

# 1971-72

**FOOTBALL** Coach Earl Perkins 2-6 Two additional teams entered the league (Inver Hills & Metropolitan JC), giving the MJCAA 18 teams in 1971. Austin opened the season with four offensive veterans, including QB Steve Riles, fullback Al Wulff and halfback Jim Schammel. ASJC opened their season with NIACC, rushing for only 6 yards and losing 28-0 to the Trojans. ASJC was blanked again 28-0 by Rochester but Coach Earl Perkins said, "I'm convinced that Rochester is not 28 points better than we are". Austin finished with 16 yards rushing and 73 yards through the air. They had six fumbles and 4 passes intercepted. Tim Ball would score twice and Austin defeated Inver Hills Heights 26-12. Austin led 13-0 at halftime, Inver scored the next two TD's to make it 13-12 and Austin would answer with 2 TD's in the fourth quarter to win their first game. Ron Landberg rushed for 86 yards and Rick Schieck picked off three passes to lead the Blue Devils to victory. ASJC shut out North Hennepin 10-0 to even their record at 2-2. Austin scored on a 4 yard scoring toss from Steve Riles to Tim Ball late in the first quarter. Rick Knutson's extra point kick was good for a 7-0 lead. ASJC scored again on a 17 yard field goal by Knutson in the third period. Defensively Austin was really strong, picking off four North Hennepin passes. Schieck stole two to run his total to seven this season. Normandale would use the "bomb" and beat Austin 45-7 in league play. ASJC grabbed a quick 7-0 lead on a Ron Landberg one yard TD run and Knutson's point after kick. The score was 7-7 at halftime. It was short lived and all down hill after that. An 84 yard bomb set the tone for the second half and the Lion scored 38 second half points. Willmar shut out Austin 28-0 to drop them to 2-3 in the league and 2-4 overall. ASJC fumbled the first series and Willmar cashed in and led 7-0 after only five plays. Austin recorded only seven first downs and had three turnovers in the loss. Worthington romped Austin 43-7 in conference football. Tom Edwards scored on a 32 yard run on the second play of the game and extra point kick was good by Rick Knutson and Austin led 7-0. ASJC trailed 10-7 at half and Perkins was very satisfied with the first half performance. Worthington (6-1) just man handled Austin and they dominated the second half. Austin lost its finale 31-6 to Lakewood JC to end the season 2-6. The game was played in a sea of mud. Austin fumbled 4 times that led to three scores for Lakewood. Ken Rauen earned All-Conference, All-MJCAA (offense).

Roster Included:

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| Steve Riles      | Al Wulff       | Jim Schammel         |
| Lynn Reeve       | Pat Allis      | Bruce Badash         |
| Ray Monsoor      | Dave Williams  | Dale Felten          |
| Bruce Anderson   | Ken Rauen      | Gary Gliderhaus      |
| Rick Orpen       | Brent Johansen | Bruce Bradash        |
| Dean Walsh-Cap't | Duane Johnson  | Tim Ball             |
| Randy Emanuel    | Duane Allen    | Bob Schammel         |
| Mike Holgate     | Rick Schieck   | Greg Walburn         |
| Dan Ball         | Ron Landberg   | Pat Wheeler          |
| Jerome Ahles     | Rick Mandt     | Chuck Peters         |
| Steve Jensen     | Dale Peran     | Tom Edwards          |
| Bruce Marlin     | John Curran    | Larry Moen           |
| Pat Wheeler      | Steve Price    | manager: Dave Piacek |

Assistant Coaches: Jim Dybevik, Bernie Maczuga

Scores and Schedule;

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|-------|----------------|-------|---|
| 9/12  | NIACC          | 28-0  | L |
| 9/19  | Rochester      | 28-0  | L |
| 9/26  | Inver Hills    | 26-12 | W |
| 10/3  | North Hennepin | 10-0  | W |
| 10/10 | Normandale     | 45-7  | L |
| 10/17 | Willmar        | 28-0  | L |
| 10/24 | Worthington    | 43-7  | L |
| 10/31 | Lakewood JC    | 31-6  | L |

