

# 1987-88

**FOOTBALL** Coach David Lillemon 1-7 Dave Lillemon takes over for Kevin Swank, who guided the Blue Devils for two seasons. ACC has 17 freshmen on a 27 man roster. ACC lost its opener 37-0 to Inver Hills. The Blue Devils were able to move the ball, driving for 16 first downs but Inver Hills passed for five touchdowns and beat the secondary often. "We did a lot of positive things" said Coach Lillemon. "Everybody learned something out there". ACC rushed for 157 and passed for 101 which gave Lillemon what he wanted and that was balance on offense. The Blue Devils turned the ball over 11 times and lost to NIACC 40-0 in non-conference action. ACC had 212 total yards compared to 436 by the Trojans. ACC lost a 35-3 war with North Hennepin but won a 3-0 battle in the second half. "The second half was real encouraging" said Lillemon. The Blue Devils trailed 35-0 at halftime. Davey Peterson scored the only points for ACC on a 25 yard field goal in the third quarter. Austin dropped a 55-15 division game with Willmar and dropped to 0-4 on the season. It was a very physical game and ACC had 8 athletes injured with three not finishing the contest. Quarterback Steve Jette hit Matt Nelson for a 23 yard scoring toss and Jette later scored on a one yard keeper. Austin had a solid first half trailing 7-0 but just wore down as Rochester handed the Blue Devils a 34-0 setback. The Yellowjackets outgained ACC 454 to 104 total yards. The Blue Devils were ever so close but lost a tough conference game to Worthington 12-0 to remain winless on the season. On a fourth and 12 late in the first quarter Worthington converted and later scored from nine yards out to go up 6-0. Worthington scored a 17 yard TD with 19 seconds to go on a "hidden ball play" in the first half to take a 12-0 lead at halftime. ACC defense created six turnovers and gave up only 262 total yards. The Blue Devils continued to show improvement as they did everything but win in a 13-7 setback to Waseca. Trailing 13-0 at halftime, ACC had two big defensive stops at the 19 and 8 yard lines that ignited the offense. Austin was stopped at its own three yard line in the fourth quarter but got the ball back again and on the next possession drove it in, as back up QB Matt Brooks found Matt Nelson for a 19 yard TD pass and Kent Porter connected on the PAT and the Blue Devils trailed 13-7. An onside kick was unsuccessful and Waseca ran out the clock for the victory. ACC is now 0-7 on the season. Dating back to October 19, 1985, ACC has lost 17 straight football games. ACC put it all together and came away with a thrilling 21-20 come-from-behind victory over Anoka-Ramsey. "I kept telling the guys if they keep battling good things will eventually start happening. Today those good things happened" said Coach Lillemon. It was ACC's first victory of the season and the Devils finish 1-7 overall. Austin trailed 20-6 at halftime but later in the third quarter ACC mounted a 75 yard drive, led by Larry Willmott who contributed 40 yards to that drive.

Willmott scored from 2 yards out and the PAT failed and Austin trailed by eight points. After a quick three and out, AR had to punt and on third and five, running back Keith Frank found day-light and scored from 43 yards out and ACC trailed by two. Forced to go for two, Anoka-Ramsey stopped the conversion and preserved the 20-18 lead. ACC stopped AR on two occasions and took over with 5:46 remaining on its own 26 yard line. Jeff Bray caught a halfback pass from Harry Willmott and took it 63 yards to the nine yard line. Four plays later on fourth and two Coach Lillemon goes for the win. He sends in Davey Peterson for a 19 yard field goal and the kick was good with 2:43 to go in the game. The ACC defense stopped Anoka on four straight plays and the Blue Devils had their only win of the season and stopped their seven game losing streak. Dave Peterson (DL) was named All-MCCC Honorable Mention; Larry Willmott (RB), Matt Nelson (LB), Jeff Bray (DE).

