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VOLLEYBALL Coach Sherri Stageberg 5-20 Three starters return from last year's team; Cara Nagel, Lori Martin, and Jessica Pedersen. Austin opened the season 1-2 in the round-robin ACC tournament. In the opener, Waldorf downed the Blue Devils 15-8, 15-8. Cara Nagel was 50-53 setting with 12 assists. In the second match, NIACC defeated ACC 15-5, 15-13. Jessica Pedersen was 23-25 hitting and seven kills. In the final match, the Blue Devils handed Anoka-Ramsey a 15-12, 13-15, 18-16 setback. Nagel set an amazing 92-92 with 17 assists. Bethany downed ACC 3-1 in conference action. Austin lost 15-5, 14-16, 15-9, and 15-12. Pedersen led with 31 kills. Waldorf handed Austin a 3-1 defeat in non-conference play as ACC lost 15-7, 15-3, 4-15, 15-13. After a slow start, the Blue Devils won game three and game four could of went either way. Nagel had 24 assists and Pedersen was 14-14 serving and 16 kills. ACC is now 1-4. The Blue Devils lost five more consecutive matches to extend their losing streak to seven matches (1-9). Austin recorded their first conference win (1-2) with a 15-9, 13-15, 15-4, 15-6 victory over Worthington. Christina Breitbarth was 26 of 33 hitting with 8 kills. Bethany defeated Austin 3-0 in league action but the ACC team put up a valiant effort against the 19th ranked team in the country. In game one it was 8-8 and then the Vikings scored the next seven points. In game two, Austin led 7-0, were tied 12-12 and then lost 15-12. The last game was also 15-12. "We played very well" said Coach Stageberg. Pederson had 12 kills, Beert 14 of 15 serving, and Cara Nagel 21 set assists. ACC is now 2-10 overall and 1-3 in conference. The Blue Devils lost their next three matches (non-conference) to drop to 2-13. Austin upended Rochester 3-2 in league play before dropping a non-conference match to NIACC. After winning 15-12, Rochester won 1-11, 15-11 to go up 2-1. ACC rallied with an impressive 15-5 win and with the momentum defeated the Yellowjackets 15-6 to take the 5th and deciding game. Cara Nagel was 15-16 serving and 3 aces, while Jessica Pedersen was 21-22 serving and 19 kills. Austin is now 3-14 and 2-3 in league play. ACC lost three non-conference matches to drop to 3-17 and then defeated Worthington 15-6, 11-15, 9-15, 15-7, 15-11 to improve too 3-3 in the conference. ACC is shooting for second place in the conference and this was a must win situation to stay alive. Carrie Beert replaced an injured Nagel and had 52 set assists on the night. Austin dropped to 4-18 as NIACC handed ACC a 15-7, 8-15, 13-15, 15-6, 15-7 loss as the Blue Devils just ran out of gas according to Coach Stageberg. This ended the regular season. ACC won one and lost two matches in the Southern Division tournament bringing to close a 5-20 campaign. "We were very competitive all way". "We finished 3-3 and second in the league and had a chance to win another match in the state tournament" said Stageberg. ACC lost in the opening round 9-15, 15-4, 15-1 to Willmar.

The Blue Devils came back strong with a 15-13, 11-15, 15-13 victory over Normandale. Jessica Pedersen had a big night with 21 kills. Rochester ended ACC's season with a 15-13, 15-8 setback that saw Austin connect on over 90% of its serves as a team.

Roster Included:
Shannon Bartholomew Kelly Peterson Cara Nagel
Dawn Braatz Carrie Beert Jessica Pederson
Christina Breitbarth Lori Martin
Assistant Coach: Tobie Escher

