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VOLLEYBALL Coach Helen Jahr 8-20 Coach Helen Jahr enters her second year much more prepared. Last year she took over the program two days before the season was to begin. "I had no idea who any of the players were" said Jahr. "This year I am much more prepared". ACC returns three veterans; Natalie Honnette, Angie Goodnature, and Michelle Bodahn. The Blue Devils opened with Waldorf and Anoka-Ramsey and lost both matches. ACC dropped their conference opener to defending state champions Bethany 15-8, 15-5, 15-9. Jahr praised the team's setting and blocking and stated, "I don't think Bethany walked away feeling they had an easy win". Austin finished second in the North Hennepin tournament, winning two and losing one match. In the opener, ACC lost to Normandale 15-3, 15-11. The Blue Devils turned it around and beat North Hennepin 11-15, 15-9, 15-13. Austin completed the day defeating Worthington 15-5, 15-11. Angie Barlow hit 33 of 33 serves and Angie Goodnature had 13 kills out of 42 balls. Rochester defeated ACC in conference action in four games, losing 12-15, 15-13, 13-15, 10-15. Stephanie Blaser set 93% with 14 assists to lead Austin, who now stands 0-2 and 2-5 overall. The Blue Devils recorded their first conference win by beating Worthington 15-13, 6-15, 15-11, 3-15, 15-7. Goodnature was 21 of 25 hitting while Honnette served 25 of 27 with seven aces. The Blue Devils dropped a pair to two non-conference foes, falling to St. Olaf JV's 15-10, 12-15, 15-13, 5-15, 15-13 and lost to Mankato State 15-13, 12-15, 15-6, 15-8. Val Sheedy was tough at the net notching 16 kills in 35 attempts. ACC is now 3-7 overall and remains 1-2 in league play. The Blue Devils lost to Bethany 7-15, 7-15, 4-15 in division action. "We did not play very well" said Coach Jahr. Michelle Bodahn was perfect in 33 set attempts with eight assists for ACC. Austin lost three of four matches in the Anoka-Ramsey tournament. The Blue Devils knocked off their arch-rival Rochester Yellowjackets 9-15, 17-15, 15-10 in the opener. That was the team's only win as they lost to host Anoka-Ramsey 15-11, 9-15, 6-15. North Hennepin controlled the match and beat ACC 15-10, 15-7 and the Blue Devils finished the tournament with a 15-11, 15-13 loss to Rochester. Sheedy led ACC with 20 kills and Angie Harlow added 14 blocks and assists. Austin is now 3-11 and 1-3 in conference. Austin played the UW-LaCrosse team tough losing in four, 15-11, 9-15, 7-15, 11-15. "Our serve receiving and our sets were really there" said Coach Helen Jahr. The Blue Devils celebrated "Parents night" by downing Rochester 16-18, 15-9, 15-9, 15-10 in conference action. Angie Harlow had 15 kills and blocks to lead ACC. Michelle Bodahn was 66 of 73 setting and had 27 assists. Austin is now 2-3 in league and 4-12 overall. Austin lost its next five matches before facing Worthington in its last match before the division playoffs.

ACC fell in five games 15-6, 10-15, 15-11, 10-15, 8-15 as illness and injury proves to be the deciding factor. Serving proved to be a problem all night as ACC served only 82%. ACC finished 2-4 in league and 8-18 entering the playoffs seeded fourth. The Blue Devils dropped a pair of three game matches in the Southern Division playoffs. ACC lost to North Hennepin 15-9, 6-15, 16-14 and to Normandale 15-13, 9-15, 15-7. Angie Goodnature paced Austin with 10 kills and Natalie Honnette served six aces. The two losses end Austin's season at 8-20. Three players were named to the MCCC All-Division team; Angie Harlow, Angie Goodnature, Michelle Budahn. Angie Harlow earned All-State and All-Region honors.