**BASKETBALL** Coach Jim Mittun 10-10 ASJC had high goals for this season, returning Tom Smithson, Rick Knutson, and Steve Seltz. He had good shooting and team speed to be optimistic. Austin belted Waldorf 94-81 to open the season. Rebounding was a key with a 55-40 edge. Rick Knutson and Dave Winkels led the way with 23 and 22 respectively. Duane Allen pulled down 14 rebounds in the victory. ASJC spanked WWTI 83-69 for its second win in as many starts. Knutson took game scoring honors with 34 points. Austin was routed 131-62 by NIACC after trailing 71-37 at halftime. It was the worst loss on record for the Blue Devils. Dan Howley came off the bench to score 13 and lead ASJC. Freshman Steve Krupicka replaced and injured Duane Allen in the line up and scored 18 points and hauled in 19 rebounds helping ASJC edge Anoka-Ramsey 75-74 in conference basketball. Knutson (17), Dan Ball (17), and Dale Felten (14) all scored in double figures. Austin lost at tough conference game 85-81 to Willmar after leading by eight with ten minutes to go in the game. Rick Knutson (22), Dale Felten (20) led Austin in the defeat. Inver Hills JC defeated Austin despite the Blue Devils making 31 of 41 free throws. Knutson again led all scorers with 25 in the loss. ASJC gave unbeaten Worthington (7-0) all they could handle but lost a heart breaker 86-84 in overtime.

Dan Ball hit the tying bucket to put it into overtime with seven seconds to go in regulation. Felten (24), Knutson (20), and Ball (19) all had outstanding games. Austin would break its 4 game losing streak with a 88-59 win over North Hennepin in conference play. The win boosted their overall total to 4-5 and 2-4 in Southern Division play. Dave Winkels had a strong game with 20 but it was Knutson (23) again with scoring honors. Bethany defeated Austin 73-61 as ASJC made only 9 of 26 free throws. Four players were in double figures led by Dan Ball with 12 points. Dan Howley sparked a 93-84 win over Metropolitan JC in league play. He tallied 30 points in his first start of the year. Knutson (23) and Winkels (19) contributed in the scoring. Austin pulled to 6-6 on the season with a 91-75 romp over Rochester. "It was our ball handling and passing that enabled us to pull away" said Mittun. Again it was Howley with 29 to lead all scorers. Ball (19), Winkels (15) and Knutson (15) all were in double figures. Austin dropped its 6th straight road game, 115-79 to Normandale. Rick Knutson had 27 to lead all scorers. Dan Ball, a freshman guard tallied 24 but ASJC bowed to Golden Valley 104-86 in conference play. Knutson (19), Duane Allen (18) and Dan Howley (14) also reached double figures. Kirkwood JC of Iowa nipped Austin 82-81 as time ran out on the Blue Devils. It was the only second loss on home court (6-2) and dropped them to 6-9 overall. Ball again led all scores with 26 followed by Knutson with 21. Austin upset Bethany 94-90 proving home court is a nice place to play. The win halted a three game losing streak. Dan Howley led with 29, followed by Dave Winkels (20), and Knutson (16). ASJC lost its 8<sup>th</sup> straight road game 90-64 to Worthington. They are 7-10 overall and 5-8 in division play. Rick Knutson had 17 in a losing effort. Austin defeated U of M Waseca 98-62 in a "breather" in non-league play. It was the Howley (27) and Knutson (25) show again as they were the top scorers. Reserve Tom Smithson added 10 points. ASJC defeated Willmar 96-67 kept them in reach of a .500 record with two games to go. With the victory, it gave Austin a 9-2 home record and second best in team history (1961-62). All five starters scored in double figures led by Knutson (20), Duane Allen (18), Dave Winkels (17), Holwey (15) and Dan Ball (14). The Blue Devils recorded their first road victory with a 96-75 win over Rochester to end the season 10-10. (The final contest with Mankato State freshmen was cancelled). The victory also snapped a road losing streak of 17 games over two seasons. Rick Knutson scored 17 points in the second half to help his team rally. He ended up with 22, followed by Winkels (20), and Ball (18). Austin ended up 7-8 in league play and third place.

Roster Included:

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| Randy Lea   | Marv Pederson     | Bob Koch        |
| Dale Felton | Steve Seltz       | Rick Knutson    |
| Dan Ball    | David Winkels     | Tom Smithson    |
| Duane Allen | Willy Bartholomew | Derry Schroeder |
| Dan Howley  | Steve Krupicka    | Steve Krupicka  |

Cheerleaders: Jolene Nichols, Jori Nash, Barb Duren, Cathie Deirkes, Peggy Lenocho, Mary Mittag, Terri Paul;

