

1975-76

FOOTBALL

Coach Earl Perkins

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Austin

Community College returns ten lettermen from last years team that won only one game. Quarterback Mark Schulenberg opened the season shattered a completion record (16 completions) as the Blue Devils lost their opener 21-6 to Willmar. The old record was 13 completions by Jim Westmoreland (1973). Willmar scored the first a fourteen points and ACC got on the board on a 15 yard TD pass from Schulenberg to Kevin Wilder. Willmar added one more score to make the final 21-6. Worthington shut out Austin 21-0 to leave them 0-2 in the conference. The Blue Devils combined 107 yards total offense and threatened only once to score. ACC remained winless as Lakewood defeated Austin 32-14 in conference action. Kevin Wilder set a receiving record by hauling in 11 passes from Schulenberg for 140 yards. Don Duenow rushed for 169 yards in the loss. Austin scored its most points since adding football in 1970 by whalopping Waseca 34-6 for their first victory of the season. ACC scored on a 23 yard run by Duenow, a nine yard TD run by Schulenberg, and three TD passes, one to Darius Butler and two to Wilder. Austin dominated the statistics but lost to Anoka Ramsey to drop to 1-4 in conference play. Tied 0-0 at half, Kevin Wilder's 62 yard punt return for a TD in the third period put the Blue Devils up 7-0. Anoka Ramsey scored twice in the fourth quarter to defeat ACC. Twice the Blue Devils got inside the 10 yards line but could not score. Three turnovers and 90 yards in penalties thwarted the Blue Devils a victory. Rochester (6-0) thumped ACC 40-6 in conference play. Wilder scored the only TD while catching nine passes for 72 yards. Austin Community College netted 475 yards and defeated Inver Hills 14-3 to run its record to 2-5. The win snapped a 14 game losing streak on the road over four seasons, dating back to Sept. 23, 1972. Chuck Schulenberg passed for 240 yards (passed the 1000 yard mark), Wilder hauled in 11 passes for 192 yards and on TD and Darius Butler scored on a 14 yard scoring pass. Bob Farrell intercepted a pass with 2:20 remaining in the game to preserve a 21-16 win over North Hennepin before 550 fans at the Athletic Field Stadium in Austin. The Blue Devils closed the season with 2 wins and won three of its final five games. "This was a big win for us" said Coach Earl Perkins. It was the best finish in six years. Quarterback Mark Schulenberg passed for 1212 (97 of 204) yards and nine touchdowns. Kevin Wilder caught 5 passes for 119 yards and finished the season with 52 receptions, 744 yards, and 6 touchdowns. He also caught three conversion passes to give him 48 points for the season to become the all-time leading scorer for one season. Wilder named All-Conference, All-MJCAA running back, and All-Region XIII.

Roster included:

Chuck Schulenberg	QB	Dan McDonald	QB
Keith Sellers	QB	Duane Rustad	DB
Jeff Zeches	B	Lee Thompson	DB
Peter Handke	DB	Scott Weichmann	DB
Tom Wolcott	DB	Dan Peterson	B
Robert Farrell	LB	Darius Butler	Fl
Mike Gibson	B	Don Duenow	B
Herman Smith	B	Robin Higbe	DB
Craig Bucknell	LB	Steve Volkert	C
Cliff Uher	LB	Todd Ehret	LB
Larry Boyer	G	Dennis Rustad	G
Steve Overgaard	G	Dan Keating	G
Brad Twedwll	G	Kevin Budig	T
Kevin Johnson	T	Rod Uher	T
Brad Kroening	T	John Kiesch	T
Larry Converse	E	Dale Karsten	E
John Hosmer	E	Kevin Wilder	E
Bill Swanson	E	Randy Lundberg	E

Asst't Coach: Rod Voelker

Scores and Schedules

9/13	Willmar	6-21	L
9/20	Worthington	0-21	L
9/27	Lakewood	14-32	L
10/4	U of M Waseca	34-6	W
10/11	Anoka Ramsey	6-14	L
10/18	Rochester	6-40	L
10/25	Inver Hills	14-3	W
11/1	North Hennepin	21-16	W

Record: Three wins, five losses.