Roster Included:

Stephanie Blaser	Jody Grosland	Jennifer Avery
Angie Goodnature	Valerie Sheedy	Shannon Petersen
Natalie Honette	Tessa Hoepfer	Angie Harlow
Michelle Budahn		

BASKETBALL Coach David Lillemon 10-12 Ben Bushaw leads four sophomores after last year's disappointing 4-10 conference season, including seven losses by six points or less. ACC opened the season by thumping the defending state Wisconsin champion's WWTI 87-71. Ben Bushaw led the attack with 21 points, followed by freshman Tom Kuechenmeister with 20 points. Josh Peterson chipped in with 17 tallies and 11 rebounds. ACC defeated UW Richland 54-37 as they out rebounded their opponents 58-38. Peterson had 16 and Jared Thompson added 13 points, to improve ACC to 2-0. The Blue Devils defeated Vermilion 100-86 and had four players in double figures led by Ben Bushaw with 22, Josh Peterson with 17, Kuechenmeister had 16 and Thompson with 13 points. The Blue Devils completed their weekend sweep as they handed Mesabi an 85-73 setback. ACC led 43-14 at half and never looked back. Bushaw again led with 17 followed by Jason Avelar who had 14 points. ACC improved to 5-0 as they wore down Waldorf with their bench and went on to post a 75-71 victory in non-conference action. Not since 1962-63 had ACC won its first five contests (that year they won the first 14 games), and they have done it with depth and rebounding. "We shot only 41% but out rebounded their opponent 53-39 with 17 offensive rebounds" said Coach Lillemon. Waldorf leveled ACC by 30 points twice last year so this was a big road win for the Blue Devils. Josh Peterson had 14 points and 11 rebounds to lead five players in double figures. The ACC bench outscored Waldorf 23-12 to contribute greatly to the win. NIACC held the lead for just 10 seconds but those 10 seconds were the ones that mattered most in defeating ACC 75-73. The NJCAA Division II defending champions trailed by 14 in the second half and six consecutive free throw misses by the Blue Devils late in the contest set up the game winning shot by NIACC's Keith Segner.

The Trojans hit 12 of 24 from 3-point land to spoil a gutsy effort by the Blue Devils. Bushaw had 17 to lead Austin, followed by Trent Ainsworth who added 14, Avelar with 11 and Peterson chipped in with 10 points. Austin took out its frustration after the team's first loss by pounding WWTI 90-62 in non-conference action. Great balance was the key as only three guys topped the 10 point mark and yet the team scored 90 points. Josh Peterson led with 15 points and 8 rebounds. Austin lost its final game the holidays as Brainerd upended ACC 96-93, to drop Austin to 6-2 on the season. Trent Ainsworth led the team with 21 points and 11 rebounds. Ben Bushaw added 21, followed by Jared Thompson's 14 tallies. "We scored enough points to win. It was our defense that cost us that victory" said Coach Lillemon. Worthington shocked ACC in the conference opener for both teams as the Bluejays defeated the Blue Devils 89-84. Chad Rauk scored 43 points to offset a tremendous effort by ACC, who was led by Josh Peterson with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Coach Dave Lillemon's team squashed a three game losing streak and brought home a win at Anoka-Ramsey 75-61, and by doing so it was the first time in Lillemon's nine years that ACC had defeated the Golden Rams on the road. "We have had three tough close losses and we needed to get our identity back" said Lillemon whose team improves to 1-1 in league and 7-3 overall. ACC was led by Ben Bushaw with 17, Peterson followed with 15, and Jared Thompson had 12 points and 15 rebounds. Austin lost to the #1 team in the country, Minneapolis CC 95-91 in conference action. The Blue Devils stayed close by shooting 9 of 20 behind the arc. Trent Ainsworth led with 19, followed by Thompson (15), and Peterson's 13 points. A desperation shot at the buzzer fell short and ACC came up short in an 85-84 loss to Rochester. The game was a see-saw affair with no team leading by more than five points. Brian Schultz 35 footer at the buzzer fell short and ACC left 1-3 in league and 7-5 overall. Ben Bushaw had 17, Travis Miller and Trent Ainsworth 11. Austin defeated Willmar 73-64 to get back on the winning track in conference action. Ainsworth led all scorers with 24, followed by Bushaw with 12. "It wasn't the best basketball we played but I don't think we have played any harder" said Coach Lillemon. Bethany, ranked #1 in the conference defeated ACC in a heart breaker 91-89 in overtime. Ben Bushaw tied the game at 79-79 with a 3-point bomb with four seconds to play. Bushaw had 20, Ainsworth 19 as did Travis Miller who added 19 points. ACC is now 2-5 in league play and 8-7 overall. Worthington defeated Austin 74-65 for the second time this season. ACC led at half 27-21 but could not slow down the Bluejays the second half. Austin shot a dismal 22 of 70 (31%) to hamper their effort. The Blue Devils climbed back above .500 with a 79-63 win over Anoka-Ramsey in league play. Chris Walz got his first start and led the team with 15 points. All twelve Blue Devils scored as Josh Peterson added 14 points and six rebounds. ACC is now 9-8 and 3-6 in the conference. Minneapolis pounded Austin 100-74 after the Blue Devils trailed by only two at halftime 45-43.