**BASEBALL** Coach Earl Perkins 18-3 **Southern Division Champions (10-2) and MJCAA STATE CHAMPIONS.** Seven veterans return so there are high expectations from Coach Earl Perkins as defending conference champions. Duane Johnson, Steve Seltz, Joe Dolan, Rick Knutson, Don Leathers, Darrell Monson, and Jim Schammel all started last year. Austin unloaded on NIACC 7-1 in the opener. Steve Seltz had two hits and 3 RBI while Darrell Monson got the mound victory. ASJC took a pair from Lakewood JC 13-0 and 5-4 in non league action. In the opener, Austin scored 10 runs in the first inning with only three hits. Daryl Steinbrenk got the win in relief as Austin scored the winning run via an error to win the nightcap. Austin set a record for runs scored as they bombed Pillsbury 21-2 in non-league action. It was the most since 1959 when Austin scored a 20-5 win over Pillsbury. Joe Dolan homered and had two hits, Rick Knutson 3 hits, and Seltz had 2 hits. Darrell Monson worked 4 innings for the victory. The Blue Devils turned back Rochester 4-1 and 8-3 in Southern Division play. The Blue Devils are now 6-0 and off to the best start ever in the history of baseball at Austin. Austin recorded only one hit (Seltz), and lefty Darrell Monson gave up only one run and six hits for the mound win. In the nightcap, Steve Seltz got a big 2 run double to propel them to a 8-3 win. Jim Schammel pitched a five hitter and Duane Johnson collected three hits. ASJC won a pair from Worthington 8-2 and 2-1 in eight innings to set an all time winning streak at Austin. Austin now 8-0 overall and 4-0 and league, won behind stellar pitching of Monson, Tom Smithson, and Schammel. Monson worked 6 innings and gave way to Smithson in the first game, while Schammel went the distance in the nightcap. Rick Knutson banged out three hits in the opener. Jim Schammel would win the game himself with a single in the eighth inning. (Austin ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in the latest NJCAA national poll). ASJC rolled to their ninth consecutive win with a 6-2 win over Pillsbury. Coach Perkin used 4 pitchers to rest them for the regional tournament. Steve Seltz had 3 hits and Rick Knutson had two including a two run homerun. Austin upped its record to 11-0 with a double header sweep over Bethany 8-1 and 7-2. It is the best start ever and the longest winning streak ever. Darrel Monson got the mound win in game one (5-0 on the year). Austin would make it 12 in a row with a 5-3 win over Fergus Falls in the first round of the Region 13 tournament. Monson collected his first hit of his two year career for a run scoring single that put the Blue Devils ahead for good 3-2. He also struck out nine and gave up 5 hits in the win. (Austin ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in the latest poll after going 12-0 on the season!).

ASJC streak would end at 12 games as Golden Valley defeated them 4-3 in semifinal action of the Region 13 tournament. The loss possible cost the Blue Devils a trip the national tournament. Keith Grove was a one man wrecking crew with a 3 run triple and two run homerun to send the Austin home. Austin stranded 21 runners in the two regional games that proved costly. Monson took the loss in relief. Austin suffered a severe jolt by dropping a pair to Rochester 10-5 in 11 innings and 5-0 in the nightcap. The Blue Devils have now dropped three in a row. Rochester scored four unearned runs in the sixth to win game one. ASJC left runners in scoring position five different innings in the second game and could not deliver a hit. Austin got back on track with 5-2 and 8-2 wins over Bethany to move to 8-2 in the league and 14-3 overall. A bases loaded single by Rick Knutson in the first inning set the tone and that was enough runs for Darrell Monson. Knutson collected five hits for the day. Terry Rohne and Don Leathers each had three hits. ASJC swept Worthington 5-0 and 4-1 to put the Blue Devils into the state tournament. The wins gave them it's second straight Southern Division title and concluded conference play with a 10-2 mark. By winning they advanced to the State JC tourney. Darrell Monson pitched a two hitter, striking out nine for the win in the first game to go 8-1 on the year. Jim Schammel moved his record to 6-1 with his performance, walking four and striking out twelve hitters. Austin would hold on to win 10-9 over Normandale and 6-4 Fergus Falls to capture the third Annual Minnesota State Junior College Tournament. The Blue Devils capped off their most successful season ever and gave the city of Austin its second spring sports State Championship (Pacelli girls won the tennis title). And by winning the title, ASJC allowed Austin to become the first city in Minnesota history to have state baseball titles from three different schools (Austin High- 1954 and 1964, Pacelli in 1965 & 67 and ASJC). Sophomores Steve Seltz, Rick Knutson, and Jim Schammel all played key roles in the two victories. Schammel collected both mound wins, going nine innings in the first game striking out eleven against Fergus Falls. He would come in relief versus Normandale in the 9<sup>th</sup> inning and gain the win ending the season 8-1. Rick Knutson collected the game winning hit in the ninth inning to end Normandale's season and in the championship game Knutson had a double, triple, and two run homerun to give ASJC its first ever state championship. Steve Seltz, Rick Knutson, Don Leathers, and Darrell Monson named to the All-State Tourney Team. ASJC ended its season 18-3 and finished the season ranked 11<sup>th</sup> place in the final NJCAA national poll. Top hitter was Steve Seltz who hit .352 (25-71), scored 20 runs, and had 19 RBI's (all team highs). Jim Schammel and Darrell Monson both had 8-1 pitching records with Monson leading the strikeout leaders with 66 for the year. Two members of the team, Rick Knutson and Darrell Monson were named to the Region XIII team. Knutson was named to the All-North Central District Team and he was named All-State last year.

