

## 2003-04

**VOLLEYBALL** Coach Helen Jahr 5-19 Riverland started the season with a pair of losses in the Ridgewater invitational. The youthful Blue Devils lost to Hibbing 30-25, 30-19, and 17-15 and 30-11, 30-14, 15-9 to Mesabi Range. Bethany handed Riverland a 30-14, 30-15, 30-13 loss in non-conference action. "Overall it was a good night. They were stacked and we did well against them" said Coach Helen Jahr. Melissa Cummins led with seven kills and 15 digs. The Blue Devils dropped their division opener and it just happened to be against the top rated team in the southern division. Fergus Falls defeated host Riverland 30-18, 33-31, 30-22. "Everyday we seem to get better" said Jahr. Cummins again led with 10 kills and nine blocks while Jenny Schnaufer had a team high 26 digs. RVL D went 1-3 in the Rochester invitational to drop to 1-6 on the season. The Blue Devils fell to Rochester 3-0 in conference action to drop to 0-3 in the league. The Yellowjackets won 30-24, 30-24, and 30-21. "We are talented enough to win" said Jahr. "I just have to find a way to get the girls to play". The Blue Devils recorded their first conference win by defeating Anoka-Ramsey 30-21, 30-28, 30-22 on "parent's night". Becky Hermann shared with 10 kills, including four in game one. She also had seven service aces which was a team high. Krista Jackson had five blocks and Cummins added four. Ridgewater (15-1) over powered Riverland 30-15, 30-21, 30-16 in a conference match-up. Jenny Schnaufer and Melissa Cummins tried to keep the Blue Devils in it digging up 19 and 17 attacks respectively. Riverland recorded its second conference win with a 3-1 sweep over Minnesota West. After dropping game one 19-30, the Blue Devils (3-8, 2-4) stormed back and won the next three, 30-28, 30-18, 30-22. "It was a great win tonight, we needed it and it felt good" said Coach Jahr. Cummins finished with 18 kills and nine blocks. Becky Hermann led Riverland with 20 kills and 17 digs. Steph Benson made 34 set assists in the victory. Bethany improved to 22-1 bouncing Riverland 30-25, 30-13, 30-13. Becky Hermann led with six kills and Benson had 19 assists to lead Riverland Community College. RVL D dropped to 2-6 in conference and 3-10 overall as Rochester upended the Blue Devils in five, 23-30, 28-30, 30-15, 30-18, 10-15. In the fifth game it was tied 10-10, but three straight hitting errors by Riverland put the game away for Rochester. Steph Benson put up 102 sets and was credited with 32 assists. Schnaufer and Cummins both had nine kills. Riverland completed a sweep of Anoka-Ramsey with a 3-1 victory. Becky Hermann finished with a team high 17 kills and 23 digs. Benson recorded 43 set assists and six service aces. The Blue Devils (4-10, 3-6) solidified their fifth place standings with the win. Riverland took the first game from Ridgewater by eventually lost in four, 25-30, 30-22, 30-22, and 30-27. "In those games we played well" said Jahr. Riverland went 1-3 in the Central Lakes crossover invitational to drop to 4-14 overall.

Riverland won its opening game 30-19 over Hibbing but lost the next two games and the match. Rainy River handed the Blue Devils a 3-0 loss by scores of 30-23, 30-11, 30-17. The Blue Devils guaranteed themselves a spot in the state tournament as they defeated Minnesota West 30-14, 30-21, 30-22 in the final home contest. The victory locked down the fourth spot in the MCCC southern division and put them in the state for the eighth straight season. The Blue Devils (5-14, 4-7) finished the regular season at Fergus Falls with a loss (30-17, 30-11, 30-18) entering the state tournament. The Blue Devils were minus two players due to injuries in practice including Mellisa Cummins. Riverland completed the poll play on opening day of the MCCC state tournament and went 0-3 taking last place of the four teams in pool B. In the state opener, RVLVD lost 2-1 to North Champion Central Lakes (30-17, 29-31, 30-26), were upended by Itasca (23-30, 30-28, 30-26) before losing 3-0 to Ridgewater (30-11, 30-23, 30-24). Riverland lost to Rochester in the consolation bracket 24-30, 30-19, 30-24, and 30-22 to finish the season 5-18. Melissa Cummins was named to the MCCC All-Division second team and to the All-State Tournament team.