BASKETBALL Coach David Lillemon 4-18 ACC
has three returning veterans, led by Andrew Elwer (17 points per game), Ryan Schenn and Brad Elliott. Austin opened the season with a 96-97 win over WWTI. Elwer finished the game with 27 points and 20 rebounds while freshmen John Van Beek added 17 points. Austin over-whelmed UW Richland Center 84-70 for its second win of the season. Leading 48-34 Austin went on a 27-2 run and won going away. ACC was led by Ryan Schwenn with 16, Paul Kenis and Andrew Elwer had 15 while Van Beek chipped in with 13 points. WWTI handed the Blue Devils their first lost with a 97-84 victory. The Blue Devils shot 64% from the field but had 20 turnovers and WWTI made twelve 3-pointers to leave ACC on the short end of the scoreboard. John Van Beek had 25 for team high honors. NIACC pounded ACC 90-66 as they made their first 12 of 15 shots to open the contest. Elwer had 17 and Paul Kenis 16 for Austin who drops to 2-2 overall. Austin fell to Waldorf 78-66 in game of runs. Andrew Elwer had 25, Van Beek 13 points and 11 rebounds. ACC was handed two setbacks by North Dakota teams in the Mineapolis tournament. ACC fell to UND-Lake Region 116-61 and to UND-Williston to drop to 2-5 on the season and record their 4th and 5th consecutive losses of the season. The injury-laden Blue Devils lost point guard Paul Kenis, Matt Bierman in game two after not having 6'7 T.J. Ehlenfeldt and shooting guard Ryan Schwenn who were out with injuries. "The break for us is really welcomed. We are really beat up" said Coach Lillemon. ACC led 18-1 but lost to UW Richland 64-62. Andrew Elwer had 17 points and 12 rebounds, followed by John Van Beek with 16 points and 11 rebounds. Austin dropped to 2-7 as Bethany handed ACC an 84-65 setback in league action. Elwer had another big game with 27 points and 11 rebounds. The Blue Devils lost to 2nd ranked Anoka-Ramsey 76-55 in conference action. Elwer had 23 points and Van Beek had another double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds. Willmar defeated Austin 64-60 in league play and extended the Blue Devils losing streak to eight games. Ryan Schwenn had 14 points to lead all ACC scorers. Austin gave heavily-favored Minneapolis a scare but lost 74-69 to drop to 0-4 in conference and 2-9 overall. John Van Beek was a key as he played his best game of the year scoring 20 and hauling down 11 rebounds. Schwenn had 16 points and Elwer chipped in with 14 tallies.

Austin ended its losing streak at nine games with a resounding 100-81 win over Normandale. Andrew Elwer had a season high 31 points and 15 rebounds. Four other players scored in double figures led by Van Beek and Wally Bierman with 16, Shwenn 15 and Paul Kenis with a dozen. Austin is now 1-4 and 3-10 overall. Austin lost 71-68 to Rochester on an 80 foot desperation toss at the buzzer. Paul Kenis connected with 2.3 seconds to go to tie the score at 68-68. An inbounds pass at its own end and then a hurled ball the length of the court went in for a Rochester 3-point win. The ACC bench stood stunned as this scene could have been an ESPN highlight. Ryan Schwenn had a season high 21 followed by Bierman with twelve. Austin drops to 1-5 and 3-11 overall. Andrew Elwer tallied 25 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead Austin to an 89-80 win over Worthington. Schwenn contributed 24 points in the victory. Bethany defeated ACC 98-73 in league action. Matt Beierman had a season high 22 points, followed by Elwer with 19, Van Beek and Schwenn 11 apiece. ACC dropped another close one dropping a 99-95 setback to number one ranked Anoka-Ramsey. Bierman had 24, Elwer and Paul Kenis 20 apiece in the loss which dropped Austin to 2-7 and 4-13. Willmar upended Austin 91-71 in conference action. John Van Beek led with 19 while T. J. Ehlenfeldt contributed 16 points and 10 rebounds. Minneapolis pounded ACC 80-53 after Austin had given the Maraunders all they could handle in their first meeting. Paul Kenis had 19 points to lead all ACC scorers. Normandale thrashed the Blue Devils 82-60 in conference action. Elwer was out with an injury, and Ehlenfeldt and Van Beek fouled out as ACC was without their three biggest players. Red hot Ryan Schwenn had a career high 30 points in the loss. Rochester handed ACC a 93-76 setback that drops ACC to 2-11 and 4-17 overall. "The game was closer than it appeared (ACC trailed by seven with 2 and ½ minutes to go)" said Lillemon. John Van Beek had 26 points and 14 rebounds. Worthington upended Austin 84-70 in league play. Four guys scored in double figures, led by Van Beek with 21, Schwenn had 17 followed by Brad Elliot (11) and T. J. Ehlenfeldt. The game was ACC's last of the season, as they finished 2-12 in conference and 4-18 overall. Andrew Elwer was named to the All-Southern Division team, who averaged 18.2 points per game and 9.5 rebounds per contest.