Roster Included:

Tony Atkinson	FL-LB	Steve Jette	QB-DB
Jeff Bray	FL-DB	DuWayne Berndt	RB-DB
Chris Jette	TE-CE	Pat Farnsworth	RB-DB
Darrell Peterson	G-DB	Jared Heimer	RB-DB
Larry Willmott	RB-DB	Matt Nelson	TE-LB
Robert Anderson	RB-DB	Brian Shaughnessy	RB-DB
Keith Franck	RB-DB	Mike Bernard	C-DE
Dan Rector	C-T	Mike Schab	RB-DB
Dean Scott	T-LB	Jeff Heinzl	G-LB
Kent Porter	T-T	Matt Brooks	T-LB
Jeff Rockers	T-T	Rick Reid	T-T
Mike Hollund	E-DT	Tom Wuertz	FL-DB
Hamilton Peterson	TE-DB	Eric Ostrom	TE-DB

Assistant Coaches: Greg Peterson, Dewey Hagen

SCORES and SCHEDULES

Inver Hills	0-37	L
NIACC	0-40	L
North Hennepin	3-35	L
Willmar	15-55	L
Rochester	0-34	L
Worthington	0-12	L
Waseca	7-13	L
Anoka Ramsey	21-20	W

Record: one win, seven losses

## **VOLLEYBALL**

Coach Vel Moen 9-22 Vel Moen is

back at the helm after a two year absence and no volleyball last year at ACC. The Blue Devils opened the season with a 15-12, 15-5, 15-8 win over NIACC. "Our serving was outstanding" said Coach Moen. Austin dropped a pair in the ACC invitational, losing 15-6, 17-15 to Normandale and 16-14, 15-6 to Rochester. ACC came home with a 1-2 record in the Rochester invite. They lost in three games to Rochester, then bounced back and defeated Anoka-Ramsey 15-10, 15-10, only to lose to the Winona JVs 13-15, 15-13, and 15-10. "The girls continue to show improvement in their playing" said Moen. ACC defeated Waseca 15-10 and 15-13 then lost to Willmar 15-9, 15-2. Austin drops to 5-14 on the season. ACC dropped a pair, losing 15-8, 15-6 to Willmar and 15-7, 15-5 to Bethany in conference action. "We found out our youth and inexperience cost us" said Vel Moen. ACC lost to Rochester 2-0 but bounced back with their best performance of the season with an 11-15, 15-7, 15-9 win over the Winona JV. The Blue Devils lost their first match 15-4, 15-3 to Rochester. In the win over Winona, Kris Gullord had 8 kills and 4 digs, and Brenda Homeier had 10 kills and 4 digs. ACC improved to 6-17. ACC split, losing 15-3, 4-15, 15-13 to Worthington and defeating Waseca 10-15, 15-7, 15-6. The Blue Devils lost their final two conference matches, dropping a 15-10, 11-15, 15-6 setback to Worthington and then losing 15-7, 15-3 to Bethany. ACC finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the conference and 7-20 on the regular season. The Blue Devils competed in the southern division playoffs and finished fourth as they won two and lost two in the double elimination tournament. "These girls played well and I am proud of their hard work and dedication" said Coach Moen. In the first match, ACC beat Worthington 15-8, 13-15, 15-10. Debbie Coughlin and Kris Gullord led in kills with nine and eight respectively. ACC then lost to Bethany 15-3, 15-6. The Blue Devils bounced back and defeated Waseca 15-4, 15-10 as Brenda Homeier and Coughlin each had five kills while Kris Kinney had 10 assists. Willmar eliminated ACC 15-7, 15-5 and sent Austin home with a fourth place finish. ACC completed its season 9-22.

Kris Gullord	Roster Included:	Candis Jendersee
Carey Truckenmiller	Shelly Rolfson	Karmela Hagan
Catherine Kubista	Terry Hinz	JoAnn Tomschin
Debbie Coughlin	Brenda Homeier	Kris Kinney
	Tracy Ball	

