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BASKETBALL Coach Jim Mittun 9-11 Six lettermen including two regulars opened the season. Veterans included; John Taylor, Dan Leimbeck, Jim Turner, Tom Wobbrock, Gary Hendrickson, and Tom Windfelt. Pillsbury College defeated Austin in the opener 85-68. The score was tied 54-54 before Pillsbury ended with a flurry. Jim Turner led all scorers with 18 points. Austin defeated NDSU freshmen 70-68 on a last second shot by Turner to preserve the win. John Taylor scored 25 points while Turner chipped in with 13. Austin was defeated by Wahpeton Science, N.D. 96-70 in non-conference play. Taylor turned in another outstanding performance with 26 points while picking off 13 rebounds. ASJC put everything together in an 87-66 win over Anoka-Ramsey before 450 frenzy home fans. Austin held a 65-42 dominating edge in rebounding that led them to victory. Jim Turner had 23 to top all scorers, followed by Dan Bjerke's 17. NIACC of Mason City defeated Austin 89-79 in non-conference action. Tom Ferguson led ASJC with 17 points. Austin would level its pre-holiday schedule at 3-3 with a non-conference win over Rochester 88-84. Behind the steady firing of Taylor (22), Bjerke (11) and Tom Schulenberg (14), the Blue Devils would take command with ten minutes to go and lead the rest of the basketball game. Austin dropped a hair-raising contest to undefeated North Hennepin (9-0) 81-78 in overtime to conclude their non-conference schedule at 3-4. Dan Bjerke was tops with 19, Gary Hendrickson had 17, Turner chipped in 14 and Taylor had 13. Austin would lose to Bethany (no score found), then bounce back to defeat Dr. Martin Luther 91-71 to find themselves 1-1 in league action. John Taylor led all scorers with 21 points and had 21 rebounds. Willmar blitzed ASJC 92-70 to remain undefeated in league action. Willmar entered the game averaging 117 points per game. Taylor had 14 to lead four players in double figures. Austin's record dipped to 4-7 overall and 1-3 in SMJCC action with a 89-81 loss to North Hennepin. Foul trouble plagued Austin as three fouled out (Taylor who scored only 2 points, Schulenberg, and Dan Leimbeck). Dan Bjerke scored 26 to lead his team. Austin had its best offensive showing of the year and defeated Normandale 108-84 in SMJCC play. Center John Taylor and guard Jim Turner each scored 25 points. In a make up game, Austin defeated Anoka Ramsey 101-79 as they led all the way. Turner (22), Dan Bjerke (20), Tom Schulenberg (18), and Leimbeck (12) led a balanced attack. Playing before 1,000 fans at the Metropolitan Sports Arena, Austin dropped Golden Valley 76-66 for their third straight victory. The game was a preliminary to the Minnesota Pipers versus Denver in ABA basketball. The victory lifted Austin to 4-3 in league play.

John Taylor scored 19 points and hauled down 18 rebounds to take control after trailing at half-time by one, 40-39. Turner (16), Bjerke (14), and Tom Ferguson (13 points and 17 rebounds) all had solid performances. Austin's streak was ended by Worthington as they defeated them 84-76 to drop them to 7-8 overall. Turner scored 21 to take over the ASCJ's individual scoring honors. Austin would fall behind 17-6 to Metropolitan JC and rally to win going away 95-74 in conference action. Taylor had 18 to lead five in double figures. Big 6-6 sophomore John Taylor had his best game of the year with 28 points but it was not enough as the Blue Devils fell 76-70 to Rochester. ASJC defeated winless Lakewood (0-11) 105-63 in its final home game. All thirteen members scored led by John Taylor's 13. Taylor scored 31 points in a losing effort to Normandale 120-111 to end the regular season 9-10 and 6-5 in league action. Bjerke added 19 points in the defeat. ASJC dropped a first round 85-72 decision to Worthington in the 2nd annual SMJCC tourney. John Taylor suffered torn ligaments in the first half sealed ASJC's doom against Worthington. Tom Schulenberg led Austin with 19, followed by Bjerke with 14 and Jim Turner had 11. The loss left Austin with a 9-11 overall record. John Taylor earned All-SMJCC honors, All-State, 2nd team All-Region XIII for Austin State Junior College. Taylor averaged 16.9 points and 18 rebounds per contest.

Roster Included:

Duane Kocik	Bruce Knutson	John Torgrimson
Dan Leimbek	Brian Ojanpa	Gary Hendrickson
Tom Winkels	Ban Bjerke	Tom Ferguson
Jim Turner	Tom Schulenberg	Tom Windfeldt
Vern Von Feldt	Tom Woddbrock	John Taylor

Cheerleaders: Sandra Hill, Patty Carney, Peggy Carney, Connie Erickson, Shareen Krupicka, Mary Lauritzen, Margaret Orlowski, Mary Jo Tubbs.