Roster Included:

Brandon Donahue	Paul Kenis	Ben House
Ryan Schwenn	Brad Elliott	John Van Beek
Andy Loos	Matt Bierman	T.J. Ehlenfeldt
Don Paulson	Andrew Elwer	

BASKETBALL Coach Sheri Stageberg 4-16 ACC opened the season with a 74-56 win over WWTI, putting behind them a 0-19 season last year. Carrie Beert led all scorers with 22 points. In a re-match, WWTI defeated the Blue Devils 59-54. Darcy Klapperick has 21 points and 16 rebounds while ACC struggled with foul problems.

Austin upped its record to 2-1 with an impressive 62-22 victory over Pillsbury. Klapperick had 19 followed by Shannon Nytes with 18 and Carrie Beert with 14 points. NIACC defeated Austin 60-41 in non-conference action. Darcy Klapperick again led with 23 tallies. The Blue Devils dropped to a season record of 2-5 as UND-Williston pounded ACC 80-58. Nytes had a season high 29 points followed by Darcy Klapperick with 11 points. Austin lost their conference opener to Bethany 88-55. Shannon Nytes had 29 points and Klapperick contributed 13 points. ACC drops to 2-6. Anoka-Ramsey handed Austin an 85-43 setback Austin was not able to handle the inside play of Anoka-Ramsey. Nytes and Klapperick each had 11 points in the defeat. The Blue Devils lost 64-61 to Willmar in overtime to remain winless in conference (0-3). With the score tied at 57-57 at the end of regulation, the Warriors outscored ACC 7-4 in the extra stanza. Shannon Nytes led Austin with 21 points and 10 rebounds. ACC defeated the St. Olaf JV's 57-55 in non-conference action. Carrie Beert's 15-footer put the game away with little time left on the clock. Nytes had 24 and Darcy Klapperick added 10 points. ACC is now 3-8 overall. Trailing only by three at halftime, Normandale was just too physical and defeated Austin 61-42. Klapperick had 13 to lead Austin in scoring. Worthington defeated ACC 67-41 to drop to 3-10 overall and 0-5 in the conference. Shannon Nytes had 20 points in the defeat. Rochester handed Austin a 59-46 loss. Nytes had 28 tallies to lead the Blue Devils in scoring. ACC lost to Bethany 103-51 as Bethany's pressure was too much for Austin to handle. Darcy Klapperick led the Blue Devils with 21 points and 10 rebounds. ACC drops to 0-7 and 3-12 overall. Anoka-Ramsey defeated Austin 88-56 in conference action. Shannon Nytes had 25 points, pulled down seven rebounds and had five blocked shots. Willmar handed ACC a 93-57 clubbing as Darcy Klapperick had her finest game of the year, scoring 29 points, grabbing 10 rebounds, and collecting four steals and four blocked shots. ACC collected its first conference in by defeating Normandale 71-55. The Lions had defeated ACC by 19 points in the first meeting. Shannon Nytes had 26 and Carrie Beert stepped up with 18 points. Austin is now 4-14 and 1-9 in league play. Rochester nipped ACC 64-62 as Austin rallied from 11 points down in the second half. Darcy Klapperick had 18 points and 10 rebound in the loss. Worthington ended the Blue Devil's season with a 53-43 win over Austin. Darcy Klapperick ended her last game with 19 points followed by Shannon Nytes with 13 points and 11 rebounds. ACC finished the season 1-11 in league and 4-16 overall. Klapperick and Nytes earned All-Southern Division honors.

