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FOOTBALL Coach Earl Perkins 3-5 Return six starters on offense and five starters on defense off last year's 1-7 team. ACC lost its opener 26-6 to last year's conference champs Normandale. Austin fumbled six times and lost two of them as they trailed 19-0 at halftime. Mark Febbriello scored from one yard to cap a 63 yard drive in the third quarter as both teams traded TD's in the second half. Dewey Hagen had three quarterback sacks and recovered one fumble. The Blue Devils lost 17-0 to Anoka-Ramsey but it wasn't due to a lack of scoring chances. ACC had the ball inside the 10-yard line three times and came up empty. Todd Johnson caught 8 passes for 84 yards in a losing effort. For the second consecutive game, ACC was shutout, this time to Lakewood 10-0. Fumbles proved to be very costly (six times and lost three) in the loss and one of those occurred on the one-yard line in the first quarter. Derrick Norfleet rushed for 111 yards on 21 carries. After scoring only one TD in three games, ACC put five scores on the board and won the annual "Pigskin Bowl" by defeating Waseca 35-0. The win improves Austin to 1-3 on the season. The Blue Devils had a big goal line stand in the first quarter that ended up being a turning point in the game. With five minutes gone in the second quarter, Ken Jones fielded a punt on the Waseca's 44 yard line and raced down the sidelines for a 44-yard scoring return. Then ACC scored twice right before intermission to go up 21-0. The Blue Devils scored the first two times they got the ball in the second half to lead 35-0. Jay Jendersee kicked all five PATs while Norfleet rushed for 145 yards on 22 carries. ACC lost 43-21 to Iowa Lakes in non-conference action. The defense surrendered 512 yards on offense. Ken Jones set an ACC rushing record as he ripped for 232 yards to carry Austin to a 21-0 win over Willmar. Jones also scored all three touchdowns as Austin's defense held Willmar to 184 yards total offense. The Blue Devils dropped to 2-5 as Rochester dashed to a 34-0 victory over Austin. The Yellow-jackets had 443 yards of total offense compared to ACC's 150. Austin upset Worthington 26-14 to end the season 3-1 in league play and 3-5 overall. The Blue Devils held the potent Worthington attack to a mere 104 yards and had drives of 38, 85, 77, and 53 all for touchdowns. "Our offensive and defensive lines really controlled this game" said Coach Earl Perkins. Ken Jones rushed for 168 yards on 27 carries and set a single season record with 727 yards. "Our record does not indicate how good of team we really were" stated Perkins. Jay Jendersee was named All-Conference, All-Region (defense) and Gary Spiering, All-Conference, All-Region XIII (offense). Ken Jones, All-Conference (offense).

Roster Included:

Ken Jones	QB	Tony Lindahl	QB
Pat Fulton	QB	Terry Jorgenson	DB
Ron Heimer	FI	Keigh Schlaak	DB
Jeff Woelfel	FI	Ross Skov	DB
John McKay	RB	Butch Goergen	LB

Mark Felten	LB	Mario Rockers	DB
Derrick Norfleet	RB	Todd Towne	DB
Todd Johnson	FI	Jay Jendersee	LB
Mark Febbriello	RB	Dan Leif	C
Tarryl Olson	C	Dewey Hagan	G
Davis Kirk	G	Dean Wells	G
Dave Schoff	G	Trent Fluegel	T
Kent Erickson	T	Glenn Pollock	T
Gary Spiering	T	Randy Spiering	T
Steve Zahrandnik	T	Tunis DeVries	E
Robert Bonella	E	Paul Tschann	E
Randy Fox	E	Joe Atkinson	E
Jim Hermes	E	Scott Wuertz	E
Assistant Coaches: Dave Simonson, Kevin Swank			

SCHEDULE AND SCORES

Normandale	6-26	L
Anoka Ramsey	0-17	L
Lakewood	0-10	L
U of M Waseca	35-0	W
Iowa Lakes	21-43	L
Willmar	21-0	W
Rochester	0-34	L
Worthington	26-14	W

