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BASKETBALL Coach Hal Cuff 10-8 Heading the list of 21 candidates are lettermen Larry Rensink, Roger Booher, Don Dimmell, Earl Buchan, and Jim Bladwin. Cuff expects a lot of mileage out of Rensink (SMJCC MVP) and Booher (10.5 ppg). Austin would open its season losing 94-82 of the Gustavus Adolphus freshmen. Despite the setback, the Blue Devils showed promise as a good shooting ball club. Rensink picked up where he left off last year by scoring 34 points followed by forward Dave Anderson who added 23. In its second encounter, they would rally from five down at halftime for a decisive 79-63 victory over Waldorf. Five players would find double figures led by Rensink's 15 and Jim Miller who had 12. Jack Meyer, Clark Miller and David Anderson all chipped in with 10 apiece. Austin would hammer Pillsbury 105-69 but it would be a costly victory as ace guard Larry Rensink was lost for at least three weeks as he suffered a deep gash on the right leg. Rensink would score 23 before he was forced to the sidelines. Leon Johnson would pick up the slack with 16, followed by David Anderson (13) and Larry Scheid (11). Hustle and a press defense would reverse the season opening loss and Austin would defeat the rangy Gustavus Adolphus freshmen 92-75. Larry Scheid would take over with Rensink out as he recorded 13 steals and 23 points to lead the Blue Devils to victory. Jack Meyer would add 10 thefts and 7 points to the double barreled defense. In its next contest, Austin would spot the defending champions Bethany an 18 point lead at halftime, only to fall short by six after rallying to within four points with 1:08 left on the clock and lose 88-82 in a conference tilt. The action was rough and fast and both teams suffered. Three Austin players would foul out of the game. Austin's brilliant rally was sparked by Larry Scheid, who poured in 35 points and contributed some sharp defense. Backed by good shooting and a little luck, the Blue Devils edged Worthington 74-72 to give them their first conference loss and defeat of the season. It was center Jim Miller's turn to pace the attack as he finished with 21 points. Anderson added 15 and Scheid chipped in with 11. It was a thriller to the wire and no more than 8 points separated the two teams the entire contest.

A second serious injury occurred in a fall by regular Clark Miller, who suffered a wrist fracture over the holidays and with Rensink still out, this was a tough setback for Coach Hal Cuff's team. The injury plagued AJC team would rally and defeat Waldorf for the second time this season 77-70. The Blue Devils had good scoring with Larry Scheid leading the way with 27, followed by Leon Johnson (13), David Anderson (13), and Jack Meyer finished with 12. A field goal by Jim Carr gave the Mankato freshmen a 72-71 comeback victory over Austin in non-conference action. The Blue Devils lost the ball attempting to stall out the game and Carr's shot hit the rim and dropped through. It left them with a 5-3 record. Scheid (23) and Anderson (21) would lead the way in defeat. A victory over Pillsbury 83-61 would boost Austin's record to 6-3 and they swept Pillsbury for the season. Hot shooting Larry Scheid cut loose for 28, followed by Anderson with 13 and center Jim Miller with 11. Rochester would snap a four game losing streak and defeat Austin 78-74. The game was a see-saw affair and with 2:25 tied at 72-72. Rochester would score the next six points for the win. Scheid again would lead them in scoring with 25 points. David Anderson (20) and Jim Miller (19) contributed to the scoring. A second half rally helped the Austin squad to a 76-71 victory over Dr. Martin Luther after trailing at halftime. Austin would have three players in double figures as Scheid had 23, Miller chipped in with 20 and Anderson added 16. The Mankato freshmen would come to town and complete the series sweep with a 64-59 win over the Blue Devils. Austin battled to the wire but could not come out on top. David Anderson sparked the Blue Devils with 17 and Jim Miller added 10. Clark Miller's basket and two free throws in the second overtime propelled AJC to a thrill jammed SMJCC victory over upset minded Concordia JC. Miller was playing in his first game since he fractured his wrist during the holidays. The game was knotted at 86-86 to force the first overtime. The Comets tied it at 92-92 on a free throw to send it into a second overtime before Miller's heroics. Five players scored in double figures; Scheid (28), Anderson (26), Rensink (16), Clark Miller (12), and Jim Miller with 10. Bethany would hand Austin its third loss in conference (3-3) with four contests 104-71. At one point Bethany led by 29 points in the first half. Leon Johnson would lead with 15, followed by Rensink with 13. Scheid was held to 9 points after scoring 35 against Bethany in the first contest. Austin defeated Worthington 85-78 after a desperate rally fell short by Worthington. Hal Cuff's team dominated the boards and moved his team into a third place tie with Worthington (4-3). Larry Scheid would lead all scorers with 29 points. A sharp shooting Rochester team ended Austin's hopes of any conference championship with an 87-78 win that left Austin 4-4 in the conference with two games remaining. Larry Scheid scored 22, followed by Rensink's 18, Johnson (16) and Anderson (10). Austin would lose to Concordia 82-76 and then defeat Dr. Martin Luther 102-72 to end the season 10-8 and 5-5 in the conference and fourth place.