Roster Included:

Jenny Schnaufer	Laura Carlson	Ellie Ramseth
Stephanie Benson	Mellisa Cummins	Krista Jackson
Amanda Casavan	Becky Herrmann	Andrea Miller

**Hall of Fame-** The Hall of Fame class of 2003 includes: Julie Anderson (basketball & softball, 1978-80), Richard Anderson (basketball, 1950-53), Kim Bass (volleyball, basketball, softball, 1986-88), Fred Budde (tennis, 1975-77), Linda Tapp (volleyball, basketball, softball, 1979-81), and Kelly Tritz (tennis, 1975-77). Since 1997, twenty-two former Riverland Community College athletes and coaches have been inducted into the Hall of Fame.

**BASKETBALL**

Coach Darin Johnson 7-17 First year

coach Darin Johnson saw his Blue Devils lose the season opener to NIACC 89-72. Freshman Jason Pehler led with 23 while Calvin Morris chipped in with 11. A slow start led to a 82-62 loss to Madison Area Technical College. RLVD trailed by 20 early in the first ten minutes of the game and played even the final 30 minutes. Jacob Firle had a tam high 13 followed by Pehler with 11. Riverland routed WWTI for their first win of the season with a 95-69 non-conference win. Jason Pehler scored 28 points and Firle added 21 in a two man show. The Blue Devils defeated Mesabi 70-69 in cross-conference action. Traise Wilson had a season high 18, followed by Jake Firle with 14 and Chris Sanborn who chipped in with 11. RVLVD is now 2-2 overall. Vermilion stomped Riverland 91-70 as the Blue Devils trailed 12-0 to start and never could climb back into the game.

Pehler led again with 20 points, with Jacob Firle adding a dozen and Jared Supalla chipping in with 11. Riverland improved to 3-3 with a 93-64 win over UW Richland Center. Seven players scored in double figures, led by Firle with 16 points. The Blue Devils defeated WWTI 69-50 in non-league action. Jake Firle led with 15, followed by Jeff Roemhildt with 13 and Calvin Morris with 10. Mid-State upended Riverland 75-72 as RVL D trailed by as many as 18 points in the first half. Firle had a team high 20 followed by Jason Pehler with 17. Riverland dropped to 6-6 overall and 0-1 in the conference as Minnesota West defeated the Blue Devils 81-78 in overtime. A banked in three pointer at the buzzer by the Bluejays tied the game in regulation at 70-70. Riverland was led by Jacob Firle's 19 points and 18 rebounds. Traise Wilson added a dozen, followed by Roemhildt with 11 and 10 each by Jared Supalla and Chris Sanborn. Minneapolis stormed to an 88-61 win over Riverland to improve to 12-1. Wilson led with 14 points followed by Jason Pehler with 11. Rochester defeated the Blue Devils 79-66 to drop RVL D to 1-3 in the conference. Tied at 47-47, Rochester went on a 16-5 run and the Blue Devils never got closer than nine. Jake Firle was team high with 15 and Jeff Roemhildt chipped in with 13. Riverland dropped to 6-9 with a 67-55 setback to Ridgewater. Twenty turnovers led to RVL D's downfall, compared to 10 by Ridgewater. A season low of 55 points by the Blue Devils led them to their third straight loss. Firle (11) and Wilson (10) were the only two in double figures. Riverland wanted more than a morale victory to show for its 71-67 loss to Fergus Falls. RVL D trailed by as many as 15 but rallied to eventually lead 57-56 with 7:52 to play. But the Blue Devils (6-10, 1-5) missed opportunities down the stretch and lost its fifth conference game in six contests. Jason Pehler and Jake Firle each had 13 in the defeat. RVL D dropped its fifth straight with a 95-63 drubbing from Bethany. Firle and Traise Wilson led with 13 followed by Pehler who added 11. Riverland ran into a hot shooting Minnesota West and dropped an 83-76 conference game. The Blue Devils were victimized by the Bluejays 12 for 19 from three point land. Traise Wilson had a career high 21 to lead Riverland (6-12, 1-7). The Blue Devils ended their losing streak at seven with an 84-61 win over Anoka-Ramsey. Jake Firle fired 13 of his game high 19 points in the second half while Jared Supalla tallied 12 points and 15 rebounds. Seven footer Mike Kensella led Minneapolis past Riverland 69-48 in conference action. "Defensively I thought we played as well as we have all year" said Coach Johnson. Jake Firle led with 16 and Supalla added 14. RVL D drops to 7-13 and 2-8 in the league. Rochester defeated the Blue Devils 78-63 by scoring 26 second chance points. "We were horrible at keeping them off the offensive glass" said a dejected Darin Johnson. Traise Wilson contributed 19 points and Jake Firle added 11. Riverland dropped to 2-10 in the conference with a tough 74-71 setback to Ridgewater. Cody Busse's only basket (3-pointer) of the game came with 4.1 seconds on the clock that lifted the Warriors to the three point win.

