



Galva, Ill., native Rich Falk set the single-game scoring record at a Northwestern arena in 1964. Falk scored 49 points in a 98-76 victory against Iowa. Falk was taken out of the game after scoring 42, but Iowa's coach sent a message to the Wildcats bench that it would be OK if Falk came back in the game to go for the record.

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Falk still holds Wildcats record

Iowa coach helped him set mark

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No player has scored more points in a game in the history of Northwestern's basketball arena than Rich Falk.

Falk scored 49 points in the Wildcats' 98-76 victory over the Hawkeyes in 1964, thanks to an assist from Iowa coach Sharm Scheuerman.

"It probably is the greatest act of sportsmanship I have ever been associated with," Falk said.

Northwestern coach Larry Glass had taken out Falk during the lopsided game after he scored his 42nd point, breaking a school record for points in

the arena that had been shared by Joe Ruklick and Rick Lopossa.

The public-address announcer acknowledged the accomplishment during a timeout while also pointing out the building record of 48 points set by Temple's Hal Lear during a 1956 Final Four game at what was then known as McGaw Hall.

Scheuerman, who recruited Falk out of Galva High School, overheard the announcement and sent a manager to the other bench.

"I told the manager to tell coach Glass that I didn't have a problem with Rich going back into the game if he wanted to give him a chance to set the record," Scheuerman said. "Watching him grow up, he was

always a favorite of mine. The game was over, and he was definitely on top of his game."

Glass put Falk into the game, and the Wildcats' senior co-captain did what he did best.

"Once I got back on the floor, I started firing away," Falk said. "There were only a couple of minutes remaining. I had one bounce in with about 11 seconds left that gave me the record."

Falk has a copy of the game film, given to him by his family as a recent present, and he still has an appreciation for the kindness of an opposing coach.

"I still have that record because of a lucky bounce and the sportsmanship of a coach who has been a good longtime friend," Falk said.