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FOOTBALL Coach Kevin Swank 1-7 Football is back after a one year absence. First year Coach Kevin Swank, who played for ACC in the mid 70's, replaces long time veteran Earl Perkins. Swank will start nine sophomores on offense and six on defense. Normandale rolled for Austin 62-0 in the opener for both teams. The Blue Devils were held to minus 44 rushing yards in the contest. ACC did not come away with a victory over Anoka Ramsey losing 17-7 but gained some more experience and confidence. Trailing 7-0 at halftime, Austin scored on a 62 yard pass interception by Keith Schlaak. The PAT was good and the score was tied at 7-7. Anoka tacked on 10 points in the fourth quarter to seal the win. ACC had a tough day offensively gaining only 117 yards. Lakewood CC scored a 35-0 win over the Blue Devils to remain unbeaten (3-0) and kept Austin winless on the season. ACC managed only 75 yards total offense. A new season started with conference play but the result was the same as Waseca pounded Austin 30-8 in the Blue Devils homecoming game. ACC picked up their only score in the fourth quarter on a five yard scoring strike from Neil Wolf to Dennis Schrader. The two point conversion was successful. Playing their best game of the season to date, Iowa Lakes defeated ACC 26-0. Austin gained a respectable 207 yards compared to 303 for Iowa Lakes. Twice ACC was inside the 10 yard line and did not find pay dirt. The loss dropped Austin to 0-5 on the year. ACC grabbed its first win of the year as they defeated Willmar 13-7. Quarterback Neil Wolf completed 19 of 32 passes for 178 yards and the Blue Devils had 16 first downs compared to seven for its opponent. Austin scored first on a five yard TD pass from Wolf to Dave Jensen. The PAT failed and Austin led 6-0. Later in the second period Todd Towne hit Keith Schlaak with a 24 yard halfback pass. Steve Kinney converted the PAT and it was 13-0 at halftime. Defensively Austin shined with 6 quarterback sacks and four interceptions (two by Jensen). Rochester defeated Austin 32-12 as they intercepted six Blue Devil passes despite setting a school record 271 yards passing. Dean Bunting caught 8 passes for 135 yards. Austin ended its season with a 25-0 setback to Worthington. The Blue Devils could only muster up 76 yards total offense. "It's been a losing season but a very rewarding one. We now got football back at the college and I can see it only getting better" said Coach Kevin Swank. The Blue Devils ended the season 1-7 overall. Defensive back Todd Towne earned All-Conference, All-State and All-Region XIII honors. He is the sixth Blue Devil to earn All-Region. Towne had 39 solo tackles and 48 assists.

Roster Included:

Todd Towne	DB-QB	Keith Schlaak	DB
Neil Wolf	QB	Dean Bunting	E-DB
Bart Hill	DB	Steve Kinney	DB
Eric Woods	RB	Dave Spatenka	E-DB
Jon Einck	DE	Mike Bjorgo	E
Dave Hagen	DE-TE	Dave Grutkaski	RB
Dave Jensen	EB-TE	Pat Buck	LB-P
Mike Gormley	RM-LB	Jim Austin	G
Jeff Swanson	LB	Rich Larson	C
Mark Neihbur	LB	Al Wilson	LB
Larry Lester	G	Robert Larson	T
Todd Howard	T	Dale Svoboda	T
Don Holtorf	G-DT	Douglass Johnson	T
Lance Olson	E	Keven Oehler	E
Mike Kane			

Assistant Coaches: Dave Simonson, Mark Weiss

Schedule and Scores

Normandale	0-62	L
Anoka-Ramsey	7-17	L
Lakewood	0-35	L
UM of Waseca	0-27	L
Iowa Lakes	0-26	L
Willmar	13-7	W
Rochester	12-32	L
Worthington	0-25	L