**AUSTIN SJC team named recipient of the Austin Daily Herald's sixth annual Sports Achievement Award Trophy.**

Roster Included:

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| Joe Dolan        | Terry Rohne  | Duane Johnson  |
| Jim Schammel     | Rick Knutson | Steve Seltz    |
| Don Leathers     | John Skaar   | Darrell Monson |
| Terry Rohne      | Pete Skaar   | Steve Haukoos  |
| Bob Jacobsen     | Randy Kvam   | Dave Novak     |
| Daryl Steimbrink | Al Walters   | Tom Smithson   |
| Randy Lea        |              |                |

**GOLF**

Coach Jim Mittun Record 42-21-1 ASJC

opened its season finishing 9<sup>th</sup> out of 14 teams in a tournament in Coon Rapids. Dick Weber had the best score with a 82. Weber shot a 79 to lead Austin over Lea College in dual action. A record 16 teams took part in the ASJC invitational and Austin would take 4<sup>th</sup> (333). Worthington 319) was the winner. Dan Hanson was Austin's best with an 81. Austin finished second in a 4 team tourney in Rochester. At Mankato, Austin's Rick Weber was medalist with a 75 but Austin finished 6<sup>th</sup> out of 12 teams. Dan Hanson collected the medalist honors in the Worthington invite by shooting a 72 leading the Blue Devils to 3<sup>rd</sup> place out of six teams. ASJC finished third in the State and Region XIII tournament with a 655. Rochester won the event, followed by Lakewood. Rick Weber (165), Dave Einhaus(172), Dan Hanson (162), Phil Terry (163) , and Gregg Bellrichard (185) were the scores of the two day event.

**TENNIS**

Coach Bill Goblirsch 6-3

The Austin team opened the season with a 4-3 victory over Rochester. Dr. Martin Luther won all but one match (Bruce Westrum won 6-2, 7-2, 6-3) and dethroned ASJC 6-1 in their second match. Austin would take runner-up in own quadrangular. The ASJC upped its dual record to 2-1 and 4-2 overall with a 7-2 romp over Rochester. ASJC won four of six singles; Westrum, Emil Handke lost, Bruce Marlin lost, Arnie Nelson won, Tom Johnson won, and Jim Stone won. In doubles, Westrum and Handke won, Marlin and Nelson won, and Stone and Johnson won. Austin defeated Willmar 5-2 in conference dual action. Austin defeated Metropolitan JC 5-2 to finish the dual season 6-3. In the State JC tourney, ASJC ended up third behind Inver Hills and North Hennepin. Austin scored nine points, as sophomore Bruce Westrum finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the singles. Emil Handke took 4<sup>th</sup>, Westrum won 6-0, 6-0 in the quarterfinals, 6-0, 6-0 in the semis, before losing in the championship.

**TRACK** Coach Dave Dickinson 5 meets. State-no points. Region XIII- Kevin Hays finished third in the 880 and Al Wulff fifth in the high jump for 4 points. Members were: Kirk Duholm, Winston Kindem, Stewart Wilson & Allan Wulff (2 year letterwinners); Willy Bartholomew (triple jump-38 4  $\frac{3}{4}$ "-record and 440 yd hurdles-1.02.4-record), Kevin Hays (880 yd-2.00.6-record), Randy Hartsman, and Rick Mandt (one year letterwinners.). Mile Relay-3.42.3 record (Dunholm, Kindem, Bartholomew, and Hays). Sprint Medley Relay (220,220, 440, 880) record-3.52.2 (Kindem, Kraske, Duholm, Hays). Members included: Kirk Dunholm, Winston Kindem, Stew Wilson, Al Wulff, Willy Bartholomew, Kevin Hays, Randy Hartsen, and Rick Mandt.

**SCHOLAR ATHLETE-** Don Leathers, a regular for the baseball team has been named the recipient of the school's scholar athlete award. Leathers, a catcher for two years in baseball for the Blue Devils, had a grade points average of 3.275.