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FOOTBALL Coach Earl Perkins 2-6-1 Five lettermen returned from last year's 4-4 team. Austin made its debut against North Hennepin and lost 17-6. The Blue Devils led 6-0 entering the fourth quarter but could not hang on for the victory. They accounted for only 54 yards on offense. ACC's defense was nothing short of spectacular as Normandale edged Austin 10-3 in conference action. ACC led at halftime 3-0 on a 30 yard field goal by Terry Nelson. They held Normandale to 192 yards but could muster up only 91 yards themselves. Willmar defeated the Blue Devils 7-6 in a thrilling contest on the road. Sophomore kicker Terry Nelson attempted a 23 yard field after ACC had moved the ball to the six yard line with eleven seconds to go in the contest but his kick came up short and Willmar preserved the victory. The Blue Devils dropped a tough 14-2 decision to Worthington to drop to 0-4 on the season. Curt Barnett had an outstanding game in the defeat, punting for an average of 45.5 and in on 21 tackles on defense. Austin tied Lakewood CC 13-13 in a disappointing tie but Coach Earl Perkins was pleased with his offense. Running back Keith Delhanty rushed 25 times for 80 yards to lead the way. The Blue Devils pulled out a thrilling 16-13 over UM Tech of Waseca in the second annual Pigskin Bowl. The win was the first of the season for Austin and their record now was 1-4-1. Randy Kreiger hauled in a 68 yard pass from QB Dale Hedensten with 4:51 remaining in the contest for the victory. Waseca inadvertently packed away one of ACC's footballs two years ago and now painted, it is the trophy that goes with the win each season. Waseca won last years game 13-8. Austin dropped another heart breaker 7-3 to Anoka Ramsey and took away any momentum going into their final two contests. Both teams were held scoreless in the first three quarters and after a blocked field goal attempt by Anoka Ramsey, Austin drove to the 20 yard line and kicker Terry Nelson booted a 37 yard field goal and ACC took a 3-0 lead. The following series Wayne Scott bursted up the middle for an 80 yard run and Austin would go down in defeat in a heart wrenching loss. The Blue Devils got their biggest football triumph in Coach Earl Perkins career as it defeated nationally (#5) ranked Rochester 13-10 in conference action before 800 fans at Wescott stadium(an estimated 400 rushed on the field after the win). The victory dropped defending league champion Rochester to 6-2 and knocked them out of any bowl possibility. ACC picked off four Rochester passes and Todd Nelson had two of them, one coming with 1:30 left in the game to preserve the victory. Nelson had two field goals (36 and 27 yards) and Keith Delhanty caught a 34 yard touchdown pass from Dale Hendensten. ACC lost its final game to Inver Hills 14-3 to close the season at 2-6-1. Terry Nelson booted his sixth field goal of the season as ACC took a 3-0 lead into halftime.

Inver Hills scored twice in the second half and Austin never threatened. Had ACC had any consistent offense at all, their season victories could of tripled. The team shattered six records on defense along with eight individual defensively. Curt Barnett (LB), All-MJCAA(offense), Greg Carlson, All-MJCAA(defense), Terry Nelson, All-MJCAA(defense), were all named to the All -State team.

Roster Included:

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| Art Barnett | Curtis Barnett | Jeffrey Barnett |
| Gregg Bell | Loren Bregel | Keith Delhanty |
| Blake Evenson | Robert Haynes | Tracy Harrington |
| Dale Hedensten | Kevin Higbe | Steve Jennings |
| Dean Johnson | Randy Krieger | David LaMont |
| Tony Mudra | Terry Nelson | Todd Nelson |
| Craig Poshusta | Gregory Sitz | Kevin Skaare |
| Steven Wilkie | Greg Carlson | Bob Hakes |
| Mike Davis | Wade Carlson | |

Assistants: Rod Voelker and Greg Hanks

SCHEDULE AND SCORES

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| North Hennepin | 6-17 | L |
| Normandale | 3-10 | L |
| Willmar | 6-7 | L |
| Worthington | 2-14 | L |
| Lakewood | 13-13 | T |
| U of M Waseca | 16-13 | W |
| Anoka Ramsey | 3-7 | L |
| Rochester | 13-10 | W |
| Inver Hills | 3-14 | L |