RECORD: Three wins, five losses

VOLLEYBALL Coach Vel Moen 15-15 The Blue Devil volleyball team returns to two letter-winners (Jane Upcraft and Barb Smith) and has a host of talented freshmen. ACC won its first three matches (3-0) and placed sixth out of eight teams in the North Hennepin Invitational. Despite the finish, Austin missed getting into the championship round by one point. That was during a 0-15, 16-14, 16-18 loss to Vermilion in the third round. Vermilion went on to win the tourney. In the opening round, ACC lost to Normandale 15-7, 16-14, then the Blue Devils beat North Hennepin 15-4, 15-7 before losing to Vermilion. ACC closed out its play losing to Rochester 15-13, 15-13. The Blue Devils are now 4-3 and open league play against Worthington (who they defeated 14-16, 15-9, 15-9) and Bethany (lost 15-10, 14-16, 15-13). In their next six matches, Austin won two and lost four to drop to 7-8 overall. The Blue Devils split a pair of conference matches, losing to Willmar 15-13, 15-6 and triumphing over Waseca 15-12, 17-15. Lori Vigum had 8 ace attacks in the first match. ACC defeated Inver Hills in non-conference action to even its record at .500 (9-9). Austin lost a pair of matches to Bethany (15-10, 10-15, 15-5) and to Willmar (15-5, 15-3). “We have been playing good defensive volleyball but nothing seems to be going right for us” said Moen.

ACC took two from Worthington (15-1, 15-1) and Waseca (15-8, 12-15, 15-6) to bounce back in conference action. Sharon Barnett had 15 ace attacks in the two matches. The wins evened their record at 11-11. ACC posted a 2-3 record at the North Hennepin Invite to place fourth out of eight teams. This was their final tune up before the southern division playoffs. At North Hennepin, ACC lost to Rochester 15-5, 15-7, before rebounding to defeat Northland 15-7, 15-11. Mesabi then defeated ACC 15-13, 15-17, 15-13 before the Blue Devils came back to defeat Lakewood 5-15, 15-13, 15-11. In the consolation title, Hibbing downed Austin 15-13, 17-15. The tourney left ACC 13-14 on the season. Austin Community College volleyball team won three matches and lost two, placing third in the Southern Division tournament. "I am disappointed not going to state (top two teams qualify), but am very proud of this team" said Coach Moen. The Blue Devils opened with a 15-3, 15-3 win over Worthington before losing to Willmar 15-13, 8-15, 4-15. Austin battled back to defeat Waseca 8-15, 15-1, 15-8 and Bethany 15-10, 15-8. However, Rochester then ended the Austin season with a 15-6, 15-2 victory. The Blue Devils finish the season with a 15-15 record. All-Conference (1st team)-Shelly Simonson. All-Conference (2nd team) Sharon Barnett & Laurie Vigum.

Roster Included:

Sharon Barnett	Carrie Beckman	Sue Johnson
Connie Knutson	Tracy Kraft	Lisa Nelson
Rose Opsahl	Jina Reese	Shelly Simonson
Barb Smith	Rebecca Spurr	Jane Upcraft
Laurie Vigum		

BASKETBALL Coach Jim Mittun 1-18 Coach Mittun lost four of five starters off last year's team and the top two scorers. Austin Community College dropped its opener losing 93-59 to WWTI. Dan Warner had 14 points in the loss. The Blue Devils shot 32% as they lost 68-47 to Lakewood. Warner again led them with 11 points and 11 rebounds. ACC fell to 0-4 as they lost two games in their own invitational. Madison defeated Austin 79-49 and Suomi College triumphed over ACC 64-54. Austin had 26 turnovers in game one of the tournament and in the second contest they converted only 10 of 24 free throws. The Blue Devils dropped their fifth straight game as Inver Hills handed them a 64-47 loss as they could muster just 18 of 55 field goal attempts. Golden Valley defeated Austin 75-66 despite playing its best game of the year according to Coach Mittun. Mark Langan had a season high 19 while Warner added 11 points. The Blue Devils dropped to 0-8 with a pair of losses in the Minneapolis tourney. The host school defeated ACC 84-50 and then Willmar handed Austin a 97-71 loss. Mike Lohre (14) and Mark Langan (18) led them respectively. Shooting just 9 of 19 from the foul line and missing five front ends of the bonus, ACC lost to Iowa Lakes 93-75 to fall to 0-9 on the season. Dan Warner had 21 followed by Langan with 15 points. Waseca defeated Austin 62-53 in conference action. It was one of the better defensive games of the year for the Blue Devils but shooting continues to be their problem.

