

# 1970-71

**FOOTBALL** Coach Earl Perkins 3-4-1 Earl Perkins is the new head football coach at ASJC. He is a graduate of Bemidji State College and did his graduate work at UND. He has 14 years coaching experience at the high school level. Football is back after an absence of 20 years (1950) at Austin. Six new football teams joined the MJCAA (Minnesota Junior College Athletic Association), bringing the number to participating colleges to sixteen. Austin, Anoka Ramsey, Lakewood Normandale, Rochester, Worthington, Willmar and North Hennepin make up the Southern Division. Brainerd, Fergus Falls, Hibbing, Mesabi, Golden Valley Lutheran, Itasca of Colernia, Vermilion and U of M Tech at Crookston make up the northern division. ASJC would give NIACC a battle before dropping its debut 21-6 in the season opener. Fullback Al Wulff scored their first TD of the year and only of the game from 6 yards out. ASJC hosted Lakewood JC in the home opener before 1300 fans and went away a victor 13-7 to win their first game. The defense was great forcing 4 Lakewood turnovers and blocking one punt that set up both touchdowns for Austin. Al Wulff scored from 3 yards out and quarterback Steve Riles would hit Tom Edwards for a 14 yard scoring toss for the other score. Rick Dannier's point after kick was good for the 13-7 win. Willmar defeated Austin 28-7 in MJCC southern division play. ASJC held Willmar scoreless the second half. Austin would play a great game and crushed Anoka-Ramsey 42-8 for its second win of the season. The offense amassed 344 yards rushing and the defense gave up only 102 total yards. Five different Blue Devils scored; Steve Granle (from 64 yards run), Steve Riles, Jim Schammel, Rick Knutson, and Paul Wilson. Austin would play to a 14-14 tie with Worthington to go 2-1-1 in southern division play. Knutson would successfully kick two extra points (10 in a row for the season) while Dean Christopherson and Tom Edwards were scoring TD's for Austin. Edwards score was a 73 yard pass from Steve Riles. Rochester handled Austin 42-6 in their next conference tilt. Austin's only score came on a blocked punt and defensive end Greg Larson picked it up and scored from 20 yards out. Rochester went on to score the next 42 points. The Blue Devils dropped a 21-0 MJCC Southern Division game to Normandale to drop their record to 2-4-1. ASJC played its best game to win 33-13 over North Hennepin to finish the season on a high note. "This was our best effort of the season" said ASJC Coach Earl Perkins. QB Steve Riles completed 4 of 8 passes for 77 yards. Doug Kelly rushed for 88 yards on 23 carries and two TD's, Keith Granle rushed for 63 yards on 12 carries and one TD, Jim Schammel six carries for 49 yards, and fullback Al Wulff six carries for 30 yards. Steve Bushaw and Mike Lee (co-captains).

Honorable Mention All-MJCAA; Defense- Keith Granle, Dean Christopherson, Steve Bushaw, David Keiser, Dick Poshusta, Jack Hanson, and .Greg Larson. Offense; Dean Walsh.

Roster Included:

Jim Torkelson	Gary Gilderhus
Kelly Hays	Steve Riles
Bob Diederich	Mike Lauritzen
Keith Granle	Steve Johnson
Tom Edwards	Rick Knutson
Dean Christopherson	Greg Larson
Al Wulff	Steve Bushaw
Bill Monsoor	Terry Orpen
Doug Kelly	Neil Meany
Jim Sampson	Ron Ellis
Mike Lee	Dick Poshusta
Paul Wilson	Dean Walsh
Bruce Marlin	Mike Clingman
Bob Kulff	Jack Hanson
Lynn Reeve	Tom Hanson
Steve Johnson	Greg Larson
Mike Lauritzen	Bob Schammel
Jim Schammel	Stewart Wilson

Assistant Coaches: Klem Haugen, Marv Kallenberger

SCORES AND SCHEDULE

9/22	North Iowa	6-21	L
9/19	Lakewood	13-7	W
9/26	Willmar	7-28	L
10/3	Anoka Ramsey	42-8	W
10/10	Worthington	14-14	T
10/17	Rochester	6-46	L
10/24	Normandale	0-21	L
10/31	North Hennepin	33-13	L

RECORD: 3 Wins, four losses, one tie.