## **BASKETBALL**

Coach David Lillemon

7-15 It was

football, now basketball and later baseball. First year Coach Dave Lillemon is in the middle of his three sport duties at ACC and has plenty of optimism as six veterans return for their second season. Austin lost its home opener 68-63 to Iowa Lakes in the ACC Invitational. Duane Scherff poured in 21 and collected 10 rebounds in the loss. The Blue Devils suffered a 65-64 overtime setback to WWTI after trailing by 15 points. Scherff again had 21 tallies in the loss that dropped ACC to 0-2 on the season. The Blue Devils lost their third game of the year with a 74-49 loss to WWTI in a return match. ACC shot only two free throws as Duane Scherff continues to be high man with 16 points. Austin lost to undefeated Iowa Lakes 78-61. Kent Porter had a game high 22 points and Jeff Boysen pulled down 13 rebounds. ACC fell three times in the Hibbing Classic, losing 78-60 to Hibbing, 88-71 to Fergus Falls and 83-79 to Northland and remaining winless in their season at 0-7. Duane Scherff had 17 points in the loss to Hibbing, 29 tallies in the defeat to Fergus Falls and 13 points in the final contest. Scherff made the all-tournament team. The Blue Devils dropped their eighth game in a row with a 59-56 setback to Minneapolis Community College. ACC led by five 46-41 with six minutes to go but could not hang on for the victory. Duane Scherff was the only one in double figures with 16 points. ACC lost 66-56 to Anoka-Ramsey to fall to 0-9 on the season. Austin missed 10 of 17 free throws (5 were on the front end of the bonus) and as Lillemon was quick to point out were the key of the game. ACC out rebound AR 41-31 led by Jeff Boysen with 15. What a difference a night makes as ACC rebounded with their first win of the season defeating Waldorf 76-71 as they nailed 9 of 9 free throws down the stretch to come from behind and get Coach Lillemon his first collegiate coaching basketball victory. The Blue Devils trailed by as many as 11 points but rallied to take their first lead at 6:33 of the game. Jeff Boysen and Duane Scherff each had 17 points, followed by Kent Porter with 13 and James Hebrink added a dozen. Austin is now 1-9 on the year. The Blue Devils lost a heart breaker to Bethany 69-68 after leading 63-55 with two minutes to play. "We are the best 1-10 team in the nation" said Coach Lillemon. "I keep telling the kids, work hard and good things will happen and they have done that all year". Four players scored in double figures led by Duane Scherff's 15 points. ACC played a strong first half and defeated Rochester on the road 68-55 in conference action. The Blue Devils led by 14 at the break and increased it to as much as 20 points in the second half. Scherff had a season high 27 points and Jeff Boysen chipped in with 14 points and a team high 10 rebounds. The win upped ACC to 1-3 in league play and 2-10 overall. The Blue Devils dug themselves a big hole and trailed Waseca 13-4 to start the game but rallied to win 79-63 and continue their momentum the second half of the season. Austin has now won three of their last four games.

Eric Sheehan and Nate Sands teamed up to score the first ten points of the second half that put the Blue Devils ahead for good. For the game, Sheehan had a dozen and Sands had 11 and they were two of five players in double figures led by James Hebrink with 18 tallies. Worthington edged ACC 58-56 in a tough conference match up. Trailing 21-7 at the 12:00 minute mark of the first half, ACC clawed their way back in it as both teams exchanged leads 15 times in the second half. Duane Scherff (19) and Nate Sands (10) were the only two in double figures. ACC defeated Willmar 68-64 in conference action as the #10 rated defensive team in the nation put the clamps on Willmar. The win improved the Blue Devils to 4-11 and 3-4 in the league. ACC shot 58% from the field and were led by Duane Scherff (22) and Kent Porter (12). Austin defeated Inver Hills in a convincing 74-60 win over the #2 rated team in the state. ACC outscored the Giants 16-5 in the final three minutes to preserve the victory. Eric Sheehan had a season high 18, followed by Porter with 17, Nathan Sands had 14 and Scherff chipped in with 13 points. ACC improved to 6-11 as they defeated the Lions from Normandale 89-86 on the road. The Blue Devils have now won 6 of their last 8 games, including three straight. "Our patience on offense was the key as we had close in shots all night" said Lillemon. ACC shot 35 of 58 from the field led by Hebrink who tossed in 9 of 12 for 22 points. Four others had double figures. Kent Porter notched 16, followed by Sheehan with 14, Scherff a dozen and Jeff Boysen 10 points. First place Bethany derailed ACC 77-57 to even their record at 5-5 in the division. Shooting a frigid 34% from the field and 42% from the foul line, ACC never could get untracked. Eric Sheehan led his team with 11 tallies. ACC lost a tough conference game to Rochester 61-59 as Lillemon's team shot only 6 foul shots. Point guard Norm Haddler had his highest point of the season for ACC as he had 13 points. Austin suffered a huge setback as Waseca defeated ACC 82-73 and dropped the Blue Devils to 5-7 in the league with two games to play. Once again free throw opportunities plagued ACC as Waseca shot 31 of 43 compared to Austin's 8 of 8. James Hebrink paced Austin with 20 points and Sheehan was next with 14 points. A while back Worthington edged ACC by two points but with their backs to the wall, Austin trounced their opponent 96-59 to remain alive in the race for second place and a state berth. ACC, Worthington, and Rochester are all tied at 6-7 for second place with one game to play. "Our defense was the best it's been" said Lillemon. Eric Sheehan had a career high 28 points, followed by Hebrink (16), Scherff (10), and Porter (10). "This was essentially a play-off game for us" said Lillemon. "Now they have to reach back and do it one more time on Saturday". ACC lost to Willmar 96-74 and ended any chances of making the state tournament. The Blue Devils fell behind 12-0 and trailed by 18 at halftime. Duane Scherff led ACC as he has all season with 16 points. After going 0-9 to start the season, ACC went 7-6 the rest of the way with four losses coming by two points for less. Austin finishes the season 7-15.