VOLLEYBALL Coach Vel Moen 12-10 **Southern**

Division Champions Austin opened the season defeating St. Theresa's College 15-7, 15-10, 15-6. ACC went to Worthington and won one and lost one in a triangular meet, defeating Worthington and losing to Northwestern. The Blue Devils split another pair in a triangular defeating defending state champions Normandale 15-8, 15-6 and losing to Bethany. In a four team meet, Austin upset Worthington 2-0, then lost to Rochester and Bethany to drop to 4-4 overall. After finishing their regular season 6-8, the women's volleyball team won four consecutive matches in the southern division tournament to win the title. ACC extended its winning streak to seven games by defeating Golden Valley 2-1.

They take an 11-8 record into the state tournament. Austin won their state opener by winning 2-1 over Itasca CC. They had their 8 game win streak snapped at the State Tournament by losing to Normandale 2-0 after defeating Itasca 2-1. They would be eliminated by North Hennepin in the consolation round and finish the season 12-10 overall.

Roster Included:

Jennie Saaranen	Joan Wood	Marsha Gunderson
Therese Parlin	Ellen Kroc	Julie Clasen
Sue Iverson	Sue Brown	
Student Manager: Bruce Buscho		

MEN'S BASKETBALL Coach Jim Mittun 0-18 Four lettermen returned with no team members over 6'3 and "lack of height" will be a big problem as Coach Mittun prepares his team for his tenth season. Waldorf romped ACC 100-62 in their season opener. Rod Koster came off the bench go score 22 to lead all scorers. Austin shot 51 % but it wasn't enough as WWTI defeated the Blue Devils 96-58. Guard John Hunter had 16 points for scoring honors for ACC. Concordia JC made it three losses in a row for Austin as they won handily 90-51. Bill Aberg had a big night with 15 points and 18 rebounds in the defeat. Bethany whipped ACC 84-42 in their next southern division game. Inver Hills made it five losses in a row for Austin as they defeated the Blue Devils 84-45. Austin dropped to 0-7 as they lost two games in the ACC invitational, losing 89-71 to Gogebic and 100-67 to Inver Hills. Rod Koster (25) and Cliff Uher (18) led them in each of the losses. The Blue Devils lost eleven more consecutive games and finished the season 0-18. Following their loss to Inver Hills, Rochester manhandled ACC 83-40. Waseca downed Austin 92-64 as Roger Moulder poured in 52 points. The Blue Devils lost 83-46 to Worthington to drop to 0-4 in league play and 0-11 overall. Willmar handed ACC a 104-50 drubbing in conference action. Rod Koster scored 16 points in an 81-53 loss to Bethany. Rochester remained in first place with a convincing 100-51 win over Austin. The Blue Devils came within a whisker of gaining its first win of the season but North Hennepin survived with a 70-68 win over ACC. Rod Koster (20), Bill Aberg (17) and Cliff Uher (17) all had outstanding games in the defeat. A loss to Waseca 84-62 dropped Austin to 0-16 and 0-8 in league play. In their finale at home, Worthington whipped Austin 101-53. The 1975-76 season came to an end as the Blue Devils dropped a 113-50 decision to Willmar. It was the first winless season ever for the Blue Devils who finished 0-10 in league play and 0-18 overall.

Roster Included:

Rod Koster	Brad Stowell	Cliff Uher
Dale Scherger	Bill Aberg	Pete Handke
Dan McDonald	Rick Berg	Bob Lynde
Darius Butler	John Hunter	Mike Taylor
Student Manager: Herman Smith		

Cheerleaders: Therese Parlin, Jill Nelson, Cheryl Demit, Cindy Krebsbach, Vickie Sherman, Elana Albert, Cathie Barnett, Tanya Sutherland, Terry Wradislavsky