**BASKETBALL** Coach Jim Mittun 4-17 Austin State Junior College won its first three games and won only one of the last 18 games. Team defense was a struggle as the opponents scored at a 91.0 average per game compared to 75.9 by the Blue Devils. They would open with a win over WWTI of LaCrosse, 80-74. Freshman Rick Knutson poured in 29 points and Mark Rathke was next with 20. ASJC defeated North Central Bible College 73-62 to go 2-0 in the young season. It was Knutson leading the way again with 22, followed by Steve Wagner with 17 points. It has been 10 years since Austin started 3-0 but with a 73-70 win over Inver Grove Heights they have accomplished that start.

Wagner (22), Knutson (14) and Rathke (12) provided the scoring punch. Poor shooting led to the Blue Devils first defeat as NIACC won 88-81 in another non-conference tilt. Austin shot only 32 of 92 for 35% in the loss. Rathke (26), Wagner (20), and Knutson (20) were the top scorers. ASJC got to play in Williams Arena on the campus of Minnesota but were humbled by the U of M freshmen. Rick Knutson had a fine game with 22 points. Anoka-Ramsey defeated Austin 69-57 for their third straight loss. Walt Amacher had his best game of the year with 10 points for Austin. Rick Knutson had 18 to lead his team. ASJC dropped their fourth game in a row with a 101-87 loss to Willmar in league play. Knutson (24) and Wagner (24) lead all scorers. Austin defeated Inver Grove Heights 77-62 to break their losing streak and even their mark at 4-4 overall and 1-2 in the league. After scoring only 6 points by halftime, Mark Rathke would lead his team back by scoring 18 in the second half and finish with 24. Rick Knutson added 18 while Steve Wagner chipped in with 17 points. It would be Austin's last win this season. They were routed by Worthington 104-70, 67-61 to Lakewood in a game where they shot only four free throws (1 for 4), and a 78-64 loss to Anoka-Ramsey. Mark Rathke scored a season high 41 points but it wasn't enough as the Blue Devils lost to Metropolitan JC 128-95. Rochester made it five losses in a row for Austin as they rallied back and won 80-71 over their arch rival. Rathke had 29 to continue his hot scoring. Normandale came to town and pounced Austin 106-74 to extend the streak to six games. Rathke was Austin's top scorer with 26. ASJC dropped to 4-11 with an 87-72 loss to Golden Valley in league play. Walt Amacher had 19 to lead his team. Austin was blasted 105-66 to conference co-leader Worthington. Rick Knutson continued his consistency with 24 points. Austin had three players with 20 or more but it wasn't enough as Waldorf handed the Blue Devils their 10<sup>th</sup> straight loss 103-96. Amacher (22), Knutson (21), and Rathke (20) had fine games in the defeat. It would reach eleven games in a row in defeat as Austin lost 116-92 to Willmar. The loss dropped them to 4-15 overall. Mark Rathke had 23 to lead all scorers. Rochester dropped Austin 101-94 as freshman Rick Knutson had his top performance of the year with 38 points. Clark Cipra also had an excellent game with 21 points. ASJC would bow 95-79 to Bethany to close out their season losing 13 straight games, a junior college record. Knutson poured in 28 points with Cipra (18) and Daryl Gosha (11) also reaching double figures. The loss ended the Blue Devils season at 4-17, the worst seasons since the 1949-50 team that went 2-15. Mark Rathke, a sophomore from Austin led the Blue Devils in scoring for the second consecutive season. He averaged 20.3 points per contest, scoring 405 points in 20 games (missed one game do to a sprained ankle). Rick Knutson averaged 20 points per game in 17 contests. Rathke and Clark Cipra (8.0) were named to the honorable mention list of the All-Minnesota Junior College Conference team.