Record: one win, seven losses

VOLLEYBALL Coach Nancy Carroll 4-10 Numbers were a factor for first year coach Nancy Carroll as only one letter-winner (Judy Salz) and six freshmen made up the roster. ACC lost its season opener 12-15, 15-11, 15-12, 15-9 to NIACC. "Everybody played well, especially first year player Kim Bass" said Coach Carroll. North Nennepin stopped ACC 15-9, 9-15, and 15-6 and then Waldorf tagged Austin with its third loss of the young season with a 15-1, 15-1 pounding to the Blue Devils. ACC posted its first win of the season defeating Normandale 15-9, 12-15, 15-11. Dawn Jensen, Judy Salz, and Kim Bass led them to the victory. Rochester defeated ACC 15-7, 15-7 in the triangular held in Austin. The split leaves ACC with a 1-4 record overall. ACC split another conference triangular, losing to Worthington 15-10, 15-6, before upending Waseca 15-9, 15-8. Beth LeTendre served 7 of 10 to help Austin grab a 10-0 lead against Waseca in the first game.

Cathy Pacholl came off the bench to spark a second game rally and Salz posted 8 straight ace attacks in the win. The split left Austin with a 2-5 overall. ACC competed in the Inver Hills tourney and came away with seventh place with a 15-3, 15-1 win over Minneapolis CC in the eight team tourney. They fell 15-5, 15-8 to NDSCS, lost 15-2, 15-5 to Anoka Ramsey, and Hibbing defeated the Blue Devils 15-12, 15-9 before Austin won its final match of the tourney. The losses drop Austin to 3-8. The Blue Devils earned a big conference win over Rochester 2-1 to improve its conference mark to 2-4. ACC took the first game 15-13, then lost 15-6 but won the match with a 16-14 victory. Bethany defeated Austin 15-7, 6-15, 15-8 in a non-conference match as part of the triangular. The split leaves ACC with a 4-9 mark. Worthington dropped Austin to 2-5 in the conference with a 15-2, 15-11 victory over the Blue Devils, leaving them with a overall mark of 4-10. No other scores were found.

Roster Included:

Kim Bass	Dawn Jensen
Beth Letendre	Cathy Pacholl
Michelle Osmundson	Beth Rosin
Judy Salz	

BASKETBALL Coach Jim Mittun 9-13 ACC opened its season with an impressive 87-72 win over Inver Hills. A hustling defense and a balanced scoring attack led Austin to a victory. Brent Mair and Mike Mittun each had 18 to lead five players in double figures. ACC lost a heart breaker 72-71 to Anoka Ramsey as they blew a 6 point lead with 1:38 to go. A basket by AR with 10 seconds to go sealed the win for the Rams. Dan Beert led all scorers with 24 points, followed by Mittun with 23 tallies. Northland dropped Austin to 1-2 as they handed ACC a 95-83 setback in the ACC invitational. Sophomore Mike Mittun had 20, followed by Gordie Hansen with 18, Beert with 17 and Mair with 10. The Blue Devils got their season mark back to .500 (2-2) as they edged Waldorf 81-78 in con-conference game. Mittun netted 25 points while Hansen (15), Beert (14), and John Mentz (10) all scored in double figures. ACC outscored Lakewood 26-10 in the third quarter as they collected their third win with a 72-68 win over the White Bear Lake squad. Mittun had 16, followed by Beert (14) and Hansen with a dozen. Austin defeated Normandale 96-85 in overtime to up their record to 4-2. A shot by Mike Mittun with :47 left in regulation sent the game in overtime 79-79. ACC outscored the Lions 17-6 in the extra period. Mittun led all scorers with a season high 34 points, 26 coming in the second half. ACC trimmed Willmar 80-71 in the Brainerd tourney. Beert was high scorer with 29 points followed by Gordie Hansen with 18 while Mittun had 16 tallies. In the championship game, Normandale handed ACC a 79-76 loss. Mike Mittun and Hansen each had 19 to lead the Blue Devils. Mike Wells canned a free throw with :03 remaining to give Minneapolis a 60-59 win over the Blue Devils.

