

# 1963-64

## No Football

**BASKETBALL** Coach Hal Cuff 13-7 **SMJCC Tri-Champions (10-2)**. With two regulars back from last year's 19-3 team, AJC will be hard pressed to match that performance. Phil Block and Don Shirk expected to return and will carry the load. In their opener they would defeat Pillsbury 101-49 as all 12 men on the roster would score. Mike Ferguson would lead all scorers with 19 points. Center Phil Block would be declared ineligible and Hal Cuff has a big gap to fill. Block was one of the top performers from last year averaging 9.6 points and the team's top rebounder. The Mankato State freshmen would defeat the Blue Devils 82-74 in its second non-conference game of the year. Both teams had the same amount of field goals but the game was decided at the line where Mankato made 24 of 30 to Austin's 16 of 32. Austin JC would open conference with a 96-87 win over Dr. Martin Luther. Mike Burke paced the scoring with 33 points. Mankato defeated Austin for the second time 67-56 in con-conference action. Don Shirk would grab scoring honors with 26 points. Austin would lose again 64-62 to Pillsbury and leave Hal Cuff's team with a 2-3 record. The upset came after Austin had pounded Pillsbury by 52 points in the first contest. Willmar defeated AJC 98-74 in conference play and it would be the third setback in a row before the holiday break. Guards Bruce Arthun and Harry Musser led the team with 17 and 16 points respectively. Austin handed Bethany a 103-80 conference defeat to begin the second half of the season. Every member scored led by Burke's 20 points. Sharp shooting and a stubborn defense produced an 87-70 victory over Rochester. Four players would reach double figures. Austin would move to 4-1 in the conference with a come from behind win over Worthington 78-75. Reserve guard Bill Goblirsch came off the bench to provide the heroics in the closing minutes. Shirk and Burke provide the 1-2 punch by scoring 24 and 22 points respectively. In the lowest scoring total in history, Austin defeated Dr. Martin Luther 16-13 in an attempt by the Lancers to upset the Blue Devils. A combined total of 36 shots were taken by the two teams. Austin JC led 8-4 at halftime. The Lancers finally went out of their stall with 1:08 to go to try close the gap. The win gave Austin a 5-1 record in the conference, good for second place. Don Shirk would pour in 33 points to lead his team to a convincing 85-67 victory over Concordia. Austin has won its last five starts. In a critical game to decide the SMJCC championship, AJC would upend league leading Willmar 87-71 and gain a tie of first place in the standings. Every member of the starting unit would reach double figures led by Shirk with 29 points.

The Trojans from Mason City would end the streak at six as they defeated Austin 92-83 in non-conference action. The Blue Devils would defeat Waldorf 101-83 and crack the century mark for the second time this season. Five members would score in double figures led by Burke with Bruce Arthun with 29, Burke had 24, followed by Harry Musser (15), Shirk (11), and Ed Hanson with 10. The Blue Devils would belt Worthington 86-71 to retain a share of first place in the standings. Austin, now 10-5 on the year rode home the scoring of Shirk (31) and Arthun (29). Austin JC would down a stubborn winless Bethany squad 95-88. Failing to come up with a peak performance, Coach Hal Cuff's team had to fight for their lives to survive and boost their conference mark to 9-1. Four players would score 18 or more for Austin; Burke (26), Hanson (23), Arthun (19), and Shirk (18). Rochester (9-2) upended Austin (9-2) 88-68 to throw the conference title into a three team race. Willmar leads by a half game at 10-2. The Blue Devils had plenty of opportunities but shot only 31 of 93 attempts. Austin would claim a share of the conference championship with a 76-67 victory over Concordia. The win gave the Blue Devils a 10-2 record to share the title with Willmar and Rochester, who all finished with same record. Austin was the low team in the draw to determine positions for the Region XIII tournament and therefore had to play Freeman, South Dakota in a play-off game for a berth in the Region XIII tournament. The site was in Worthington. The Blue Devils exploded with a 81-61 win and advanced to the regional tournament in Hibbing. Austin led by 11 at halftime and never looked back. Arthun and Burke led five in double figures with 17 apiece. Austin JC met Hibbing in the first round and was eliminated again in the first round 90-89 in a heart breaking loss to Hibbing Junior College. The Blue Devils led 51-36 at half but a press left them down 11 points with five minutes to go in the contest. The game got away from Coach Hal Cuff's team as the converted only 10 of 19 free throws, including a one-and-one situation with four seconds to go by Don Shirk. Although Shirk missed the golden opportunity, he was brilliant and led his team with 23 points. The Blue Devils ended the season 13-7 and tri-conference champions.