Roster Included:

Lisa Emstad	Kelly Peterson
Charis Dahl	Denise Haasl
Carrie Beert	Kerry Olson
Angie Scheicher	Darcy Klapperick
Shannon Nytes	

BASEBALL David Lillemon 12-16 For the first time in history, ACC will play its entire season on campus and also faces a inaugural season with a newly formed seven team southern division. “With the addition of three teams, we are forced to begin the season with conference play” said Lillemon. North Hennepin defeated Austin 11-1 and 9-7 in the season and conference opener for the Blue Devils. ACC committed six errors in the first game. A grand slam by ACC’s Nate Finney high-lighted the second game despite the loss. Bethany drilled Austin 12-2 and 10-2 in conference action to drop ACC to 0-4 in league play. Anoka-Ramsey swept Austin for the third consecutive time winning 2-0 and 7-0. Jeff Bjur pitched a superb game in the opener giving up only three hits and one walk. “I still think we have the ability” said a dejected Coach Lillemon. The Blue Devils got off the slide and defeated their arch-rivals Rochester 7-5 and 12-4 in conference action. Al Johnson had three hits in the opener and Matt Bierman gained the mound win, striking out 8 and giving up only one earned run. In the nightcap hanging on to a 5-4 lead in the 7th, Matt Cano keyed a seven run inning with a bases loaded double to lead ACC to the sweep. Austin took two games from NIACC, winning 9-8 and 9-2 to extend its winning streak to four games. Brad Elliott and Nate Finney each collected two hits and two RBIs. Matt Cano had three hits and Derek Cobban had two hits and two RBI. Mark Peterson pitched well and to his first mound victory. Normandale upended ACC 14-3 and 8-3 in league action, dropping Austin to 2-6 and 4-8 overall. The defense committed seven errors and led to 12 unearned runs in the two games. ACC swept WWTI 15-5 and 13-3 in non-league action. Matt Bierman pitched a complete game and Bryan Carlsen led ACC in game one with three hits. Jason Fornwald threw a complete game in the nightcap and Tom Kirtz and Matt Cano each drove in four runs. Austin Community College officials along with head Coach Dave Lillemon officially dedicated the new ACC baseball complex. ACC split with Willmar, losing the opener 3-1 and winning the nightcap 9-2 to gain a split in conference action. ACC had only three hits in game one, as Mike Piechowski pitched a brilliant complete game to lose in eight innings. In game two, Jeff Bjur allowed only four hits as ACC won for the seventh time in their last ten games (3-9 in league and 7-9 overall). Austin lost two one-run games to North Hennepin, dropping a 2-1 and 9-8 contests to the Norsemen. Matt Bierman lost a tough opener as he gave up only five hits and walked one. North Hennepin scored two unearned runs in the third inning for the win. In game two, ACC trailed 8-2 after five innings but rallied to tie the game 8-8 only to see their opponents tally one in the bottom of the seventh on a suicide squeeze. ACC drops to 3-11 and 7-11 overall. Bethany defeated Austin 6-3 and 7-6 in conference action. “We are a play away, a hit away, a pitch away from winning a ball game. It is the same old story that has plagued us all year” said Coach Lillemon. ACC committed seven errors in the twin bill. Bryan Carlsen and Matt Cano each had two hits in the opener as Tom Huffman took the loss.

ACC led 6-3 by scoring four runs in the 6th highlighted by Nate Finney's two run double. Bethany won it in the seventh on two Blue Devil errors. Al Johnson had three hits including a solo home run. Austin is 3-13 in league and 7-13 overall. Anoka-Ramsey belted Austin 8-6 and 12-4 to extend their losing streak to six games. Jeff Bjur and Jason Fornwald took the losses on the mound. Austin carried a 3-15 conference record into a twin bill against Rochester and prided was on they had to play for and play they did. The Blue Devils swept the Yellowjackets 15-6 and 5-3. Matt Bierman pitched a complete game and striking out eight in the opener for the win. Bryon Carlsen had 3 hits in the opener (seven for the day) as ACC banged out 16 hits. In game two, Tom Huffman got his first college win as he went six innings and scattered six hits. Mike Piechowski picked up the save. Carlsen had single, a double, and two triples in the nightcap. The Blue Devils are now 9-15 overall and 5-15 in league play. Austin gained a split with Normandale, losing 9-7 and winning the nightcap 11-10. Normandale led 9-2 after five in game one and Austin rallied to cut the lead to 9-7. In the second game, ACC scored seven runs in the seventh inning to take an 11-10 victory over the Lions. The 7th inning rally was sparked by a single by Al Johnson and a two run single by Matt Cano that gave Austin the win. The Blue Devils came from behind in both games to sweep Willmar 6-4 and 7-4. Matt Bierman got the call in both games to come in relief and recorded the wins in both contests. Trailing 3-0 in game one after four innings, ACC scored five in the 6th behind the key two out hit of Jason Fornwald. In the nightcap, Austin trailed 3-1 in the fifth when Derek Cobban collected a big two run single to put the Blue Devils ahead for good. "These were two emotional wins. For us to come from behind it showed a lot of heart" said an elated Lillemon. Austin won five of its last six games to finish 8-16 in the conference and 12-16 overall. Matt Cano (3B) was named All-Division & All-State. Cano hit .333 (26-78) with 20 runs scored and 22 RBI. Brad Elliot earned All-Conference (DH). Bryan Carlsen was ACC's top hitter with a .345(30-87). Matt Bierman was 5-4 on the mound.

