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FOOTBALL Coach Earl Perkins 2-6 ASJC enters its third year with only 24 players. Coach Perkins was expecting 20 lettermen but ended up with just nine. The returning lettermen include; DB Dan Ball, DB Rich Schieck, FB Ron Landberg, OG Dave Williams. QB Brent Johannsen, HB Chuck Peters, DL Rick Mandt, kicker Rick Orpen, and OE Bruce Bradash. Austin won its opener 20-6 over U of W Waseca in the division play. Ed Noterman scored on a 75 yard run, Chuck Peters interception for a 65 yard TD, and he also scored on an end a round 30 yard run. ASJC blanked Anoka-Ramsey 14-0 in what coach Earl Perkins call ‘the most complete game by an ASJC team in my three years’. Ron Landberg and freshman QB Jim Westmoreland rushed for 60 yards apiece and Westmoreland threw for another TD. Noterman scored the final TD on a nine yard scamper in the fourth quarter. Austin would be outmanned and bombed 69-0 by Rochester in conference play. Austin gained a minus four rushing yards and only 118 total yards for the game. Inver Hills State JC had two goal line stands from the one yard line to stop Austin 13-12 in conference action. After trailing 7-0, Westmoreland scored on a one yard sneak after his team drove 75 yards to pay dirt. The point after the TD failed and the Giants led 7-6. Inver Hills scored again in the second period but the PAT failed and they led 13-6 at halftime. Twice in the third period ASJC would get it to the one yard line and could not punch it in and the Inver Hills defense stiffened. The Blue Devils did score later on Ed Noterman scoring from 2 yards out. ASJC went for the two point conversion but failed. North Hennepin would cash in on six Austin fumbles and defeat ASJC 28-14 in conference play. Two second quarter TD’s rallied the Blue Devils to a 14-14 tie at halftime. Ron Landberg and Ed Noterman each scored a TD while Landberg rushed for one two point conversion. The loss dropped Austin to 2-3. Poor pass defense would result in a 50-11 loss to top ranked Normandale. Jim Westmoreland scored from one yard out and added the two point conversion on a 3 yard keeper while freshman kicker Steve Mashka kicked a 20 yard field goal as Austin trailed 16-11 at halftime. Normandale passed for 215 yards and rushed for 201. Willmar spanked ASJC 49-6 to drop them to 2-5. The only bright spot was sophomore punter Rick Orpen, who punted seven times for a 44 yard average (he went into the game averaging 28 yards per punt). Chuck Peters scored on a 3 yard scoring toss for Austin’s only touchdown. Worthington ended Austin’s season with a 40-16 win over the Blue Devils. Fumblitus plagued the team as they lost 4 of 6 fumbles that led to Worthington’s touchdowns. Ed Noterman rushed for 125 yards and finished the year with 625. Austin ended the season 2-6. The U of M Waseca joined the league, becoming the 18th team to be included in the MJCAA Football Colleges. Rick Mandt, All-Conference, All-MJCAA (defense).

Roster included:

Steve Maukoos	QB	Jim Westmoreland	QB
Brent Johansen	QB	Rich Schieck	MB
Chuck Peters	MB	Bob Rosel	MB
Tim Swanson	FB	Ed Neterman	MB
Dan Ball	End	Ron Landberg	FB
Paul Tate	MB	Dave Williams	G
Howie Strey	C	Rick Mandt	G
Jim Johnson	G	Garth Meydt	G
Rick Orpen	T	Phil Mulet	G
Dan Morem	T	Steve Landberg	T
Mark Erickson	End	Willie Bartholomew	Fl
Greg Sattler	Fl	Don Magen	End
Bruce Bradesh	End		

Assistant Coaches: Jim Marx and Bill Riach

SCHEDULE AND SCORES

9/9	Waseca	20-6	W
9/16	Anoka Ramsey	14-0	W
9/23	Rochester	0-69	L
9/30	Inver Hills	12-13	L
10/7	North Hennepin	14-28	L
10/14	Normandale	11-50	L
10/21	Willmar	6-49	L
10/28	Worthington	16-40	L

RECORD: Two wins, 6 losses.