“We shot less than 40% and collected only one offensive rebound in the second half which led to our loss” said Coach Mittun. Mike Mittun and Gordie Hansen each had a dozen to lead ACC in scoring. Austin ran its record to 6-4 with a convincing 92-73 win over Lakewood. Mittun (20), Beert (19), Hansen (14) and Mair (13) all were in double figures. ACC rallied trailing as much as 14 points to defeat Worthington 71-65 collecting its seventh win of the season. Mike Mittun had 25 tallies to lead all scorers. Dan Beert had a season high 28 but it wasn’t enough as Waseca handed Austin an 87-82 loss, dropping ACC to 7-5. Gordie Hansen chipped in with 20 points. Bethany defeated the Blue Devils 97-87. Hansen led the way in the losing effort with 29 points. Mittun had 19 and Mark Haddrff had 14 all in the first half. Austin dropped to 7-7 as Willmar handed the Blue Devils a 69-62 loss. Mike Mittun topped all scorers with 20 tallies. Rochester defeated ACC 73-62 in conference action dropping them to 1-4 in league play. Mittun (21) and Beert (14) were the only two in double figures. The Blue Devils lost their fifth in a row to drop to 7-9 with a 73-59 loss to Waseca. Mike Mittun had 22 in a losing effort. Austin ended its losing streak at five by defeating Bethany 82-72 upping their record to 8-9. Mittun had 21 points and 13 rebounds while Gordie Hansen had 14 tallies and 11 rebounds. ACC dropped to 8-10 as WWTI handed the Blue Devils a 91-87 loss. Mittun (20), Hansen (18), Beert (15) and Mark Haddorff (10) all were in double figures in the loss. Willmar defeated ACC 81-70 in conference action. Mittun was the only one in double figures with 20 points. Rochester upended Austin 73-72 as the Blue Devils lost yet another close one. Gordie Hansen led the Blue Devils with 21 points, followed by 16 tallies from Dan Beert. ACC ended its season 9-13. Jim Mittun reached a personal milestone as he concluded his 20th season at the Blue Devil helm and 30th overall. Mike Mittun earned All-Conference and honorable mention All-State. Mike led the southern division in scoring with a 20.2 average and hauled down 9.4 rebounds per game.

Roster Included:

Mark Haddorff	Rich Halquist	John Mentz
Steve Veverka	Neil Wolf	Dan Beert
Brent Mair	Dave Cole	Mike Mittun
Gordie Hansen	Dave Hagen	

Assistant Coach: Mark Weiss

*Jim Mittun is taking a year off from coaching basketball. ‘I thought it was time and I am able to pick up enough classes and duties in other areas in women’s athletics and physical education” said Coach Mittun. Assistant Coach Mark Weiss will take over the head coaching duties.

Cheerleaders: Sue Enright, Jill Fjerstad, Ruby Perez, Marna Rickheim.