“We did not handle the press very well in the second half” said Coach Lillemon. Travis Miller had his season high with 18 points, including six 3-pointers. Ben Bushaw scored a career high 26 points including 10 straight with less than seven minutes to go to lead ACC over Rochester 67-65. Bushaw’s twisting lay up with 10 seconds to go put Austin up 66-65 and then a rebounded missed shot by Rochester led to a foul and one more free throw by Bushaw for the final margin. RCC’s top three scorers were held to 29 points. “This was a playoff game for us” said Lillemon whose team must win its final four games (including this one) to make the state tournament. Normandale handed ACC a 95-77 setback in conference play, dropping the Blue Devils to 4-9 and 10-11 overall. Bushaw had 14 and Chris Walz 13 to lead ACC whose team never got into the flow said Lillemon. Willmar ended any hopes of a state berth by defeating ACC 78-75 in overtime. Trent Ainsworth sent the game to overtime with a tip in at the buzzer in regulation. ACC shot 33% from 2 point land but did connect on 11 of 26 three pointers. Ben Bushaw had 21, Chris Walz 13, and Travis Miller nine for ACC. The Blue Devils lost their final game 88-83 to Bethany and finished the season 4-10 in conference and 10-12 overall. It was ACC’s eighth conference loss by five points or less. Jason Avelar had a career high, scoring 27 points on 10 of 12 shooting. Also in double figures was Josh Peterson with 14, Trent Ainsworth and Chris Walz with 10 and Ben Bushaw added 8 points. Ben Bushaw earned All-Conference and All-State honors and became the 13th player in ACC history to be named All-State. Bushaw averaged 16 points per game.

Roster Included:

Brian Schulz	Jared Dufault	Kevin Breiter
Jason Avelar	Ben Bushaw	Travis Miller
Chris Walz	Jared Thompson	Tom Kuechenmeister
Chris Schottler	Trent Ainsworth	Josh Petersen

Basketball-Women’s Coach Tim Kjar 2-18 Tim Kjar was hired as the new women’s head coach after a one year stint by Lee Koll. ACC lost its first six contests, including losses to Vermilion (88-47) and Mesabi (58-41). Laura Chaffee was the only bright spot as she scored 22 points against Vermilion. Chaffee again led ACC versus Mesabi as she poured in 21 points. No other Blue Devil was in double figures. Austin earned its first win of the season as they defeated Pillsbury 53-52 in non-conference action. Pillsbury had handed ACC a setback last week but Coach Kjar thought his team played with more enthusiasm this time around. Heather Haugstad had an outstanding game on defense and had a steal and layup :59 seconds to go to seal the victory. ACC is now 1-6 on the season. WWTI defeated the Blue Devils 66-57 as ACC overcame an 18 point deficit and cut it to three points late in the contest only to lose by eight points.

