

# 1964-65

## No Football

**BASKETBALL** Coach Hal Cuff 10-9 It will be a rebuilding year of sorts as AJC according to Coach Hal Cuff. Austin returns five lettermen, including starters Mike Burke and Ed Hanson. Cuff expects help from two Pacelli graduates, Rich Decker and Jerry Ulwelling. The Blue Devils would open the season with three non-conference games, losing the opener to Pillsbury 86-73, defeating the Mankato State freshmen 77-75, and losing on a last second shot to Mason City 99-97. Ulwelling, Burke and Decker have been their top three scorers in each of the three contests. Austin would begin conference play with a 74-68 triumph over Concordia of St. Paul. The Blue Devils blew a 13 point lead in the second half and the Comets pulled within two, 70-68 with one minute to play. Jerry Ulwelling would lead all scorers with 25 points. Five of seven players would hit double figures and hot shooting Austin would defeat Bethany 88-78 to go 2-0 in early conference action. Again it would be Ulwelling topping the scorers list with 26, followed by Chuck Granholm (17), Mike Burke (16), Mike Ferguson (15) and Rich Decker who had 14. Waldorf would spank the Blue Devils 104-85 in non-conference play and even their record at 3-3. "Defensively we made too many mistakes" said coach Cuff. Ulwelling (27) and Burke (23) would pace Austin in the losing effort. A big and well balanced Worthington defeated the Blue Devils 105-95 in a thriller in SMJCC action. With less than two minutes to go, Austin trailed only by four points but could get no closer. Mike Burke had a season high 33, followed by Ulwelling (22) and Granholm (19). The Blue Devils dropped to 3-5 overall as Willmar would score in a late flurry and win handily 93-73 in conference play. Ulwelling would pace the scoring with 23, while Burke (22) and Rich Decker (15) also found double figures. Free throw shooting would be the margin of victory as Austin defeated Dr. Martin Luther 78-73. Despite being out goaled 32-29, Austin would hit on 20 of 27 free throws compared to DML who shot 9 of 20. Burke led all scorers with 26 points. After leading 42-34 at intermission, Bethany would storm back and triumph over Austin 82-71 to break a four game losing streak, dropping them to fourth place in the SMJCC standings at 3-3. Ulwelling would score 21 to take over as the team's leading scorer. Austin JC would upset Rochester in league play 89-68 and the big victory hoisted Austin's conference record to 4-3. Balanced scoring, good rebounding, and sticky defense by Tom Ennen and Mike Burke contributed to the successful performance. After being soundly beaten by Waldorf earlier in the year, Austin would return the favor and rap the Forest City squad 113-86 in non-conference action. The Blue Devils scored 67 points in the second half to pull away to the victory. Three of the starters scored over twenty points led by Burke (29), Rich Decker (25), and Ulwelling (24).

Austin would make it three in a row with a 79-67 win over Concordia in league play. The win improved them to 5-3 in the conference and 7-6 for the season. Again it was Ulwelling (26) and Burke (23) to lead in scoring. After being upset by Rochester, an aroused Willmar team thumped Austin 102-59 to snap a three game winning streak. The Austin JC team came back with a sparkling performance to overwhelm Dr. Martin Luther 105-61. Forward Tom Ennen played his best game of the year and led all scorers with 21 points. Hal Cuff's scrappy basketball team fought off late foul trouble and defeated Worthington in overtime, 106-100 in an important SMJCC contest. The win moved them to 7-4 in league play and third place behind Willmar and Rochester with one game remaining. Austin would top the century mark for the third consecutive time by rapping Pillsbury 110-82 in con-conference action. Mike Burke (28), Rich Decker (25), Tom Ennen (16), Jerry Ulwelling (15) and Gary Hovland (13) would all score in double figures. In a must win game against Rochester to qualify for the region tournament, Austin would lead at half 43-38 but succumbed to the Yellowjackets 91-77 to end the season 10-9 overall and third place in the conference. The defeat snapped a three game winning streak and it squared the series between the two teams as Austin downed Rochester 89-67 in the first outing. Ulwelling would led Austin with 28, followed by Ennen (22) and Burke (13). Burke would finish the season averaging 21.2 (403 points) while teammate Jerry Ulwelling averaged 21.1 (401 points). Both would be named to the SMJCC All-Conference team.