Supalla led the Blue Devils for the first time with 15 points and Jake Firle and Jeff Roemhildt each had 14. Fergus Falls blasted Riverland 82-48 after the Blue Devils took them to the wire in their first contest. Firle was the only player in double figures for RVLD with a dozen. Riverland drops to 2-11 in the conference and 7-16 overall. In the season finale, the Blue Devils lost to Bethany 90-81. Alfonso Mayfield scored 40 points to help his team comeback and defeat Riverland. "We led for most of the game but we could not stop Mayfield" said Johnson. Riverland was led by freshman Jake Birle with 17 followed by 13 from Jared Supalla. RVLD ends the season 2-12 in the conference and 7-17 overall.

Roster Included:

Joab Dew	Jared Supalla	Marvin Giles
Calvin Morris Jr.	Jason Pehler	Eric Schoenbauer
Traise Wilson	Jeff Roemhildt	Jake Firle
Chris Sanborn	Fredo Teko-Folly	Awaz Johnson

Assistant Coach: Scott Koenigs and Adam Kasper

**BASKETBALL-Women** Coach Suzy Hebrink 11-13

Seven Austin High School graduates make up most of Riverland's roster led by Bridget Burzinski, Shelly Sorenson, and Becky Hermann. The Blue Devils lost their opener 76-48 to NIACC. Riverland committed 40 turnovers but still battled, getting no closer than 12 in the second half. Burzinski and Jenny Runice each had 11 followed by Stephanie Sundberg with 10. Madison Area Technical College (7-1) handed RVLD its second loss with a non-conference 81-62 victory. Twenty-nine offensive rebounds led to the Blue Devils downfall. Runice led with 15 and Caitlin Jurgensen chipped in with a dozen. Riverland blanketed the host WWTI 68-48 behind Bridget Burzinski's 21 points for their first win of the season. Jurgensen hit a pair of three pointers and tallied 12 and Melissa Cummins chipped in with 10. Riverland is now 1-2 on the season. Mesabi defeated the Blue Devils 69-51 in cross-conference action over the weekend. Riverland dug them-selves an early hole and trailed 43-22 at halftime. Caitlin Jurgensen had a season high 20 points in the loss. RVLD improved to 2-3 as they upended Vermilion 66-50 in non-league play. "We did some things a lot better today" said Coach Suzy Hebrink. Burzinski led all scorers with 19 points and Jenny Runice added 12. After defeating UW Richland Center and improving to 3-3 Riverland was involved in one of the most bizarre endings in basketball. RVLD was forced to forfeit after all but one of its roster players either fouled out or went out with an injury in a non-conference tilt with Central Lakes. The Blue Devils led 73-65 when Caitlin Jurgensen fouled out with one minute to play. Only Andrea Miller survived the barrage of fouls and ankle injuries and was the last RVLD player standing when the Blue Devils were forced to forfeit. "I have never seen anything like this before" said Hebrink. "It was truly ridiculous".