Three players scored in double figures for ACC; Jed Falgren (15), Steve Cole (12), and Mark Langan (11). ACC was topped by Waldorf 78-65 in non-conference action. Austin out goaled Waldorf by one but the free throw line was the difference as they made 15 less free throws compared to their opponents. Mike Lohre had a season high 18 to lead Austin. The Blue Devils led by as much as eight but couldn't hand on and lost a 60-52 encounter to Worthington in league action. Lohre had 13, followed by Langan and Warner with a dozen each. After dropping a conference decision to Rochester, ACC lost its fourteenth consecutive game as Bethany handed Austin an 83-60 loss.

Mark Langan tallied a career high 30 points as ACC shot 30% in the defeat. For the fourth time this season, ACC scored less than 50 points and it cost them as Waseca defeated Austin 51-46 in conference action. Langan again led them with 18 points as the Blue Devils dropped to 0-5 in league and 0-15 overall. Jed Falgren had a season high 18 as Austin dropped its sixteenth game of the year losing 80-65 to Willmar. The Blue Devils picked up their first win of the season and it wasn't against just anybody. ACC defeated Worthington who entered the game 7-0 in league play. The Blue Devils won a hard fought 54-53 decision as they ripped the nets for a torrid 59% from the field. Austin was very deliberate and shot only 34 attempts and Falgren led them with 25 points and Dan Warner shot 6 for 7 and scored 13 points. ACC lost to Rochester 73-62 in league play. Mark Langan (15) and Mike Lohre (12) scored in double figures. In the season finale, ACC lost a heart breaker to Bethany 59-57 in overtime. Neither team scored in the final four minutes of regulation. Langan (15) and Dan Warner (13) led their team in the defeat. Austin ended the season 1-18.

Mark Langan was selected All-Conference and All-State Honorable mention.

Roster Included:

Greg Storey	Jed Falgren	Chris McCabe
Mark Langan	Doug Borwege	Kenny Smith
Jim Stipe	Joe Atkinson	Wayne Fett
Mike Lohre	Scott Engebretson	Steve Cole
Dan Warner	Jim Neitzal	

Assistant Coach: Jon Falgren

BASKETBALL Coach Vel Moen 9-9 Gone are five starters that paced the ACC women's team to a division title and a fourth place finish in the state last season. Three members return in Kathy Herzog, Cindy Bongers, and Jane Upcraft. Austin place second in the ACC invitational, defeating Madison 59-56 and losing to Rochester 67-60. Austin blew a 19 point lead to hang on for victory in game one and Tammy Hanson poured in 22 points and grabbed 9 rebounds in the loss to Rochester. Austin improved to 2-1 as they defeated Inver Hills 61-53. Laurie Vigum led all scorers with 21, followed by Hanson (17) and Mary VanProosdy with 13 points. The Blue Devils lost three straight over a weekend after a two week lay-off over Christmas. ACC fell to the hands of Normandale 66-59, then were upended by a score of 83-66 to Iowa Lakes and were beaten by Anoka Ramsey 59-47.

