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VOLLEYBALL Coach Helen Jahr 4-16 Andrea Miller returns as the lone sophomore as she hopes to lead her team to its ninth consecutive state tournament. Riverland opened the season splitting a pair of games in the Ridgewater invitational. The Blue Devils returned to Ridgewater and lost their conference opener 3-0 (30-20, 30-14, and 30-21). Nikki Stier led with nine kills and three blocks while Andrea Miller led RVLD with 17 set assists. The loss dropped Riverland to 1-2 on the season and 0-1 in the conference. Fergus Falls defeated Riverland in three (30-23, 30-17, 30-27) in the Blue Devils (1-3, 0-2) home opener but Coach Helen Jahr had plenty to be excited about. "Even though we lost, we seemed to be playing better every time we come out" said Jahr. Stier led again with seven kills and Amy Eiken led with 18 digs. The Lady Blue Devils finished strong in the Rochester invitational dropping the first three matches before closing it out with a win and a seventh place finish. In the opening match, Itasca upended RVLD 30-19, 30-23. In the next match, Riverland lost to the Waldorf JV 30-16, 30-18. The Blue Devils then met Ridgewater and defeated the Warriors in the first game 30-26, only to drop games two and three 30-9 and 15-12. Spurred by their performance over Ridgewater the women won the fourth and final match over Hibbing 30-23, 30-21. The Blue Devils now stand 2-6 overall. Due to a sever flood Riverland had two matches called off but picked up a win as Minnesota West had to forfeit the contest scheduled with the Blue Devils. Riverland fell to Rochester by scores of 30-19, 30-13, 29-31, and 30-19. The loss drops the Blue Devils to 2-7 and 1-3 in the league. Riverland managed to take one game from the No. two ranked team in the region, WWTI but fell 20-30, 26-30, 30-23, and 22-30. "I am happy we took one game from them. I would rather play tough teams as it will only make us better" said Coach Jahr. Amy Eiken led RVLD with nine kills and 22 digs. Nikki Stier chipped in with five kills and 21 digs. Andrea Miller led with 20 set assists. Riverland swept their next match with Anoka-Ramsey winning 30-12, 30-18, 30-24 in conference action. Led by Laura Jackson at the net and Amy Eiken from the service line, the Blue Devils stormed to a big lead in the opening game and never looked back. "It was nice to get the first division win out of the way" said Coach Helen Jahr. Waldorf JV blasted RVLD in non-conference action 30-15, 30-24, 30-22. The loss dropped Riverland to 3-9 overall. The Blue Devils dropped all three games to visiting Ridgewater to fall to 1-4 in division play and 3-10 overall. Riverland suffered more than one loss against WWTI. The Blue Devils lost the match 30-35, 3-19, and 30-21 and lost outside hitter Amy Eiken to an injury. Kenndra Osmundson led with nine kills and two blocks. The injury to Eiken is unknown at this time.

Riverland bounced back and scored a win over Minnesota West 3-1 after dropping the opening game 25-30. The Blue Devils rallied and won the next three, 30-15, 30-21, and 30-21. Osmundson led the way for RVLD with 15 kills and 29 digs. Nikki Stier wasn't far behind with 14 kills and 26 digs. Rochester defeated RVLD 30-21, 30-14, 30-19 in division play as the Blue Devils never adjusted to the lineup changes by Coach Jahr (due to the injury to Eiken). The Blue Devils lost all three games to Fergus Falls to drop to 5-12 overall and 3-6 in the division. Riverland secured the fourth and final spot in the southern division by virtue of a forfeit from Anoka-Ramsey due to some injury problems. The forfeiture gives the Lady Blue Devils (4-6 in the MCCC south) the fourth and final spot in the standings and a state tournament berth. The Blue Devils competed in the state for the ninth straight year and in the opening round, Central Lakes defeated RVLD 30-13, 30-16, 30-16. Itasca upended Riverland 3-0 in the second match and MSCTC Fergus Falls beat the Blue Devils 30-15, 30-25, 30-15 in the third match of the day, sending Riverland into the consolation bracket. Riverland lost 3-2 and ended the season 4-16. Nikki Stier made the All-State tournament team.