	Roster Included:	
Norm Haddler	Scott Schmidt	Nathan Sands
James Hebrink	Hamilton Peterson	Eric Sheehan
Duane Scherff	Eric Ostrom	Rodney Goette
Chris Jette	Galen Montayne	Jeff Boysen
Kent Porter		
Assistant Coach: Pete Schmidt		

**BASKETBALL** Coach Vel Moen 7-14 Vel Moen returns to the sidelines after a one year leave of absence and what she has is only two returnees and a group of inexperienced players. Austin lost the opener in the ACC invitational 59-50 to WWTI and bounced back with a 74-61 win over Iowa Lakes for third place. “We improved 150% from yesterday” said Coach Moen. Deb Coughlin led ACC with 18 tallies, followed by Tracy Ball (15), Suzy Jahr (11) and Teri Hinz (10). The Blue Devils improved to 2-1 as they edged the Winona JV 68-66 in non-conference action. Candis Jendersee scored a bucket to put ACC up 68-65 to seal the win. Ball poured in 26 points to lead all scorers. The Blue Devils fell 90-49 to at tough NIACC squad. Terry Hinz (15) and Tracy Ball (11) were the only two in double figures. ACC dropped to 2-3 as WWTI defeated the Blue Devils 58-54 on the road. Despite 23 turnovers and giving up 20 offensive rebounds, ACC was right in it to the end. Jendersee (15) and Coughlin (14) led their team in scoring. ACC handed Iowa Lakes a 63-49 setback as they started strong and led 30-19 at half-time. Teri Hinz and Tracy Ball led the Blue Devil attack with 17 apiece, followed by Suzy Jahr’s 10. ACC rallied over Minneapolis with a 69-58 victory and improved to 4-3 on the season. Jahr played her best game of the season and tallied 19 points, while Ball had 16 and Stephanie Allen chipped in with 10 points. ACC dropped a 61-58 decision to Anoka-Ramsey in a game described by Coach Moen as “played very poorly”. Tracy Ball poured in a career high 30 points and kept the Blue Devils within distance. A very tall Waldorf team defeated ACC 72-52 in non-conference action. Suzy Jahr was the only one in double figures with 11 points. After leading 34-33 at halftime, a shaky second half proved to be the downfall for ACC as Bethany handed the Blue Devils a 77-61 setback. The Blue Devils, who fell to 4-6 overall, were led by Jahr with 20 points. ACC dropped its fourth game in a row to Rochester losing 68-54. Tracy Ball was the only one in double figures with 20 points. Coach Vel Moen recorded her 200<sup>th</sup> career coaching victory as ACC defeated Waseca 74-61. “It’s a tribute to Austin and to all the girls who have played for ACC” said an elated Moen. Stephanie Allen poured in 20 points with three others in double figures. In a rescheduled contest, Worthington dropped the Blue Devils 77-67. Tracy Ball had an outstanding performance, scoring 25 points, recording nine steals and grabbing five rebounds. The loss dropped ACC to 4-8 overall.