Larry Scheid dropped in 24 to clinch the SMJCC individual scoring title with 225 points in 10 conference games (22.5 ppg). The last victory came easy and 12 of the 14 players used by Cuff got into the scoring column. Aside from Scheid's 24, Larry Rensink ended his career with 20 points, Dave Anderson had 16 and Jim Miller added 10.

Roster Included:

Dave Anderson	Larry Scheid	Jim Miller
Larry Rensink	Jack Meyer	Clark Miller
Duane Harves	Don Dimmel	Jim Baldwin
Leon Johnson	Dave Gilbertson	Ron Olson
Roger Booher	Jack Springer	Jack Smith
Ass't Coach: AL Lehrke	Student Manager: Fred Lichteig	

Cheerleaders: Janice Bok, Jeanetter Reinartz, Sue Reinartz, Marilyn Yonke

TENNIS Coach Bill Evans Austin would finish third in the SMJCC tournament with Rochester and Worthington finishing ahead of them respectively. Wally Klement, Larry Stern, Dutch Officer, Dick Snater competed for the tennis team. Ralph Morgan also was a member of the team.

GOLF Coach Bill Evans SMJCC Runner-up Austin would place second with a 373 score to Rochester (335). Duane Harves led the way with a 87, followed by Dave Baudler (94), Nick Goergen (95) and Dick Johnson (97)

BASEBALL Coach Hal Bergeson 8-5 Seventeen candidates including five lettermen; Harlan Smith (2B), Roger Booher (IB), Earl Buchan (OF), Leon Johnson (P), and Charles Schneider (P) would make up Coach Bergeson's roster. Austin would score six runs in the fifth inning to defeat Mason City 13-8 in its season opener. The Blue Devils would collect 12 hits, including three by Buchan. Leon Johnson and Roger Booher combined on a one hitter as AJC would defeat Pillsbury 3-1 in non-conference play. Booher also added a solo homerun to launch a 3 run uprising in the fourth inning. Coach Hal Bergeson's team split a doubleheader with Bethany, winning the first contest 8-3 and dropping the second game 6-2. Righthander Leon Johnson would strikeout 13 and give up only 3 hits in the opener. The Blue Devils managed only two hits in the nightcap. Austin would lose two one run games to Concordia, 3-2 and 2-1. Johnson and Booher were tagged with the losses although they only gave up 3 hits apiece. The losses dropped their record to 3-3. AJC would next tangle with Dr. Martin Luther in SMJCC play, winning the opener 2-1 and losing the nightcap 5-3. Again it was Johnson with the win, striking out ten and giving up three hits.

Larry Scheid had the big blow with a 2-run triple in the first game. Roger Booher would take the loss in the second contest, scattering 5 hits. Leon Johnson would pitch a NO-HITTER in his next outing as Austin defeated Dr. Martin Luther 1-0. The second game was rained out. Johnson was never better as he face 22 batters. The perfect game was spoiled by an error in the fourth inning. He would finish with 13 strikeouts. Austin would collect only 3 hits but the big blow was a double by Larry Scheid to score Harlan Smith who had singled with two men out. Hal Bergeson's team divided a SMJCC doubleheader with Bethany winning the first game in eight innings 4-1 and dropping the nightcap 1-0. The split left Austin with a 6-5 record. Johnson gave up 5 hits and one run while striking out seven men. Three runs were scored off hits by Charles Schneider and Clark Miller in the eighth inning to make certain of the victory. Roger Booher would give up only 4 hits but Austin was shut out for the first time this season. Austin Junior College would reverse a sweep earlier in the season by Concordia and defeat the Hilltoppers twice, 5-2 and 2-1 in eight innings to end the season with an 8-5 record and second place in the conference. Johnson would run his record to 6-1 by recording eight strikeouts and giving up only two hits. The Blue Devils collected nine hits, including a triple and single by Meyer, while Scheid, Johnson, and Buchan collected two singles apiece. Johnson would get the win in the second contest also as he relieved Roger Booher to start the eighth and Austin would score in the bottom half of the inning for Johnson's seventh mound victory.

Roster Included:

Harlan Smith	Roger Booher	Earl Buchan
Leon Johnson	Charles Schneider	Larry Scheid
Clark Miller	Sprenger	Tridle
Dave Gilbertson	Meyers	Alstadt
DeSillier		