Roster Included:

Stephanie Bucknell
Amy Eiken
Andrea Miller
Nikki Stier
Krista Possehl

Ashley Dallman
Laura Jackson
Kenndra Osmundson
Meghan Vollbrecht

BASKETBALL Coach Darin Johnson 8-16 Riverland opened the season with an impressive win over Rainy River 73-49 in the Mesabi invitational tournament. Jake Firlle led the Blue Devils with 22 points. The Blue Devils defeated the defending state champions, Mesabi Range 86-75 to win the tournament. Firlle again poured in 22 points to lead four players in double figures. Curt Spiva followed with 14, Tyson Kingsby added 13 and Jared Supalla had a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds. The Blue Devils recorded their second straight weekend sweep of a tournament to improve to 4-0 on the season. RVLD defeated Central Lakes 66-59 and upended WWTI 68-66 for a two-game sweep at the Rochester tournament. Spiva scored 14 points and Xavier Johnson hit for 13 points in game one. Four players reached double figures against WWTI led by Scott Rhatigan with 14, Spiva (12), Firlle and Supalla 10 apiece. Riverland suffered their first loss of the season as NIACC beat the Blue Devils 85-83 in non-conference action. Curt Spiva led the way with 25 points and 6 rebounds. RVLD drops to 4-1 on the year. The Blue Devils defeated WWTI 75-55 to improve to 5-1 on the season. Riverland earned a split on the road up north, defeating Itasca 74-66 and then falling to Northland 68-55. Jason Pehler tallied 18 points in the win over Itasca while Jared Supalla led with 14 points in the loss to Northland. Rainy River made ten three pointers and defeated the Blue Devils 81-73.

Jake Firle led with 23 points and Brett Rhatigan chipped in with 16 points and seven rebounds. RVLD drops to 6-3 on the season. Riverland dropped its third game in a row as Hibbing defeated the Blue Devils 75-65. Brett Rhatigan led with 17 points and eight rebounds. Mid-State edged Riverland 67-65 after trailing by seven at halftime. Jake Firle was top scorer with 22 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Jason Pehler chipped in with 10 points. Iowa Lakes handed Riverland its fifth straight loss 89-76 in non-conference action. Pehler led Riverland with 20 points on seven of thirteen shooting. Riverland's Jason Pehler hit a last second shot to give the Blue Devils an 83-82 victory over Minnesota West in the conference opener. Pehler scored 10 points and had five assists and was one of five players in double figures. RVLD was led by Scott Rhatigan with 21, and his brother Brett added 19 points. The Blue Devils lost to Anoka-Ramsey 84-78 letting a thirteen point lead slip away in the second half. Jake Firle was top scorer with 21 and Brett Rhatigan added 20. RVLD is now 1-1 in conference and 7-7 overall. Minneapolis shot a sizzling 70% in the first half en route to a 96-73 win over Riverland. Brett Rhatigan led with 17, while Jared Sapalla, Scott Rhatigan and Jake Firle all added a dozen. The Blue Devils lost to Rochester 137-100 in conference action. RVLD was led by Scott Rhatigan with 18 while Firle grabbed 10 rebounds. Ridgewater edged Riverland 74-72 to drop the Blue Devils to 1-4 in conference play and 7-10 overall. Firle recorded a double-double with a game high 27 points and 10 rebounds. Jason Pehler knocked down 5 for 6 shots and had three steals and three assists leading Riverland to a 66-60 win over Minnesota West. Chris Sanborn added 11 points and 7 rebounds and Brett Rhatigan chipped in with 10 points. The Blue Devils lost to Anoka-Ramsey 70-54 shooting a dismal 28% in the second half. Firle led with 15 points and Scott Rhatigan tallied 14. RVLD dropped to 2-6 in the league and 8-11. Minneapolis picked up their 20th straight win defeating Riverland 82-67. Jake Firle again led Riverland with 20 points while Scott Rhatigan added a dozen. Riverland lost to MSCTC-Fergus Falls 88-85 in conference play. Firle led all scorers with 23 points. In a make up contest, Riverland lost again to Fergus Falls in a thrilling 93-89 overtime contest. The Spartans forced three RVLD turnovers in the final minute to tie the game at 83. Jake Firle had 27 to lead all scorers. On the heels of an emotionally lost to Fergus Falls, the Blue Devils ran out of gas and lost to Ridgewater 76-69. "Its tough to come back and play 18 hours after a game like we had last night" said head Coach Darin Johnson. The Blue Devils (8-15, 2-9) were led by Jason Pehler with 23 including 4 of 6 from three point land. The season came to an end with a 78-58 loss to arch-rival Rochester. Chris Sanborn led with 14, followed by Jake Firle (12) and Jared Supalla with 10. Riverland ended the season 2-10 in the conference and 8-16 overall. Jake Firle was named to the All-Conference southern division team.