BASKETBALL Coach Vel Moen 14-8 **Southern Division Champions** Austin lost its opener 63-46 to Inver Hills. Ruth Herzog had 20 points along with 14 tallies by Kim Bass in the loss. Iowa Lakes out rebounded ACC 48-29 and defeated Austin 49-46 in non-conference action. Laura Lukes had 21 in a losing effort. Lukes poured in 24 while Kim Bass added 20 as the Blue Devils defeated Anoka Ramsey 76-72 for their first win of the year. Lorri Cullen chipped in with 18 points for a balanced attack. ACC lost to Normandale 76-70 as the much bigger Lions manhandled the Blue Devils inside according to Coach Moen. Bass had season high with 28 while Lukes was right behind her with 24 points. The loss dropped Austin to 1-3 on the season. Austin dropped a pair of games in the Brainerd tourney, losing 72-66 to Willmar and 79-48 to a tough Brainerd ball club. Turnovers really hurt Austin against Willmar and Brainerd's size was too much for ACC in the second contest. Lukes (18) and Bass (17) led them in game one and Laura Lukes again was the top scorer with 19 versus Brainerd. The two losses drop ACC to 1-5 on the season. Undefeated Waldorf (10-0) handed the Blue Devils a 69-61 loss in non-conference action. "I can't think of a game that we played better" said assistant coach Dave Dickinson. Lukes had 23 in a losing effort. The dynamic duo of Laura Lukes and Jackie Lundberg combined for 53 points as ACC ended its losing streak at five games by defeating Worthington 77-66. Lukes scored 20 of her 31 points in the second half while Lundberg added 12 of her 22 tallies in the final 20 minutes. With the win, the Blue Devils are 1-0 in conference and 2-6 overall. ACC thumped Waseca 82-48 in league play. Laura Lukes had 20 points, four rebounds, three assists and three steals for another stellar performance. Jackie Lundberg added 15 while Kim Bass went 6 for 6 from the field and tallied 14 points. Austin won its third conference game with out a loss as they came from behind to defeat Bethany 69-63. Trailing 21-10, ACC went to a full court press and a testimony of the defense was 18 steals by Austin defenders. Lukes led four scorers in double figures with 21 points. Austin dropped to 4-7 and suffered their first league loss as Willmar defeated ACC 58-49. Laura Lukes (18) and Kim Bass (11) were the only two in double figures. An incredible second half (53 points) erased an 11 point deficit leading the Blue Devils to an 81-75 victory over Rochester in conference action. Both teams entered the contest 3-1. Laura Lukes had a season high 34 points while Lori Cullen pitched in with 14 and Ruth Herzog added a dozen. ACC picked up its fifth win (5-7) and now stand 4-1 in league play. Lori Cullen had a season high 16 points and 12 rebounds to lead ACC to a sweep over Worthington 77-66. The win vaults Austin into first place in the southern division. Lukes (14), Bass (12), and Sue Anderson (11) also scored in double figures. Freshmen Lynne Folk came off the bench to score 20 points leading the Blue Devils over Waseca 94-45 to up their record to 6-1 in conference play. Lukes led all scorers with 32 points. ACC is now .500 for the season after starting 1-5 on the season. ACC improved to 7-1 with a 74-70 win over Bethany.

Aggressive pressure by Austin led to 18 steals and the Blue Devils had four in double figures led by Lukes with 29 tallies. Austin ran its winning streak to six games with a 67-61 non-conference win over WWTI. The victory improved their overall record to 9-7. Good balance led by Lukes (22), Cullen (18), Bass (11), and Lundberg (11) led the Blue Devils to their win. ACC clinched a berth in the state tournament with an 83-75 win over Willmar upping their conference mark to 8-1. ACC shot a sizzling 62 percent for the game. Laura Lukes had 24 while Lori Cullen chipped with 20 points. Coach Vel Moen's team was very relaxed as they nailed down the division title with an 82-70 win over Rochester to give the Blue Devils their 12th win in 19 contests. "We were in control the whole way" said Moen. Jackie Lundberg has the game high scorer with 23 point going 9 for 9 from the free throw line while Lukes chipped in with 21 points. ACC improved to 9-1 in league play and won for the 11th time in their last twelve contests. For the eleventh time, ACC came up on the short end of the stick in hopes of winning its first state championship. Brained came from behind and defeated ACC 63-59 in the opening round of the state tournament. The game was tied eight times in the first half and ACC led 48-41 with nine minutes to go. Tied at 55-55, with 3:53 to go, Austin could not hang on for the win. Laura Lukes and Lori Cullen led them 18 points apiece. ACC bounced back to beat Itasca 67-56. Then in the consolation finals, Austin trailed by 17 points in the second half and rallied to defeat the Lions from Normandale 76-73 in overtime to bring home the 5th place trophy. "It's a great way to end the season" said Coach Moen. With 9:10 remaining, ACC trailed 56-39. Austin went on to outscore the Lions 27-10 for a 66-66 deadlock at the end of regulation. Five players scored in double figures. Kim Bass led with 19 points, Laura Lukes and Jackie Lundberg each tallied 15, Lori Cullen popped in 11 and Ruth Herzog added 10 points. Austin ended the season 14-8 overall and 5th in the state tournament. Laura Lukes was named All-Conference and All-State (1st team), and All-Region (1st team).

Roster Included:

Lynne Folk	Jackie Lundberg
Ruth Herzog	Wendy Dickinson
Susan Anderson	Kim Bass
Lori Cullen	Laura Lukes
Joan Tschann	Darci Buchan

Assistant Coach: Dave Dickinson

*Vel Moen will be taking a one year leave of absence and filling in will be longtime Austin High Coach Oscar Haddorff. Dave Dickinson will continue to be the assistant coach.

