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FOOTBALL Coach Earl Perkins 5-3-1 With only 24 players on the roster, Coach Perkins is cautiously optimistic as has some outstanding players, led by All-State linebacker Curt Barnett. ACC lost its season opener 28-13 to Inver Hills. Austin took an early as wide receiver Randy Krieger caught a 45 yard touchdown pass from Tom Christopherson and a 80 yard catch for 13-0 lead after one quarter. Inver Hills scored twice in the second quarter to lead 14-13 at halftime and added two more TD's in the fourth quarter to secure the victory. Krieger finished the day with 5 catches for 148 yards. Linebacker Curt Barnett was in on 21 tackles, 10 of them unassisted. ACC defeated North Hennepin 14-6 in a defensive struggle. Quarterback Christopherson tossed a 32 yard TD to Krieger and returned a punt for 80 yards for Austin's only two scores. ACC collected only three first downs but the defense led by Barnett held NH to one touchdown. ACC lost to Normandale 21-7 to drop to 1-2 on the year. Turnovers plagued Austin as they had five to go along with only 85 yards total offense. Krieger's 45 yard pass interception for a touchdown was ACC's only score. Austin upset sixth ranked Willmar 29-15 to even its record at 2-2. ACC led at halftime 22-7 thanks in part to quick start. In the first quarter ACC drove 63 yards and Dale Hedensten scored from one yard out, PAT no good. Nine seconds later Willmar fumble and Christopherson hit Krieger on a 34 yard scoring strike and the PAT was good by Curt Barnett and Austin led 13-0. Two minutes later ACC blocked a punt and recovered the ball on the eleven yard line. Quarterback Christopherson wasted no time and found Krieger in the end zone from 11 yards out and Austin led 19-0 in the first quarter. Defensively, Steve Jennings was in on 16 tackles, recovered a fumble, had 3 QB sacks and blocked a punt to lead the way. Linebacker had a field day also as he had 14 tackles, three pass interceptions (one for a TD), a 24 yard field goal, and converted on two point after attempts. Austin Community College learned this next week that Inver Hills forfeited the opening game with ACC due to using an ineligible player and that moves Austin's record to 3-1 and on top of the standings. Austin tied Worthington and dropped out of first place (3-1-1) in a defensive battle. Austin played without two of its offensive stars, Krieger (ankle) and Christopherson (back) who were out with injuries. ACC collected only 8 first downs while Worthington had 10 first downs. Barnett led the "D" with 26 tackles and one interception. Playing again without their two offensive weapons, ACC defeated Lakewood CC 15-3 to move to 4-1-1 on the season. Austin trailed 3-0 after three quarters but got a safety at the 11:17 mark and trailed 3-2. Linebacker Curt Barnett forced a fumble and Keith Delhanty ran it back to the 35 yard line. Six plays later Mark Murphy scored from 19 yards out. PAT was blocked and

Austin led 9-3. Adrian Simonson secured the win with a three yard run with 1:02 left as the PAT was no good. Austin is 4-0 at home after the victory. In the third annual "Pigskin Bowl", ACC was defeated by Waseca 27-21. Austin trailed 21-0 after the first quarter and gave up 450 yards on defense. The loss dropped ACC to 4-2-1. Austin Community College bounced back and defeated Anoka Ramsey 25-10 to move into third place (5-2-1). Murphy scored from one yard, Quincy Brown had a 3 yard scoring TD, QB Hedensten scored from one yard, and Loren Bregel added a two point conversion for the offense. Barnett was in on 25 tackles with 10 being unassisted. The victory over AR gave Austin an undefeated season at home with a 5-0 record. ACC was soundly defeated 54-0 by Rochester in its final game. The loss left the Blue Devils with a 5-3-1 record and most wins since the program started in 1970. Coach Earl Perkins was named Coach of the Year by his peers. Curt Barnett (LB) was named to the All-MJCAA team on defense. He led the team with 177 tackles (69 unassisted) and a punting average of 36.4). He also earned All-Region XIII honors. Steve Jennings, a defensive back was named to the All-MJCAA all-state team. This was the first year of an All-Academic team and three ACC players made that honor team; Randy Krieger, Dennis Miller, Ben Peters.

