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BASKETBALL Coach Jim Mittun 11-9 The Blue Devils would open against defending conference champions Bethany to begin new head Coach Jim Mittun, who hails from Breckenridge. Mittun feels his team is ready with Wayne LeRud (38.0 ppg) and Jim Bratvold (13.6 ppg) to lead the way. Mittun also landed freshmen Don Hanson (Austin High) and Dan Carroll (Pacelli High) which will coach good size inside. Austin State Junior College (ASJC) dropped a season opening thriller to Bethany 111-108 in overtime. The Blue Devils blew a nine point lead with 5:00 to go. Wayne LeRud got off to a good start by ripping the nets for 44 points. All ASJC starters scored in double figures. Don Hanson had 22, Bratvold 16, Carroll 15 and Jim Carothers had 11. In their home opener, Austin romped over Pillsbury 93-83. Hanson and Carroll both fouled out so there went the rebounding and inside game. LeRud would score 37 to lead them to victory, their eighth straight over Pillsbury in Austin since the series began in 1957-58. ASJC would clip Worthington 118-100 to even their conference record at 1-1. With strong support from Jim Bratvold (26) and Don Hanson (16), Wayne LeRud would score 48 points to lead his team to victory. Dan Carroll picked off 23 rebounds closely followed by Carroll who had 22 himself. Willmar's defense shut down LeRud (30) and his teammates and defeated the Blue Devils 77-71 in conference action. In a game filled with some 1000 fans at Austin High Gym, Rochester would upend Austin 109-101 to remain unbeaten at 5-0. The Blue Devils led at halftime 57-56 but could not keep it and they would come no closer than 4 points with three minutes to play. Don Hanson had a terrific game with 30 points while his teammate Wayne LeRud chipped in 32. Austin would lose its fourth in five conference meetings as North Hennepin CC handed them a 103-92 setback. LeRud tallied 36 but his supporting cast were not there tonight. The Blue Devils would shatter six team records and two SMJCC records in defeating Dr. Martin Luther 131-113. The team marks were: (1) Most points scored in a conference game by an AJC team. (2) Most free throws attempted in one game (38). (3) Most free throws made in one game (29). (4) Most points at halftime (66-49 at half). (5) Most field goals by two opponents (98). (6) Most points by two opponents combined (244). Don Hanson and Jim Bratvold led all scorers with 27 points. ASJC would topple Concordia 87-76 and Metropolitan State JC 85-79 in conference action to climb back to .500 with a 4-4 record. LeRud would score 35 and 24 respectively to lead all scorers. On January 16, 1967 ASJC would open their new gymnasium in front of some 800 fans, only to lose a 79-71 contest to Anoka-Ramsey JC. The game was a thriller all the way. The score was tied 16 times and had eight lead changes. LeRud was held to 21, which was 14 points under his average. Hanson would chip in with 17.