	Roster Included:	
Ken Jorgenson	Mark Rathke	Steve Wagner
Daryl Gosha	Walter Amacher	Dennis Hanson
Tom Smithson	Clark Cipra	Ron Stroup
Steve Seltz	Ross Kunze	Rick Knutson
Dan Iverson	Student manager: Joe Hahn	

Cheerleaders: (Advisor Vel Moen). Vicki Johnson, Jane Ojampa, Kay Felton, Kim Donovan, Carol Young, Jolene Nichols, Jeri Johanson, Jori Nash, and Sally Blowers.

## **WRESTLING**

Maynard Gilbert and Calvin Ripple participated in the MJCAA tournament. An attempt was made to start wrestling in November and again in January. Lack of interest, injuries, and ineligibility made it impossible to participate.

## **BASEBALL**

Coach Earl Perkins 14-8 **Southern Division Champions (10-2)**. Austin returns only on letterman (southpaw Ed Shack) but good depth gives Coach Perkins and optimistic outlook on the season. ASJC opened the season with a split, winning 4-1 over NIACC and losing the nightcap 9-7. Strong pitching from Ed Shack and Jim Schammel led the Blue Devils in the first contest. Sparked by freshman shortstop Dick Johnson, Austin dumped Pillsbury 7-3. Johnson had nine putouts from his position and second baseman Steve Seltz had six. Rick Knutson, Joe Dolan, and Seltz all had two hits. Austin lost to Lakewood 3-2 leaving runners in scoring position four times without scoring. ASJC dropped to 2-4 with a double header loss to the Mankato State freshmen 5-0 and 6-4. Austin opened its conference season defeating Worthington 4-3 and losing the nightcap 7-2. ASJC got solid pitching from Darrel Monson and clutch hitting from Duane Johnson in the first game. Austin defeated Bethany twice, 3-0 and 3-1 to gain a share of 1<sup>st</sup> place in the southern division. Berry Oakland had three hits and Ed Shack pitched a 4 hitter to lead them in the first contest. ASJC would take a pair from Rochester and gain a trip to the Region XIII tournament. The top team in the standings after the first round advances to the region (Austin was 5-1). The wins over Rochester (10-6 and 10-6) left their season mark at 7-5. The Blue Devils were led by Rick Knutson who had 4 hits and 3 RBI. Joe Dolan would add four hits. Austin split with Worthington losing 9-1 and bouncing back with a 6-2 to stay on top of the standings. Darrel Monson boosted his record to 4-0, striking out 10 and giving up only hits in the second game. Catcher Don Leathers had a big 2 run single in the victory. Austin swept a pair of games from Bethany 5-2 and 1-0 and the wins left them 8-2 in the division. Rick Knutson had 5 hits in 7 at bats including a homerun to lead his team.

Jim Schammel pitched a 2-hit shutout and struck out 12 in the nightcap. Steve Seltz also added three hits in the second contest. Austin would step out of conference play and participate in the Region XIII tournament in Willmar. ASJC rallied for a 8-5 win over Bismarck, N.D. in the opening round of the 8 team tournament. The big blow was a grand slam homerun by Rick Knutson. Willmar halted Austin 3-2 in the semifinal round to send them home. Austin defeated Pillsbury 9-7 in 11 innings and run its record to 12-7. Joe Dolan had 3 hits, Barry Oakland and Don Leathers each 2 apiece in the win. ASJC won their way into the first annual Minnesota State junior College Tournament by gaining the southern division title. They defeated Rochester 2-0 and 2-0 to finish the season 10-2 in league play. Winners of the four divisions meet in the state tournament. The 1971 season ended for Austin as they lost an opening round game in the State JC tourney. The Blue Devils dropped a 12-4 decision to Lakewood and closed the season 14-8. Rick Knutson and Don Leathers each had 3 hits in the loss. Top hitter was Rick Knutson (.409). Darrell Monson was 7-2 on the mound with 71 strikeouts. Region XIII Runner-up All-Minnesota M.J.C.A.A. TEAM- Outfielders Rick Knutson( .439) & pitcher Ed Sack (3-2 and 1.85 ERA).