Roster Included:

Mike Burke	Rich Decker	Tom Ennen
Charles Granholm	Gary Hovland	Robert Denny
Larry Libersky	Bruce Rogne	Dave Taylor
Jerry Ulwelling	Lynn Balgeman	Doug Saaranen
Bruce Rogne	Dan Moulton	

Ass't Coach: Al Lehrke

**WRESTLING** Coach Fred Kinney 2-5-1 Coach Fred Kinney's team dropped its opening match 26-6 to the Mankato State freshmen. Bill Anderson (123) and Ed Bakke (137) were Austin's only winners. AJC would defeat Luther College 19-13 to get their first win of the season. Kermitt Watts (130), Bakke (137), Ed Neary (147), Gary Wright (157) and Charles Smith (177) all won matches for the Blue Devils. Kinney's team would lose a heart breaker to Willmar 18-16 in a SMJCC match. Two pins late in the match would allow Willmar to overtake Austin who led 16-8. Wattts, Neary, Bakke, and Wright all won decisions. Austin defeated the Augsburg freshmen 23-18 to up their record to 2-2. Austin won 4 of 8 matches and three were by pins. Watts, Neary, and Wright all recorded pins, while Bakke scored a decision in the victory. Austin would lose its next match to Concordia 25-10. (no individual results available).

In a return match, Austin and Willmar would tie 18-18 as both teams won four matches, three by falls. Ed Bakke, Ed Neary, and Charles Smith scored pins while Bill Anderson (193) won by decision. Rochester would dominate and win 25-3 and stretched their string of victories to eleven matches. Austin dropped to 2-4-1. Anderson (123) was the lone victor. In back to back matches with Rochester, the Blue Devils would be shutout 30-0 by Rochester leading up to the SMJCC tournament. Kermitt Watts and Ed Bakke won consolation titles in the annual SMJCC tournament won by Rochester who scored 99 points. Austin was fifth out of six teams by collecting 16 team points. Austin would finish 2-5-1 for the season. Worthington would host the NJCAA national wrestling tournament and Coach Fred Kinney took five wrestlers to compete; Kermitt Watts (123), Ed Bakke (137), Ed Neary (147), Larry Fisher (157), and Charles Smith at 177 pounds. More than 160 wrestlers competed in the event. Austin's Ed Bakke finished runner-up at the 123 pound division losing 2-0 in the finals to Gene Parrish from Lamar, Colorado. Bakke drew a first round bye, won 4-1 and 6-1 to get into the championship match. Ed Neary gained the consolation finals but lost. Austin would score 9 team points to finish 10<sup>th</sup> out of eleven teams.

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Bill Anderson	123	Kermitt Watts	130
Ed Bakke	137	Ed Neary	147
Gary Wright	157	John Mc Grath	167
Charles Smith	177	Larry Fisher	157

**BASEBALL** Hal Bergeson 5-12 Only three lettermen return in a rebuilding year for Coach Bergeson headed by John Hastings. Austin would drop its opener to Mason City 2-0 in a well played contest. Charlie Granholm collected two of the four hits by Austin. Austin JC defeated Pillsbury 10-0 to win their first game. Lonnie Williams and Dan Moulten limited Pillsbury to two hits. Hal Bergeson's team would upend Bethany twice, 10-1 and 8-1 to improve to 3-1 in league play. Hastings would pitch 3-hit baseball in the first game, fanning nine while teammate Tom Ennen had two hits, a triple and double. The Blue Devils would send 13 men to the plate in the first inning of game two and win easily 8-1. Willmar Community College gained a sweep over Austin 8-5 and 5-4 leaving Austin at 3-3 overall and 2-2 in the conference. Austin would drop two more SMJCC games, this time to Dr. Martin Luther by the scores of 4-3 and 3-2. Hal Bergeson's team continued its tailspin by losing 7-1 to Waldorf in non-conference action. St. Paul Concordia would come to two and sweep Austin 4-0 and 4-1 to extend the Blue Devils losing streak to seven games. Austin would snap their losing streak by defeating Dr. Martin Luther 14-7 but dropped the nightcap 3-1. Austin would explode for 14 hits in the opener, led by Rich Decker's homerun and John Hastings 3 hits. The Blue Devils would lose a pair to Concordia 11-5 and 3-1 in conference action to leave them 4-11 on the season.