Roster Includes:

Phil Block	Don Shirk	Mike Burke
Harry Musser	Bruce Arthun	Gary Moeyken
Bob Denny	Bill Goblirsch	Mike Ferguson
Lenz	Gary Hovland	Ed Hanson
Asst' Coach: Al Lehrk		

**BASEBALL** Hal Bergeson 10-6 Four lettermen return and Coach Bergeson believes his team will contend again for the conference title. Left-hander John Page, Catcher Fred Sippel, second baseman Bruce Arthun, and outfielder Gary Lunt are the veterans. Austin defended last year's conference title with two opening wins over Pillsbury, 14-1 and 4-1 in conference action. Page would pitch a one hitter in the first contest and AJC exploded for 12 runs in the fifth inning. Arthun and Bill Klusmeier had three hits a piece. A strong Bethel College baseball team knocked off Austin 4-3 and 4-2 in their next conference play. John Page and Leroy Baruth took the mound losses. AJC would lose its third in a row with a 4-3 defeat to Mason City but would bounce back with a double header sweep over Bethany, 12-0 and 9-0. The two shutouts left the Blue Devils 4-2 in the conference. Klusmeier again would have three hits and Page pitched his second one hitter of the season in the opener. Baruth would pitch a crafty four hitter and pitch his first shutout of the season. Austin JC traveled to New Ulm and swept Dr. Martin Luther 2-1 and 4-0 to run its record to 7-2. Again it was the duo of Page and Baruth who would pick up the mound victories. The Blue Devils faced a crucial double header with league leading Bethel and needed a sweep to climb on top of the standings. Austin won the opener 2-0 and lost the nightcap 9-3. The split left them 7-3 while Bethel boasts a 10-2 mark. John Page pitched a 2 hitter and struck out nine in the opener. Klusmeier would collect two of Austin's three hits. Austin was shutout by Waldorf to run its record to 7-5. AJC split with Bethany, losing the first game 4-0 and winning the nightcap 2-0 dropping them to 8-4 in the conference. Hal Bergeson's team defeated Concordia JC 4-1 and 4-3 in eight innings to end the season 10-6. The twin killing left the Blue Devils 10-4 in the conference and second place behind Bethel.

Roster Included:

John Page	Fred Sippel	Bruce Arthun
Gary Lunt	Leroy Baruth	Bob Hastings
Dave Hallock	Mike Ferguson	Gary Feeley
Dave Quindt	Dan Daley	Mike Burke
Bill Klusmeier	Dave Ingvolson	Bob Denny

**GOLF** Coach Red Hastings. 12-1 **SMJCC Champions** (323 to runner-up Waldorf at 361). Glen Pike was the medalist (74), Larry Chesin-2<sup>nd</sup> (75). Three qualified for the NJCAA national tournament. Larry Chesin finished 18<sup>th</sup> (81-78-80-80), Dick Miller 25<sup>th</sup> (80-87-76-80) and Glen Pike 30<sup>th</sup> (81-84-84-86) in the NJCAA national tournament in Grand Rapids, Michigan (79 golfers in the field).

**TENNIS** Coach Eugene Auringer. 6-0 **SMJCC Champions**  
(Austin scored 18 points to runner-up 4 by Rochester in the 6 team event),  
**Region XIII Champions** (dominated as Austin scored 36 points.  
Rochester and Worthington did not score a point in the Region), Tied for  
6<sup>th</sup> in the NJCAA nationals in Grand Rapids, Mich. (Denny Lebarron,  
Daniel Knutson, Bob Jensen, Denny Dingman. Jensen and Labarron lost  
in semifinals of the doubles competition in nationals (6-2, 6-1)