Roster Included:

Tom Christopherson	QB	Dale Hedensten	QB
Ben Peters	DB	Keith Delhanty	RB
Jeff Poplow	RB	Adrian Simonson	RB
Randy Lowe	DB	Mark Murphy	RB
Quincy Brown	RB	Steve Jennings	DB
Steve Larson	C	Steve Stalker	C
Jeff Barnett	DB	Ottmar Wittmar	G
Loren Bregel	G	Kent Ulwelling	G
Steve Williamson	T	Dennis Miller	T
Kevin Skaare	T	Curt Barnett	T
Brian Barnett	T	Randy Krieger	Fl
Wayne Jensen	E	Dave Houston	DB
Tim Bangert	E	Todd Nelson	E
Al Schallock	E		

Assistants: Rod Voelker and Dan Ball

SCHEDULE AND SCORES

Inver Hills*	13-28 (lost)	W
North Hennepin	14-6	W
Normandale	7-21	L
Willmar	29-15	W
Worthington	7-7	T
Lakewood	15-3	W

U of M Waseca	21-27	L
Anoka Ramsey	25-10	W
Rochester	0-54	L

*Forfeit by opponent Record: 5-3-1

VOLLEYBALL Coach Vel Moen. 23-11 Returns four letter-winners; Sue Fahje, Karen Milne, Kim Loewen, and Jill Akkerman. ACC lost its opening game to NIACC then bounced back to win three, thus defeating the Trojans 3-1 for the first victory of the season. Austin was defeated by NIACC a week later. ACC hiked its record to 9-3 by defeating Normandale and Bethany. Austin won 2-1 over the Lions and 2-0 over the Vikings from Mankato. It was ACC's first win ever over Normandale. Austin upped its record to 10-3 and 2-0 in the division by defeating UM Waseca 3-1. Coach Vel Moen said it was their best performance of the season. Austin would win 3 of their next four matches to go 13-4. Then they won a three game set from Worthington and clinched the No. 1 seeding in the Southern Division tournament. Austin, now 5-0 in the conference and 14-4 overall, were super on countering 72 of 79 serves in the win over Worthington. ACC concluded the conference season with a win over Waseca 2-1 and Mankato Bethany 2-0 to up their record to 8-0 in the division and 17-5 overall. They lost their finale to North Hennepin 3-2 to finish the regular season 17-6. In the Southern Division play-offs, Austin was upset in the first match 2-0 by Worthington, but rallied to defeat Bethany (2-0), Willmar (2-0), and Worthington (2-0) to gain a championship match with Rochester, who they lost to 15-7, 12-15, and 15-13. Austin advance to the state tournament with a 20-8 overall record. In pool A, Austin lost two of three matches; losing 1-2 to Vermilion of Ely, won 2-0 over Worthington, and lost 0-2 to Normandale. No results were found but the Blue Devils lost in the consolation championship and took 6th place in the state tournament to finish 23-11. Patti Foss was named All-State & All-Region XIII .Nancy Fossey earned All-State & All-Region XIII honors also.

Roster Included:

Sue Fahje	Patti Foss	Nancy Fossey
Shelley Fossey	Jan Gabrileson	Karol Hansen
Sharon Iverson	Jackie Johnson	Dawn Jones
Kim Loewen	Lynette Martin	Karen Milne
Maureen McFarland	Nancy Scherer	Leslie Srock
Kim Akkerman		

BASKETBALL Coach Jim Mittun 4-16 Coach Jim Mittun has the 4th all time leading scorer back in Curt Barnett (20.4) and expects a better season than last year's record (2-19). Austin lost to Metropolitan 80-59 in its opener. Barnett led them with 18 points in the loss. Curt Barnett poured in 26 but ACC bowed to North Hennepin 97-59. WWTI made it three losses in a row as they thumped Austin 90-76. ACC