Austin defeated Worthington 80-76 on the road to get back to 6-5 on the year. Jim Bratvold was the hero with 28 points, followed by Dan Carroll (13), Keith Ingvaldson (12), and Dan Hanson (11). Wayne LeRud was picked up 4 early fouls and fouled out with only 8 points. Austin's hot shooting carried them over Willmar 101-86 to move them into fourth place in the standings. Five would score in double figures for the Blue Devils led by LeRud's 31 points. Rochester (16-0) spanked the ASJC team 123-81 to remain undefeated for the season. It was 28-10 before Austin could blink an eye. Don Hanson led his team with 26, followed by LeRud with 25 points. Dan Carroll would lead his team to victory over North Hennepin 111-90 to even their series at 1-1 for the season. Carroll had 24 points and 24 rebounds along with Wayne LeRud who scored a game high 36 points. Dr. Martin Luther would nip Austin 113-105 in conference action. Balance scoring would not be enough to help them to victory. LeRud (36), Bratvold(20), Carroll(18), Hanson (16), and Jim Carothers (12) all would reach double figures. ASJC defeated Concordia for the second time 96-91 and stands 9-7 overall. Wayne LeRud maintained his conference lead in scoring (31.0) as he poured in 41 points. Hanson (22) and Carothers (14) were the only others in double figures. Austin would defeat Metropolitan JC 111-91 as LeRud tallied 40, the fourth time he has topped the 40 point mark. Cold shooting would result in a 97-77 loss to Anoka-Ramsey in Circle Pines, MN. Playing without center Dan Carroll out with an ankle injury cut the Blue Devils strength inside in half and Anoka-Ramsey took advantage of that. LeRud (26), Hanson (16), and Jim Bratvold (11) led the team in defeat. Records would fall as the Blue Devils whipped Bethany 135-117 at home in their final regular season game. The victory gave them a 10-8 SMJCC record (4th place) and 11-8 overall. Wayne LeRud would score 48 and Jim Bratvold had 44 in an unbelievable performance by the two stars. The team records include: 1. Most points in one game (135). 2. New team point record for the new ASJC gym. Most points by ASJC and opponent (252). 3. New ASJC conference scoring record for points. 4. Most points by ASJC and opponent. 5. Most free throws made by ASJC (35). The Blue Devils received a bid to play in a sub-region game in Fergus Falls and their opponent was Dawson, Montana JC. In a heart wrenching game, the ASJC season came to an abrupt end with 105-104 semi-final loss to Dawson. The Blue Devils show just 39% from the field in Coach Mittun's words, "we just couldn't get it going". Wayne LeRud finished his career with 35 points, followed by Don Hanson (19), Dan Carroll (15), Jim Carothers (14) and Jim Bratvold (13). The loss left the Blue Devils with a final 11-9 record for the season. LeRud would receive SMJCC All – Conference, All-State, and All-Region XIII honors. He averaged 32.2(scored 653 points), was the conference scoring leader at 32.2 points per game, and set conference record for points in 2 years; 1031 points. All time leading scorer at Austin CC with 1429 points.

Dan Carroll sets all time leading rebounds for season (324- 18.0 rb/pg) and averaged 12.pp/g. Don Hanson had a 17.9 average followed by Jim Bratvold with 17.1.

	Roster Included:	
Wayne LeRud	Jim Bratvold	Jim Carothers
Dan Carroll	Tom Foley	Wes Halvorson
Donald A. Hanson	Keith Ingvalson	John Slowinski
Robert P. Larson	William Culton	Sam Skogoboe
John Jiminez	Mike Garrity	Rick Rabidaeu
Manager: Dean Minnick		

Cheerleaders: Pam Sellers, Mary K. Johnson, Carol Vaale, Stevanna Einhaus, and Daralyn Dimmel.

WRESTLING Coach Orville Moran 4-10 Austin State Junior College would open its season six consecutive losses before Coach Orville Moran's team got his first victory, a 28-15 win over Metropolitan JC. The Blue Devils (1-6), got wins from Jerry Reshetar (123), Randy Hillmer (137), Tom O'Bryne (145), Frank Byrne (152), Ron Riley (160) and Ken Stencl (167). The Blue Devils made it two wins in row with a 28-13 victory over Anoka Ramsey. Reshetar remained unbeaten (6-0) with a pin, and Stencl moved his record to 7-1 with a 6-0 decision in the 160 pound class. Worthington would defeat ASJC 31-8 in their next match. Reshetar (123 lbs) and Hillmer (137 lbs) were the only winners for Austin. Strong Willmar team defeated Austin 28-11 in conference action, who now stand 2-8 on the year. Reshetar (123), Hillmer (137) and Stencl (160) all won by decisions. Austin would lose to Rochester and Concordia JC before snapping their four meet losing streak by defeating Metropolitan JC 23-15. Their record now stands 3-10 overall. They would close their season with a victory over Bethany JC 31-10, ending the season 4-8 in conference and 4-10 overall. Austin's standout Ken Stencl recorded the fastest pin in ASJC history by flooring his opponent in 1:05 of the first period. Austin ASJC competed in the SMJCC tournament on by Rochester and finished in 6th out of eight teams. Freshman Ken Stencl (152) finished second, losing to defending national champion Jim Johnson of Rochester. Dave Voogesand (167) took 3rd, as did Ron Wagner (160) and Greg Cyson at heavyweight. All of these wrestlers will compete in the NJCAA national wrestling championships in Worthington. (no results were found).