RECORD: Two wins, six losses, one tie

VOLLEYBALL Coach Donna Judsen 16-17 The season opened with many new faces, including Donna Judsen, the new Blue Devils head coach. Nancy Haddorf, Connie Opsahl, and Cindy Bosshart are the only returnees. The season opened with a 2-1 win over Bethany, then dropping a 2-1 decision to Rochester. Austin remainde .500 as they split their next two matches, defeating Bethany 2-1 and losing to Inver Hills 2-0. The Lady Blue Devils to traveled to participate in a four team invitational and lost all three matches; 2-1 to Hibbing, 2-1 to Golden Valley, and 2-1 to Anoka Ramsey. The losses drop ACC to 2-5 overall. ACC defeated Lakewood 3-1 before participating in an eight team tournament in Osseo. They finished runner-up after defeating Itasca CC 2-0, Vermilion 2-0, North Hennepin 2-0, and then lost in the finals to Normandale (15-7, 11-15, 15-8).

Their record upped to 6-5 on the season. ACC defeated Willmar 2-0 and lost to Worthington 2-1 to run their record to 2-1 in league action. ACC defeated UM of Waseca 2-0 but lost to Willmar to remain one game above .500 (3-2) in conference play. Two losses to Anoka Ramsey and Normandale dropped Austin to 8-11 overall. After splitting with Rochester (lost 2-1) and Golden Valley (won 2-0) ACC has a 3-3 league record and 9-12 overall. Kim Loewen, Nancy Haddorff, and Sandy Larson led Austin to a sweep over Bethany and Waseca to remain alive for its league title. ACC is now at 5-3 in the division. With another split with Worthington (won 2-0) and losing to Rochester (2-0), Austin finished the regular season at 6-4 and tied for second place. ACC took runner-up honors in the Minnesota CC Southern Division playoffs and earned a berth in the state tournament. In the opening day of competition, the Blue Devils won 2 of 3 matches, defeating Waseca (2-0), losing to Rochester (2-0), and beating Mankato Bethany 2-0. They advanced to the second day of competition and beat Waseca 2-1, swept Willmar in the semifinal round 2-0. In the finals they lost to Rochester 2-1 (15-10, 17-19, 15-5). The Austin Community College women's volleyball season came to an end after losing twice in the MCC State Tournament. In the first round, Normandale topped ACC (15-11, 16-14) and in the consolation round Brainerd edged ACC 15-12, 15-13. The Blue Devils ended the season 16-17.

Roster Included:

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| Jill Akkerman | Cindy Bossert | Cynthia Dimmell |
| Rhonda Christenson | Susan Fahje | Barbara Guy |
| Nancy Haddorff | Sandra Larson | Kim Loewen |
| Karen Milne | Connie Opsahl | Gretchen Rugg |

BASKETBALL Coach Jim Mittun 2-19 The men's basketball had three returning lettermen, Tom Borris, John Weikum, and Bill Hart. Three of the top scorers in Austin prep basketball last season are also on the team (Curt Barnett and Todd Jurgenson from Austin High Jack Hovland from Pacelli). The Blue Devils lost their opener 76-71 to North Hennepin. They shot 31 of 100 from the field and Jack Hovland led them with 14 points. ACC lost a heartbreaker 68-65 to Metropolitan CC to run its losing streak to 46 games dating back four seasons. Curt Barnett tallied 30 points in the loss. Freshman guard Paul Miller scored 15 points but it wasn't enough as Waldorf handed ACC their third loss of the young season 90-74. Fouls plagued ACC as WWTI dropped Austin 85-80 in overtime to run its record to 0-4. Barnett tossed in 25 while teammate Jeff Curry chipped in with 18 points. Suomi Junior College defeated Austin 82-60 in a four team invitational. Austin was led by Barnett with 15 and Hovland with a dozen. The nation's longest losing streak ended at 49 games as Austin Community College defeated Itasca CC 96-67 for their first win of the season.