Runice led in scoring with 18, followed by Becky Hermann with 15, Melissa Cummins 13, and Steph Sundberg and Jurgensen each added a dozen. Riverland improved to 4-4 with an 81-41 thrashing of WWTI. Cummins scored 16 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to lead her team to victory. Four other players scored in double figures. Mid-State forfeited to Riverland due to lack of players in its next scheduled contest. The Blue Devils upped their record to 6-4 with a convincing 86-64 win over Hibbing in its last non-conference game. Jenny Renice scored 15 of her 17 points in the second half to lead RVLD to their sixth victory. Caitlin Jurgensen led with 20, followed by Bridget Burzinski with 19, Stephanie Sundberg added 14 and 11 from Becky Hermann. Riverland opened the conference with a 95-31 blow out over Minnesota West. The host Blue Devils ran their winning streak to four games as they jumped to a 17-0 lead. Burzinski sped to a career high 26 points, followed by Caitlin Jurgensen who flirted with a quadruple-double. Caitlin had 15 points, 9 rebounds, 8 steals, and seven assists in a complete court game against a lesser foe. Anoka-Ramsey ended the Blue Devils winning streak at four games with an 88-68 conference win. Too much size (four players 5'11") gave Riverland (7-5, 1-1) trouble all night inside and on the boards. Jurgensen was high scorer with 19 followed by Burzinski with 15 and Jenny Renuice 10. Riverland committed 34 turnovers and lost to Minneapolis 73-49 in conference action. Melissa Cummins led with 11 points and 10 rebounds. Riverland defeated Rochester 64-52 to even its record at 2-2 in the conference. Burzinski led with 20 while Jurgensen and Runice each had 13. RVLD is now 8-6 overall. Defense again was the key as the Blue Devils handcuffed Ridgewater 68-52 in league action. Riverland is 7-0 when holding its opponents to less than 65 points. Jenny Runice led Riverland with 17 points, Burzinski tallied 16 and Steph Sundberg tossed in 10. Fergus Falls came to town ranked third in the nation with a 12-1 record and they showed their strength defeating the Blue Devils 76-66. Riverland (9-7, 3-3) had established its team defense in the last two games but they had no answer for Fergus Fall's Jenny Kunkel who poured in 33 points. "But the bottom line is we did not play good enough defense" said Hebrink. Bridget Burzinski and Jenny Runice led with 15 points apiece. Bethany pounded Riverland 92-66 as RVLD went six minutes in the second half without scoring a point. Burzinski had a team high 21 and Runice added 14 against the Vikings who remain undefeated at home (10-0). Riverland crushed Minnesota West 93-26 to improve to 10-8 overall and even its record at 4-4 in the conference. Caitlin Jurgensen had 18 points and 10 rebounds for a double-double. Milissa Cummins recorded a team high 14 points to go along with her 11 points. The Blue Devils fell at home to Anoka-Ramsey 70-66 in a battle for fourth place in the MCCC Southern Division standings. Anoka took a one game lead and 2-0 advantage in the head to head meetings. With the score tied 64-64 with two minutes to play, AR tallied a bucket and two free throws to put the game away.

Melissa Cummins had a career high 17 points and Jurgensen chipped in with 15. The Blue Devils play three of their final five games on the road four of them are against the top four teams in the division. After losing to Minneapolis, Rochester defeated the Blue Devils 67-53 and all but eliminated RVLD from the chance to qualify for the MCCC state tournament. Riverland (10-11, 4-7) needed to sweep RCTC to stay in the hunt for fourth place. Caitlin Jurgensen led with 13 and Becky Herrmann added 10. The Blue Devils scored 47 points in the second half and defeated Ridgewater 73-40. Stephanie Sundberg scored a season high 17 points followed by Jurgensen and Cummins with 16. Fergus Falls upended RVLD 74-60 in conference action. Caitlin Jurgensen nailed 6 of 10 treys for all of her 18 points to lead the Blue Devils in scoring. Riverland closed out its season losing to Bethany 66-59 to end the season 5-9 in the conference and 11-13 overall. Burzinski and Jurgensen led the Blue Devils with 14 points apiece, followed by Jenny Runice with 12 and Melissa Cummins with 10. Bridget Burzinski and Caitlin Jurgenson earned Southern Division All-Conference honors.