Roster Included:

Brandon Donahue
Matt Bierman
Don Cobban
Jason Fornwald
Tom Huffman
Travis Guy
Matt Cano
Alan Johnson
Brian Bahl

Brad Eilliot
Derek Cobban
Mike Piechowski
Nathan Finney
Jason Whalen
Mark Peterson
Tom Kirtz
Byron Carlsen
Jeff Bjur

SOFTBALL Coach Pat Cornelius 4-20 ACC returns two letter-winners including All-State infielder Danielle Unverzagt and center fielder Lori Redman as the other veteran. Austin was swept by Rochester in the opener, losing 14-5 and 13-1. Kara Mallory and Michelle Norby took the mound losses respectively. Austin won three games in the ACC invitational, defeating Mesabi 19-6, upended Normandale 17-13, and demolishing Pillsbury 28-10. Kara Malory pitched all three games and got the wins. Coach Cornelius singled our four others with their outstanding play; Kelly Wyrum, Sarah Flatness, Danielle Unverzagt, and Melissa Hill. ACC improves to 3-2 and 0-2 in the league. The Blue Devils lost their next six games, including a sweep by North Hennepin 9-1 and 9-1. Austin was held to seven hits for the day and dropped to 3-8 overall and 0-8 in the conference. The Blue Devils dropped a pair before participating in the Willmar invitational. ACC lost all five games to extend their losing streak to thirteen games. Kara Mallory pitched the first three games and the Blue Devils forfeited the final two games due to injuries and not enough players. Bethany belted Austin 24-1 and 25-2 to drop them to 0-12 in the conference. The Blue Devils concluded the season with a victory and two losses in the North Hennepin tournament. ACC opened the tourney losing 7-0 to Rochester. Austin collected only four hits. In game two, Anoka-Ramsey shut out ACC 1-0 as Kara Mallory lost a heart breaker as she pitched a two-hitter. The Blue Devils also had only two hits. In the finale, ACC got a 5-4 win over Minneapolis to end the season 4-20. "It was some of the best softball we played all year" said Coach Pat Cornelius.

Roster Included:

Danielle Unverzagt	Lori Redman	Sarah Flatness
Heidi Rusher	Kelly Wyrum	Lisa Quednow
Angela Schleicher	Sarah Arens	Kara Mallory
Michelle Norby	Mellissa Hill	

GOLF Coach Phil Bundy ACC opened the season placing second at the NIACC triangular. Joe Frank paced ACC with an 81. Austin captured 4th out of six teams at the Waldorf invitational (it was a two man best shot tournament). ACC shot a 357 in gale winds at the Normandale invitational, finishing fourth out of seven teams. Andrew Elwer led with an 87. ACC shot a 350 at the Rochester invite and took 6th place. Joe Frank had a 79, Steve Bartholomew 87, Elwer 91, Mike Arens 93, Jeff Seymour 99. Austin shot a 369 to finish fourth in a five team field at North Hennepin. Andrew Elwer had an 85 for ACC's best score. Steve Bartholomew had his best round of the season as he shot a 77 to lead ACC to a fourth place finish in the Minneapolis invitational. Even though the Blue Devils finished 4th, they were only six strokes off the lead. In the Region XIII tournament, ACC finished fifth with a two day score of 711. Andrew Elwer was Austin's low scorer with a 171. Bartholomew had a 176, Arens 179, Frank 189, and Seymour 196.