BASEBALL Coach Mark Weiss 3-21 Mark Weiss took over for long time mentor Earl Perkins. ACC opened up on a southern road trip to Kansas City, MO losing two doubleheaders to Maplewoods CC 10-5, 10-1 the first day and 8-0, 6-2 the second day. Maplewoods had thirty games under their belt while ACC won't even play 30 games this season. "No team likes to lose by I thought the trip was successful" said Coach Weiss. Austin lost its next two doubleheaders to drop to 0-8. Winona State defeated ACC 15-4 and 10-3 in non-league play. ACC managed only 8 hits in the doubleheader. The Blue Devils suffered their 11th and 12th losses of the season still seeking their first win of the season. ACC had 10 hits in the first game and 13 in the second as they lost 9-3 and 11-3. Bill Rogotzke went 4 for 4 in game one and added two more hits in the nightcap. Austin split a double header with WWTI to stop its losing streak at 13 games (no scores found). Normandale swept ACC 13-2 and 10-0 as both games were called due to the 10 run rule. Austin was no hit in the first game and collected only three hits in the nightcap. After dropping a pair to Inver Hills, ACC lost to Bethany twice to drop to 1-19 on the season. The Vikings defeated the Blue Devils 11-0 and 11-2. Austin again was no hit in game one and had four hits in the second contest. The Blue Devils split with Rochester, winning 2-1 in eleven innings and losing 6-4 in the nightcap. Rany Klein drove in the winning run in the 11th while Chris Jette picked up the mound win. Todd Towne had a homerun for ACC. In the final double header, ACC split with Inver Hills, losing the opener 3-2 in ten innings and winning the nightcap by a forfeit, winning 1-0. Mike Lohre was the tough luck losing pitcher in game one, going the distance scattering eight hits. ACC had only three hits in game one. In the second contest and Austin leading 3-2 after two innings, the game was forfeited as Inver Hills had a player thrown out and that left them with only eight players. "We've played well our last eight games" praised Coach Weiss. ACC completed the season 3-21 overall. Seventeen teams participated in the state with 4 divisions.

Roster Included:

Brian Anderson	Matthew Brooks
Todd Howe	William Rogotzke
Dean Bunting	Bill Carroll
Tom Harbor	Doug Weidner
Alan Helgerson	Chris Jette
Randy Klein	Dirk Larson
Rich Larson	Mike Lohre
James Taylor	John Thoe
Steve Veverka	

SOFTBALL Coach Rolf Synogron 13-17 ACC split its season opening doubleheader with Anoka Ramsey, winning the first game 9-8 and dropping the second game 7-2. Austin committed six errors in game one and had no hits in the second contest. Austin won two and lost two in the Rochester invitational. They lost to Kirkwood, Iowa 5-0, topped Willmar 7-4 and Inver Hills 3-2 before losing 5-0 to Iowa Lakes in the 5th place game. "I think we surprised a lot of people" said Coach Synogron. "We got some good pitching from Toni Wolfe and Kim Bass and our fielding was much improved from our first two games. ACC improved to 5-3 as they swept Waseca 15-4 and 10-1. Bass limited Waseca to five hits in the opener and Wolfe allowed just four hits and struck out 11 in the nightcap. Bass had three hits and 2 RBI in the first game while Pam Gilver and Peggy Olson each had two hits in game two. The Devils were out hit 25-12 and committed 9 errors as they lost a pair to Willmar 10-1 and 10-1. ACC evened its record at 5-5 overall. Austin lost another pair, this time to Rochester 12-1 and 9-1. "Errors and inexperience hurt us" said Synogron. ACC finished third in the Waseca invitational behind the back to back no-hit performances of Toni Wolfe. The Blue Devils defeated Lakewood 11-1 in the first game as Kim Bass allowed one hit and walked one in the victory. Wolfe then fired her first no-hitter as ACC defeated North Nennepin 11-0. Peggy Olson and Dawn Jensen each had two hits. Throwing her second no-hitter of the day, Wolfe completely dominated Itasca as ACC won 11-0. Normandale then defeated Austin 1-0 as Kim Bass gave up only five hits in the loss. Austin needed a perfect game and they got one in the southern division playoffs. ACC defeated Willmar 5-0 in the third game of the play-off and clinched a berth in the state tournament. In the first round, Austin lost 5-3 to Willmar. ACC, 10-10 on the season, managed seven hits and Kim Bass took the mound loss. Austin bounced back in the loser's bracket and handed Waseca a 10-2 loss. Winning pitcher Toni Wolfe limited Waseca to 4 hits while ACC pounded their opponents with 13 hits, paced by Lori Price with 3 hits and 3 RBI. The Blue Devils faced Willmar again and Wolfe was razor sharp as ACC won 5-0 as she gave up only 4 hits and struck out nine batters. Beth Rosin, Dawn Jensen, and Wolfe each collected hits in the four run fifth inning. Rochester posted a 9-1 win over ACC in the championship game. Both teams advance to the state tourney. ACC lost a tune up doubleheader to NIACC, losing 10-0 and 13-4 in non-conference action. "We really had too many errors and we just had so many individuals out of position (missing key people). Austin now stands 12-15 overall. ACC dropped its first round game 6-2 to Normandale. In the loser's bracket, Austin nipped Itasca 3-2 but was eliminated by Anoka-Ramsey 8-4. The two losses in the tournament overshadowed the stellar pitching of Kim Bass. She pitched three complete games and also was 4 for 9 at the plate. The Blue Devils finish the year 13-17.