MEN'S BASKETBALL Coach Jim Mittun 13-11 **MJCAA DIVISION Champions (7-3)**. Five of seven starter return from last year's team; Duane Allen, Steve Krupicka, Dave Winkels, Dale Felten, Dan Ball. The Blue Devils first ten games were non-conference. Austin dropped their first two games, 97-75 to Waldorf and 108-71 to NIACC, both from Iowa. Dan Ball led them in both games with 19 and 24 respectively. It looked like it could be three in a row but a spark by Ball again (25 points and 14 rebounds) rallied his team to a 87-61 win over WWTI. Dale Felten and Jim Riles chipped in with 18 apiece. Lakewood came to town undefeated (4-0) and much bigger, but Austin overcame the odds and defeated them 76-66 to get their second win a row. "Defense, hustle and rebounding was the difference" said Coach Mittun. Riles (20), Ball (19), Felten (18), and Duane Allen (10) all had double figures. ASJC lost two more in a row, 99-89 to Golden Valley Lutheran despite Dale Felten's 33 points and 70-66 to Anoka-Ramsey. Duane Allen had a season high 21 in that game. Austin dropped to 2-4 on the season. They broke their losing streak at two with a 76-71 win over North Hennepin JC but dropped their fifth game with a 69-63 loss to Inver Grove Heights.

In the win over N.H., Dan Ball had 22, Allen (19), and three had 11 points; Felten, Riles, and Dave Winkels. In their final contest before Christmas, Ball had 18 in a losing effort to Inver Grove Heights. Ball hit a key free throw late in the game due to a technical foul to lead ASJC to a 62-60 win over Kasson-Culligan. He led all scorers with 20 points. Austin ripped Metropolitan JC 89-76 in their final con-conference match-up. The victory evened the season mark at 5-5. Dan Ball topped the 20 point mark for the sixth time (24) while Dale Felten had 21. Austin routed Bethany in the conference opener 70-48. Duane Allen had a dozen key points and had a superb defensive effort to lead his team to the best team defensive game since the 1963-64 team. The Blue Devils beat arch rival Rochester 87-77 for its fourth win in a row. "Our defense was real tough again" said Mittun. Twice Austin led by as much as 29 points. Jim Riles had 24, followed by Ball (16), and Allen (14). ASJC raised their league record to 3-0 with a 78-45 win over U of M Waseca. Austin now stands 8-5 and had won five in a row. Dan Ball took scoring honors with 21, Dave Winkels had 15, Riles (14), and Allen (10). A heart breaking triple overtime loss to Willmar 67-65 knocked Austin out of first place in the standings. Willmar (3-0) made only 9 free throws in the game, but eight of them came in the extra stanzas and two with seven seconds to go sealed the victory. The score was 51-51 in regulation, 57-57 after the first overtime, 65-65 after second overtime. Jim Riles led his team with 21 points. Austin routed Worthington 78-63 to get back on win path in conference play. Four starters fouled out but it didn't matter as ASJC were in command the whole way. Duane Allen (21), Dan Ball (21), and Jim Riles (19) provided most of the scoring. Austin was defeated by Bethany 55-48 after manhandling them earlier in the season 70-48. It dropped Austin to 4-2 in league play. The score was close all the way and without the services of Duane Allen (sick), the Blue Devils were short on scoring. Ball had 16 in the loss. Allen bounced back after his absence and led his team to a 70-68 key win over Rochester. Allen netted 22 to put ASJC (5-2) back in the race for the conference title. Austin had a 61-31 advantage in the rebounding department. Willmar leads them by ½ game in the standings. Austin kept its title hopes alive with a 76-51 win over U of M Waseca. Dave Winkels had 18 to lead his team to triumph, now 6-2 in the conference race. In a "lot at stakes" game, Austin hosted league leading Willmar and defeated them 79-61 before a crowd of 700 to move into first place in the Southern Division. The win also guaranteed the Blue Devils a trip to the state tournament. ASJC led 16-2 and 43-18 in the first half to put this game away early. Dale Felten (20), Winkels (18), Ball (17), and Riles (10) all reached double figures. Austin stepped out of conference and lost 87-85 to Iowa Lakes JC. The loss dropped ASJC to 12-8 overall. Jim Riles (24) and Dave Winkels (22) led Austin. Austin dropped its final conference and regular season game 76-44 to Worthington but despite the loss still ended by Southern Division Champions with a 7-3 record. Bethany and Willmar ended by 6-4 each. Felten, Allen, and Riles were held to a combined 13 points. Dave Winkels (14) and Dan Ball (12) were the only two in double figures. Austin entered the Minnesota State JC tourney as the number one seed from the south, and they proved it with an 89-67 win over Inver Grove Heights in the opening round of the state tourney.