A second half surge powered Willmar over Austin 70-52 in conference action. Trailing only by four at halftime, ACC could not find the bottom of the net and Willmar won going away. Once again it was freshman sensation Tracy Ball leading the way with 18 points. After a sluggish first half, ACC came out determined to win and defeated Inver Hills 68-62. The tandem of Allen and Ball combined for 29 of the 40 second half points and 48 points overall, with Ball getting 26 and Allen 22. Normandale handed ACC a 74-58 setback and dropped Austin to 6-10 on the season. Tracy Ball had 22, followed by Steph Allen with 13 points. Austin was held to its lowest point total of the season as Bethany defeated ACC 76-44. "Bethany is number one in the division and it is very obvious" said Moen. Tracy Ball poured in 27 points to lead ACC to a 62-56 win over Rochester. "Tough defense was the key" said Coach Moen. The Blue Devils lost a tough conference match up top Waseca, losing 61-60 after holding a slim one point lead with one minute to play. ACC shot 35% from the field and made only 12 of 22 free throws. Teri Hinz led them with 16, followed by Ball with 10 points. A nearly flawless first half enabled ACC to jump to a 35-22 cushion over Worthington at halftime but disaster struck and Worthington roared back to win 59-53 in league play. Leading scorer Tracy Ball was saddled with her 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> fouls early in the second half and Worthington quickly got back into the game. Ball still led her team in scoring with 22 points. ACC finished their season losing 68-48 to Willmar and ended the Blue Devils season 7-14 and a three game losing streak. Tracy Ball was the only one in double figures with 10 points. Tracy Ball earned All-Conference and All-State Honorable Mention, averaging 17 points per game.

Roster Included:

Michell Wulff	Dawn Lastine	Susie Jahr
Melinda Aldrich	Tracy Ball	Deborah Coughlin
Teri Hinz	Candis Jendersee	Carey Truckenmiller
Shelly Rolfson	Stephanie Allen	

\* It was announced by Austin Community College officials that Vel Moen is stepping down as coach at the college. Moen's first year was in 1966 but officially it wasn't until the 1972-73 season that she coached her first varsity team, that being basketball that won six and lost two. Moen leaves with a 203-78 record (.730 in 15 seasons). Vel Moen also coached volleyball and tennis at ACC. She guided the Blue Devils in basketball to three state runner-up finishes (76, 79, and 80), and a third place state finish in volleyball.

## **BASEBALL**

Coach David Lillemon 4-22

From the gridiron sideline to the basketball bench, Coach Lillemon prepares himself to take up residence in the dugout. The Blue Devils lost their first games as Waldorf defeated ACC 19-9 and 16-4. Austin led 8-6 in the first game after 4 and ½ innings but 12 walks issued by ACC pitching led to their downfall. Austin lost 18-2 to NIACC but rebounded with a 10-7 win over the Trojans to record their first win of the season (1-3). A six run uprising in the third inning of the second game gave the Blue Devils the lead for good. Scott Reuter and Mike Arens each had two run hits with two outs. Willmar swept ACC 11-10 and 14-4 in frigid cold weather. Trailing 7-0 in the first contest, ACC battled back and go within one 7-6 after five innings. But the Warriors scored four in the sixth to put the game away. The Mankato State JV team swept ACC 12-2 and 9-0. The losses dropped Austin to 1-7 overall. The Blue Devils collected only five hits in the two contests. Bethany defeated ACC 9-1 and 11-5 in division play and extended Austin's losing streak to six games. The Blue Devils were out hit 7-6 and 10-6 in the nightcap. Austin lost to Worthington 4-0 and 8-7 in eight innings as Lillemon described the twin bill as "a pair of games we should of won". Solid pitching in game one by Tom Weichman gave the ACC a chance but the Blue Devils managed only three hits. In game two, ACC led 6-0 and 7-2 but could not hold on for the victory. ACC stopped their losing streak at 8 games and defeated Rochester 7-4 in the opener only to lose the nightcap 14-4. Chet Knutson got the win in the first game pitching a complete game, striking out 4 and walking only one batter. Tom Weichman, hitting .435, had three hits and 3 RBI in the first game. Scott Rueter had three hits including a double. ACC walked 10 batters in game two and trailed 10-0 after three innings. Good defense, some power hitting, and ACC mistakes led NIACC to a sweep over Austin 7-2 and 9-7 in non-conference action. Willmar improved to 8-2 in the division as they defeated Austin 7-3 and 10-5, while the Blue Devils dropped to 1-9, 2-16 overall. Each team collected nine hits in the opener but ACC put 15 runners on base via the walk en route to the 7-3 loss. In the nightcap, ACC led 3-1 after 3 innings before Willmar sent 14 batters to plate and take the lead for good. The best pitching performances of the season was not enough as Bethany defeated Austin 2-0 and 6-0. Chet Knutson went the distance in game one, pitching a 4-hitter. In the second game, ACC again gave up only four hits, but could only muster two themselves. Austin split a twin bill with WWTI, winning 3-2 and losing the nightcap 5-3. In both games, ACC out hit WWTI 10-5 and 6-3. Brad Lunning went the distance in game one giving up only five hits. Toby Kioziolek, Jerry Bahr, and Lyle Mullenbach each had two hits. Wiechmann and Dave Hart pitched a combined three hitter but ACC stranded a number of runners in the 5-3 loss. Austin now is 3-19 overall. Worthington handed ACC an 8-4 and 18-8 doubleheader loss in conference action.