Roster Included:
Andre Morgan Arthur Gomer Jared Supalla
Tyson Kinsby Curt Spiva Jason Pehler
Eric Schoenbauer Scott Rhatigan Anthony Brown
Jake Firle Marc Forman Xavier Johnson
Brett Rhatigan
Assistant Coach: Kaleb Walter and Jake Greenman

BASKETBALL Coach Suzy Hebrink 2-11 Caitlin Jurgensen returns as the lone veteran on a roster of seven. “We had some girls who we thought would be back but couldn’t for some reason or the other” said Coach Suzy Hebrink. Riverland opened the season up north in a tournament as lost their opener 85-54 to Rainy River. April Crews led the Blue Devils with 13 points while Nicole Sier added nine points and 10 rebounds. In the second day of competition, things didn’t get much better against Mesabi Range. A 33-24 deficit to Mesabi at halftime eventually led to another loss. Amy Eikan led Riverland with 9 of 14 shots for 18 points. Riverland lost to Winona St. Mary’s JVs 62-50 in the opening round of the Rochester tournament. Caitlin Jurgensen scored 17 points on four of six three point shooting in RVL D’s third loss of the season. The Blue Devils earned their first win by defeating WWTI 63-55 behind Jurgenson again as he recorded a near triple double with 24 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists. Kryslé Garness added 10 points and 7 rebounds. Riverland improves to 1-3 on the season. NIACC upended the Blue Devils, 73-34 in non-conference action. Garness led with 10 points, all coming in the second half. Riverland lost a pair of weekend games to Itasca 79-67 and to Northland 92-56. Caitlin Jurgensen led in both games with 21 and 19 respectively. The Blue Devils drop to 1-5 on the year. RVL D erased a nine point halftime deficit and defeated Rainy River 68-64. The win for Riverland helped offset their season opening loss to the Rainy River by 29 points. Amy Eikan scored a game high 23 points to lead her team to victory. Jurgenson added 18 and dished out 6 assists. April Crews led with 13 rebounds and chipped in with 8 points. Riverland fell to Iowa Lakes 103-35 in non-conference action. Krystal Garness led with nine points for Riverland. A 112-68 loss to Anoka-Ramsey was not Riverland’s head coach Suzy Hebrink top concern after the game. It was the loss of her season that worried the coach. With the second semester beginning in two days, the Blue Devils will have just four active players. Riverland began the season with seven roster players, but with one out due to a season ending injury and two academically ineligible for the second half of the season, Riverland Community College will suspend the final 10 games of the season. The Blue Devils finish the year 2-11 overall.