managed to score 49 points the second half to make it close. Curt Barnett had 22 while Ron Felten had his best game of the young season with 16 points. The Waldorf JC handed Austin an 89-70 setback in non-conference action. Barnett had 23 point in the defeat. Austin hosted Madison Tech and Waukesha Tech in a weekend doubleheader and lost both games, 63-61 and 77-52. The losses dropped ACC to 0-6 on the season. Putting five players in double figures, ACC captures its first victory with a 78-66 win over Lakewood CC of White Bear. Barnett had 14, Ron Felten 13, followed by Jeff Jensen (12), Randy Krieger (12) and Jack Hovland (11). ACC topped the century mark by defeating Southwestern Wis. Tech of Fennimore 108-59 and improved its record to 2-6. Curt Barnett hit for a season high 32 points with Jensen, Herb Holliman and Lance Pogones with a dozen apiece. Austin won its third game in a row with a 73-54 win over WWTI. All ACC starters scored in double figures, led by Jensen and Hovland with 14 points. The Blue Devils lost a one point decision to Inver Hills 65-64 to snap their three - game winning streak. Minus Jack Hovland, ACC was without 11 points per game and his rebounding. Curt Barnett tallied 28 points in the defeat and dropped them 3-7 overall. ACC was defeated by Bethany Lutheran 69-50 in the conference opener. Barnett led the team with his season low 10 points. The Blue Devils turned in their best performance of the year with an 83-59 win over Rochester. It snapped a 25 game home losing streak in division games. Barnett led all scorers with 27, followed by Bill Perleberg with 13 points. Austin dropped a 68-60 decision Waseca and the loss gave the Blue Devils a 1-2 division mark and 4-8 overall. Jeff Jensen and Curt Barnett had 16 apiece to lead them in scoring. ACC trailed 45-19 at halftime and went on to lose 73-59 to Willmar in league action. Barnett tallied 26 in the defeat. Worthington remained unbeaten in league play as they defeated ACC 74-48. Curt Barnett was the lone Blue Devil in double figures with 13 points. Jeff Jensen came up with his best performance (18) but Bethany Lutheran was too much as they defeated ACC 78-57. Randy Krieger had 16 and Barnett added 10 points. ACC dropped a thriller 61-58 to Rochester despite Krieger's season high 20 points. Barnett hit for 14 in the loss, which dropped ACC to 1-6 in division and 4-14 overall. Austin lost a heart breaker 77-76 to UM Waseca and dropped them to last place in the division. Barnett had 20 followed by Jensen and Hovland with 14 apiece. In their lowest scoring game of the year, ACC lost 82-43 to Willmar. Barnett had 19 points in the loss. ACC was blitzed 84-47 in the Blue Devils final game. Randy Krieger led his team with 12 points. Austin finished the season losing eight consecutive games and a 4-16 overall record and 1-9 in the league. Curt Barnett was named to the All-Conference and Honorable Mention All-State teams. He averaged 17.6 points per game.

Roster Included:

Wes Wiggins
Jeff Jensen

Tim Simonson
Ron Felten

Keven Kinstler
Steve Stalker

Herb Holliman
Jack Hovland
Bill Perleberg

Randy Krieger
Curt Barnett

Lance Pogones
Brian Barnett

Cheerleaders: Cindy Perkins, Carrie Jensen, Barb Towne, Michelle Engen, Cindy Burmeister, and Nancy Smith.