Five players scored in double figures; Barnett had 18, Bill Hart (16), Art Barnett (12), Hovland (12) and Jeff Curry had 10. It also ended a 30 game home losing streak. Austin lost to Lakewood 89-50 and Mesabi 80-58 to drop to 1-7 overall. Barnett scored 22 and 24 respectively in the losses to lead the Blue Devils in scoring. In another heart breaking loss, Hibbing CC edged ACC 71-70 as Austin (0-5 on the road this year). NIACC ran their record to 11-0 with a convincing 96-49 win over the Blue Devils. Barnett led all scorers with 20 points. In their conference opener, ACC beat UM Waseca 80-73 to break a 32 game losing streak on the road dating back four years. Curt Barnett had 27 points followed by Todd Jorgenson with 20, his best effort of the season. The win boosted ACC to 2-9 overall and 1-0 in the conference. ACC lost in final ten contests to finish the season 2-19 and 1-9 in the league. Willmar edged ACC 74-73 with Barnett netting 23 points. Worthington notched out a 76-62 triumph over Austin as Barnett again led the way with 18 tallies. Curt Barnett scored 24 but it wasn't enough as Rochester handed ACC another loss 90-65. Mankato Bethany defeated ACC 74-62 as Barnett scored 20 points. In their worst loss of the season, Willmar pounded Austin 117-67 in league action. Curt Barnett tallied over the 20 point mark again with 21 points. Inver Hills continued the onslaught as they defeated ACC 106-65 to drop Austin to 2-16. Jack Hovland scored a season high 16 as Worthington defeated ACC 88-76. Barnett led all scorers with 26 points. In their final two contests, the Blue Devils almost pulled out upsets. They lost a narrow decision to Rochester 98-89 and in their finale, Bethany defeated ACC 76-74. Curt Barnett led them with 24 and 18 respectively. He would pour in 428 points, finishing with a 20.4 average and become the fourth all-time leading scorer in ACC history. Barnett was named to the All-Southern Division conference team.

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| Paul Miller | Randy Krieger | Bill Hart |
| Jeff Jensen | Roy Anderson | John Weikum |
| Art Barnett | Le Roy Gibson | Herb Holliman |
| Tom Borris | Phil Handke | Jack Hovland |
| Curt Barnett | Jeff Curry | Bill Perleberg |

BASKETBALL Coach Vel Moen 14-10 (18-6 but lost 4 games due to ineligible player) **State runner-up**. Coach Moen returns two starters (Nancy Haddorff and Cindy Bosshart) and returnee Connie Opsahl after a 19-5 season last year. The Blue Devils set an all-time school scoring record when they blitzed Inver Hills 104-30 in its opener. It was the first time ACC women's team has ever topped the 100 point barrier, the biggest victory margin ever, and one of the best defensive efforts in Moen's coaching career. Cindy Dimmel led four players in double figures with 18 points. The ACC gals tumbled 59-51 to Rochester in the championship of the Rochester Invitational.

Nancy Haddorff scored 14 points to lead the team in the defeat. Dimmel netted 21 in the Blue Devils home debut as they defeated Normandale 73-43. ACC ran its record to 4-1 by winning its own invitational, defeating North Hennepin 79-36 and triumphing over Worthington 71-66. Dimmel scored 24 and 21 points respectively to lead them in the two victories. A three game winning streak was snapped by Golden Valley Lutheran as they defeated ACC 65-60. Cindy Dimmel led the Blue Devils with 21 points. Four players reached double figures and Austin triumphed over Metropolitan CC 93-24. Cindy Bosshart tossed in a season high 20 along with Haddorff with 18 points. ACC, now 5-2 roared to a 24-2 lead and never looked back. It was determined later in the week that ACC had used an ineligible player and the Blue Devils had to forfeit four games, dropping their record to 1-6. Austin dropped its conference opener 91-47 to Worthington. Haddorff (17) and Dimmel (16) led Austin in scoring. The Blue Devils downed Waseca 75-47 to even its league record to 1-1. Sue Fahje poured in 30 points and Haddorff had her season high with 23 tallies. Austin defeated Bethany 69-54 to record its second conference win in a row (2-1) and up its season record to 3-7. Nancy Haddorff tossed in 22 points to lead her team in scoring. The Lady Blue Devils whipped Willmar 82-63 and now stand 3-1 in conference action. Dimmel scored 17 points in the first half and Haddorff had 16 points in the second half to lead them to victory. Freshman forward Lori Schulz sparked the offense by pouring in 22 points and ACC defeated Willmar 67-46. Austin romped over Rochester 82-46 to run its record to 5-1 in league play and 6-7 overall. Four players reached double figures led by Dimmel (20), Haddorff (18), Schulz (15), and Sue Fahje (12). ACC pounded UM Waseca 71-36 for their sixth win in a row. Cindy Dimmel scored 24, Nancy Haddorff had 18 and Lori Schultz had a dozen. Worthington defeated ACC 77-50 in a showdown for first place. ACC dropped to 6-2 while Worthington remained undefeated (8-0). Fouls plagued Austin as three girls had two fouls early in the game. The Blue Devils dropped to 7-8 overall. A victory over Bethany 65-47 assured ACC of a state berth as they clinched second place in the southern division with a 7-2 mark. Dimmel poured in a season high 28 points and grabbed 18 rebounds. ACC led by Nancy Haddorff defeated Rochester 61-50 in completed the regular conference schedule at 8-2. Haddorff scored 21 points, had six steals, nine assists, and seven rebounds. ACC concluded its regular season by whalloping Lakewood CC 71-37 to conclude the season at 11-8 overall and a four game win streak into the state tournament. Haddorff had 24 points, Dimmel(17) and Lori Schultz added 10. Since the loss to Worthington on Jan. 14th ACC won 10 of 11 games to finish the regular season. In opening round action of the state tournament, Austin whipped Golden Valley Lutheran 62-52 to advance to the semifinal round. Nancy Dimmel scored 25 while Haddorff added 20 in the crushing victory. Austin rallied from a 4 point deficit at halftime and went on to defeat Rochester 56-46 to advance to the state championship game.

