Falls, WI
10	Tyler Hunter	River Falls, WI
11	Adam Brathol	River Falls, WI
13	Joe Paatalo	St. Paul, MN
14	Joel Schaffer	Eau Claire, WI
15	Kyle Duex	River Falls, WI
16	Colin Pechacek	River Falls, WI
17	Matt Walker	Crawfordsville, IN
18	Brian Grove	River Falls, WI
19	Jon Krueger	River Falls, WI
20	James Georgakas	Ellsworth, WI
21	Trevor Gutting	River Falls, WI
22	James Witt	River Falls, WI
23	Kyle Westhuis	Fort Collins, CO
24	Brian Giebel	River Falls, WI
25	Sam Barr	River Falls, WI
27	Matt Doornink	Cottage Grove, MN
28	Andrew Kemper	Woodbury, MN
33	Dan Morgan	Ladysmith, WI
34	Rick Wells	Stillwater, MN

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# anoka bucs

2015 Record\*: 6-7 overall, 3-4 in league  
 \*As of June 18

*Members of the Metro Minny League  
 Minnesota Baseball Association Class B*

The Anoka Bucs have been around since 1983 and play their games at Castle Field, one of the newer and nicer ballparks in the Twin Cities metro area. This is the Bucs' second consecutive trip to the Leinie's Challenge.

Leading hitters so far include player-manager JD Wells (.364), Casey VanKrevelen (.359), and Anthony Cotton (.342). Kirk Kenneally is also hitting .444 in his first 18 at bats, including a pair of home runs. On the mound, Aaron Page (2-3, 0.92 ERA), Jack Niedenfuer (2-1, 1.24 ERA), and Kelvin Minnig (1-1, 3.04 ERA) anchor the pitching staff.

The Bucs finished 2014 with a 19-10 record, including a 4th place finish in the 11-team Metro Minny. their highest finish in recent team history.



No.	Player	Pos
24	Anderson, Grant	OF-IF-P
11	Berg, Jared	LF-P
4	Boyce, Tyler	1B-OF
15	Brown, Dennis	2B-IF
2	Cotton, Anthony	IF-OF
19	Gandrud, Nash	3B-SS
30	Gandrud, Noah	C
8	Gazich, Andrew	IF-OF-C
20	Heggestad, Gavin	P-1B-OF
6	Hintz, Josh	C-IF-OF
12	Hudson, Joe	P
17	Kenneally, Kirk	3B
23	Kopca, Ryan	P-OF-IF
14	LeBaron, Lance	OF
1	Lisle, Logan	3B-SS
36	Minnig, Kelvin	P
22	Niedenfuer, Jack	P-OF-1B
25	Page, Aaron	P
21	Picotte, Ryan	P
18	Pribyl, Kevin	C
3	Schroeder, Mark	P
33	Siddons, Harrison	P
10	Skaalerud, Anders	C-OF-IF
9	VanKrevelen, Casey	CF-P
5	Ward, Mitch	3B
7	Wells, J.D.	2B-1B-SS

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# blaine fusion

2015 Record\*: 12-2 overall, 5-1 in league

\*As of June 18

*Members of the Metro Minny League  
Minnesota Baseball Association Class B*

After making a nice run into the class B playoffs this year, the Fusion have come out even hungrier in 2015 and are off to a fast 12-2 start. Minnesota ranks its teams throughout the season, similar to high school athletic rankings. In the most recent poll, June 16, Blaine was #1 in Class B.

Leading hitters for Blaine include outfielder Corey LaPlante (.429) pitcher Matt Mossey (.347), and infielder Buck Michaels (.346). On the hill, the Fusion are led by Shane Bushland (3-0, 40 Ks, 2.06 ERA) and Tyler Delwiche (1-1, 23 Ks, 1.08 ERA).

The Blaine Fusion won the Leinie Challenge in 2014 with a victory over the Coon Rapids Redbirds, and are returning to defend their title.