BASKETBALL

Coach Vel Moen 19-4 State-3rd

Coach Vel Moen returns four letter-winners from last years state runner-up team, led by leading scorer, Cindy Dimmel, Sue Fahje, Lori Schultz, and Karen Milne. Dimmel poured in 24 points and grabbed a dozen rebounds to lead ACC to a season opening victory 59-45 over Anoka-Ramsey. Austin converted only 4 of 15 at the free throw line but escaped with 54-52 win over Rochester. Dimmel had 19 rebounds to go along with 14 points while Julie Anderson netted 10 points. Austin improved to 3-0 with a 58-27 win over North Hennepin. Cindy Dimmel poured in 30 points. In the championship game of the invitational tournament, ACC whipped Lakewood 63-51 as Coach Moen played all twelve players in the victory. Dimmel had 23, Patti Foss 15, and Fahje contributed with 13. Julie Anderson sparked a 61-45 win over Inver Hills as ACC improved to 5-0 on the season. Anderson had 14 points, her best effort of the season. Dimmel (15) and Foss (10) also reached double figures. Austin remained undefeated as they defeated Inver Hills 60-47. Julie Anderson led with 15 and Patti Foss added 14 points. ACC narrowly defeated Bethany Lutheran 47-44 despite an off night shooting (21 of 70). Dimmel had 17 points and 15 rebounds to lead the Blue Devils to their seventh straight victory. Trailing by 10 points with eleven minutes to go, ACC rallied and defeated Rochester 56-52 in conference action. "Patti Foss and Cindy Dimmel did a super job on defense" said Moen that keyed ACC to the win. Dimmel had a sensational first half (19 points) and Austin ran its record to 9-0 with a convincing 71-34 win over UM Waseca. Dimmel finished with 25, while Patti Foss was next with 9 points. Austin triumphed over Willmar 61-40 to remain unbeaten at ten games and 4-0 in the conference. Foss (17) and Dimmel (17) led the way. Sue Fahje injured a knee and will be lost for a few weeks. ACC met arch rival Worthington (4-0) for first place in the standings. Austin led 57-52 with 7 minutes to go but was outscored 9-1 down the stretch and lost 61-58 for their initial lost of the season. Dimmel scored 18 points, Julie Anderson 12, and Karol Hanson added 11 points. ACC rebounded after their first loss and pounded Bethany Lutheran 92-72 to improve to 11-1. Lori Schultz and Cindy Dimmel each had 19, while Sheri Hilmer added 17, Patti Foss 14 and Julie Anderson 13. ACC handed Metropolitan CC an 81-53 loss as the reserves played about half the game and did a super job according to Coach Vel Moen. Dimmel (18), Anderson (13), Hilmer (12), and Hanson (10) all reached double figures. Cindy Dimmel poured in 29 points, grabbed 11 rebounds, had five steals but the center did not get enough support as ACC was handed a

74-64 loss to Rochester. Austin turned the ball over 31 times in the loss. Austin romped over Vermilion 54-33 in non-conference action. Patti Foss and Cindy Dimmel had 14 and 13 respectively. Dimmel netted 22 points and blocked 14 Waseca shots and led ACC to a 64-46 win on conference action. Austin is 6-2 in league play after the victory and 14-2 overall. Five games in seven days is enough to tire out any team and after a 54-46 win over Inver Hills, ACC will have some rest to prepare for the final run at a state championship. The win boosted the Blue Devils to 15-2 record. Dimmel tallied 26 to lead the team to a victory. ACC breezed to their 16th win with a 66-40 drubbing over Willmar in its final home game. After souring to a 36-11 halftime lead, Coach Moen emptied her bench. Dimmel (14), Hilmer (11), Anderson (10) and Foss (10) all reached double figures. Worthington edged Austin 64-61 to win the league title as Austin finished in second with a 7-3 mark. Patti Foss had a career night with 32 points while Dimmel added 19 in the loss. ACC had a third contest with Rochester in a play-off (both teams finished tie for second) to determine who would go the state tournament (played in Waseca). Austin defeated Rochester 70-45 and improved to 17-3 on the season. Freshman Sherri Hillmer tallied a career high 20 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to go along with seven steals. "Patti Foss and Cindy Dimmel were awesome on defense" said Coach Vel Moen. ACC will now advance to the state tournament for the third year in a row. Austin defeated Mesabi CC 66-52 in a physical game to advance to the semifinals of the state tournament. Cindy Dimmel led the Blue Devils with 18, followed by Julie Anderson (14), Lori Schultz (11) and Patti Foss (10). After routing Rochester a week ago 70-45 Austin came out "flat" and lost 48-40 to Rochester and where relegated to the third place game in the state tournament. The Blue Devils committed 26 turnovers in the loss. ACC emerged a 51-42 victor over Inver Hills and finished the season with a 19-4 record. Cindy Dimmel led the way with 14, followed by Lori Schultz with 10. Cindy Dimmel was named to the All Conference, All-State and All-Region XIII teams. She finished her career as the all time leading rebounder at Austin C.C. with 261 and 271 in her two year career and finished with 532, an average of 11.56 per game.

