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BASKETBALL Coach Hal Cuff 12-8 Balance is the keynote for the AJC quintet as it set out its new campaign. The Blue Devils would open the season with a 64-45 win over Pillsbury. In its season home opener, Waldorf would defeat Austin 73-68. Starting guards Ed Vilt and Maurice Joel topped AJC scoring with 20 and 18 respectively. The Blue Devils would shoot lights out in its next contest and dethrone the Mankato freshmen 93-71 in non-conference action. Joel was the leading scorer with 25 to lead five scorers in double figures. In a return contest with Pillsbury, AJC would outscore Pillsbury 70-58 to go 3-1 on the young season. Center Lynn Renville paced the Blue Devils with 19 points. Austin would hit the century mark and top Dr. Martin Luther College 101-77 in SMJCC action. After a low scoring first half (38-28 in favor of Austin), the pace really picked up with AJC scoring 63 points the second half. Gary Schumacher, the 6-2 forward would pour in 40 points on 16 field goals and 8 of 10 free throws. Austin would make it five of six in the win column with a 101-84 victory over the Winona State freshmen. Once again it was the Shumacher show as he scored 39 points, followed by Maurice Joel with 17. Hibbing would defeat Austin 79-63 to end their four game winning streak. "It's out of the fire and into the firing pan" said Hal Cuff as it travels to always potent Bethany for their next contest. Defending champion Bethany would throttle AJC 93-68 in conference action. Bill Booher would spark the offense with 25 points. The Blue Devils would lose to Waldorf for the second time 92-87 as Maurice Joel would lead all scorers with 30 tallies. A 61 point second half propelled Mason City to a 100-86 triumph over Austin in non-conference action. Joel again would lead his team in scoring with 24, followed by Booher with 21. AJC defeated Worthington 92-74 and put the skids on a four game losing streak. The victory left them 2-1 in SMJCC play and 6-5 overall. All five starters hit double figures. Brian Johnson had his best game of the year with 14 points. The Mankato State freshmen would return and defeat Austin 89-73 after earlier in the season being defeated 93-71. It was the poorest shooting night all season according to Coach Hal Cuff. Austin JC would have five men in double figures and humble Rochester 78-62 to record their third win in four conference tilts. Ed Vilt would lead all scorers with 23 points. Austin would nudge Dr. Martin Luther 77-74 on the road and move into first place in the conference standings. Joel would lead four players in double figures with 26 points. Concordia (5-1) thumped Austin (4-2) 71-58 to take over second place in the conference race.

Lynn Renville would finish with 21 to lead his team in defeat. Austin would hit the century mark for the third time this season and coast to a 100-83 victory over Worthington. Five men would score in double figures, led by Ed Vilt with 24. The Blue Devils would stun undefeated Bethany 88-84 in a hectic finish. AJC would see its first lead 66-65 with 10 minutes to go and it was a dog fight all the way to the end. Renville would score 32 and Brian Johnson would chip in with 15. The two combined for no points in an earlier loss to Bethany. Austin would defeat Rochester as six players would reach double figures. The win moved them to 7-2 in the conference. A thirty foot last second shot by Maurice Joel as the buzzer sounded gave Coach Hal Cuff's AJC cagers undisputed second place (8-2) in the SMJCC with a 75-74 win over St. Paul Concordia. All five starters counted in double figures led by Lynn Renville with 16. The Blue Devils would qualify for the Region XIII tournament and face Ely Junior College in the opening round of the eight team field. The winner advances to the NJCAA national tournament. Austin would lose 72-70 in a last second frenzy and be eliminated in the tournament and sent home. In the final 19 seconds and the Blue Devils down two points, guard Maurice Joel would miss on a field goal attempt, teammate Carroll Austinson would try a rebound shot only to be missed, and then Brian Johnson would come up with the ball. His attempt went in but the officials ruled the basket came a fraction of a second after the final buzzer. Joel had 22 points to lead four scorers in double figures. The loss ended AJC's season with a 12-8 record and conference champions.

Roster Included:

Lynn Renville	Bill Booher	Brian Johnson
Ed Vilt	Morris Joel	Dave Underwood
Carroll Austinson	Ron Kraft	Larry Heimmsness
Bob Bulger	Ed Draheim	Clayton Pike
Ed Draheim	Joe Davison	

Assistant Coach: Al Lehrke

WRESTLING Coach Kay Kompe 0-5-1 Coach Kompe has four lettermen returning in his second season which include: Clint Wolfe (137), Brian Christianson (147), Roger Loescher (167), and Jerry Rolfson (177). They would open the season with a 22-3 loss to the Mankato State freshmen. Christianson was the only winner with a 3-0 decision. Kompe's team would lose their first five matches and then prevent a winless season with a 16-16 deadlock with Rochester in their final regular season dual match. Jim Erickson (167) got the final pin fall victory while Christianson and Wolf both recorded decisions. Dave Erickson (123) got the remaining 5 points with a forfeit. No results were available for the SMJCC meet at Worthington.