Roster Included:

Bridget Burzinski	Melissa Cummins
Becky Herrmann	Caitlin Jurgenson
Andrea Miller	Jenny Runice
Shelly Sorenson	Stephanie Sundberg
Theresa White	
Ass't Coach: Gary Erlandson	

**BASEBALL** Coach Scott Koenigs 7-21 The Blue Devils return just two sophomores from a 13-17 season last year. Pitcher Mike Haugen and second baseman Todd Walerak possess the leadership skills to lead 14 freshmen. A five game exhibition trip to Florida gave second year coach Scott Koenigs an opportunity to evaluate his youthful team. Riverland lost its opener 16-1 to Rochester and trailed 10-4 after two innings before darkness suspended the game (will be made up at a later date). RVLD committed four errors and finished with only two hits. Riverland dropped to 0-3 as Ridgewater defeated the Blue Devils 8-4 and 11-6. Richie Matthis took the loss in the opener. The Blue Devils led 6-5 after four innings in the nightcap before the Warriors scored three in the fifth to take the lead for good. Jason Pehler took the loss in the nightcap. Pehler had two hits and scored twice while Brady Perrigo collected two hits and had three RBIs. Errors again contributed to another pair of losses as Bethany upended Riverland 12-3 and 9-7. Four errors in each contest added injury to insult. "Our hitting is coming around, but we've our fielding has got to get better" said Coach Scott Koenigs. RVLD collected five hits in the opener and Mike Haugen took the loss. Jason Pehler went 2 for 4 in game two including a home run. Pehler has collected a hit in each of the first five games for Riverland (0-5).

The Blue Devils received a drubbing from NIACC 17-1 and 31-0 in non-conference action as both games were shortened due to the 10 run rule. Todd Walerak was 2 for 3 in game one and the Blue Devils had only two hits in the nightcap. The two losses extended RVLD's losing streak to seven games (0-7). Riverland recorded its first wins of the season defeating Anoka-Ramsey 7-3 and 3-1 in conference action. Trailing 2-1 in the third, the Blue Devils erupted for six runs behind the hug three run double by Jason Pehler. Mike Haugen got the win in the opener. Zach Stratton pitched a four-hitter and got his first collegiate victory. Pehler had two of the four hits in the nightcap. RVLD committed only four errors in the twin bill after averaging five in its first seven games. Dakota County swept Riverland 5-1 and 11-10 in conference action. RVLD had only one hit in game one and committed three errors in both contests. "It was very disappointing" said Coach Koenigs as Dakota County won their first games of the season. RVLD led 9-6 in the nightcap entering the seventh but the Blue Knights rallied for five runs and held off their hosts for a clean sweep. Mike Haugen went 3 for 3 on the day and Steve Snyder collected four RBIs in game two. Minnesota West defeated the Blue Devils 4-0 and 10-1 in conference action. Riverland revenged a disappointing doubleheader loss to the Bluejays by upending them twice 3-2 and 3-1. RVLD improved to 4-9 in the conference and 4-11 overall. Zach Stratton scattered eight hits in the opener and Darrin Dessner got the save in game one. In the nightcap, Mike Haugen struck out eight and walked one in the 3-1 victory. Jason Pehler went 5 for 5 and his third home run of the season to lead the Blue Devils to a 9-5 win in the opener over Rochester. Ted Miller got the win and Mike Haugen pitched the final 1 and 2/3 innings for the save. The Yellowjackets won the nightcap 11-2. The two teams also completed the game on March 31 suspended due to darkness and Rochester won that game 13-6. RVLD is now 5-11 in the conference and 5-13 overall. Ridgewater stopped Riverland 11-1 and 8-2 in conference play. "We didn't hit the ball very good today and we did not come ready to play" said a dejected Coach Koenigs. Bethany swept the Blue Devils 3-1 and 11-3 to drop them to 5-13 in the conference. Riverland split with Dakota County, losing the opener 7-0 before bouncing back with a 14-3 win. With a pair of wins over Anoka-Ramsey, Riverland could sneak in as the fourth seed in the MCCC state tournament by the Golden Rams had different ideas as they gained a split with the Blue Devils to eliminate RVLD from post season play. In the opener, Mike Haugen pitched a two-hitter and struck out nine but Riverland ran out of pitching and lost 14-0 in the nightcap. In game one, Darrin Dessner went 3 for 4 and Haugen, Pehler, and Pat Rodriguez each had two hits. Riverland collected only three hits in the nightcap. The Blue Devils officially ended the season with a season ending twin bill loss to NIACC, 12-9 and 14-2. RVLD committed 13 errors in the two contests. Ted Miller, Bradey Perrigo, and Dessner each had two hits in the opener. The second game was called after five innings due to the 10 run rule.