Roster Included:

April Crews	Ashley Dallman
Amy Eikan	Krystle Garness
Caitlin Jurgenson	Heather Schultz
Nickole Stier	

BASEBALL Coach Scott Koenigs 11-15 Four sophomores return as third year head Coach Scott Koenigs hopes to improve on last year's performance of a 10-21 record. All-Conference Jason Pehler heads the list as the freshmen class will see plenty of time in several positions. Riverland spent one week in Florida preparing for the season but rain cancelled five of the nine games scheduled. The Blue Devils lost their opener down south 20-6 to the Canadian Baseball Academy. RVL D lost 7-6 to Alfred State Pioneers, a Division II school. Ontario Blue Jays upended the Blue Devils 8-7 as Riverland let a 7-2 lead slip away. In their final game in Florida, Riverland lost again to Alfred State 10-5. "One thing to keep in perspective in the winless trip was the quality of competition" said Koenigs. "Overall I am pretty happy, it was a successful trip despite the rain". Riverland opened the year with a sweep over Hibbing, winning 6-2 and 7-6. Jason Pehler went 3 for 4 in game one and Greg Retterath scattered eight hits for the win. RVL D led early 5-1 only to see Hibbing take a 6-5 lead into the seventh. Retterath got the game winning single to help the Blue Devils earn the sweep. Pehler again collected three hits as did Pete Korfhage and Adam Edge. Riverland made it four in a row with two more wins over Hibbing, defeating the Cardinals 14-3 and 14-10. In their conference opener, Riverland lost a pair to Ridgewater 8-3 and 10-0. Jason Pehler went 2 for 3 in game one with a double. Riverland hosted the first ever cross-over tournament within the state. Six teams participated in the tournament and all teams played four games. "It gave us an opportunity to look at some of the teams we may play down the road, possibly in the state tournament" said Coach Koenigs. Itasca defeated Riverland 16-12 in the opener as RVL D committed five errors. In game two, Riverland upended Northland 12-3 as Jason Pehler pitched a complete game. RVL D lost its final two games of the tournament by ten run rules, finishing 1-3. The Blue Devils (5-5) dropped their first game 18-8 to Fergus Falls despite an early 5-0 lead. Jason Pehler went 4 for 4 and Adam Edge collected three hits in game one. The Riverland pitchers walked 14 Mesabi batters en route to an 18-5 loss. Pete Korfhage, who took the loss in game one, collected three hits and two RBIs in the nightcap. RVL D played another non-conference twin bill versus Iowa Lakes and were swept 8-2 and 11-1. "Defensively we played pretty well" said Scott Koenigs. Riverland stopped its four game losing skid by upending Rochester 7-1 in game one before falling 5-0 in the nightcap. The split leaves Riverland 1-3 in conference and 5-9 overall. The Blue Devils split with Dakota County in conference action, losing game one 3-1 and rebounding with a 6-0 shut out victory.

In the opener, RVLD had the tying run on second before the final out. Jake Blome took the loss scattering seven hits and allowing three runs. Riverland had only three hits, two from Pete Korfhage. Elias Solveling took the win in the second game, giving up only six hits. Blome went 3 for 4 while Louis Lang collected three hits with two RBIs. Riverland stands 6-10 overall. The Blue Devils swept Minnesota West 4-1 and 3-0 to improve to 4-4 in the conference and 8-10 overall. Pehler struck out seven in a complete game performance in game one while Lang banded out two hits. In the nightcap, Greg Retterath struck out nine, walking none in his complete game victory. Riverland defeated Ridgewater 9-8 after dropping game one 8-0. The Warriors came into the game undefeated and nationally ranked. RVLD late inning rally completed a fantastic final at bat to win the nightcap. Rochester swept Riverland 4-1 and 9-1 in conference play. The two losses drop RVLD to 5-7 in the conference and 9-13. Jason Pehler suffered his first mound loss of the season in the opener. "We just didn't hit the ball all day long" said a dejected Koenigs. Dakota County swept Riverland 9-5 and 5-2 to end any possibilities of post season play for the Blue Devils. After getting rained out to conference foe Minnesota West, Riverland ended the season splitting a twin bill with WWTI, winning game one 11-1 and losing its final game 5-3. Retterath pitched a complete game in the opener and Jason Castillo took the loss in the nightcap. Jake Blome was 3 for 4 while Jason Pehler went 2 for 3 in the opener. Elias led the Blue Devils in the second game going 2 for 4 with two RBIs. Riverland ended the season 4-10 in the conference and 11-15 overall. All-Conference selections were Jason Pehler and Louis Lang.