Laura Chaffee had 25 followed by Deb VanderSteen with 13. Austin lost three more in a row, including a 78-34 setback to Anoka-Ramsey. Chaffee had 10 points for the only ACC player in double figures. Austin drops to 0-2 in conference and 1-10 overall. Rochester handed ACC its fifth loss in a row with a 73-52 win over the Blue Devils. Laura Chaffee poured in 21 points and collected nine rebounds. Angie Harlow and Amy Nelson each had 10 points and Rynda Simonson hauled in 10 rebounds. "They keep battling, though" said Coach Kjar who feels his team is making progress. For 28 minutes ACC had its sights on its second win of the season Willmar outscored Austin 25-7 in the final 12 minutes to defeat the Blue Devils 61-40. Laura Chaffee led the team with nine points. Bethany forced 37 Blue Devil turnovers and handed ACC an 89-44 setback in conference action. Deb VanderSteen led ACC with 13 points and Rhynda Simonson hauled down 11 rebounds. The Blue Devils defeated Worthington for its second win of the season (no score found) to up its record to 2-14 and 1-5 in the conference. Anoka-Ramsey defeated Austin 84-36 as the state's top ranked team showed no mercy on the Blue Devils. Chaffee had 13 points to lead ACC. Rochester handed Austin its sixteenth loss as ACC fell 71-31 to the Yellowjackets. Chaffee recorded her fourth double-double of the season with 13 points and 11 rebounds. The Blue Devils lost to Willmar 53-42 despite what Coach Kjar described as "their best game of the year". Laura Chaffee poured in 21 points and grabbed 12 rebounds while Angie Harlow contributed with 9 rebounds. The Blue Devils lost their last two games to Normandale and Bethany to finish the year 2-18 and 1-11 in the conference. Laura Chaffee earned All-Conference and second team All-State honors. Chaffee averaged 18.8 points per game 5.1 rebounds.

Roster Included:

Debra VanderSteen	Amy Nelson
Shannon Price	Erin Ransom
Laura Chaffee	Tessa Hoeper
Heather Haugstad	Angie Harbul
LeAnne Nelson	Rynda Simonson
Angie Harlow	

BASEBALL Dwight Kotila 13-13 A new era begins at ACC as Dwight Kotila takes over the coaching duties for Dave Lillemon. Kotila, an assistant at Itasca CC last season, played two years for Willmar Community College and graduated from St. Cloud. The Blue Devils opened the season after four games rained out and defeated Iowa Lakes 5-3 and 12-5. ACC recorded six double plays behind strong pitching of Dave Meyer in game one and Jeff Selander in the nightcap. Andy Matson went 4 for 6 in the doubleheader while Tim Kaplan and Pat Hilgers each collected two hits in the second contest. The Blue Devils handed NIACC a 5-2 setback before the rain cancelled the nightcap. Brad Carlson went the distance and pitched a 3-hitter, striking out seven and walking two.