Roster Included:

Jim Clennon	John McDermott	Joe Dolan
Darrell Monson	Jack Faas	Barry Oakland
Dave Feierer	Jim Schammel	Dick Johnson
Steve Seltz	Duane Johnson	John Skaar
Rick Knutson	Peter Skaar	Don Leathers
Ed Shack		

**GOLF** Coach Jim Mittun Austin was led by sophomore Clark Cipra. Austin took 2<sup>nd</sup> in a triangular to start the season. ASJC place second in their own invitational (330) with 12 teams participating. Cipra would be runner-up with a 79 in tough conditions. Members included: Dale Larson, Gregg Bellrichard, Dave Einhaus, Brad King, Greg Meyer. Austin finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the Rochester invite as Clark Cipra was the only golfer in the 70's. Cipra shot a 75 to finish second again. Austin took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Worthington invitational with their best 313 for the season. Clark Cipra shot 76, followed by Bellrichard (78), Larson (79), Einhaus( 80), and Meyer (81). ASJC finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the Bethany invitational with Cipra shooting the only 70's score with a 79. A final tune up for ASJC came with a 327-358 win over Lea College. Cipra paced the team with a 78.

Austin completed its season by finishing fourth in the State JC tournament and fourth (634) in the Region 13 tournament, but Clark Cipra was second and qualified for the NJCAA national tournament. Cipra shot 76-76=152 to finish two strokes behind the medalist. Other scores were Dave Einhaus with a 159, Gregg Bellrichard 161, Dale Larson 167 and Greg Meyer with a 167. Clark Cipra participated in the NJCAA national tournament in Flint, Michigan. He shot rounds of 85-86-80-85-336 and placed 106 out of 147 golfers.

**Track** Dave Dickinson No places scored in the first two meets. At Willmar Invite, 5<sup>th</sup> place by Daryl Gosha in discus and 5<sup>th</sup> place by 440 relay team. Gosha would score the only 2 points (4th place in discus) in the Trojan Relays. In the Region XIII, twelve teams took part in the event. ASJC scored 6 points. Stewart Wilson 5<sup>th</sup> place in discus and Al Wulff took second place in high jump. In the Minnesota State JC meet Austin scored 8 points. 3<sup>rd</sup> place by Wilson in discus, 3<sup>rd</sup> place by David Decker in 440 yd, Al Wulff 5<sup>th</sup> place in high jump and 5<sup>th</sup> place by John Kraske in 100 yd dash. Members were; Dave Decker, John Kraske, Winston Kindem, Dave Murphy, Daryl Gosha, Stewart Wilson, Al Wulff.

**Tennis** Coach Bill Goblirsch 5-1 Austin won its first three meets (no report on first win), blanking Bethany 8-0 and topping Pillsbury 6-3. Bruce Westrum, Tom Dellenbach, Emil Handke, and Mark Rathke all remained unbeaten. Dan Holwey and Craig Huber also participated. Rochester handed ASJC their first loss 6-3. ASJC bounced back and beat Bethany 6-3 to run their record to 4-1. Austin State JC finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Southern Division tennis playoff. Rochester won the event. Bruce Westrum was the only qualifier to advance to the state tournament. He was the singles champion, winning 6-2, 6-2 in the first round. He won 8-6 and 6-2 in the semifinals, and winning the championship 6-2, 6-1. Tom Dellenbach lost in the semis in the other singles. On the doubles competition, ASJC's Dan Lowrey and Emil Hanke lost in the semis after receiving a first round bye. ASJC's other doubles team Mark Rathke and Bruce marlin lost in the opening round. Austin would defeat Rochester in a dual match to finish 5-1 on the season. Freshman Bruce Westrum took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the State JC tournament, losing 2-6, 6-4, 6-3. Westrum had won 6-0, 6-0 in the quarter finals, 6-1. 6-2 in the semifinals before losing in the title match. Rochester was the state champions. Austin finished tied for 4<sup>th</sup> out of 12 teams.

**Scholar Athlete-** Sophomore Mark Rathke was named the top scholar athlete for the 1970-71 school year. Rathke had a 3.549 scholastic

average. He led the basketball team in scoring with a 20.3 average and was a regular on the tennis team. As a freshman he was also the top scorer for the ASJC and was on the track team. Rathke was presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual ASJC Academic Award Trophy.