ACC had 22 base runners but could not come up with the timely hits needed in game one. Austin led 8-4 in the second after three innings but then the bats got quiet and walks and errors hurt the Blue Devils in the 15-8 loss. The ACC season came to an end with a doubleheader split with Rochester. The Yellowjackets outlasted ACC 19-10 in the opener and Austin rebounded with a 9-3 win to end the season on a positive note. Tom Weichman collected three hits in the opener and Steve Jette belted a grand slam. Chet Knutson went the distance in game two and pitched a five hitter. Toby Koziolk and Jerry Bahr each had two hits while Dan Weinder tallied a two run triple in the victory. "We eliminated them from the state tournament" said Coach Lillemon as Rochester needed a sweep to earn a berth in the classic. "It was fun to win and it's good to finish on a winning note". Austin completed the season 4-22 overall.

Roster Included:

Steve Jette	SS	Dean Bendsten	P/C
Troy Tigner	OF	Chet Knutson	P
Jerry Bahr	IB	Toby Koziolk	P/INF
Tom Bednar	OF	Dave Hart	3B/P
Lyle Mullenbach	C	Mike Arens	IB
Tom Wiechman	P/INF	Scott Reuter	OF
Galen Montayne	P	Scott Felten	OF
Dan Ransom	OF	Brad Lunning	P
Dan Weidner	OF		

**SOFTBALL**

Coach Rolf Synogron 18-14 State-5th

ACC dropped its first game to NIACC 6-4 and the nightcap was rained out. Carey Truckenmiller pitched a four-hitter taking the mound loss. ACC swept Normandale 8-7 and 5-2 despite having its number one pitcher (Lynette Vanek) still sidelined. Truckenmiller went the distance in both games. "Carey did a remarkable job considering her lack of experience" said Coach Synogron. Austin mauled North Hennepin 26-7 and 20-2 to increase their record to 4-1. Twenty-two hits and 21 walks produced 46 runs. Everyone got at least one hit, led by Dawn Lastine with 5, Deb Coughlin had three, and five others collected two apiece. In the first conference match up, Willmar upended ACC 6-5 and 5-2. Austin rallied in the first game after trailing 6-1 but got no closer than one run. ACC collected only 10 hits in the two games. Lynne Vanek returned for the first time, getting the save in game one and taking the loss in the nightcap as ACC split a pair with Bethany, winning 14-9 and losing 5-3. The split leaves ACC at 5-4 on the season. Deb Coughlin drove in four runs and Tammy Persoon had 3 RBI. In game two, Mary Ann Vereide, Penny Foley, and Persoon each had two hits. ACC dropped a pair to 11<sup>th</sup> ranked Rochester 3-0 and 5-3 in eight innings.