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Coach Vel Moen 11-4
Austin women's team opened the season with two wins in a tournament at Inver Hills, defeating Willmar 54-43 (counted as a conference game also) and Inver Hills 46-45. Freshman Jennis Saaranen was named to the All-Tourney team. The Lady Blue Devils whalloped Lakewood 50-25 for their third straight win. Sue Brown (14 points) and Saaranen (12) led the way in scoring. ACC was handed their first loss at the hands of Waseca Tech 48-35. Brown had 15 points in the loss. Austin played Waseca again and was defeated 43-40 to drop them to 3-2 overall and 1-2 in conference action. ACC trailed 41-40 with 30 seconds to go but a turnover cost them a chance for victory. Ellen Kroc led them in scoring with 14 points. Austin defeated Willmar 38-36 to up their record to 4-2 which was led by Sue Nelson with 15 points. ACC hosted undefeated Anoka Ramsey and upset the Rams 40-28. Kroc and Brown each netted 10 points as the Blue Devils saw their record to climb to 5-2 overall. Austin defeated the defending state champs Normandale 32-28 and won their third game in a row. Martha Gunderson grabbed 19 rebounds and scored eight points to spark ACC's win. Rebounding keyed a 41-28 victory over Rochester as Coach Vel Moen's Blue Devils outrebounded Rochester 40-26. The win boosted Austin to a 7-2 overall record and 3-2 in the conference. Sue Nelson scored 15 points and grabbed 16 rebounds leading the Blue Devils to a 44-28 lopsided victory over Worthington. ACC made it six straight wins with a 34-31 win over Mankato Bethany to boost their record to 9-2 and 5-2 in the southern conference where the Blue Devils are currently second. Kroc was credited with a strong defensive effort while Sue Brown led ACC with eight points. The streak ended as Rochester upended Austin 37-31. Bethany defeated ACC 40-35 to drop the Blue Devils to 5-4 in league action and 9-4 overall. Austin Community College dominated the boards and beat Normandale for the second time this season 49-24. Sue Brown netted 17 points while Sue Nelson grabbed eleven rebounds. ACC completed its season with a 53-27 victory over the Blue Jays at Worthington for a final season record of 11-4 and 6-4 in the conference, good for fourth place. Martha Gunderson scored a season high 16 points followed by Jennie Saaranen with 10.

	Roster Included:	
Joan Wood	Kathy Cox	Ellen Kroc
Martha Gunderson	Sue Brown	Sue Nelson
Therese Parlin	Mary Schaefer	Jennie Saaranen
Linda Hemmenway		

BASEBALL Coach Earl Perkins 15-11 Coach Perkins had the pitching and defense but the bats would be a question mark entering the season. Two run singles by Dan Wilson and John Delmont sparked Austin to an opening season victory over North Hennepin 7-4. North Hennepin, the defending state champions defeated ACC 11-1 in the nightcap. John Hunter got on base seven times, collected three hits, scored three times, stole a trio of bases, and recorded a key out in while pitching in relief to spark his team to a double header sweep over NIACC 2-1 and 12-8. ACC made it three in a row with a 1-0 victory over Mankato junior varsity as Bob Rinaldi fired a three hit shutout. Austin dropped the second game 4-0 and left them with a 4-2 overall record. Austin collected only seven hits combined in two losses (2-1 and 1-0) to Normandale in conference action. The Blue Devils dropped a 6-4 decision in eight innings to Lakewood but ended their four game losing streak with a 9-4 win in the nightcap. Pat Christopherson, Mike Faas and Mark Stalker each had two hits in the victory. The split left ACC with a 5-5 overall record. Bob Rinaldi struck out 15 batters and fired a four hitter as Austin defeated Rochester 5-2 only to loss the second game 6-5. The Blue Devils dropped to 1-3 in league play. Butch Burns had three hits and two RBI in the first game. ACC committed 11 errors in two league games and lost 6-2 and 10-3 to Inver Hills. Only one of the ten runs by Inver Hills in the second game were earned. Austin defeated WWTI 13-8 and 6-1 in non-league action to see its record to .500 (8-8). Jim Hunter had three hits and Mike Christopherson collected two hits and had 2 RBI in the first game. Bob Krausert pitched a complete game in the nightcap limiting WWTI to four hits. Austin fell to 1-7 in league play after losing 4-1 and 10-0 to Normandale. ACC defeated Carlten 4-3 and 7-3 to even its record at 10-10. Christopherson and John Hunter each had three hits in game one. Butch Burns had three hits in the second victory. John Delmont drove in the winning run and game Austin a 2-1 win over Rochester. The second game was rained out. Bob Rinaldi struck out ten and scattered eight hits in the complete game victory. Austin made it four wins in a row with a make up victory over Rochester 2-1. ACC is now 12-10 and 3-7 in league play. Robin Higbe went the distance to get the win on the mound. Delmont and Higbe each had two hits. Austin made it five in a row with a dramatic eighth inning homerun (7-6 win) by John Delmont but lost to the Mankato junior varsity 8-5 in the nightcap. The split left Austin 13-11 on the season. The Blue Devils rallied twice to close out their season on a very successful note, sweeping Inver Hills 6-1 and 5-3.