The win clinched a Region XIII berth next week. Freshman Lori Schultz blew away Rochester's pressing defense and scored 10 points to lead them to victory. Haddorff had 20 for the game while Dimmel chipped in 14 points. Worthington won its second straight state title by defeating ACC 55-41 in the state championship game. Worthington, now 23-0, led 31-24 at halftime and never looked back. ACC had to settle for second place in the Region for the fourth time this season against Worthington, after bowing 78-62 in the Region XIII title game. The Blue Devils edged Gogebic of Ironwood, Mich. 61-54 in the semifinals. ACC was second to Worthington in the Austin Invitational (because of a forfeit), then second in the southern division to Worthington, then second in the state tourney, and now second in the Region title game. Austin completed its season 14-10. Nancy Haddorff was named to the All-Conference, All-State, All-Region team and was named **Honorable Mention All-American**, the first ever women player from Minnesota to earn the honor. She is the third all time leading scorer at ACC- total points tallying 451 and 374 in year two seasons (825-17.5 p/g). Set season assist record with 139, team high 90 steals.

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| Nancy Haddorff | Kim Loewen | Connie Opsahl |
| Lori Schultz | Cindy Dimmel | Karen Milne |
| Sandy Larsen | Sue Larson | Cherri Hultgren |
| Cindy Bossert | Sue Fahje | |

BASEBALL Coach Earl Perkins 11-13 Two lettermen (Clint Faas and Paul Cress) returned after posting a 14-9 record last season. Sophomore Blake Evenson fired a nifty one hitter as ACC opened its season with a 3-0 win over Lakewood. Weak hitting in the second game led to a 6-1 loss. Evenson walked three and struck out nine in the mound victory. Austin collected a total of five hits in the doubleheader. The Blue Devils defeated NIACC 21-3 and 5-1 in non-conference action. ACC scored six runs in the first inning on three hits and had nine stolen bases in game one. Evenson and Larry Baldwin combined on a three hitter. In the nightcap, Brian Miller and Steve Simonson gave up only 4 hits for the victory. ACC lost its conference opener 1-0 but bounced back to defeat Normandale 4-2 to gain a split. Austin stranded 10 runners while sophomore Blake Evenson pitched a two-hitter in the loss. A bases loaded single by Dale Hendensten keyed the win in the second game. Miller pitched a four hitter for the win in game two. Austin recorded two more conference wins (no records found) to move their record to 6-2 and 3-1 in league action. ACC defeated Inver Hills 7-6 and 5-4 to move to 5-1 in the conference and 8-2 overall. Clint Faas went 4 for 5 and 2 RBI in game one while Greg Bell collected three hits in game two. Complete games by Evenson and Miller provided them the two victories on the mound. Austin then lost two games (no records found) to drop to 8-4.