They would go on to split with Pillsbury, winning the opener 8-0 and then losing 3-1. Lonnie Williams went the distance for the complete game shutout. He fanned eleven and walked three batters. Hal Bergeson's team lost both ends of the double header to Willmar 6-5 and 3-0 to close out the season 5-12. Austin blew a three run lead in the seventh only to lose in 13 innings in the first contest. Austin had only 5 hits total in the two games played.

	Roster Included:	
Larry Libersky	Chuck Butler	Rich Decker
Tom Ennen	Gary Feeley	John Hastings
Dennis Jacobsen	Dan Moulten	Mike King
Bill Klusmeir	Lynn McAlister	Tom Struck
Lonnie Williams	Charlie Granholm	Paul Buck
Jerry Jacobsen		

**GOLF** Coach Red Hastings 13-1 **SMJCC Champions**  
**Region XIII Champions.** No letter-winners return off last year's 12-1 team but a talented new crop gave Coach Hastings optimism for the season. Austin would set a school record in its first match by defeating Worthington 306-324. For the first time in history, every man broke 80 in posting a 18- hole score. Gary Pratt (75), Dick Burroughs (76), Steve Hoag (77), and Tom Smith (78) all are freshmen. The Blue Devils later in the year would beat Rochester 297-341 to set a couple more records. The 297 was the lowest ever shot by an Austin team and Hoag fired a 33-36=69 for the best score ever shot by and Austin golfer at Soldiers Field in Rochester. A final win over Concordia 324-360 moved their season record to 13-1. Their only blemish was a 312-322 loss to Carleton freshmen. Under difficult playing conditions, Austin would defend their title and win the SMJCC golf title tallying 339 points to win the tournament by 19 strokes over runner-up Worthington. In 40 degree temperatures and a brisk north wind, Austin's Steve Hoag would cop the medalist honors shooting an 80. Gary Pratt finished at 84, Dick Burroughs (86) and Doug Gebhardt shot 89. Coach Harold Hastings team would win the Region XIII championship and advance to Grand Rapids, Michigan for the NJCAA national golf championships As a team they shot 1294 (11<sup>th</sup> place out of 16 teams). Steve Hoag-314(23<sup>rd</sup> place), Dick Burroughs-322(38<sup>th</sup>), Gary Pratt-323(40<sup>th</sup>), Doug Gebhardt-335, Tom Smith-337. Mike Buck was the other member of the team.

**TENNIS** Coach Eugene Auringer. 6-3 **SMJCC Champions**

Two lettermen are back after last year's undefeated season and conference champions. They are Bob Jensen and Danny Knutson. The two time defending SMJCC champions opened the season defeating Bethany 5-4. Austin would win their first five matches before losing to Concordia 3-2 in a match halted by rain. Playing without their #3 player Chuck Hutchings, Austin would lose again 4-3 to Rochester in conference action. They would defeat Willmar 4-0 before ending the regular season in a 6-3 loss to Bethany. Sparked by terrific play of Dan Knutson and the title winning doubles of Bob Jensen and Chuck Hutchings defending champion Austin JC repeated for the SMJCC tennis title. It was their third straight title for Coach Eugene Auringer, who finished the regular season with a 6-3 record. Austin would tally 11 team points, followed by Bethany with 7 for second place. Seven teams took part in the event. Knutson wound up in second in the singles competition, losing 6-2, 6-1 in the final after winning three straight matches. Jensen-Hutchings drew a first round bye, then won 6-1, 6-1 to move into the finals. There they defeated their opponents 6-0, 6-3. Members; Dan Knutson, Bob Jensen, Chuck Hutchings, Bill Hareid, Ross Harrison, and Darol Westphal.