“Its tough to have such a long lay-over” said Coach Moen. Probably the brightest spot over the three day game span was they put on a fine performance against one of the premier community colleges in the country versus Iowa Lakes. At one point ACC led 30-21 before losing by seventeen points. Austin won its conference opener defeating Waseca 74-48. ACC had 20 steals and Lori Vigum tallied 20 points to lead her team to victory. Austin upended Willmar 76-40 to move to 2-0 in league play and 4-4 overall. VanProosdy grabbed 16 rebounds and scored 15 points to lead her team. Sue Johnson contributed a season high 16 and Vigum chipped in with 16 points. Worthington defeated Austin 65-47 in league play despite their leading scorer (Carla Shuck averages 31) being held to 18 points. Johnson had 18, Tammy Hanson (17) and Vigum (12 points and nine assists) in the loss. ACC bounced back and defeated Rochester to move to 3-1 in the league and 5-5 overall. Five players scored in double figures as ACC defeated Normandale 64-50 in non-conference action. Hanson had 16 followed by Kathy Herzog (13), Sue Johnson (11), Vigum (11), and Mary VanProosdy (10). Austin fell back to .500 (6-6) as a hot shooting Bethany handed ACC a 69-56 win that dropped the Blue Devils to 3-2 in league play. Bethany shot 52% compared to Austin’s 32 % as Vigum netted 15 to lead her team in defeat. ACC cruised to a 70-52 win over Waseca in league play. Cindy Bongers came off the bench to score 6 points and grab 9 rebounds in the victory. Tammy Hanson was the only scorer in double figures with 14 points. Austin moved two games above .500 with a 62-34 pounding of Lakewood. Laurie Vigum netted 18 points while VanProosdy chipped in with 14 points. The win upped ACC’s record to 8-6 and they remain 4-2 in league play. Coach Vel Moen was very disappointed in the officials as Austin dropped a tough 76-73 double overtime loss to Willmar. Moen doesn’t complain much but made an exception. (Austin had four girls foul out and Moen collected two technicals herself). Vigum had 20 followed by VanProosdy (16) and Hanson (10 points and 10 rebounds). Any hopes of reaching the state tournament were dashed as Rochester defeated ACC 51-42. Described as the poorest game of the season for Austin by Coach Moen, all Austin has left now is to be a spoiler in its final game against Bethany. Tammy Hanson had 12 points to lead her team in the defeat. ACC closed out the season on a winning note handing Bethany a 67-48 loss. The victory enabled the Blue Devils to finish .500 at 9-9 on the season. The Vikings entered the game 7-2 in the league and the win left ACC fourth in a six team league with a 5-5 mark. Mary VanProosdy scored 16 of her game high 20 points in the second half to lead her team to victory.

Roster Inlcuded:

Cindy Bongers	Tammy Hanson	Kathy Herzog
Sue Johnson	Sandra Quinn	Shelly Simonson
Rebecca Spurr	Jane Upcraft	Mary VanProosdy
Laurie Vigum	Kim Jensen	Laurie Rayman

BASEBALL Coach Earl Perkins 6-14 Inexperience and hitting are two obstacles Coach Perkins team will have to overcome to have a successful season. ACC returns two veterans, Terry Schwab and Greg Jette. Austin lost its first two games to Normandale, losing the opener 7-1 and the nightcap 9-0. ACC collected only one hit in the two contests. The Blue Devils bounced back and swept a pair from WWTI, winning 4-2 and 3-2 in non-conference action. Austin trailed 2-1 in the seventh in game one and rallied for 3 runs behind the game winning triple by Terry Schwab (collected 3 hits). In the nightcap tied 2-2 in the seventh, Jerry Brooks had a two out game winning RBI single for Austin to compete the sweep. Mark Larkowski picked up the mound win in game two with 3 and 1/3 inning so shutout ball. ACC split a doubleheader with Rochester, winning 2-1 before falling 5-4 in the second contest. Jay Carr went six strong innings in game one giving up one run and seven hits for the win. ACC had four errors in the second game and recorded only three hits. Austin split with NIACC to keep its season record even at 4-4. ACC won the opener 13-6 before falling 8-6 in the nightcap. The Blue Devils pounded out 15 hits in the victory. Jay Carr had a three run triple in his three hits and collected 4 RBI. Terry Schwab, Todd Prafke, Scott Engebretson, and Jerry Brooks each had two hits apiece. Walks by ACC pitchers contributed to their loss in game two. Schwab had two of the seven hits by Austin batters. The Blue Devils gained a split with Inver Hills, winning the opener 11-7 before losing 16-8. ACC pitching was rocked for 23 runs and 22 hits in the doubleheader. Tim Wagner went 4 for 4 while Engebretson had 3 hits in game one. Carr was 3 for 4 and 5 RBI in the second contest. Normandale swept Austin 13-1 and 13-6 seeing their record drop to 5-7. ACC collected only two hits in the opener, and they rapped out 12 hits in the nightcap but it wasn't enough as the Lions scored 13 runs off 15 hits. Schwab, Brooks, and Carr all had two hits in the nightcap. The Winona State JV team swept Austin 13-2 and 15-1 to make it three losses in a row for ACC. The Blue Devils committed 11 errors and collected only 11 hits in the doubleheader loss. Austin drops to 5-9 overall. The losing streak increased to five as Rochester upended Austin 16-6 and 14-2 as both games were called after five due to the 10 run rule. The last four games have been by all 10 run losses. The Blue Devils losing streak reached seven as the Mankato State JVs dropped ACC 10-6 and 6-0 in non-conference play. ACC had nine hits in the opener with Jerry Brooks, Jay Carr, and Terry Schwab all with 2 apiece. MSU shut out Austin in game two as they collected only 6 hits. The Blue Devils ended the season on a winning note and breaking their losing streak at eight games, losing the opener 11-0 to Inver Hills before winning the nightcap 4-2. ACC had only two hits in game one. Jay Carr went the distance in the final game of the season, giving up two runs on three hits while striking out 10 batters. Tim Wagner went 3 for 4 and Larkowski and Schwab each collected two hits. ACC finished the season 6-14.