Riverland ended its season 7-15 in the conference and 7-21 overall. Jason Pehler was named to All-Southern Division team.

Roster Included:

Wes Demaris	OF	Jason Pehler	OF/P
Zach Proehl	OF/P	Darrin Dessner	P/1B
Ted Miller	P/2B	Patrick Rodriguez	3B
Todd Walerak	2B/OF	Ritchie Mathis	P/SS
Steve Snyder	OF	Brady Perrigo	C
Don Herbst	1B	Mike Haugen	P/1B/C
Brad Halverson	1B/DH	Zach Stratton	2B/SS/P

Assistant Coaches: Sean Breslin and Clint Ripley

**SOFTBALL** Coach Darin Johnson 6-20 Darin Johnson takes over for Lisa Quednow-Bickler after four years and a state runner-up last season. Four returning veterans and six freshmen make up this year's squad. Bethany defeated Riverland 7-1 and 7-4 in the season openers. RVLD collected only five hits in the twin bill with Abbey Bergstrom and Caitlain Jurgensen each had two hits. Bergstrom took the loss in game one and Susie Rayman suffered the setback in the nightcap. Riverland won its first game with a 4-1 win over Central Lakes in eight innings but lost the second game 13-8. RVLD (1-3) rallied for one run in the seventh and three in eighth for the win in game one. An error led to the tying run and Ashley Herling's two-run triple in the eighth was the key hit for the Blue Devils. Bergstrom picked up the win allowing only three hits. RVLD led 8-3 in the nightcap but a 10 run fifth by Central Lakes off losing pitcher Steph Sunberg allowed the Raiders to split the twin bill. Nicole Turvey had three hits in the loss. The Blue Devils lost dropped their next four games, two to NIACC and a doubleheader forfeit to Rochester because only 8 players were available for the contest. The four losses drop RVLD to 1-5 in conference and 1-7 overall. Riverland ended a five game losing streak with a 10-8 win over NIACC in game one as Steph Sundberg led the Blue Devils reaching base safely all five times and scoring four runs. Abbey Bergstrom pitched the team to a victory and collected two of the eight hits. NIACC won the nightcap 18-0. Riverland swept Bethany 10-5 and 5-3 in conference play to improve to 4-8 overall and 3-5 in the league. Amber Nash had three hits in the opener and Bergstrom picked up the mound victory. In the nightcap, Bergstrom tossed the final four innings in relief of Stephanie Sundberg for the win. RVLD rallied from a 3-1 deficit as Bergstrom had two hits including a triple. After having to forfeit another pair of games to Fergus Falls (only 8 players available), Riverland was swept by Ridgewater 8-0 and 14-7. Bergstrom took the mound loss in game one as Stephanie Sundberg and Caitlain Jurgensen each collected two hits. In game two, Abbey Bergstrom had three hits and Jurgensen added two more. Susie Rayman suffered the pitching loss in the nightcap.

Riverland improved to 6-14 overall and 5-9 in the conference with a sweep over Minnesota West 10-0 and 6-5. Bergstrom and Sundberg each pitched three-hitters in the pair of victories. Bergstrom also went 2 for 3 in the five inning first game, called due to the 10 run rule. RVLD rallied from a 4-0 deficit and scored the winning run in the seventh for the sweep. The final six games Riverland Community College forfeited due to a lack of players and finished the season 6-20.