ACC won seven of the final eight games of the year and finished the season 15-11 and tied for second place in the conference with Rochester at 5-7. Pat Christopherson ended the season with a six game hitting streak. Mike Faas hit .358 (24-67) to lead them in hitting while Robin Higbe was 5-1 as their pitching leader. Bob Rinaldi struck out 68 batters in 64 innings with a 0.77 ERA while on the mound.

Roster Included:

Jon Bednar	Scott Berry
Marlyn Burns Jr.	Darius Butler
Randy Chirpich	Pat Christopherson
David Delhanty	John Delmont
Michael Faas	Robin Higbe
James Hunter	Jon Hunter
Robert Jon Krausert	Robert Rinaldi
John Schneider	Charles Schulenberg
Mark Stalker	Dan Wilson

GOLF Coach Jim Mittun 25-37. Mark Edling paced ACC as he finished in the top ten all season. His best finish was a tie for second (79) in the Bethany invitational. In the state MJCAA & Region XIII, Austin finished in 14th place. Members included: Carl Cathcart, Mike Edling, Dan McDonald, Randy Peterson, Mark Sherman, Bill Aberg.

TENNIS Coach Bill Goblirsch 4-3 Two sophomores and six freshmen makeup this year's tennis team. Paul Kobicek and Lonny Thomas are the veterans. Austin lost the opener 5-4 to Rochester. ACC whipped Inver Hills 6-3 for their first win to season. Fred Budde won the singles title and teamed with Kelly Tritz to capture the doubles title in the North Hennepin Invitational. ACC finished in second place. Austin fell to 2-2 overall as Normandale defeated ACC 7-2. Bethany dropped a 6-3 decision to ACC and left them with a 2-3 record. Austin beat Brainerd 5-1 and Itasca 5-1 to complete the regular season with a 4-3 record. The state MJCAA was hosted by Austin- and they tied for 4th place out of 15 teams. Kelly Tritz was the #2 State Singles Champion, Fred Budde runner-up at #1 singles and Budde and Tritz finished second in #1 doubles. The Region XIII tourney was hosted by Austin the following week only to see Normandale emerge as the winners. Austin did not qualify for the regional tournament. Members included: Paul Kubicek, Lonny Thomas, Fred Budde, Roger Swanson, Mike Mullenmeister, Dan Olson, Kelly Tritz, and Joe Wedding.

TENNIS-Women Coach Vel Moen 2-2-1 Six sophomores and three freshmen make up this year's women's tennis team. Elana Albert, who played on last year's men's team, leads the way. Other second year players are Mary Zukarte, Sally Einhaus, Joan Wood, Joan Schlichting, and Debbie Stark. Freshmen are Sue Nelson, Sue Brown and Debbie Rice. ACC lost its debut 7-2 to Anoka Ramsey. Austin defeated Normandale 6-1 to record its first victory. Albert, Nelson, Stark, and Wood were all winners in singles competition. Nelson and Wood along with Joan Schlichting and Mary Zukarte were winners in doubles. ACC whallopped North Hennepin 8-1 hiking their record to 2-1. ACC swept all six singles matches. Austin battled Normandale to a 3-3 and lost 6-0 to Willmar to conclude their regular season at 2-2-1. Austin competed in the state tournament with Sally Einhaus and Elana Albert scored points in the singles competition while Einhaus and Joan Wood, and Albert and Sue Nelson scored points in doubles. No team totals were available.

Track Austin Community College track star Theresa Parlin broke two records and won two titles in the State Community College track meet and earned All-State honors. Parlin won the 100 meter low hurdles in :15.8 and the 200 meter hurdles in :31.8. Both times set new state records and Parling held the old records set last year. Golden Valley won the team title.

Intramural Football Records indicate Austin Community College brought home the Intramural Touch Football State Championship, after competing in the tourney at White Bear Lake, MN. In first round action, the Nerds (nickname) nipped Inver Hills 13-8. In the championship game, ACC's Nerds turned in a super effort and edged Lakewood Community College 7-6. On the season the Nerds averaged 36 points per game. The team included:

Herman Smith	Robin Higbe	John Hunter
Bob Rinaldi	Brad Stowell	
Mike Faas	Bruce Buscho	Jim Hunter