	Roster Included;	
Kim Bass	Pam Givler	Ann Heers
Dawn Jensen	Martina Kramer	Peggy Olson
Barbara Schwab	Lori Cullen	Jill Meyer
Lori Price	Toni Wolfe	Beth Rosin
Judy Kohn		

GOLF Coach Jim Mittun MCCC-runner-up (lost by one stroke-shot 640) Region XIII-runnerup @ Rochester. ACC opened the season with a 352 finishing 6th in the Minneapolis nine team tourney. Tom Nyberg was low for Austin with an 82. ACC won the Rochester invite with a 320 score in very windy conditions led by Nyberg who posted medalist honors with a 74. Tony Regner shot a 78, followed by Todd Thompson (83), Todd Towne (85) and Chukck Westrum (93). ACC claimed its second title by winning the Willmar invitational paced by Nyberg (76) and Regner (77). Austin shot a 323 in winning by two strokes. No other regular season results were found. After the first round of the Region XIII and State tournament, ACC found themselves in first place holding a slim 3 stroke advantage over Normandale. Tom Nyberg had opening round 75, followed by Todd Towne's season low 76. Tony Regner shot a 79 while Todd Thompson fired an 86 and Todd Haney posted an 87 for the Blue Devils. Tom Nyberg was the medalist at the Region XIII and State championships. Nyberg carded rounds of 75 and 71 for a two day total of 146. This was his third medalist honor of the season. In the team standings, Normandale edged Austin 639-640 for a one stroke victory. Tony Regner fired rounds of 79-80 for 159, Todd Towne finished 164(76-88), followed by Todd Thompson (86-85), and Todd Haney, 179 (87-92). Tom Nyberg, All-MCCC & All-Region XIII (shot 75-71=146). No results were found for the NJCAA national golf tournament. Members include: Tony Regner, Todd Haney, Chuck Westrum, Todd Thompson, Todd Towne