Roster Included:

Abbey Bergstrom	Marissa Kelsey	Susie Rayman
Amber Nash	Heidi Hovland	Stephanie Sundberg
Caitlain Jurgensen	Nicole Turvey	Ashley Herling
Amanda Casavan	Jill Delger	

**GOLF** Coach David Lillemon Riverland finished third in the season opener at Minneapolis. Sophomore Dan Breuer shot a 75 to lead the Blue Devils to a 336 total. The Blue Devils finished seventh in the Rochester invitational, led by Matt Ball's 81. Shawn Cameron and Shane Toeskoetter each shot 86 and Cody Nuernburg fired an 87. RVLD took fourth in their own invite shooting a 338. Dan Breuer finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall with a 78. "This was kind of disappointing for us" said Coach Lillemon. "I thought we would be playing better at this time of the year". Riverland shot a 336 in the opening round of the MCCC state and Region XIII tournament. Breuer, who has been RVLD's number one player all season, shot a 78. The rest of his teammates struggled with the next best score being an 89 by Cody Nuernburg. Breuer fired an 81 on the second day and finished tied for 8th overall and qualified for the NJCAA national golf championships at Chatauqua, NY. It is the seventh straight year a Blue Devil golfer has qualified for the nationals. Riverland finished ninth overall in the state and Region XIII tournament. Breuer was named to the All-State team as well and earned Academic All-State honors. Dan tied for 54<sup>th</sup> after firing an opening round of 76. He would shoot three rounds of 82-82-82 for a 322. A total of 101 players participated in the NJCAA championship. Other members: Shawn Cameron, Cody Nuernburg, Shane Tieskoetter, Matt Ball, Andrew Lunt.

**GOLF-Women** Coach David Lillemon **MCCC State-runner-up.** Austin graduates Carissa Gabrielson and Alison Stutzman shot a 94 and 103 respectively in the Blue Devils opening meet at Minneapolis. Sarah Naatz added a 134 for a team score of 331 to win the event. Riverland placed second at Rochester firing a 285, led by Gabrielson with an 86. Stutzman shot a 96 and Naatz a 105. RVLD won the Albert Lea invite with four teams participating. Gabrielson carded an 88 for medalist honors. Alison Stutzman carded a 99 and Naatz a 105.

Riverland took first place at the Riverside Country Club at Blue Earth (hosted by Bethany) firing a season low 269. Carissa Gabrielson won the meet medalist honors with a 43-39-82 and Stutzman carded a 40-45-85. Sarah Naatz had a season low 54-48-102. “The girls continue to get better and are showing real good signs for the future” said Coach Lillemon. RVLD won another meet at Shoreland Club in St. Peter shooting a 277. Sarah Naatz carded her best round and fired an even 100. The Blue Devils were led by medalist Carissa Gabrielson with an 84 and Alison Stutzman shot a 93. In a two team meet, Riverland defeated Bethany 292-315 as Carissa Gabrielson won her third straight medalist honors with an 85. Stutzman fired a 91 and Sarah Naatz a 116. Riverland finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the MCCC state tournament shooting a two day total of 592 (four scores are needed for a region score). In the Region XIII tournament, Carissa Gabrielson and Alison Stutzman each qualified for the NJCAA national tournament in Daytona Beach, Florida. Gabrielson fired a 184 and finished 4<sup>th</sup> while Stutzman shot a 193 and finished 6<sup>th</sup>. The top team (Central Lakes) and five individuals may qualify for the national tournament. It is the first time in the college’s history that Riverland has qualified a female in the NJCAA national golf tournament. In the opening round of the NJCAA tournament in Daytona Beach, Carissa Gabrielson and her threesome hit from the wrong tee box and each player in the trio were disqualified for the round. “It’s an unfortunate incident, but those things happen I guess” said Coach Lillemon. “She’ll get to play in the final three rounds but will not have a final score”. “Carissa will rebound. The bottom line is we want to get better each day and make this an enjoyable experience”. Fellow graduate Alison Stutzman shot an opening round of 108. RVLD’s Alison Stutzman trimmed 15 strokes off her first day (95) and moved up 13 places in the standings after 36 holes of play. Gabrielson had a 103 after being disqualified in the opening round. Stutzman slipped three places overall as she carded an even 100 in day three of the national championships. Carissa Stutzman improved by six strokes with a 97. Alison Stutzman fired a 52-46-98 in her final round, finishing in 69<sup>th</sup> place out of 86 golfers. Gabrielson fired her best round of the tournament carding a 46-45-91 to finish with scores of 103, 97, and 91. Carissa received Distinguished All-American Academic Honors with a 3.97 GPA. Other members were: Sarah Naatz, Amanda Fett, Alison Stutzman.