Vanek took the loss in game one scattering 5 hits and in the nightcap, Truckenmiller lost with a 5-hitter. The ACC team went into the Waseca Invite 6-8 record and came out with a 13-8 record and a championship in the 12 team field. It started with a 9-6 win over Brainerd. Game two was a 9-7 win over Hibbing. A five run fourth highlighted the victory. ACC trailed 3-1 with two outs in the 7<sup>th</sup> inning, only to rally and score 4 runs and defeat Itasca 5-3. "It was the turning point of the season" said Coach Synogron. The second day of competition started with a 10-0 route over North Hennepin, Carey Truckenmiller threw the shut out. Enter Lynne Vanek on the mound. She shut out Bethany 5-0, ACC then won a thrilling 6-5 win over Willmar. Anoka-Ramsey, who upset Rochester in the other semifinal game, then met a determined ACC squad and the Blue Devils won their seventh game in two days with a 6-0 shut out, claiming the championship. Vanek worked 21 innings on the second day. Tammy Persoon knocked in an estimated 12 runs, and Shelly Rolfson made about 15-20 plays at 3<sup>rd</sup> base with out an error. The Blue Devils streak reached nine, as they defeated Waseca 8-1 and 15-1. Pitching (allowed only 6 total hits), defense (committed only one error in the two games), and hitting (16 hits) all were outstanding in the twin bill and upped ACC's record to 15-8. Austin got swept by Inver Hills 9-0 and 13-3 to end their winning streak at nine games. ACC will carry a 15-10 record into the southern division playoffs. Austin advanced to the state tournament as they finished 3rd in the division playoffs. The top three teams advance to the state tourney. In the double elimination tournament, ACC clinched a berth in the state with an 11-5 win over Bethany in the third game. Earlier Austin had defeated Waseca and lost to Rochester. In the fourth game, ACC lost 3-1 to Rochester. In the must win game versus Bethany, ACC opened quickly with a three run first inning. For the game, Tammy Persoon finished with 3 hits and 3 RBI. Vanek was the winning pitcher versus Bethany. ACC improved to 17-12 overall. Austin brought home the consolation championship at the Minnesota State Softball tournament. In the double elimination tournament, ACC dropped its first round game 6-2 to Itasca. ACC managed only two hits versus Itasca. In the loser's bracket, the Blue Devils rebounded and defeated Normandale 7-1. Truckenmiller pitched a 4-hit gem. Deb Coughlin had two singles and 3 RBI against the Lions. Vermilion knocked out ACC with a 4-1 victory. The loss ended the season for the Blue Devils who finished the season at 18-14. The Blue Devils have never failed to reach the state tournament. "We are proud of that tradition" said Coach Synogron.

Roster Included:

Deb Coughlin	Penny Foley	Kristine Gullord
Barbara Hackbarth	Jackie Haney	Dawn Lastine
Tammy Persoon	Shelley Rolfson	Holly Tews
Lynette Vanek	Tamara Trihus	Carey Truckenmiller
Mary Ann Vereide		

**GOLF** Coach Jim Mittun ACC opened the season finishing 6<sup>th</sup> in the ACC invite. Kent Porter led the Blue Devils with an 83. ACC shot a 352 to take 7<sup>th</sup> in the Rochester invitational. Randy Lenocho led Austin with an 81. The Blue Devils took third at the North Hennepin tourney. ACC shot a 337 led by Kent Porter with an 81, Lenocho with an 82 and Troy Nicol also shot an 82. Jeff Henry rounded out the scoring with 92 and Tom Winkels fired a 95. ACC golfer Randy Lenocho earned a second place finish in the Region XIII tournament and qualified for the NJCAA national tournament in Scottsdale, Arizona. As a team the Blue Devils took 4<sup>th</sup> in the state tournament and 5<sup>th</sup> in the Region. Lenocho shot 72-74-146 which put him second behind John Holms who posted a 142. For the Blue Devils, Kent Porter was second with 161, Troy Nicol next at 168, Jeff Henry shot a 173 and Tom Winkels shot a 189. Randy Lenocho shot 78-78 at the nationals but missed the cut. Other members; Tom Winkels, Kent Porter, Troy Nichols, Steve Wermager, Terry Yanzer, Jeff Henry.