Roster Included:

Luke Meyer	3B/OF	Jason Pehler	P/OF
Patrick Rodriguez	3B	Steve Snyder	OF
Rob Barlsou	1B/P	Jason Castillo	P
Adam Edge	C/OF	Kevin Komorouski	P
Pete Korfhage	P/OF	Louis Lang	1B/P
Greg Retterath	P/OF/SS	Elias Solveling	2B/P
Jake Blome	SS/P	Jason Churchill	C/OF
Josh Neuerberg	OF		

Assistant Coach; Darin Johnson and Sean Breslin

SOFTBALL-No Softball Riverland officials announced that the entire softball season is cancelled due to a lack of players. Darin Johnson, who serves as the men's basketball coach also was to coach the the softball team. "Because of the low number of team members, we did not feel we could put a competitive team on the field" said Riverland Vice-President of Student Affairs Gary Schindler. "Recruiting efforts are in place for next year and we are optimistic about fielding a competitive team for 2005-06". Johnson resigned from his softball duties and a search will begin immediately to replace the softball coaching position.

GOLF Coach David Lillemon Dan Breuer and Pat King led a youthful squad as four other freshmen joined the two veterans. King is returning to golf after a couple years and Breuer returns after qualifying last season for the NJCAA national tournament. Breuer did not compete all regular season as he concentrated on his grades. In the MCCC state and Region 13 tournament, Riverland finished tied for 3rd place with MN West out of ten teams and 5th (out of 12 teams) in the Region. Dan Breuer shot 161 and finished 11th overall out of 80 golfers and was one place out of qualifying again for the national tournament. But it was learned later in the spring that one of the top 10 qualifiers did not meet eligibility requirements and Breuer moved up a spot and will compete again at Chautauqua, NY. Dan Breuer shot an opening round five over par 77 with rounds of 39-38-77. After two rounds Breuer found himself tied for seventh as he shot an even par round 72 in windy conditions. Breuer followed his second round with another 72 in round three after recording a eagle two on hole number seven, a par four. "It was a slam dunk" said Coach Lillemon. Breuer is tied for fifth after 54 holes of competition. Dan Breuer fired a final round two over par 74 for a final score of 295, finishing tied for eighth with one other golfer. The medalist score was a 288. Breuer's rounds of 77-72-72-74-295 earned him All-American honors by finishing in the top eighteen. He is the second Riverland golfer to earn such an award, the first coming in 2002 when Jeff Clark finished 6th overall. Dan was also a 4.00 student and received Distinguished Academic All-American honors, joining Carissa Gabrielson as the only two golfers to have received this prestigious honor. Other members were: Kyle Fett, Pat King, Pate Korfhage, Justin Hicks, Alex Schilling and David Judd

GOLF-Women Coach David Lillemon MCCC State-4th The four women did not compete together for a team score all season until the MCCC state and Region XIII tournament hosted by Central Lakes. Riverland shot a two day total of 687 and finished fourth in the state tournament with three golfers. Alison Stutzman fired an 89-92-181 and finished 3rd individually in the state and region. She was the lone participant from Riverland to compete. The third place finish qualified Stutzman for the NJCAA national tournament in Daytona Beach, Florida for the second consecutive season. In the opening round of the NJCAA national championships at Daytona Beach, Florida Stutzman shot 112. In the second round Alison improved 17 shots (fired a 95) and has a two round total of 207. After shooting a 94 in round three, Alison Stutzman completed the 72-hole event firing another 94, finishing with a (112-95-94-94) 395. Other members of the team were: Amanda Fett, Leslie Meyer and Krista Lindgren.

Tennis-Men The MCCC colleges in the state of Minnesota and the Region XIII colleges (ND, WIS, MN) no longer offer tennis as an inter-collegiate sport. Therefore, Riverland Community College had no opponents to play and suspended their tennis programs.

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