**TENNIS**      Coach Suzy Hebrink      **Region XIII Champions**  
Riverland opened its season losing to Bethany 6-3. Mark Jacobsen and Ryan Anhorn won in singles and Jacobsen and Cory Porkonen won in doubles. RVLD lost to Dr. Marin Luther with only four men competing. Riverland defeated UW Marshfield to improve to 1-2 on the shortened season. Riverland won the Region XIII championship tallying 19 points to runner-up MATC with nine. At #1, Mark Jacobsen lost 6-2, 6-0 in the finals as did Jesse Morgan at #2.

Jim Reetz won the #3 singles with a 6-2, 6-2 win over his opponent. Cory Porkonen lost at #4 and Ryan Anhorn and Eric Shoembauer won by forfeit at #5 and #6 respectively. In doubles, Jacobsen and Morgan lost at #1, 6-4, 6-2. At #2, Reetz and Porkonen won the title 6-2, 6-2. Anhorn and Schoembauer won by forfeit at #3 doubles. Riverland qualified for the NJCAA national tennis championships at Collin County College in Plano, Texas. RVLD tallied four points and finished last in the field of 13 teams. Jim Reetz won at #3 singles on opening day, 6-3, 6-3 and the other three singles players lost. Jacobsen at #1 was defeated 6-2, 6-1. At No. 2, Morgan lost 6-1, 6-3. And at #4, Porkonen lost 6-0, 6-0. All four were eliminated in the next round. In #1 doubles, Jacobsen and Morgan lost out in the first two rounds as did Reetz and Porkonen. The No. 3 doubles of Ryan Anhorn and Eric Schoenbauer lost in the consolation finals 6-2, 6-3. RVLD totaled four points as DuPage College won the event with 45 points. Team Members: Ryan Anhorn, Mark Jacobsen, Jesse Morgan, James Reetz, Cory Porkonen, and Eric Schoenbauer

**TENNIS-Women** Coach Suzy Hebrink 1-3 Riverland lost it opener 7-2 to Bethany. Caitlin Jurgenson won at #1 singles and paired with Stephanie Bowe to win the #1 doubles. Dr. Martin Luther swept RVLD in their second match. The Blue Devils defeated UW Marshfield to improve to 1-2. Ridgewater strolled over Riverland 8-1 in their final tune up for the Region XIII tournament. Bowe was the only winner at #3 singles. Caitlin Jurgensen won the Region Championship at #1 singles and was the lone winner for Riverland. Ridgewater won the title with 23 points followed by the Blue Devils with 9 points. Sara Zastoupil lost 6-0, 6-2 in the finals at #2 singles. At #3, Stephanie Bowe defeated her opponent 6-0, 6-4 to win her flight. Jenny Runice lost at #5 singles 6-0, 6-1. In doubles, Jurgensen and Bowe lost 6-3, 6-1 in the finals and Zastoupil and Stephanie Vollbrecht lost 6-4, 6-0 at #3 doubles. Jurgenson qualified for the NJCAA national tournament by winning the #1 single's title. Caitlin Jurgensen came away from the NJCAA tournament with a pair of wins and finished in the top three at College Station, Texas. Jurgensen won her opening round match 1-6, 6-2, 6-2. In the quarter-finals, Caitlin won 2-6, 6-3, 6-2 to advance to the semifinal round. Jurgensen lost 6-2, 6-0 in the semis and there was no third place match so she shared the third place honors. Other members were: Stephanie Bowe, Stephanie Vollbrecht, Sara Zastoupil, Jenny Runice.