ASJC dominated the boards (57-22) to ease to victory. Dan Ball was top scorer with 25, followed by Duane Allen (20), Jim Riles (17), and Dale Felten (12). Austin face top ranked Normandale (17-6) in the semi-final round, and were defeated 107-92 to drop them into the third place game. The Blue Devils turned in one of their better shooting performances of the season and scoring a season high 92 points. Dan Ball scored 30, Jim Riles had 23, and Duane Allen had 17 in defeat. ASJC dropped a 76-68 consolation battle to Vermilion JC (18-3) to end their season 13-11 and fourth in the state. After leading 25-23, Vermilion went on a 21 to 9 run and Austin never got any closer that 3 points. Three players were in double figures, led by Dan Ball (16), Dale Felten (15), and Jim Riles (13). Dan Ball was named All-Conference, All-State, All-Region 3rd team (18.9 ppg and 7.6 rb/pg)

Roster Included:

Carl Peterson	Dale Felton	Jon Iverson
Dave Novak	Stan Munson	Dave Winkels-Cap't
Duane Allen-Cap't	Steve Krupicka	Jim Riles
Dan Ball- Cap't	Pat Allis	Randy Lea
Rob Haddorff	Kevin Mahto	

Cheerleaders: Terri Paul, Peggy Lenoach, Debra Bednar, Patty Mehus, Margery Hanson, Cindy Gilderhus, Jerri Fell, Jo Allyn Huber

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Coach Vel Moen 6-2 In the women's first season under the guidance of head Coach Vel Moen, ASJC women would go 6-2 on the season. Only two scores were found. Ann Lingren scored 20 points to pace her team to a 33-30 win over St. Theresa's of Winona. The score was 19-19 at halftime. The win moved them to 3-1 on the year. Austin won their final game 35-32 over Pillsbury to finish the season 6-2 overall. Sophomores Lingren and Pam Sigurdson had 16 point apiece. Leading scorer for the season was Ann Lindgren with 93 points.

Roster Included:

Ann Lindgren	Pam Sigurdson	Joyce Shroeder
Spring Kittleson	Mary Mittun	Paula Ross
Mary Johnson	Lynn Erickson	Pam Bahls
Joyce Johnson	Cathie Ravn	Kris Dockstader
Karen Fiedler	Judy Johns	
Student manager: Brenda Haug		

BASEBALL Coach Earl Perkins 11-12 **Southern Division Tri-Champions (8-4)** with Worthington and Rochester. **Region 13 Champions.** Austin State Junior College was short of pitching as three lettermen dropped out of school leaving Coach Perkin's staff with only three quality pitchers. The only returning full time starter from last year's 18-3 team is shortstop Randy Qvam. Austin opened the season with an 8-2 win over Pillsbury. Dick Johnson went 4 for 4, Mark Rieber went 3 for 5 and Jim Riles pitched 4 and 1/3 innings of shutout ball to lead them to victory. ASJC, the defending state champions began conference play splitting games with Worthington, losing 1-0 and winning 9-7 in the nightcap. Riles took the loss in the opener despite giving up only 5 hits and no earned runs. Bob Rosel's bases loaded double in the first inning sparked a five run uprising and Austin was never in trouble in the second contest. Austin defeated Rochester in a key doubleheader 2-1 and 2-1 in conference play. Superb defense and stellar pitching was the key to both wins. Riles again was sensational with a 6 hitter in the opener and freshman Jim Lestrud fired a one hitter in the nightcap. ASJC tumbled 7-6 and 8-3 to Lakewood JC in non-conference play to drop to 4-3 overall. Jim Westmoreland went 3 for 3 in the first game. The Blue Devils swept a doubleheader from Bethany 1-0 and 10-2 to clinch a berth in the Region 13 tournament. Austin has been in the region the past two years and has not escaped the semifinal round yet. The twin bill sweep over Bethany left the Blue Devils 5-1 and on top in the league standings. Jim Riles tossed a four hitter in game one and delivered the game winning RBI with a single in the second inning. In game two, ASJC collected 13 hits and exploded for an 8-0 lead after three innings. Riles had 3 hits, Steve Arnold collected two and plated three runs. Jim Lestrud went the distance and got the mound win, firing a four hitter. Worthington (6-2) took over first place as they defeated Austin 2-1 and 10-3 in conference play. Austin drops to 5-3. It was the same old story for Riles who pitched brilliantly, giving up four hits but getting no run support in the first game. Austin lost its third and fourth games in a row, losing 3-0 and 3-1 to Bethany to drop their overall record to 5-7 going into the Region tourney. Losing pitcher Jim Riles had two hits but lost on a seven hitter. Lestrud took the mound loss in game two. The Blue Devils put it all together and won the Region XIII Tourney to advance to the Northeast District Tourney in Kankakee, Illinois. In game one of the Region, ASJC exploded for a 12-3 semifinal win over Anoka-Ramsey. They had a five run third inning and a six run seventh inning to win game one. Four players had two hits or more, led by Howie Strey who collected three. Riles finally got some run support and scattered 10 hits for the win. They would meet Normandale (16-6) who defeated Fergus Falls in the other semifinal game in the championship game. In game two Lestrud went 4 innings, giving away to Strey who pitched brilliantly in relief. Strey gave up 3 hits and no runs in four innings with Riles coming in the ninth to collect the save. Steve Arnold was the big hitter for the day, collecting four hits in the two contests. Coach Earl Perkin's Blue Devils tuned up for the District with a split with Rochester, winning 14-9 and losing 12-5. ASJC collected 29 hits in the two games. Howie Strey went 6 for 7 and scoring three runs in the games. Strey again pitched well in relief and got the win in game two.