**TENNIS** Coach David Dickinson & Terry Dilley 6-2 ACC opened the season with a strong showing defeating Rochester 7-2. At #1, Nathan Sands on 6-4, 6-4. At #2, Bill Mullenmeister won 6-4, 6-1. At #4, Chuck Mohrfeld won 6-1 and 6-2. At the #6 singles, Jeff Anderson won 6-1, 6-1. Trevon Draeger and Kim Eriksson were the only two to suffer losses in single's play. The Blue Devils swept the double play. ACC destroyed Brained 9-0 with no matches going three sets. Austin made it three in a row with a 6-3 win over Rochester. "Sands and Mullenmeister were intimidating" said Coach Dickinson, "Especially in doubles". Despite 10 inches of snow the day before, ACC got its match in with Dr. Martin Luther and lost 6-3 for its first defeat of the season (3-1). ACC defeated Brained 9-0 and Itasca 7-2 to improve to 5-1 on the season. "Our number one doubles is still unbeaten and looks impressive" said Dickinson referring to the duo of Nathan Sands and Bill Mullenmeister. After winning two more matches, ACC tuned up for the Regional as they defeated North Hennepin 8-1 and are 6-1 on the year. They concluded regular season action losing to Inver Hills and finished 8-2 on the season. ACC finished third behind Bismarck and Mesabi in the Region XIII tennis tournament. The closest the Blue Devils came to a title was at #4 singles, where Chuck Mohrfeld went to the finals and lost. In the #1 doubles, Nathan Sands and Bill Mullenmeister (undefeated to this point) lost 6-3, 7-5 in opening round. ACC finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the Minnesota State tournament with 8 points, trailing Mesabi who out scored Hibbing 16-12 for the title. Reaching the finals for ACC was Bill Mullenmeister and Nathan Sands in singles. Jeff Anderson, Mike Bray, Chris Jette, Ham Peterson, Steve O'Rourke, Trevon Draeger, Nathan Sands, Bill Mullenmeister, Chuck Mohrfeld all participated.

**TENNIS-WOMEN** Coach David Dickinson & Terry Dilley 6-1  
**Region XIII-Champions** The Blue Devils have an 18 match winning streak entering the season after going undefeated the last two years at 9-0. ACC opened up strong with a 9-0 win over Rochester. No match lasted three sets as Austin dominated each match. Suzy Jahr, Vicki Karge, Angie Dowd, Steph Allen, Jill Falgren, and Deanne Loge all were winners. In doubles, Jahr and Karge, Dowd and Loge, and Falgren and Darica Odegaard all were winners. ACC defeated Bethany 7-2 to up their record to 2-0. The lone singles loss was at #1 where Suzy Jahr lost 6-1, 6-2. The Blue Devils 20 game win streak ended as Brainerd defeated Austin 5-4. “We were missing our #3 singles and that probably cost us the match” said Coach Dickinson. ACC rebounded from their first loss of the season and defeated Rochester 9-0 to up their record to 3-1. A trip up north improved ACC’s record to 5-1 as they defeated Brainerd 7-2 and Itasca 8-1. “Kris Kinney played very well for us at #6 singles over the weekend” said Coach Dickinson. Austin tuned up for the Region with an impressive 9-0 win over Bethany. “I’m very pleased. We haven’t done this to Bethany in a long time” commented Dickinson. Austin improves to 6-1 overall. The Blue Devil women’s team captured the Region XIII tournament for the third year in a row, finishing with 17 points followed by Willmar with 10. In the singles competition, ACC captured four titles. Steph Allen at #3, Vicki Karge at #4, Erin Dilley at #5, and Jill Falgren at #6. The Blue Devils crowned one doubles champion. It came at #3, where Dilley and Falgren teamed for a 7-6, 2-6, 6-4 win. The title means a return trip to the NJCAA tennis championships in Pasedena, Texas. ACC did not compete in the state tournament as it conflicted with the NJCAA tournament. Austin’s only win at the national tourney in singles came at #4 where Vicki Karge won 6-2, 6-2 but lost in the second round 6-1, 6-0. The only doubles win came at #2 where Dilley and Falgren received a first round bye and then lost 6-2, 6-3. Members include: Stephanie Allen, Erin Dilley, Angela Dowd, Jill Falgren, Susie Jahr, Vicki Karge, Kris Kinney, Deanne Loge, Darica Odegaard.