The Blue Devils finished third in the state tournament shooting a 667, 34 strokes behind the champion. Joe Frank led ACC with a 79 the second day and 161 total. Andrew Elwer fired a 162, Steve Bartholomew 171, and Jeff Seymour 182. MCCC State-3rd and Region XIII finished 4th at Monticello. Members include: Steve Bartholomew, Andrew Elwer, Joe Frank, Jeff Seymour, Mike Arens, Mike Balk.

TENNIS Coach Ken Larson 5-1 State runner-up New coach, new era as Dave Dickinson and Terry Dilley step aside after 17 years and Ken Larson takes over as the new skipper. North Hennepin spanked ACC in the opener 9-0. "It was a good eye opener for us" said Coach Larson. ACC downed Dr. Martin Luther 6-3 as Austin used 3 singles and 3 doubles matches to beat their visitors. Levon Larson won at #1, Brian Mair won at #3, Troy Diekman won at #4. In doubles, Larson and Diekman won at #1, Mair and Travis Stevenson won at #2, and Tom Harrick and Mike Helgeson won at the #3 doubles. The Blue Devils blanked Rochester 9-0 to improve to 2-1 overall. Austin beat Bethany Lutheran in back to back matches, 9-0 and 8-1. The Vikings only win came at #2 doubles. In the Region XIII tournament, ACC finished 4th overall but did well in the individual competition. Levon Larson was runner-up at #1 singles, and teamed with Troy Diekman to take second in the #1 doubles. Diekman lost in the opening round at #2 singles. Brian Mair (#3), Tom Herrick (#4) Mike Helgeson (#5), all won first round matches and then lost in the semifinals. At #6, Atushi Iwaki lost his opening round. The Blue Devils completed their regular season upending Rochester 7-2 to finish the year 5-1. Austin competed at the state tournament hosted by Brainerd and was MCCC state runner-up behind Willmar. ACC captured one championship, that being at #1 doubles. Levon Larson and Troy Diekman won a grueling 2-6, 6-2, 6-3 win over Willmar's duo. The Blue Devils captured five second place finishes; Larson at #1, Diekman at #2, Brian Mair at #3, Mike Helgeson at #6 singles. ACC's fifth second place finish came at #3 doubles, with Atushi Iwaki and Jeremy Wilson losing 6-1, 5-7, 7-5 in the final. Members included: Levon Larson, Troy Diekman, Brian Mair, Travis Stevenson, Atsushi Iwaki, Mike Helgeson, Matt Buley, and Jeremy Wilson.

TENNIS-Women's Coach Ken Larson 3-2 Coach Larson takes over the women's program and competed the season with five players. ACC lost its opener 6-1 to Dr. Martin Luther. Tina Watkins won her first college match in a two hour marathon 4-6, 6-4, 6-3. Austin defeated Rochester 6-3 (Austin forfeited three matches) to improve to 1-1 on the season. Watkins, Nicki Kolb, Linda Lindholm, Jennifer Donahue all won in singles. In doubles, Watkins and Krob teamed to win 6-1, 6-4, and Lindholm and Donahue won 6-1, 6-1. Austin defeated Bethany 5-1 to up their record to 2-1. Tina Watkins remained unbeaten at #1 singles.

ACC defeated Bethany in an abbreviated match 3-0 to improve to 3-1 on the season. In the Region XIII tournament, ACC finished last out of six teams. The women's play was highlighted by an 11 hour suspended match between Tina Watkins and Lisa Tebben of Willmar in which Tebben won 6-7 (7-9), 7-6, 6-0. Nicki Krob and Linda Lindholm lost their opening round. Jennifer Taylor and Jennifer Donahue each won one match before losing in the semifinals. In doubles, Watkins and Krob lost the first round while Lindholm and Donahue won a match at #2 doubles before losing. The Blue Devils lost 6-3 in their final regular season match and finished 3-2 on the season. At the state tournament held in Brainerd, ACC won only one match. Linda Lindholm and Jennifer Donahue combined at #2 doubles to win 3-6, 6-4, 7-6(7-5) but lost in the title match. The one victory gave ACC a fourth place finish. Members included: Tina Watkins, Jenny Donahue, Jenny Taylor, and Keri Reed, Nicki Kolb, Linda Lindholm.