WRESTLING Coach Fred Kinney 5-7 (5-2 SMJCC duals). ASJC would drop its first to matches, 23-16 in the opener to Pillsbury and 35-0 to NIACC from Mason City. The losing streak extended to three with a 20-16 defeat to North Hennepin JC. ASJC lost three matches by one point. The only pin was recorded by Austin's Bill Madsen (177) in 7:56. Austin would record its first victory by defeating Bethany 23-13 in SMJCC action. Roy Weber (123) got his first win of the season. Maynard Gilbert drew even at 137 pounds. Back to back pins by Mike Jorgenson (145) and Mitch Morrison (152) put them in front for good. Austin lost to Waldorf 25-8 to drop to 1-4. Coach Fred Kinney's Blue Devils picked up their 2nd win in seven starts with a 30-3 walloping of North Hennepin who had owned an earlier 20-16 win over Austin. Sparking the win was Mitch Morrison who recorded his sixth straight win (6-1) by winning 12-6 over his opponent. Bill Modine cracked the win column with a 4-0 win at 160 pounds. ASJC edged Anoka Ramsey 18-17 in a SMJCC match.

Modine at 160 pounds and Calvin Ripple (Hwt) had big wins for Austin. Morrison drew at 10-10 with his opponent. Austin lost to Waldorf for the second time 27-8 to drop to 3-6 overall. Maynard Gilbert hikes his record to 6-2-1 with a win and Morrison (7-1-1) recorded a pin over his opponent. ASJC lost to unbeaten Worthington (10-0) 28-3. Bill Modine (160) was Austin's only winner. ASJC defeated Metropolitan 20-11 before 200 fans to move to 4-2 in league play. Weber (123), Gilbert (130), Jorgenson (145), Morrison (152), Bill Mardsen (177), and Ripple (HWT) all recorded wins. Austin dropped to 4-8 with a 32-5 loss to Rochester. The Blue Devils ended their dual season by whalopping Lakewood JC 32-3 closed the season 5-7 and 5-2 in SMJCC matches. Gilbert moved his record to 8-3-1 with a decision, while Morrison is 9-3-1 after his decision at 145 pounds. Austin SJC qualified six wrestlers to the NJCAA tournament as they finished fourth out of ten teams in the SMJCC meet. Mitch Morrison and Bill Mardsen each won two matches and losing in the finals to take 2nd place. Heavyweight Dick Hagan took 3rd, while Bill Modine and Calvin Ripple ended 4th. Morrison, Mardsen, Gilbert, Weber, Modine and Ripple will all make the trip to Worthington for the national championships. Phoenix College would win its second straight title. (No scores were found).

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Roy Weber	123	Maynard Gilbert	130
Dan Reinartz	137	Mike Jorgenson	145
Mitch Morrison	152	Douglas Hahn	160
Bill Modine	160	Ron Bergstrom	167
Bill Mardsen	177	Dick Hagan	Hwt
Calvin Ripple	Hwt		

BASEBALL Coach Earl Perkins 10-8 First year coach Earl Perkins took 19 prospects to open the season with Boone, Iowa. After getting rained out to Boone, ASJC lost to Waldorf 13-5 in the opener. No score found in the second contest (won) but a 13-5 over Waldorf upped their record to 2-1. Austin won its conference opener with a 15-3 win over Normandale. Brian Ojanpa picked up the mound win with 6 innings pitched. Tom Winkels, Mark Ramlo, and Bob Smith each had 2 RBI's. Third baseman Roger Keller smashed a triple and two run homerun as ASJC defeated Willmar 3-2 in conference action. Dan Bjerke would go nine innings for the win, striking out 9 and walking none. Austin would lose two non-conference games to Pillsbury 6-5 and 3-0 to drop to 4-3 on the season. Ojanpa suffered his first loss of the year. Austin would bust loose for 11 hits and defeat Bethany 5-0 to remain undefeated (3-0) in conference play. While Bjerke was shutting out Bethany Jerry Anderson was collecting three hits. ASJC came back to win 6-4 over Anoka-Ramsey to stay on top at 4-0 in the league. Austin committed six errors and escaped with the win.