Austin scored three runs in the fifth to put the game away without hitting a ball out of the infield. The Blue Devils opened the conference season with an impressive sweep over Rochester, 15-5 and 6-0. Troy Schaefer went 3 for 4 and two RBI while Kaplan collected two hits. Andy Johnson pitched into the fifth for his first win. In the nightcap, Jeff Selander threw a gem and limited the Rochester to three hits. The Blue Devil stole 10 bases in the two games and now has 21 for the season. "It's nice to be 5-0-but we need to take each opponent one game at a time" said Coach Dwight Kotila. ACC gained a split with Normandale, winning 15-13 and losing the nightcap 6-2. Austin trailed 13-8 and rallied behind the two run double by Tim Kaplan for the winning margin. Kaplan, Pat Hildgers, and Dave Meyer all had two of the 14 hits by the Blue Devils in game one. Brad Carlson recorded the win in relief of Meyer, who gave up 10 runs. Carlson started game one with Rudy Stroup relieving in the third inning. ACC had only seven hits in the nightcap and lost their first game of the season (6-1). Ridgewater came to town tied with ACC (3-1) in the conference and left with a sweep, defeating the Blue Devils 8-3 and 10-3. Carlson and Meyer took the mound losses as Austin collected only eleven hits in the twin bill. ACC drops to 3-3 in league and 6-3 overall. Austin split with Bethany in conference play, losing 6-0 and then winning 2-1 in nine innings. Brad Carlson took the loss in game one with no run support while Dave Meyer got the win in game two in relief of Tim Kaplan. The following day WWTI took two from ACC, handing the Blue Devils 7-3 and 7-5 losses in non-conference play. The weekend action drops ACC to 4-4 in the conference and 8-6 overall. ACC defeated the Winona State JVs 11-5 in eight innings in the opener and lost 8-4 in the nightcap. The Blue Devils recorded 11 hits in both games but left runners on all night. Brad Carlson (3-1) recorded the mound win in game one in relief. Dave Meyer went 3 for 4 with three RBI. Kaplan also added three hits and a RBI. Jeff Selander suffered the loss in the nightcap, allowing ten hits. ACC split a conference doubleheader with Anoka-Ramsey, losing 7-3 but bouncing back with a 7-3 victory. Brad Carlson went the distance in the opener, allowing seven runs on 8 hits. He drops to 3-3. In the nightcap, Troy Schaefer had a two out two run triple in the second inning and Dave Meyer pitched his best game of the year as ACC gained a split. Meyer had a six hitter, striking out nine and helped his own cause with two hits. Ben Bjork and Andy Johnson also had two hits apiece. The Blue Devils swept a pair from Rochester 5-0 and 10-3 that moved ACC one game out of second place in the standings. Austin is now 6-4 in the conference and 12-8 overall. Jeff Selander gave up only three hits in ACC's game one shut out. Dave Meyer's two run home run gave ACC a 3-0 lead in the fourth inning and Austin never looked back. Rudy Stroup started his first game and went six innings to get the win in the nightcap. Stroup struck out 8 and gave up only two earned runs, while Meyer earned the save. Meyer, Kaplan, and Adam McMahon all had two hits in game two.

After losing a pair to Normandale, ACC split with Willmar to even its conference record at 7-7 and 13-11 overall. Austin beat the Warriors in game one 6-4 on the strength of Dave Meyer's six hitter, who struck out nine and walked two. Ryan Hanson collected a big two run single while Tory Schaefer had the game winning RBI with a double in the fourth. Ridgewater won the nightcap 5-3 as Brad Carlson took the loss going the distance. ACC collected only five hits. The Blue Devils lost their final two games to Bethany and finished 7-9 in the league and 13-13 overall.

	Roster Included:	
Troy Schaefer	Ben Bjork	Aaron Thursdale
Tim Kaplan	Andy Johnson	Andy Matson
Dave Meyer	Jeff Selander	Ryan Hanson
Brad Carlson	Rudy Stroup	Pat Hilgers
Adam McMahon	Ass't: Rick Casey	