Roster Included:

Jerry Brooks	Jay Carr
Scott Engebretson	Randy Fox
John Hakes	Dave Jensen
Greg Jette	Mark Larkowski
Brian Pfeiffer	Todd Prafke
Terry Schwab	Paul Smith
Tim Wagner	James Engersoll

SOFTBALL Coach Rolf Synoground 18-11 State-3rd Three letter-winners return off last year's Region Champions and 18-8 season. First year Coach Rolf Synoground says pitching will be his team's strength with a very inexperienced line up. Austin won its first two games, defeating Willmar 3-2 and 6-5. Both games went extra innings as Laurie Vigum had the game winning RBI in game one and an unearned run provided the winner in the nightcap. Jane Synoground went the distance in game one and got the win in relief of Laurie Rayman in game two. ACC split a doubleheader versus Waseca as they won 9-0 on a three hit shutout by Synoground but lost the nightcap 5-4. The Blue Devils compiled a record of 3-2 at the Rochester Invitational and brought home second place. ACC dropped their first two games before coming back and winning the final three contests. Austin opened the tourney with a 7-3 loss to Waseca and then lost 6-5 to Iowa Lakes in six innings (all games were scheduled for 5 innings). ACC then won 2-1 over Anoka Ramsey (Synoground threw a 4-hitter), ACC defeated Rochester 4-3 in eight innings as Synoground went the distance for the victory, and finally Austin defeated Waseca 7-3 as Laurie Rayman got her first mound victory. The tourney left the Blue Devils with a 6-3 record overall. Austin split with NIACC, winning 10-6 in eight innings before losing 7-6. ACC had 11 hits in the opener led by Shelly Simonson with three. Rayman pitched a complete game in the nightcap and lost it in the seventh on a pair of walks and an error. The Blue Devils split with Rochester, losing 2-0 and winning 3-2 and are now 8-5 on the season. ACC collected only two hits in game one as Jane Synoground lost on a four-hitter. Synoground got the win in game two as she pitched a five-hitter as ACC rallied for two runs in the sixth inning. The Blue Devils won three and lost two in the Waseca Invitational bringing home second place honors. ACC lost the opener 9-7 to Lakewood as Rayman took the mound loss on a four hitter. Austin bounced back with a 8-5 win over North Hennepin. A three run triple by Rebecca Spurr was the big blow to propel ACC to the victory. ACC then shut out Itasca 11-0 as Jane Synoground threw a two-hitter and collected three hits to help her own cause. In the semifinal game, Austin defeated Waseca 9-0 behind the pitching of Jane Synoground, who threw a perfect five inning game. ACC was held to four hits in the championship loss to Rochester 5-0. The Blue Devils are now 11-7 overall. Austin swept a pair from Normandale, winning 7-1 and 4-1. Synoground won both games on the mound, pitching a four-hitter and a one-hitter respectively. Laurie Vigum had four hits in the opener.