No	Player	Pos
1	Sutterer, Ryan	1B-C
2	Tupy, Joseph	IF-P
3	Beckman, Nick	P
4	Powell, Dan	2B-OF-P
5	Mossey, Dan	OF-1B
6	LaPlante, Corey	OF
7	Mossey, Matt	P-IF
8	Boxwell, Alex	OF-P
9	Wojciechowski, Tyler	IF
10	Drew, Cole	C
11	Michaels, Buck	2B-UT
12	Rumpca, Ryan	IF-P
14	Alt, Sam	OF
15	Hodny, Brian	P-OF
17	Petersen, Jarrett	OF
18	Bushland, Shane	P
19	Anderson, Clay	IF-P
20	Delwiche, Tyler	P
21	Donley, Ronnie	P
22	Urlaub, Aaron	OF-P
29	Druk, Tom	OF
30	Bryan, Davis	P-3B
32	Wojciechowski, Alex	1B
33	Minkel, Alek	C-1B
37	Hershey, Logan	SS-IF
53	Maner, Brooks	RP
66	Wilson, Nick	P

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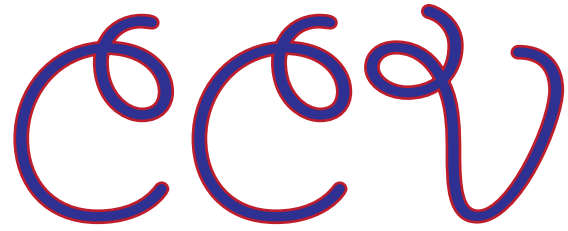


# chaseburg-coon valley blues

2015 Record\*: 9-4 overall, 6-0 in league

\*As of June 18

*Members of the Mississippi Valley League  
Wisconsin Baseball Association*



The Chaseburg-Coon Valley Blues are one of the perennial powers of the Wisconsin Baseball Association. The team draws its players from both LaCrosse-area high school graduates and local LaCrosse colleges, such as UW-L and Viterbo University. The powers which manage the team, including Burt Ekern, deserve a lot of credit for being able to build a consistent mix between all those elements and have built a program to be admired over the decades.

Leading hitters so far for the Blues include Bobby Juan (.382), Mitch Stalsberg (.394), Corey Geary (.357), Alex Robson (.462), and Travis Check (.375). On the mound, Tim Verthein is 2-2 with a 1.42 ERA and Mitch Stalsberg is 2-0 with a 2.08 ERA.

The Blues finished 35-10 last year, including another trip to the WBA Finals.

Player	Pos.
Adam Wershofen	OF
Corey Geary	IF, P
Ben Levendoski	IF
Kyle Servais	C
Jordan Greenland	OF
Jeff Raasch	OF
Travis Check	IF
Joseph Vike	P, IF
Tim Verthein	P
Clay Gale	C
Mitch Stalsberg	P, OF
Ben Faga	P, IF
Ben Cejka	P, IF
Kody Larson	C, P, IF
Bobby Juan	OF, P
Mitchell Larson	P, IF
Zach Dwyer	OF, IF
Alex Robson	IF



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# st. paul hops

2015 Record\*: 4-10 overall

\*As of June 18

*Indepent baseball team, St. Paul, MN  
Minnesota Baseball Association*



The St. Paul Hops are an upstart team in St. Paul managed by River Falls teacher (and now Technology Specialist) Corey Klinge. Klinge was the long-time manager of the St. Paul Mudhens before taking time off for family, but as they say, a guy can leave the game but the game doesn't leave the guy. The Hops began play in 2014, finishing 2-19 as many of their players were introduced to amateur baseball. However, the team is off to a better start this season, including a 7-2 win over the Fighting Fish on opening night 2015.

Offensively, Klinge leads the team at .282, while Sean Minder is hitting .273 and David Gionco .259. Minder is also 3-1 on the mound with a 2.92 ERA and 26 Ks in 37 innings so far.



No.	Player	Pos.
1	Mike Wesner	CF
2	Andy Hokenson	UTIL
3	Ryan Minder	P
4	Joseph Skora	OF/P
5	Matt Cramer	2B/SS/UTIL
6	Clark Field	2B/OF
7	Aaron Bryant	2B/OF
8	Dane Bonath	P/UTIL
9	Sean Minder	OF/P
10	Matt Bondeson	OF
11	Dave Von Ruden	OF/C
12	Brendan Zangs	P
13	Brady Givens	INF
13	Matt Ranum	P
15	Bryce Lindevig	UT
16	Jake Wasmudt	SS
17	Cory Klinge	UT
21	Anthony Amundson	1B
22	Andrew Keene	INF/P
25	David Gionco	C
33	Kent Edwards	1B/P/C
34	Adam Soltis	1B/P/C

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# haugen knights

2015 Record\*: 6-2 overall, 6-0 in league  
\*As of June 18

*Members of the Independent League  
Wisconsin Baseball Association*

The Haugen Knights are another long-time perennial power in the WBA, having reached the state finals each of the last seven seasons, including a state title in 2010. They are one of two teams in the city of Haugen, amid a great atmosphere of small town baseball just west of Rice Lake, WI.