TENNIS Dave Dickinson & Terry Dilley 4-3 **Combined State Champions** The Blue Devils dropped their second contest 6-3 to Dr. Martin Luther. ACC triumphed over Itasca 7-2 to collect their first win of the season. Curt Rosenthal, Dan Beert, Dom Berg, John Mentz, and Mark Haddorff all won at singles. Beert and Mentz won 6-4, 7-6 and Berg and Rolf Figenskau won 6-1, 6-4. ACC evened its record at 2-2 with a 7-2 win over Rochester. All the wins by the Blue Devils were two sets except #1 doubles where Rosenthal and Troy Chirpich won 6-7, 6-3, 6-3. ACC improved to 3-2 by defeating Lakewood 7-2. After dropping to 3-3, ACC rebounded with an 8-1 win over Rochester to improve to 4-3. “The men played well” said Coach Dickinson. The only loss was at #1 singles. In the Region XIII tennis championships, ACC advanced three in the finals and collected seven points in the opening day of competition. The Blue Devils finished in third place of the Region tournament and just missed qualifying for the national tournament (the top two teams advance). At #6 singles, Mark Haddorff won the gold medal with a 7-6, 6-3 triumph in the finals. Dom Berg, playing at #5, lost in the finals 7-5, 6-2. Berg and John Mentz lost in the #3 finals in straight sets 6-0, 6-4. Austin Community College captured the overall state championship, scoring 17 points edging out Hibbing and Itasca with 16 points apiece. In division play, Itasca nipped the ACC women 12-11. In the men’s play, the Blue Devils placed third with six points. Two men reached the finals. At #4 singles, Dan Beert lost 3-6, 6-4, 6-2 and at #5 singles, Dom Berg lost in the finals 6-4, 6-3. Members Include: Troy Chirpich, Dominique Berg, Dan Beert, Mark Haddorff, John Mentz, Rayce Hardy, and Curt Rosenthal

TENNIS-Women’s Dave Dickinson & Terry Dilley 9-0 **Combined State Champions** **Region XIII Champions** After winning their opener, the Blue Devils picked up their second win with a convincing 8-1 win over Itasca. The only loss was at #5 singles as Judy Poser fell 6-0, 6-2. At #1, Wendy Dickinson defeated the defending state champion 6-1, 6-4. Suzy Jahr, Lynne Folke, and Sue Rathke all won at singles. In doubles, Jahr and Dickinson, Folk and Poser, and Anderson-Rathke all were victorious. ACC improved to 3-0 as they edged Rochester 4-3. Austin gave Bethany its first loss of the season as the Blue Devils won 6-3 over the Vikings. “Everyone contributed” said Coach Dickinson. Austin played a short handed match and triumphed over Lakewood 4-0 remaining undefeated at 5-0. They would go on to win three consecutive matches to improve to 8-0. In the first day of Region tournament, ACC advanced 8 players to the championship round. The only setback as at #1 doubles. The Blue Devils edged Bethany 20-18 to claim the Region XIII tennis tournament and qualified for the NJCAA national tennis championships in Midland, Texas. “It was close and came down to the last match” said Coach Dickinson.

Capturing gold medals were Lynne Folke at #3 singles, Sue Anderson at #4, Folk and Poser at #2 doubles and Anderson and Sue Rathke at #3 doubles. With the win at #1 doubles, Bethany came within one point of the Blue Devils but Austin withstood the rally as they won the #2 and #3 doubles championships. Austin defeated Rochester (5-2) and remained unbeaten match play at 9-0. In the state tournament, ACC captured the state overall championship with 17 points. Coach Dave Dickinson said it was “kind of anticlimactic” after the Region championships. In division play, Itasca nipped the Austin women’s squad 12-11. In the men’s play, the Blue Devils placed third with 6 points as Willmar won it with 13 points. The women came away with one champion as Suzy Jahr won the #2 singles, winning the title match 7-6, 6-3. Wendy Dickinson lost in the finals at #1. Lynne Folke reached the finals and lost 6-4, 6-7, 6-1. Sue Anderson lost in the finals 6-3, 6-2. At #5, Judy Poser lost her first round match. In doubles, Jahr and Dickinson lost in the finals and Folk and Poser lost in the semifinals. Suzy Jahr collected the only point at the NJCAA tennis championships in Midland, Texas. Jahr defeated Kim Bradner of Lewis and Clark College 6-4, 6-7, 6-3 before losing 6-0, 6-2. All losing first round matches were: Wendy Dickinson, Lynne Folke, Sue Anderson, Judy Poser, and Sue Rathke. ACC doubles also lost in the opening round: Dickinson and Jahr, Folk and Poser, and Anderson and Rathke. Members include: Sue Anderson, Wendy Dickinson, Suzy Jahr, Lynne Folke, Judy Poser, Sue Rathke.