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Jerry Reshetar	Randy Hillmer	
Ken Stencl	Greg Olson	
Tom O'Bryne	Frank Byrne	
Ron Riley	Greg Cyson	
Ron Wagner	Craig Hemmingson	
Dave Voogesang	Dennis Vogelsang	

BASEBALL George Hillberg 8-5 Region XIII Runner-up. ASJC would lose its season opener 10-9 to Waldorf. The Blue Devils would win only one of its first five games (1-4). Then they started a streak by defeating Pillsbury 4-1, nipped Willmar 6-5 and slammed Metropolitan JC 5-1 and lifted them to 3-2 in league play and 4-4 overall. ASJC would receive a berth to play in the Region 13 baseball tournament held in Willmar and the game with Bethany was postponed. They would defeat Fergus Falls 4-3 to move into the championship, only to be shutout by Willmar 9-0 in the finals. Thanks to some fine pitching by Jim Bratvold and timely hitting Austin would upset league leading Concordia 4-3 to move their record to 4-3 in the conference and 6-5 overall. Austin would spank Dr. Martin Luther 12-7 and nip Pillsbury 5-4 to end their season on a winning note. In the finale, ASJC would trail 4-2 going into the last inning and rallied thanks to a couple base hits and an error. In the conference they finished 5-3 and 3rd place. Jim Bratvold was the third top hitter in the league (.368 average).

Roster Included:

Dennis Lorsung	Jim Bratvold	Fred Kendrick
Ronald Lunt	Douglass Riles	Kenneth Miller
Arlo Sandvick	Steve Clennon	Larry Faber
Lewis Lenz	Carl Thompson	Lynn Johnson
Terry Attlesey	Dennis Vogelsang	
Manager: Dave Ring		

GOLF Coach Jim Mittun 28-1-1. SMJCC runner-up Region XIII runner-up. Three time defending SMJCC champions look strong to repeat again with Dick Leimbeck leading the way. Austin opened its season with a win over Waldorf, led by Leimbeck (71), Jim Barthianume (76), Larry Hogrefe (76) and Jim Carothers (78). ASJC and Rochester would tie for first at 318 in a 10 team tournament hosted by Austin in their next meet. Austin would go and defeat all their opponents in meet action and go undefeated at 20-0-1. In three meetings with Rochester, they have defeated them by six and five strokes and the two teams tied on one occasion. The strong wind blew at the SMJCC meet and Rochester would upset the ASJC team 338-344 to walk away with the championship. The win by the Yellowjackets also ended a 36 meet win streak by the Blue Devils that stretched from late May to this tournament. Jim Carothers finished second in individual play with an 84. Other Austin scores were; Don Houff (84), Leimbeck (87), Berthiaume (87) and Hogrefe (99). The team qualified for NJCAA national championships in Miami, Florida and finished 20th out of 23(1316 four day total). Team consists of Dick Leimbek (86-82-81-76= 325, James Carothers (331), Donald Houff (333), Larry Hogrefe (348), and James Berthiaume (333). Jon Heimsness also was a member of the team.

TENNIS Coach Paul Swanson 4-4 The ASJC opened its season with a 4-3 win over Bethany. They would lose to Concordia 4-3 and Rochester 7-0 before bouncing back with wins over Dr. Martin Luther 6-1 and Willmar 6-1. Another loss to Rochester 7-0 before beating Bethany 4-3. They ended the regular season losing 4-3 to Concordia JC. A third place finish is what ASJC tennis team came away with in the SMJCC meet. In singles, Austin's Art Austin won his first match and lost in the quarterfinals. In doubles, Austin's Terry Strong and Fred Robinson finished runner-up in the meet, losing 6-1, 6-0 in the finals. Members included: Terry Strong, Fred Robinson, Art Austin, Gary Anfenson, Bryan Adams.