In a southern division sudden death play-off, ACC lost to Normandale 7-4 to decide who represented the south in the Region XIII tournament. Both teams entered the day 5-1 in the league and on top. Austin walked 14 times but only had three hits in the loss. It dropped them to 8-5 overall. Clint Faas collected one hit and extended his hitting streak to eleven games. The Blue Devil stranded 13 men and lost 4-3 to the Winona State JV team. It extended their losing streak to 4 games. ACC lost two games to Normandale, 6-4 and 12-1 after committing 10 errors in the two contests. Their overall record dropped to 8-8. Austin dropped two more games, losing 6-5 and 8-2 to Mankato State JV to make it eight losses in a row and drop to 8-10 overall. Rochester defeated ACC 6-5 and 9-5 to extend Austin's losing streak to ten games, despite three homeruns by Faas, Paul Cress, and Mark Erickson. The Blue Devils ended the losing streak by defeating WWTI 10-3 and 9-3. This ended the longest losing streak (10) in ACC history. Erickson collected 3 doubles and Brian Anderson had 4 RBI in game one. In ACC's final doubleheader, Austin won game one on 1-0 on a two hitter by Blake Evenson but lost 7-3 to Inver Hills in the nightcap. They stranded 10 runners in game two. The split left the Blue Devils 11-13 on the season and 6-6 in the league, tied with Inver Hills for second place behind Normandale.

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| Bradley Anderson | Larry Baldwin |
| Gregory Bell | Bruce Benson |
| Loren Bregal | Paul Cress |
| Keith Delhanty | Mark Erickson |
| Blake Evenson | Clint Faas |
| Rod Greenameyer | Dale Hendensten |
| Kevin Higbe | Brian Miller |
| Tim Simonson | Dan Streightiff |
| Steve Jennings | |

GOLF

Coach Jim Mittun

In their season opener, ACC finished 6th in the ACC Invitational amongst 12 teams. Greg Anderson was Austin's low scorer with an 80. At the Lakewood Invite, ACC finished 4th as ten teams participated in the event. Rick Anderson was low for the Blue Devils with an 81. Austin finished runner-up as nine teams participated in the Waseca Invitational. They shot their best team score of the season with a 308. Greg Anderson was second with a 74, while Jerry Kroc shot 75, Rick Anderson had 77, Tom Borris an 82, and Ron Felten an 88. Austin finished 4th at the Rochester Invitational with a 316. Jerry Kroc had a 76 and Greg Anderson a 77 to ACC's top two scorers. At the North Hennepin Invitational, ACC finished 6th out of 13 teams with a 642. Jerry Kroc was the medalist with a 73. The state and Region XIII tournament were played together and the Blue Devils finished 7th out of 15 teams.

Kroc had the best score for ACC with a two day total of 156, Rick Anderson (157), Greg Anderson (163), Tom Borris (166), and Ron Felten a 176. Members included: Greg Anderson, Jerry Kroc, Rich Anderson, Tom Borris, Jack Hovland, and Ron Felten.

Men's Tennis Coach's David Dickinson- & Terry Dilley 2-7
Randy Anderson was the lone returnee. ACC lost their first four matches, 9-0 to Willmar, 6-3 to Dr. Martin Luther, 9-0 to Normandale, and 9-0 to Inver Hills. The Blue Devils recorded their first victory 8-1 defeating Rochester in league play. Tom Wood, Randy Anderson, Scott Ramlo, Dwight Dennisen, Jon Larson, and Roger Melder all recorded wins the singles. ACC lost to Bethany 5-4 and 9-0 to Normandale to drop to 1-6 overall. They got their second win by defeating Rochester again 7-2. Their final season match ACC lost to North Hennepin to finish 207 overall. In the state tournament, ACC won only one match in the singles or doubles. Dwight Dennisen recorded their only win in the first round of singles play. No results were found on the Region XIII tournament. Members included: Randy Anderson, Tom Wood, Scott Ramlo, Craig Bowman, Dwight Dennisen, Jon Larson, Ottmer Wittmer, and Roger Melder.

Women's Tennis Coach Vel Moen 1-4 The Lady Blue Devils lost their first three matches to Willmar (8-1), Normandale (8-1) and Rochester (7-2). They got their first win over North Hennepin 6-3 and lost the final regular season match 7-2 to Willmar. ACC finished 1-4 on the season. Cathie Kearns was unbeaten at 5-0 in singles play. At the state tournament, ACC failed to win a point. Competing at the state: Nancy Haddorff, Mary Nelson, Cathie Kearns, Justine Doyle, Karen Milne, and Michelle Madsen. Members included: Cathie Kearns, Michelle Madsen, Karen Milne, Sandra Larson, Margaret Nelson, Nancy Haddorff, Justine Doyle.