In the Southern Division playoffs, Austin had hopes of qualifying for the Regional but had to settle for second place and an automatic berth in the state tournament. In the opening round, Austin dropped Willmar 8-3. Jane Synogronnd got the win as she went five innings with relief from Laurie Rayman. ACC lost 3-1 to Rochester as her teammates collected only two hits. The Blue Devils rebounded with a 2-1 win over Waseca in nine innings to advance to the championship game. Sue Johnson had the game winning RBI single in the extra inning affair with Synogronnd gaining the mound victory. Austin lost 7-0 to Rochester in the title game as they had only 3 hits off Rochester pitching. "We just ran out of gas" said Coach Synogronnd. ACC upped its record to 15-9 and next is the state tournament. Austin earned its way into the semifinal round with a pair of hard fought 2-1 victories in the state softball tournament. Jane Synogronnd pitched her team to both wins, throwing four-hitter in both contests. Sue Johnson drove in the deciding run versus Hibbing and Synogronnd had the game winning RBI single in the sixth inning against Anoka Ramsey. The Blue Devils dropped a tough 1-0 decision to Inver Hills in the semifinal game. The only run scored off Synogronnd was in the sixth as she allowed a triple and single after pitching a perfect first five innings. ACC had only two hits in the loss. Austin fell 2-1 to Anoka Ramsey and was eliminated in the eight team field. Austin managed only two hits in the game as Synogronnd took a perfect game into the seventh inning. A "bleeder" started the inning followed by a triple to plate the tying run. One out later a single provided the winning run and dashed all hopes for ACC to bring home a championship. ACC finished the season 17-11 and third place in the state. Jane Synogronnd, Laurie Vigum and Sue Johnson all were named to the 11 member All-Southern Division team. Synogronnd also earned All-State & All-Region XIII honors.

Roster Included:

Carrie Beckman	Cindy Bongers	Grace DeVries
Tammy Hanson	Susan Johnson	Tracy Kraft
Laurie Loomis	Lisa Nelson	Lynette Nelson
Laurie Rayman	Richelle Simonson	Rebecca Spurr
Jane Synaground	Laurie Vigum	

GOLF Coach Jim Mittun 3-17 Austin competed at the state and Regional tournament held in Rochester. The first 18 holes were played at Northern Hills Golf Course and the final 18 holes at Eastwood Golf Course. ACC carded a 758 to finish 8th out of 13 teams. The Blue Devils top scorer was Eric Swenson and Steve Michel each with 178. Al Wilhelm (192), Scott Weichmann (220) were the other two scores. Duane Wiste-no score. Other members were: Rodney Harvey, Trent Miller, Tim O'Conner, Todd Towne, and William Stephenson.

GOLF-Women's Coach Jim Mittun This was the first year the state and Region were held for women and Jody Borris took full advantage of the opportunity by stroking a 99 and a 102 for a 36 hole score of 201 and finished 2nd place in the medalist competition. Borris led by three strokes after the first day of competition. Amy Anfinson and Kim Ritchey also participated on the season.