Roster Included:

Julie Anderson	Cindi Dimmel	Jue Fahje
Karol Hansen	Sheri Hilmer	Lee Ann Ihrke
Joan Johnson	Karen Milne	Jodi Normeier
Lori Schultz	Diane Westfall	Patti Foss

BASEBALL Coach Earl Perkins 5-13 ACC opened the season falling twice to Inver Hills, losing 3-2 and 11-2. Austin collected only six hits in the doubleheader. The Blue Devils defeated Rochester 4-1 and 14-6 to even its record to 2-2. Kevin Higbe went the distance in the first game, struck out 8 and game up only 4 hits. In the night cap, Steve

Stalker went had a grand slam went 4 for 5, scored three times, and knocked in 6 runs to lead ACC to a sweep over Rochester. The Winona State JC defeated ACC twice, 8-5 and 6-2 in non-league action. Roger Stratton and Bruce Benson each had two hits in the first game. Normandale knocked off ACC 10-0 and 3-2 to drop Austin to 2-4 in conference action. Austin managed only 5 hits in the doubleheader loss. Inver Hills defeated ACC 3-2 and 15-5 and with those losses Austin has dropped six in a row. Bryan Schwab had 3 hits in game two while Dale Hedensten had a two run home run in the first contest. Austin dipped to 2-10 after losing their 7th and 8th straight losses to the Mankato State JV team (7-0 and 6-1). Steve Stalker collected three hits in the second game while Austin managed only two hits in the opener. Austin defeated Rochester 5-4 and 12-5 to end their eight game losing streak. The wins left ACC 4-6 in the division and 4-10 overall. Schwab had three hits including a 3 run triple in game one. Stalker was the big hitter in the nightcap collecting three hits including a 2 run home run. ACC managed a split with WWTI, losing 9-4 and coming back to win 7-4, lifting its season record to 5-11. Kevin Higbe had pair of hits in game one and he collected a trio of hits in the nightcap. ACC closed out the season with a pair of losses to Normandale (no report found) and finished the season with a 5-13 record.

Roster Included:

Bruce Benson	Keith Delhanty
Dale Hedensten	Kevin Higbe
Steve Jennings	Russell Keating
Kevin Kinstler	Adam Martinez
Mark Murphy	Bryan Schwab
Timothy Simonson	Steve Stalker
Roger Stratton	Weston Wiggins

SOFTBALL

Coach Dan Ball 11-8 Austin

Community College women's fast pitch softball team had its debut at Todd Park in Austin. ACC coached by Dan Ball in their initial season collected 26 hits but lost 8-6 and 9-7 to Willmar. Sherri Hilmer had three hits in the opener, while Cheryl Hickey collected four hits including a 2 run home run in the second contest. The Blue Devils earned there place in history with two wins over UM Waseca 12-5 and 14-0. The pair of victories gives ACC their first wins of the inaugural season of softball at Austin Community College. Julie Anderson, Hilmer, and Hickey each had two hits in the first game, while Hickey collected three hits in the nightcap. Julie Anderson pitched the shutout in the second contest. ACC remained at .500 with a split with Inver Hills, winning 9-5 but losing the nightcap 21-4. The split left Austin at 3-3 on the year. Judy Volser was the winning pitcher in game one. Karol Hansen led the offense with 3 hits. In game two, Jan Gabrielson had three hits. The Lady Blue Devils posted a 3-3 record in the Waseca Invitational and brought home the