SOFTBALL Coach Pat Cornelius 12-11 State runner-up Region XIII-3rd. Coach Pat Cornelius begins her 4th year and she believes this year the Blue Devils have the pitching and catching to have a good year. Jill Fisher and Tracy Johnson will log all the innings while All-Conference Shelly Thaisen is behind the plate. ACC opened the season splitting with Bethany, winning 4-3 in the opener and losing the nightcap 9-4. Tracy Johnson went the distance in game one for the win. The Blue Devils scored two in the seventh for their dramatic first win. Austin committed too many errors in game two as Jill Fisher took the loss. "To take one game from a team like Bethany (national entrant last season) was a great way to start the season" said an elated Coach Cornelius. ACC split with Rochester, winning 4-2 in the opener and losing 11-10 in the second game. Johnson got the win in game as she struck out 12 batters as ACC scored two runs in the seventh without a hit to secure the win. Austin scored 10 runs in the third inning in the nightcap but could not hang on as Rochester rallied for a one run victory. ACC is now 2-2 in the conference and overall. Austin took part in the NIACC invitational and lost three games, falling first to NIACC 22-3, followed by a 13-2 loss to Iowa Western then a 10-3 loss to Marshalltown. The Blue Devils drop to 2-5 on the season. ACC got back on the winning track in impressive fashion as they swept Normandale 10-2 and 13-2. Jill Fisher scattered eight hits in the opener while mound mate Tracy Johnson pitched a five-hitter in the nightcap. Darcy Wytakse had a two run triple, Tessa Hoepfer and Joscelyn DeMoss both collected two RBIs in the sweep. The wins improve the Blue Devils to 4-2 in the conference. ACC dropped a pair of games in the North Hennepin invitational losing 5-1 to the host team as four ACC errors led to the loss in game one. Fergus Falls dealt ACC a 6-5 setback as Austin led 4-2 after three innings. The Blue Devils recorded a sweep over North Hennepin in conference action and improved to 6-2 in the

league. The sweep (13-5 and 16-7) gave ACC six wins in the conference with two to play. ACC scored early and often in game one as they recorded four runs in the second and five in the third and never looked back. In the nightcap, North Hennepin scored five in the first but ACC rallied with 10 of its own in the second and set the stage for a twin bill sweep. The Blue Devils took both ends of the doubleheader from Willmar to win the Southern Division conference title with an 8-2 record. With the victories (6-4 and 8-3), ACC assured itself a berth in the state tournament. Michell Budahn tallied three RBI and DeMoss had a big run scoring triple in the opener. Tracy Johnson earned the win in both games. Heather Haugstad and Tessa Hoeppe each had two hits in game two. The Blue Devils collected 20 free passes from Willmar pitching in both games. Austin made it five in a row as they defeated Pillsbury 22-12, called after five innings in the rain soaked game. Jessica McGuire had two doubles and Haugstad a triple in a game in which ACC committed no errors. In the Southern Division playoffs, ACC opened play defeating Rochester 7-4. Bethany then beat Austin 4-3 to send them into the loser's bracket. The Blue Devils bounced back with a 4-3 win over Willmar and 4-3 victory over Bethany in the first championship game. ACC had to beat Bethany twice to win the title but lost 17-5 with a host of new pitchers trying to loosen up through the wet and cold. The second place finish advances the Blue Devils to the regional tournament. (no results found but ACC place third). Austin opened the State tournament with wins over Vermilion and Northland on the opening day. ACC opened the tournament with five runs in the first inning and defeated Vermilion 10-0 on a one-hit shut out by Tracy Johnson. Darcy Wytaske had two hits while Joscelyn DeMoss, Jessica McGuire, and Shelly Thaisen all had triples. ACC rallied to beat Northland with a four run fifth inning behind the hitting of DeMoss, Thaisen, and McGuire. ACC then upend Willmar 13-1 in the semifinals in the double elimination tournament to gain a spot in the finals. Tracy Johnson pitched a one-hitter against the Warriors. Willmar fought back in the loser's bracket and defeated the Blue Devils twice, 9-6 and 11-3 to win the state championship. ACC led 5-1 after four innings in the first title game, but errors led to their first defeat. The Blue Devils committed 10 errors in the final championship games. By finishing runner-up in the state, it was ACC's highest finish since the 1980 state championship team. The Blue Devils finished the year 12-11 overall. Shelly Thaisen was named All-Conference and All-State (1st team), while teammate Tracy Johnson was named to the All-Southern Division team. Coach pat Cornelius was names Coach of the Year in the South Division.