TENNIS-Men Coach David Dickinson & Terry Dilley 5-1 **Region-runner-up.** After a one year layoff, men's tennis has been reinstated into the sports program. Heading the list is Kevin Arnold. ACC opened with a 5-4 win over Dr. Martin Luther. Kevin Arnold, Todd Wenzel, Bill Fleiner all won at singles. In doubles, Arnold-Wenzel, Fleiner-Rayce Hardy also won. Itasca was easily disposed of Austin 6-0 at an indoor match. A pro set was used and all matches were singles won by the Blue Devils. Austin remained undefeated at 3-0 as they beat Rochester 6-0 who forfeited a match at singles and doubles as they had only three players. ACC defeated Rochester for a second time by the score of 6-0 to keep their streak alive at four matches. The Blue Devils traveled to Mankato Bethany and edged the Vikings 5-4 to run their record to 5-0. Number #1 singles Kevin Arnold and #2 Todd Wenzel both won before #3 Bill Fleiner lost. Back came ACC as #4 Rayce Hardy won his match. Joe Majerus at #5 was beat and #6 Dean Eichstadt also lost. With the score tied 3-3, the number #1 doubles of Arnold-Fleiner and #2 doubles of Fleiner-Hardy both were victorious to secure the win. ACC lost their first match of the year to Bethany 6-3 to drop to 5-1. ACC was without the services of #1 Kevin Arnold and #4 Rayce Hardy. This concluded the regular season. Austin took part in the Region XIII Tennis championships and took second place with 15 points. (Willmar won it with 24 points). Kevin Arnold was the #1 singles champion going through the field undefeated. He received a bye, then won 6-3, 6-0 putting him in the finals. He blanked his opponent 6-0, lost 2-6, before winning 6-1 to win the championship. This qualified Arnold for the NJCAA national championships. At #2, Todd Wenzel won his first match but lost in the semifinals. Bill Fleiner (#3) won his first match but also lost in the semis. At #4, Rayce Hardy made it to the championship match after winning his first two matches but lost 6-2, 6-1 in the finals. Joe Majerus and Dean Eichstad each dropped their first matches of competition. In the doubles, Arnold-Wenzel teamed up to win the championship at #1 doubles. Due to a lack of funds Kevin Arnold and Todd Wenzel did not compete in the national tennis championships. In the final match, the ACC duo took three set to dispose of their opponents, winning 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. By winning the #1 doubles competition, this qualified Todd Wenzel and Kevin Arnold to compete in doubles competition at the NJCAA tennis championships in Ocala, Florida. At the number #2 doubles, ACC's Fleiner-Hardy also won their flight by winning 5-7, 6-3, 6-4. But despite winning the Region title, Hardy and Fleiner do not advance to national competition because by rule you have to compete at #1 singles or doubles to qualify.

At #3 doubles, Majerus-Dean Deick lost their first match. Members of the team: Todd Wenzel, Bill Fleiner, Rayce Hardy, Joe Majerus, Dean Eichstadt, Dean Deick, Ed Budde, Jeff Tapp, Wayne Lavalier, Jay Christianson, and Dave Hultman make up the remainder of the squad.

Tennis-Women's Coach Dickinson and Dilley 1-3 After a one year layoff, women's tennis has been reinstated into the sports program. Maria Albert, Stephanie Jahr, Angie Hultmann hold down the first three spots of singles. Rounding out the team is Ann Voss and Wendy Boughton. ACC dropped its first match 4-2 to Itasca. A pro set was played. The Blue Devils won one of four singles and split the doubles. Austin was blanked 6-0 by Rochester to drop to 0-2. Rochester came back and defeated ACC 4-2 to keep the Austin women winless. The Blue Devils won their first match 3-1 over Bethany and then came back and lost 4-2 to the same squad a week later. This concluded their regular season at 1-3. Austin competed at the Region XIII tournament and all the ladies lost in the first round of competition.

Co-Ed State Championship The Austin Community College tennis teams ended their season on a successful note by winning the MCCC Co-Ed Tennis Tournament. ACC brought home the championship trophies in two-out-of-three categories as the Blue Devils won their division while the women placed third. Their combined scores earned the Blue Devils the overall title and the right to be tabbed as the Minnesota Community College Champions. The ACC men won their division with 13 points, out distancing Hibbing who had 8 points. Kevin Arnold was upset in the quarter finals at #1, Todd Wenzel lost at #2 in the finals, Bill Fleiner made it to the finals and lost. Rayce Hardy gave ACC their first men's singles champion at #4 winning 6-1, 6-2. Austin's #1 and #2 doubles teams went through the season undefeated. Arnold-Wenzel won at #1 doubles and Fleiner-Hardy won their final match in straight sets. The ACC women's team accumulated seven points to finish third behind Itasca and Rochester. At #1, Maria Albert won her first match but lost in three sets in the semifinals. Number #2 Stephanie Jahr lost her opening round match in three sets. The Blue Devils #3 Angie Hultman won three consecutive matches to win the championship. ACC's Ann Voss lost at #4 in her first round. The Blue Devils #1 doubles team of Albert-Jahr won their first match and lost in the semis. At #2, Hultman-Wendy Boughton advanced to the finals before losing in three.