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Clint Wolfe	Brian Christianson	Dave Erickson
Jim Erickson	Jerry Rolfson	Roger Loescher
John Lafferty	Dick Windfeldt	

BASEBALL Hal Bergeson 13-1. (12-0) **Central Minnesota College Conference Champions** (CMCCC). Conference members include; Austin, Concordia, Pillsbury, Luther, Bethany, and Northwestern). Coach Bergeson was optimistic going into the season with a veteran pitching staff led by Jim Ulwelling and Warren Wollenburg along with newcomers Maurice Joel and Bill Booher. Austin would open the season with a 7-4 win over Waldorf. Four pitchers would see the mound with Joel picking up the win as he struck out 9 hitters in four innings of work. AJC swept Concordia 4-3 and 10-0 in conference action as Dave Hatten was the hitting star with 4 hits and the game winner in the opening contest. Joel pitched 9 innings for the win in game one while his teammates Jim Ulwelling and Bill Booher would shutout Concordia in the second game. Coach Bergeson's unit defeated Pillsbury twice in non-conference action 5-2 and 13-1 to run its season record to 5-0. Gary Schammel would hit a 3 run home run in game one and Ulwelling one hit his opponents in game two for the sweep. The strong AJC next foe was Northwestern and Austin triumphed over the Minneapolis squad 5-0 and 16-1 to remain undefeated. Joel again would record a mound victory with 11 strikeouts in the opener. In the second contest, Norb Schmitt and Dave Hatten each had a triple, double and single in the 15 hit attack. Jim Ulwelling went the distance and scattered 4 hits for the win. In a cold, chilly wind Austin would extend its winning streak to nine games with 8-2 and 8-1 double header victories over Dr. Martin Luther. Warren Wollenburg would get his first mound win by going the distance in game two limiting DML to two hits. Maurice Joel, a right hander would strike out 11 and walk none in the opener. A five run uprising in the bottom of the sixth inning carried Waldorf College to an 8-3 victory over Austin, ending the Blue Devil's nine-game winning streak. AJC would collect only 3 hits as Wollenburg suffered the mound loss.

Austin remained undefeated in CMCCC action rapping Pillsbury 4-0 and 4-1 in conference action. Jim Ulwelling and Maurice Joel went the distance in both contests giving up two and three hits respectively. The powerful AJC baseball team would wind up the season 13-1 with a double victory over Dr. Martin Luther, 5-3 in eight innings and 8-3 in the nightcap. The Blue Devils would explode for 3 runs in the top of the eighth inning aided by Joel's two run double who also got the mound win with a six hitter and striking out 11 batters. The second game was cut to 5 innings due to darkness. Schmitt and Carroll Austinson each had 4 hits while Ulwelling and Joel shared the mound duties for the final victory of the season.

Roster included:

Jim Ulwelling	Gary Schammel	John Greenameyer
Dave Hatten	Warren Wollenburg	Norb Schmitt
Carroll Austinson	Bob Bulger	Mike Gilson
Ron Hodge	Ed Vilt	Maurice Joel
Bill Booher		

GOLF Coach Harold "Red" Hastings 6-0 **SMJCC Champions.** Clayton Pike would lead his team to a 6-0 undefeated season. Austin would defeat powerful Rochester twice during the regular season by one and sevens strokes. As defending SMJCC champions, AJC would have a good back nine and capture the conference championship again with a four man total of 336 to defeat Rochester (357) and Concordia (377) for the team title. It was the second year in a row that the Blue Devils would go unbeaten. Clayton Pike paced the team with an 81, followed by Wes Inman (84), Ralph Bjork (85) and Dick Soiny (86). Al Highum, the fifth member shot an 87.

TENNIS Coach Bill Evans. A final season record was not found but Austin held victories over Concordia JC and Pillsbury. It was the first defeat in two seasons for the Concordia netters. Rochester would win the SMJCC and dominated the event by sweeping the singles and doubles championships. Members of the team were; Bill Krueger, Gary Eagan, Jim Davis, John Bonnes.