Roster Included:

Jill Fisher	Tracy Johnson	Shelly Thaisen
Jenny LaVelle	Joscelyn DeMoss	Tessa Hoeper
Heather Haugstad	Michelle Budahn	Angie Harlow
Jessica McGuire	Darcy Wytaske	Jenny Peters
Ass't Coach: Kim (Synoground) Bina		

GOLF Coach David Lillemon Coach Dave Lillemon is no stranger to the ACC coaching staff, but he takes over the golf program after four years of guidance from Phil Bundy. Weather held back ACC's progress as the Blue Devils saw the links for the first time on April 16th at the MATC invitational in Madison. Sophomore Kevin Persinger led the Blue Devils with an 87, who shot team score of 375. After taking third in the NIACC triangular shooting a 327, ACC took part in a two man best shot hosted by Waldorf. Persinger and Scott Wildeman shot a 72, while Matt Brede and Ben Dolan were right behind with a 73. Mike Turvey and Nate Ollman fired a 74 to round out the scoring. In the NIACC tourney, Persinger had 78, Turvey an 82, Brede an 84, and Wildeman an 85. ACC finished fourth in the rain soaked Rochester invitational. Only nine holes were recorded led by Brede with a 42. The Blue Devils finished third out of five teams in the Rochester tournament at Northern Hills. Persinger was ACC's low scorer with an 84. The Blue Devils finished one stroke back in a triangular with Rochester and Minneapolis. Austin fired a 334 and lost by one to Rochester. Matt Brede had a 79, followed by Ben Dolan (82), Persinger (85), Scott Wildeman (89), and John Hatton (91). The Blue Devils competed in the state and regional tournament hosted by Minneapolis. ACC finished 4th in the state and region tournament as the shot a two day total of 740. Kevin Persinger was ACC's low man with a 93-84-177 total. Matt Breded fired a 93-88-181, Nat Ollman 94-95-189, Scott Wildeman 103-91-194, and Ben Dolan 100-100-200. Members included: Nate Ollman, Morgan Starck, Bill Weiser, Kevin Persinger, John Hatton, Mike Turvey, Ben Dolan, Matt Brede, Scott Wildeman.

TENNIS Coach Ken Larson 5-1 **MCCC State Champions, Region XIII Champions** It will be a tough task to follow last year's 9-1 team and Region XIII champions but ACC returns three stellar players; Joe Becker, Ben Bushaw, and Matt Boughton. ACC opened the season with an impressive 9-0 win over Northwestern College. Joe Becker won at #1, 6-4, 6-1. At #2, Josh Larson won 6-2, 6-1. In the #3 singles, Ben Bushaw won 6-2, 6-2. Matt Boughton (#4 singles) won 6-1, 6-1, and at #5 Matt Wangen won 6-3, 6-4. Scott Clifford rallied to make it a clean a sweep winning 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (8-6). All three double's teams won. After defeating Brainerd, ACC pounded Rochester 7-2 as the only setback was at #1 where Joe Becker lost 6-0, 7-6 and #4 where Boughton lost 7-6, 6-7, 5-7. The Blue Devils improved their record to 3-0. ACC shut out Bethany 9-0 to remain undefeated at 4-0. With an injury to #1 Joe Becker, everyone moved up a spot and won their match. Casey Winkels saw his first action at #6 and won 6-3, 6-0. Willmar dealt the Blue Devils their first loss as they upended Austin 5-4 in the final match of the day.