Longtime offensive leaders for the Knights include Travis Thompson, Dan Lindsey, and Erik Hill. On the mound, Thompson anchors the pitching staff as well.

This is the Knights' first trip to the Leinie's Challenge.



No.	Player
9	Rob Berger
21	Jordan Crotteau
3	Coltan Ellis
--	Josh Elm
2	Erik Hill
--	Alex Kempf
17	Dan Lindsey
8	Jeremy Musil
26	Ryan Neil
6	Austin Niemcewicz
--	Calleb Paulson
5	Clay Paulson
22	Cole Paulson
--	Max Reisner
7	Shaun Schwarzhuber
--	Travis Schwarzhuber
31	Colton Sirek
16	Taylor Soltes
47	Howard Thompson
42	Travis Thompson
--	Tony Wierzba
51	Mitch Wozniak

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# miesville mudhens

2015 Record\*: 8-2 overall, 3-1 in league

\*As of June 18

*Members of the Classic Cannon Valley League  
Minnesota Baseball Association Class B*



The Miesville Mudhens are another perennial power in this year's Leinie's Challenge tournament. The Mudhens have a storied history in Minnesota, including playing at Jack Ruhr Field, a well-known landmark in the Midwest.

The buzz around the Mudhens this year is a re-vamped roster, making several additions to an already-loaded roster, including players with professional and Northwoods league experience.

Offensive leaders include Matt VanderBosch (.565, 5 SB), Charles Bruchu (.357), Tim Kuzniar (.345), and Jordy Horsch (.344). Pitchers Erik Olson and Andrew Werner are each 2-0, with 1.35 and 1.42 ERA marks respectively.

This is the Mudhens' first appearance in the Leinie's Challenge. They finished the 2014 season 17-15, falling to the Dundas Dukes in the section B playoffs.



No.	Player	Pos.
1	Joey Werner	OF
2	Charles Bruchu	IF
3	Erik Olson	P
4	Matt Van Der Bosch	OF
5	Tim Kuzniar	OF
6	Spencer Merle	OF
7	Jordan Lugowski	IF
8	Jordy Horsch	IF
9	Deryk Marks	IF/P/C
10	Chris Olean	P
11	Toby Gardenhire	IF
12	Thomas Roob	P
13	Tyler Beaulieu	Util
15	Andrew Werner	P
19	Steve Maher	P
20	Nick Judkins	IF
21	Brian Meyers	P
22	Brian Sprout	IF
23	Andrew Yetzer	P
24	Scott Werner	UTIL
25	Aaron Stein	P/C
27	Austin LaDoux	IF/C
28	Eric Weber	P
29	Derek Goodnature	P
30	Nate Hammes	C
32	Alex LaShomb	1B/DH
33	Nick Seipel	P/1B

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# central wisconsin black sox

2015 Record\*: 0-0 overall, 0-0 in league  
 \*As of June 18

*Independent Team*  
*Menomonie, WI*



The "Central Wisconsin Black Sox" are a tournament team put together by brothers Nathan and Bryan Brom. Nathan is an original (and current) member of the River Falls Fighting Fish and Bryan most played for the Plover Pterodactyls last season.

The Brom brothers are the foundation for the Fighting Fish - it was Bryan and Nathan, along with Kevin Mueller, who recruited several members of the UWRF baseball team in 1999 and 2000 over to the Spring Valley Hawks, the core of whom would then later move the team to River Falls to become the Fighting Fish.



**Bryan Brom**



**Nathan Brom**

3	Roy Hobbs	OF
22	Caset Athebat	DH
6	Bryan Brom	IF
24	Eddie Harris	P
66	Sidd Finch	P
33	Sam Malone	P
4	"Ham" Porter	C
5	Nathan Brom	IF
12	Kenny Powers	C
1	Happy Chandler	IF
14	Kelly Leak	OF
2	Chandler Happy	IF
33	Nuke Laloosh	P
99	Wild Thing Vaughn	P
88	Steve Nebraska	P
15	Crash Davis	C
16	Benny Rodriguez	OF
25	Ray Kinsella	P
26	John Kinsella	C
21	Jack Parkman	1B
13	Stan Ross	OF
11	Billy Chapel	P
00	Willie Mays Hays	OF
7	Moonlight Graham	IF
39	Jake Taylor	DH
34	Pedro Cerrano	OF
30	Roger Dorn	UT

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