Roger Keller tied the score at 4-4 with a homerun and Brian Ojanpa retired 18 straight hitters at one point to win his 4th game in five contests. ASJC defeated Pillsbury 12-2 and 6-3 in a pair of five inning contests in non-conference play. Austin now has an 8-3 overall record. The Blue Devils were hammered by Metropolitan 14-1 in conference to drop into a tie for first place with four other teams. Metro is coached by Arlan Burmeister, Austin's coach last year. The Blue Devils committed nine errors in the loss. ASJC lost a heart breaker 6-5 to Lakewood JC to drop out of first place. After leading 5-2 going into the 8th inning, Lakewood erupted for 4 runs to defeat the Blue Devils. Mark Ramlo collected 3 hits in the loss. Austin would lose to Lea College 10-5 in a non-conference game and defeat Dr. Martin Luther 3-2 in its next two games. The split left them 9-6 overall and 5-2 in the league. ASJC would split its next double header, as they blanked the Mankato freshmen 2-0 only to lose the nightcap 7-5. Ojanpa pitched a shutout despite giving up 9 hits in the first game. Austin lost its final game 10-6 to North Hennepin JC to finish its year at 10-8 and third in the conference at 5-3. Dick Mullenbach had three hits while Brad Sandvick and Jerry Anderson each collected two apiece. Austin's top hitter was Brad Sanvick (.314) and Brian Ojanpa led them in pitching with a 5-3 mound record.

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Jerry Anderson	Danny Bjerke	Barry Helland
Roger Keller	Richard Mullenbach	Brian Ojanpa
Mark Ramlo	Paul Sanders	Brad Sanvick
Robert Schumacher	Robert Smith	John Torgrimson
Gerald Wacholtz	David Watkins	Tom Winkels
John Leif	Kip Sanders	Doug Johnson
Calvin Ripple		

GOLF Coach Jim Mittun 43-1 **SMJCC Champions** Region XIII Runner-up. Austin returned two veterans to defend its conference title from last year; Dan Leimbeck and Leif Erickson. Freshman Jon Stephenson shot a 74 to lead them to their opener, 317-328 over NIACC. Stephenson followed up with a 65 to set an ASJC record at Forest City to lead them to a win over Waldorf. ASJC won a triangular at Rochester to remain unbeaten. Freshman Randy Nelson copped medalist honors with a 68, followed by Jon Stephenson (69). Leimbeck shot a 74 and Erickson had a 75 to 297 score, a record at Soldiers Field in Rochester. ASJC won its own 10 team invitational as Stephenson won the medalist honors with a 76 at the ACC. Their 322 was 12 strokes better than NIACC, who took runner-up honors. Austin continued its winning ways by winning the Worthington tournament and going 19-0 on the season. The six victories makes it 33 straight dating back to the middle of last season. Stephenson was the medalist with a 79. ASJC won their third major tourney with a 295 total at the Dr. Martin Luther tournament. Randy Nelson was the medalist with a 71.

Austin advanced to 29-0 with wins over Carleton freshmen and Lehigh College. Austin would take a 31-0 record into the Region Tourney in Brainerd. They would return home 43-1 as Itasca JC edged the Blue Devils 620-624 in the 36-hole tournament in the 13 team field. ASJC's Randy Nelson finished 4th (151) and Jon Stephenson (154) was sixth. Brian Helland shot 157, Leif Erickson (162) and Dan Leimbeck had a 162. Austin CC Region XIII runner-up. Randy Nelson and Jon Stephenson, All-Region XIII. NJCAA national golf championships in Roswell, New Mexico and finished 25th out of 33 teams (1270). Jon Stephenson shot 78-80-71-75-304 and good for 52nd out of 191 national competitors. Leif Erickson shot 320, Randy Nelson, 322, Brian Helland, 328, and Dan Leimbeck 334. Other members were Tom Windfeldt, Ken Tanner, Dave Heegard, and Arlin Chesin.

TENNIS Coach Dick Ogren 2-4 Austin would win only two of six matches during the regular season, losing its opener 6-1 to Dr. Martin Luther. They defeated Bethany 8-1 in their second contest. No score found on third match (loss) and they also lost to Rochester 8-1 to drop to 1-3. Then a defeat to Dr. Martin Luther and the losing streak was ended by whipping Bethany 6-3 to end the regular season 2-4. ASJC collected only three points in the SMJCC tournament. Jim Schutjer in singles and Dave Kane and Mike Dalieden in doubles reached the semifinals. Freshmen Jim Schutjer and Dave Kane swept the Region 13 doubles title. ASJC finished 4th in the team meet with 11 teams participating. Schutjer and Kane competed in the NJCAA national tournament in Ocala, Florida. No results were found. Members were: Dave Kane, Jim Schutjer, Larry Lundquist, Mike Dalieden, Bob Shaw, Ginny Dugan, and Bill Merritt.