ACC's Josh Larson remained unbeaten at #2 singles winning 6-1, 6-1. Larson and Joe Becker also are undefeated as they won at #1 doubles 6-1, 7-6 (7-3). ACC completed its regular season defeating Brainerd 5-4. In the Region XIII tournament, the Blue Devils defended their title and won the event advancing to Corpus Christi, Texas. ACC totaled 20 points, followed by Willmar with 14. At #1, Joe Becker lost in the semi-finals while Josh Larson won the #2 singles, 6-4, 6-1. Ben Bushaw won at #3 singles 6-4, 6-2 and Matt Boughton was victorious at #4 singles with a come from behind 2-6, 6-1, 7-6 (7-4) win. Josh Larson and Joe Becker won the #1 doubles, 6-1, 6-2. Matt Wangen and Matt Boughton won #2 doubles, 7-5, 6-4. And Ben Bushaw and Scott Clifford completed the sweep in doubles with a 6-1, 6-4 finals victory. After winning the Region XIII title, ACC gave itself a shot in the arm by winning the MCCC state tournament. The men swept the doubles competition and Larson, Bushaw, Boughton, and Wangen won singles titles. In the opening round of the NJCAA national tournament, Ben Bushaw was the only ACC player to win his first match. Bushaw defeated his opponent from Mississippi 7-6 (7-2), 7-5 in grueling heat and humidity. Bushaw lost a tough 7-6 (8-6), 6-3 second round match to Brad Kempinski from Grand Rapids College. ACC coach said Ben played "national caliber tennis". Bushaw was eliminated while the others played in the consolation bracket. At #1 singles, Joe Becker lost 8-5. Josh Larson, at #2, received a bye in his round then advancing with an 8-0 win before losing his next match. Matt Boughton also advanced by winning a pair of matches before being upended. Matt Wangen, at #4, won 8-5 before losing 8-3 in his third match. Scott Clifford lost at #5 in his second match. No team results were found. Members included: Joe Becker, Matt Boughton, Ben Bushaw, Josh Larson, Matt Wangen, Scott Clifford

TENNIS-Women Coach Ken Larson 2-5 Four letter-winner return along with transfer Jana Beck and North Dakota standout Bridget Englehardt. ACC opened its season indoors thanks to the YMCA and defeated Sioux Falls 9-0. Bridget Englehardt started the shutout at #1 with a 6-4, 6-2 win. Lyn Peterson won at #2 (6-0, 6-3), Shannon Bell won at #3 singles (6-0, 6-1), while newcomer Jana Beck won 4-6, 6-1, 7-5 at #4 singles. Sarah Johnson won 6-2, 6-0 at #5 and Renae Westergaard was the winner at #6, 6-2, 6-0. All three doubles teams won their matches. After losing their second match of the season, Bethany upended ACC 6-3 in conference action to drop them to 1-2. Bell and Westergaard won in singles, while Beck and Johnson won at #3 doubles. ACC defeated Bethany in a return shortened match 4-0. Bridget Englehardt won 6-0, 6-1 at #1, while Lyn Peterson won 6-3, 6-1 at #2 singles. Shannon Bell added another win at #3, and Jana Beck and Sarah Johnson played the only doubles match and won 6-4, 6-0. Willmar handed ACC an 8-1 setback and dropped their record to 2-3. The only win for the Blue Devils was at #3 doubles by Beck and Johnson, who remain unbeaten this season (5-0).

Brainerd whitewashed ACC 9-0 in a match moved indoors after the rain hit. The Blue Devils took third in the Region XIII tournament out of five teams as Jana Beck and Sarah Johnson won the only title at #3 doubles. Willmar won the event, followed by Brainerd and Austin. (no other individual results reported). ACC lost a tough match to Dr. Martin Luther 7-2. The loss drops the Blue Devils to 2-5. In the state tennis tournament, ACC finished last out of four teams. Renae Westergaard made it to the finals at #6 before losing 6-0, 6-0. Jana Beck and Sarah Johnson lost at #3 doubles in the finals. Bridget Englehardt (#1 singles) bounced back after an opening round loss and won the consolation 8-2. Johnson also won the consolation at #5 singles. Members included: Bridget Englehardt, Sarah Johnson, Jana Beck, Lyn Peterson, Shannon Bell, Renae Westergaard.