consolation honors. ACC lost to Rochester 8-7 and 12-9 to Anoka-Ramsey, beat Waseca 10-0 in the opening day. In day two, ACC lost 8-7 to Golden Valley Lutheran, beat Anoka Ramsey 16-6 and blanked Metropolitan 5-0 for fifth place. ACC improved its record to 6-6. Dan Ball's Blue Devils won a pair of league games, beating Rochester 14-2 and 14-4 to improve to 5-3 in the division and 8-6 overall. Judy Vosler was the winning pitcher in game one, while Nancy Scherer, Sheri Hilmer, and Les Strock each had two hits. In the nightcap, Julie Anderson was the winning pitcher and Cheryl Hickey collected three hits. ACC split with Normandale, losing 6-4 and winning the nightcap 6-4. In the loss, ACC had only two hits. In the second game, Hickey led the way with a trio of hits while Anderson as the winning pitcher. The Austin Community College women's fast pitch team wrapped up its inaugural season by finishing second in the Anoka Ramsey invitational tournament. The Blue Devils won two games and lost one to finish the season 11-8 under first year Coach Dan Ball. In the first game, ACC won 10-7 over UM Waseca, rallying from a 7-4 deficit. In the semis, ACC whipped Anoka Ramsey 8-3. Julie Anderson was the winning pitcher. Inver Hills nipped the Blue Devils in the finals by a 3-1 score. Austin hosted the women's state tournament at Todd Park. ACC did not qualify for the classic.

Roster Included:

Julie K. Anderson	Susan Fahje	Patti Foss
Jan Gabrielson	Karol Hansen	Sheri Hilmer
Lee Ann Ihrke	Laura Kruger	Kim Loewen
Lynette Martin	Jodi Nordmeier	Nancy Scherer
Leslie Srock	Joan Vosler	Judith Vosler
Cheryl Hickey	Karen Baier	

GOLF Coach Jim Mittun ACC finished 5th in their own invitational in the 11 team field, shooting a 339 score. The Blue Devil's Greg Anderson finished 2nd with a 76. Anderson won the medalist honors at the NIACC invitational by shooting a 36-36-72. Austin finished 14th in the Region XIII tournament and 12th in the state meet. Greg Anderson was Austin's best with a two day score of 167, followed by Dave Carlson (173), Jack Hovland (184), Ron Felten (186), and Ted Sherman with a 191.

Men's Tennis Coach David Dickinson & Terry Dilley 4-5 ACC dropped their opener 5-4 to Inver Hills. The Blue Devils dropped their next contest and then defeated Rochester 6-3 for their first win. In singles, John Rosenburg and Mernie Budde won by default. Terry Lewis and Tim Smaby also were victorious. Mike Moore and Matt Daniels lost in singles. In doubles, Rosenburg and Budde won 6-0, Lewis and Smaby won 6-2. Moore and Daniels lost in their doubles match. ACC lost to Normandale 9-0, then bounced back to defeat Bethany Lutheran 8-1. Terry Lewis and Tim Smaby won their singles and doubles match but ACC lost 6-3 to

Inver Hills. Now 2-4 in dual meets. ACC lost to North Hennepin 8-1 as Mernie Buddee was the only Blue Devil to win a match. Austin lost to Normandale 8-1 in its final season dual meet. ACC finished 4th out of 17 teams in state. Tim Smaby second in #4 singles at the state tournament. (no other results were found). Members: John Rosenburg, Mernie Buddee, Terry Lewis, Tim Smaby, Mike Moore, and Matt Danniels.

Women's Tennis Coach Vel Moen 3-1 After two meets postponed due to weather, ACC defeated Willmar 9-0 for its first win. In singles, Lee Ann Ihrke, Suzie DeRemer, Donna McDonald, Debbie Goodwin, Nancy Fossey and Pattie Foss all were winners. In doubles, DeREmer and Foss won 8-2, McDonald and Ihrke won 8-0, and Barb Shultz and Jacqueline Johnson were victorious. ACC lost to Rochester 6-3 in a dual match. Austin turned around and defeated Rochester 7-2. In singles, DeRemer, Ihrke, McDonald, and Foss all were winners. In doubles, Ihrke and McDonald won 7-6, Goowin and DeRemer won 7-6, while Fossey and Foss lost in their doubles match. ACC nipped Inver Hills 5-4 in its final tune up for the state tournament. (No tournament results were found). Members included: Suzanne DeRemer, Patti Foss, Nancy Goodwin, Debbie Goodwin, Sheri Hilmer, Lee Ann Ihrke, Jacqueline Johnson, Barbara Schultz, Lindy Thomas, Diane Westfall, Donna McDonald.