1947-48

FOOTBALL  Coach Mark Dean  6-2  MJCAA Conference

Champions (3-1) Thirteen letter-winners greeted Coach Dean opening day with 33 players reporting to practice. A big concern early on will be capable reserves to step in and do the job for Coach Dean. The season opened with a 13-6 loss to Mason City before 3500 fans at Roosevelt Stadium. In a driving rain at home the AJC gridders scored a 18-6 win over Estherville. The highlight of that contest was a 64 yard scamper for a touchdown by running back Celestine Von Feldt. In its homecoming game versus Waldorf, the Blue Devils came away with a 21-0 victory and were able to use of the reserves. In a big conference match-up at Worthington before 3000 fans, AJC was no match and they were defeated 26-6. In that contest stellar running back Clyde gains was ejected in the 2nd quarter for fighting which was a huge loss to the Blue Devils. Austin bounced back with a 12-6 win over Rochester and in a driving rain defeated Bethel JC 7-0 to post a conference record of 3-1. They would go on to defeat Carleton 18-7 and Fort Dodge 26-13 to finish the year with a 4 game winning streak. Austin Junior College was handed the undisputed championship of the Southern Junior College Conference thanks to a timely win by Rochester over Worthington 13-6. Austin, Rochester, and Worthington all had one loss in conference play, but Austin by virtue of winning three league games claims the conference title.

Roster Includes:

Alvin Baldus  Lloyd Barnett  Robert Beck
Milton Bjerke  Kenneth Brooks  Joseph Carrol
Carl Duenow  Douglas Fladland  Clyde Gaines
Benjamin Gorski  Donald Grimely  Ira Howden
John Howley  Loren Jacob  Kenneth Knutson
Leonard Krupicka  Lloyd McDaniels  Loren Mattson
Clarence Minkel  Oliver Nasby  Richard Nelson
William Nelson  Paul Sanders  Norman Schmid
Edward Schutte  Lovell Solyst  Harry Strong
Charles Tedrow  Irvin Tiegen  Celeste Von Feldt
SCORES AND SCHEDULE FOR 1947 SEASON

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Record: Six wins, two losses.

**BASKETBALL**

Coach Dick Jewett 10-5

**Co-Champions**

SMJCC

Five lettermen were back to bolster the team that would eventually have a tremendous season and tough season ending loss. The lettermen were; Don Grimley (captain), Paul Sanders, Bob Stark, Joe Carroll, and Celestine Von Feldt. The season was to open with Dr. Martin Luther but a snow storm postponed that contest. The Harlem Glob Trotters then came to town in an exhibition game for the second consecutive year (AJC lost last year 36-33 before a record turnout). Abe Saperstein’s Trotters are described as the best in their 21 year history. Included in the lineup were: Reeses (Goose) Tatum, said to possess the longest reach in basketball(84 inches), Ted Strong, the sensational ball handling guard, Al Sealy( the great passing artis), Deadeye Ermer Robinson and Louis Babe Presely, captain of the Trotters. Sammy Gee, Sam Sharpe, and Marques Haynes also are with the club. They would easily defeat the A JC squad 56-41 in the exhibition, running their overall record to 2887 victories against 225 defeats. Center Don Grimley would score 15 points to lead his ball club in scoring. In the season opener, A JC defeated Mason City 49-33 led by center Don Grimley’s 22 points. They would go on to win their next six of seven, including a throttling of Worthington 62-36. This was a historic win as the Worthington jinx had become legendary since the competition of the schools begin back in 1940 was broken. It was a the first victory over a Worthington team in either football or basketball and the decision left the Blue Devils in a two-way tie for the conference with Bethel JC of St. Paul. They would meet in their next contest and lose 38-32 at Bethel for their first league setback. Following another loss to Waldorf 56-45, they would complete the regular season with wins over Concordia (55-52), Waldorf (63-54), Rochester (65-52), and Bethel (51-37). Austin would finish 10-4 in the regular season and finished in a tie for the Southern Minnesota junior college title. Due to their strong finish and season the Blue Devils were selected as one of two teams to bid for the North Central Region title by the NJCAA. The other would be Duluth and the winner would be invited to compete in the National tournament in Springfield, Mo. The 16 team teams to receive bids would be a new event and teams from all sections of the country would be invited. The North Central playoff game would be played before 2100 hysterical fans at the high school gym in Austin. Duluth Junior College came away with a thrilling 64-63 overtime win against Austin Junior College for the right to play in the NJCAA national tournament. The Blue Devils trailed by 8 points going into the final period, but caught fire and tied the game 57-57 on the strength of Don Grimley’s free throw at the end of regulation. Austin just missed a chance to win outright as when Paul
Saunder’s swisher from the outside was a fraction of a second late sending the game into overtime. It was give and take all the way to the end, with the Blue Devils scoring the last bucket just before the buzzer to lost 64-63. Grimly scored 18 followed by Saunders and Don Carroll with 16 a piece. A total of 55 fouls were called and Austin could make only 15 of 30 free throws which would be the deciding factor in the contest. Duluth would win their first contest in the NJCAA national tournament 57-50 before being eliminated 44-37 to defending champions Compton Junior College from California. 

Roster Included:

Celestine Von Feldt  Don Grimley  Joe Carroll
Bob Stark  Paul Sanders  Dick Johnson
Grant Helland  Loren Mattson  Dave Mix
Roger Bliese  Don Knauer
Manager: John Hillmer

**GOLF**  
SMJCC Champions  Bob Stark- Captain  Keith Anderson-medalist (40-36-38=114). Bob Stark was 2nd with rounds of 35-41-39=115. (Austin scores; Loren Mattson (40-39-42) = 121 and Don Dankert (50-46-41) = 137.

**TENNIS**  
Coach William “Doc” Evans.  **SMJCC CHAMPIONS.** Double champions were George Dastkyck and Cliff Jones. Dastkyck was second in #1 singles.