Austin would meet Indian Hills CC, Iowa in game one of the Districts. ASJC left runners in scoring position five times and 13 for the game and lost 10-4 in game one. They were eliminated by Henry Ford JC of Dearborn, Mich. 10-6 in the losers bracket. ASJC did make a strong finish, scoring five runs in the ninth inning, capped off by a three run homerun by Jim Westmoreland. For the two games, Austin collected 21 hits but could not hold their opponents down. Austin's overall record is now 9-10. Austin swept Bethany 4-3 and 4-0 to go into a three way tie for first place in the southern division standings at 8-4. The season ended as the defending state champions were dethroned by an unlucky draw. The Blue Devils, Worthington JC, and Rochester JC all tied for first place in the southern division with 8-4 marks. The league coaches voted as to which team would represent the southern division in the state tournament. After the voting the three teams were still tied so the three teams were put into a hat and State JC Director drew Rochester. That team hosted the state tournament and ASJC season was over. Austin State Junior College was led by Howie Strey who was the top hitter with a .423 average (30-71) and was named to the All-State and All-Region teams. Jim Riles was the top moundsman with a 5-4 record with 57 strikeouts and received All-Region honors. Sophomore Randy Quam hit .365 and had a 16 game hitting streak and was named All-State, All-Region XIII, and All-Northeast District.

Roster Included:

Dick Johnson	Randy Kvam	Al Walters
Steve Arnold	Dale Gabrielson	Jim Lestrud
Mark Reiber	Jim Riles	Bob Rosel
Howie Strey	Brian Weness	Jim Westmoreland
Rob Yocum	Scorer: Todd Sealey	

GOLF Coach Jim Mittun State SJCAA runner-up. Region 13 runner-up. Austin took 6th pace in its first invitational, paced by Carl Peterson with an 83. ASJC finished 4th in the ACC invite with 16 teams participating. Rick Weber led Austin with a 79. Austin finished 5th in a 12 team tourney at Osseo with Weber low again with an 81. Mike Selmecki has his best round of the season as he shot a 78 to pace his team to a sixth pace finish. Selmecki backed his performance up with another strong showing at Rochester, shooting a 75 and finishing 4th overall. Carl Peterson shot a 78, Weber 81, Jim Neus 84 and Dennis Christianson 87. Peterson carded a 76 and finished second to lead his team to a second place finish in the 10 team field. Austin competed in the Region 13 tourney at Coon Rapids. They finished with a two day total of 635 and state MJCAA runner-up and Region XIII-runner-up (635) out of 20 teams in Coon Rapids, MN. Rochester won the event with a 628. Carl Peterson, All-Region and finished 3rd, after losing in a 2nd place tie (both shot 154 by Carl lost in a playoff). The top team and 2 individuals qualified for the nationals in Rosewell, NM. Other team members and scores in the Region XIII; Rick Webber-157, Sam Hanson-163, Jim Neus 164, and Mike Selmecki-164. The winning team and the top 2 individual finishers competed in the national championships in Rosewell, New Mexico (Peterson just missed qualifying for the tourney).

TENNIS Bill Globirisch 6-4 State MJCAA-5th place. Austin opened the season with four wins, defeating NIACC 4-2, Rochester 8-1, Metropolitan JC 8-1, and Bethany 9-0. They then lost to Willmar 5-4 and North Hennepin 4-2. In a triangular, they lost to Inver Hills 17-10, beat NIACC 10-5 and Rochester 10-4. Final regular season was 6-4. The Blue Devils had a strong showing in the State Junior College tennis tourney. Inver Hills took first with 28 points, with Austin fifth with 10 points. Fourteen teams took part. Jon Iverson of Austin reached the finals in #1 singles before losing 6-2, 7-6. He won three matches to get to the finals. In #2 singles, Dave Mjoen won two matches before losing in the semifinals. In #3 singles, ASJC's Steve Lonning won one match. In the # 4 singles, Darwin Larson lost his opening round match. In doubles, Austin had only one duo advance beyond the first round. Iverson and Mjoen had a first round bye, won 1-6, 6-2, 6-1 before losing. Only the top three teams and individual and doubles champions advance to the Region 13 tourney.

Members included:

Tom Johnson	Arnie Nelson
Steve Handke	Jon Iverson
Darwin Larson	Steve Lonning
Dave Mjoen	

TRACK Dave Dickinson Five meets scheduled.