FOOTBALL  Coach Dick Jewett      2-4  A squad of 30 opened up the season that included eight lettermen.  Chances of another championship were brightened with the return of three veterans on last year’s championship team, Don Grimley, Dale Enright, and Clyde Gaines.  In their opening contest, the Blue Devils were defeated 6-0 on the road before 1500 fans in Esterville.  The contest was anything but satisfactory as Coach Jewett’s team had six turnovers, including three fumbles and three interceptions.  Their second contest was not much better as Fort Dodge man handled Austin 35-9.  The lone bright spot was a 55 yard TD pass from quarterback Ken Erickson to Gene Laury and a blocked punt by Dale Enright that resulted in a safety.  The Blue Devils would get their first win and their opening conference tilt by spoiling the homecoming festivities at Waldorf with a 20-6 victory.  Old Man winter would put a big damper in their next game at home against Bethel.  Very few fans showed up for homecoming to witness a very sloppy game.  There were 6 fumbles lost in the contest (4 by Austin) and only two punts occurred.  Clyde Gains would score 20 of the 26 points by crossing the goal line 3 times and drop kicking two extra points.  Austin would win their second conference game in as many contests.  Their next tilt would play a big role in the conference championship as both teams came into the game 2-0 in the conference.  Rochester was undefeated at 5-0 and their strength would prevail as they defeated Austin in a stunning 32-6 setback.  The Blue Devils would play in their third consecutive homecoming contest and a flashing running game by the Yellowjackets had the Austin defense completely baffled.  In their final contest against the St.Olaf freshmen, a game filled with penalties (150 total yards) hampered the Austinites and they were defeated 19-0 to end the season.  A first quarter TD pass from quarterback Ken Erickson was nullified by a penalty and the Blue Devils never threatened again.  They ended their season 2-4.

Roster Includes:

Don Grimley
Dale Enright
Clyde Gaines
Leonard Krupicka
Loren Mattson
Eddie Schutte
Ira Howden
Eugene Lowry
Bob Thatcher
Harold Regner
Grant Helland
James Hendricks
John Beckel
Art Christensen
Irwin Tiegen
John Erickson

Charles Valdahl
Merle Capen
Loren Gates
Robert Gunderson
William Nelson
Cliff Uher
Jack Schmid
James Smith
Floyd Bates
George Clark
Robert Greer
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### Basketball

Coach Dick Jewett 13-1 10-0 undefeated conference schedule **SMJCC Champions**; Cliff Uher-All State. Coach Dick Jewett lost four starters from last year’s, but had a big rangy squad to work with and several outstanding stars from the other were on the team including Cliff Uher and Babe Swenson of Albert Lea. Austin would open up with three conference wins over Waldorf (46-42), Martin Luther (57-45), and Rochester (59-40). Uher and Swenson would lead them in scoring in all three games. Austin would win a close encounter with non-conference foe Mason City 48-43 in their next contest. Forty one fouls were called and AJC could only convert 10 of 26 to keep the game close. Over the holidays during break the Blue Devils would play a practice game against the Navy Base team in Minneapolis and later witness the Minneapolis Lakers-Washington pro basketball game. The streak continued after the break with Bethel coming to town with a 3-0 conference mark. In a fast paced game led by Cliff Uher who scored 20 points, Austin would win going away 58-45 in a contest where each team played sub-par after the Christmas lay off. Ken Erickson would lead them to their sixth victory in a row by scoring 15 points and leading his team to a 56-45 win over Waldorf, who they had earlier defeated 46-42. Coach Dick Jewett’s team would sneak out a thrilling 41-40 win over Bethel in St. Paul to run its undefeated season to seven games. There was less than a minute to go and Austin trailed by five, 40-35. Erickson and Swenson each scored to cut the lead to one, 40-39. With 10 seconds to go Ken Greenman, Bethel’s center was fouled but his missed a free throw to set up the thrilling win for the visitors. It took three tries as Swenson launched a long shot, only to be missed and tipped by Erickson who missed, and finally a tip in by Uher at the buzzer to secure the victory. In their next contest, there was little doubt as Austin blasted Marin Luther 70-34 in a game where Jewett used his reserves as much as his starters. Uher would lead the way with 20 points followed by Loren Mattson who scored 15 points. The Blue Devils would add two more convincing wins, 69-39 over Concordia and 79-48 over Bethany to run their streak to 10 consecutive wins to start the season. In the contest versus Bethany, a single season scoring record was set with 79 points scored. Coach Jewett’s team laid the record on the line against arch rival Mason City, who they had defeated 48-43 earlier in the season at home. Mason City who had one eight in a row prior to a recent loss to Webster City JC, came into the contest playing good basketball. It is said all good things come to an end-and that proved no exception in the case of the AJC basketball team who found its 10 game winning streak shattered by a sharp shooting Mason City quint, 62-52. After the first period Austin never did regain the lead and trailed 32-29 at halftime. They continue to threaten in the fourth period, cutting the gap to 48-47 at one time but they never could find the punch to go ahead. Babe Swenson had 20 and Cliff Uher 13 points in the defeat. There was no time to waste as Austin traveled...
next to Worthington (4-0) to clash for the outright dispute of first place in the conference. Dick Jewett’s team was in the driver’s seat as far as the Southern Minnesota Junior College conference championship was concerned by virtue of a 55-50 victory over Worthington JC in a roughly heated contest. The score was tied 10 times. The latest coming at 43-43 after Uher opened the late drive with a basket. It was not until the last 2 and ½ minutes of the contest that Austin was able to put together a brilliant spurt to win 55-50. It was definitely a team win for the Blue Devils as every team member except one scored points. Before a crowd of 1200 home town fans, Austin would capture the Southern Minnesota Junior College Conference title with a 61-44 win over Rochester. From the opening bucket by Bob Schulze to the final gun, the Blue Devils took command and never looked back. Uher would set the pace with 18 points, closely followed by Swenson with 17 and Loren Mattson with 12. The Blue Devils led 20-11 after one quarter and 35-24 at the half. Dick Jewett’s rampaging team closed out its regular season with a convincing 85-41 win over Concordia, good for a 10 game undefeated conference season and the 85 points chalked up by the Blue Devils stands as a new single game scoring record. Ken Erickson, playing his best game of the season, using a two handed jump shot to pour in 19 points. Austin would not receive a bid to earn the right to play in the NJCAA national tournament because the college had not paid its dues. It season would come to an end with an exhibition game against the famous Harlem Globe Trotters. It was billed as an exhibition against the SMJCC and what an exhibition it was. Bobby Grund’s Globe Trotters took the court before 2500 spectators. They were a versatile bunch, playing football and baseball and when they were too tired of clowning around, they played extra fancy type of basketball. When the game ended the official scoreboard said 49-45 in favor of the Trotters. Erickson would score 14 to lead the Blue Devils. It was a field night for the small fry and autograph seekers.

Roster Included:

Ken “Pinkie” Erickson, Loren Mattson, Dave Mix
Don Liebenstein, Alan Bendsten, Roy Hilmer
Harold Ball, Don Anderson, Art Schulze
Dick Reinhart, Lester Swenson, Cliff Uher
Ass’t Coach: Gene Werkheiser, Manager: Rodger Bliese

GOLF Coach William Evans. SMJCC Champions (Keith Anderson medalist of the tournament). Teammates; Kenneth (Pinky) Erickson, Loren Mattson, Case Anderson

TENNIS Coach William Evans