FOOTBALL  Coach Dick Jewett  4-1-1  Only one regular returned from last year’s squad (Don Mandt-tackle) but Coach Dick Jewett was confident his 1950 team could better last year’s mark of 3-3 if the reserves could hold up. Thirty players worked out to prepare for their opener at Estherville and Austin would prevail 20-0 in a strong first season contest. Russ Tripplet, a running back who was a prep star at Le Roy, would score two of Austin’s three TD’s and carry the load with Howard Hunter, a fullback from Blooming Prairie. The final touchdown would come in the 4th quarter on a 13 yard pass from Ron Koch to Joe Wagner. It was the first victory in three years over Estherville. Defense was the story as Austin held their opponents to three first downs for the game. Austin Junior College would defeat Waldorf 7-0 in game two of the season with rain and a slippery turf holding scoring to a minimum as both teams were plagued by fumbles. Ironically, it was a fumble that set up the only score as Waldorf would turn it over on the 11 yard line in the third quarter were reserve fullback Eugene Cherney would score from seven yards out and later would run for the extra point for all of Austin’s scoring. The closest Waldorf would threaten to pay dirt was reaching Austin’s 31 yard line in the second quarter. The Blue Devils would play in the mud and rain again as they would defeat Rochester 6-0 at Athletic field in Austin and would be their third consecutive shutout. Striking quickly for a touchdown midway through the first period, the Blue Devils exploited a tough defense to protect the slim margin the rest of the way. Austin would score as fullback Howard Hunter took it in from two yards out on 4th and two from the goal line. The game would end in the fourth quarter with Rochester reaching Austin’s 2 yard line before the Blue Devil’s stiffened and held on downs. Mason City would tie Austin JC 13-13 in its fourth game of the year in a rough, tough homecoming game in Iowa. A fourth quarter desperation pass from 25 yards out with 8 seconds remaining in the ball game pulled Mason City out of a hole to preserve the tie. Austin would lead 7-6 after one quarter and middle two quarters see-sawed with Austin deep in its own territory most of the time. The Blue Devils second tally came in the latter part of the fourth quarter on a 57 yard drive was capped off by running back Gene Goick who scored from 3 yards out. An attempted pass for the extra point failed and Austin led 13-6 setting up the last second heroics by Mason City. The Blue Devils would remain undefeated as they traveled to Rochester and defeat the Yellowjackets for the second time this season 26-21. The Austin eleven would come from behind at half time 21-13 to secure the win. Leading the Austin attack was Joe Wagner, who scored twice in the final half and tossed a TD pass to Russ Tripplet in the second period. Howard Hunter scored the other Austin touchdown on a 75 yard pass from Trippett. In their final contest, Austin was bidding for an undefeated season in their homecoming contest as they hosted the Bethel College Indians from St. Paul. It was a tough one to lose as the Indians (5-1) put a crimp in homecoming and came away with a 14-6 win over the Blue Devils (4-1-1). Bethel would score first in the second quarter and add another TD in the second stanza to lead 14-0 at halftime.
It wasn’t until the fourth quarter that Austin managed to score as fullback Gene Goick would score from 3 yards out. The kick was wide and the end result was a season ending loss that went undefeated until the final contest.

Roster Included:

- Duane Brown
- Gene Cherney
- Carl Gaddis
- Howard Hunter
- Robert Heffern
- Leroy Koch
- Keith Knight
- Donald Mandt
- Gordan Srock
- Cliff Schroeder
- William Sherman
- Donald Vaith
- Burt Wenness

Assistant Coach: Gene Werkheiser

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**BASKETBALL**

Coach Dick Jewett 12-6 **SMJCC Champion (8-2)**

Starting his third year at the helm, Coach Dick Jewett started 5 freshmen in their opening contest against Martin Luther (four starters were from Austin and other Doug Nelson hailed from Albert Lea). AJC showed enough good basketball in the win 60-50 to lift its hope for a winning campaign. Dick Hanson, Leroy Koch and Dick Anderson all were in double figures to lead the team to victory. The spark, hustle, and shooting shown in the first contest were not evident at Mankato as Bethany handed the Blue Devils a 61-48 shellacking in conference play. Nelson would lead the team with 16 points. Austin JC would extend it’s perfect record against Rochester this year (AJC defeated Rochester twice in football) to 3-0 with a 57-47 at Mayo Civic auditorium. Austin’s tight defense and under the basket play gave indication they would be a tough ball club to defeat.

Forward Dick Hanson would again lead them in scoring with 14 points. A long time jinx that prevented Austin from winning at Mason City came to an end with a 57-52 win (the first win at Roosevelt field house since the cage sport resumed after World War II. The Blue Devils lost at Mason City 62-49 in 1947, 47-43 in 1948, 62-52 in 1949, and last year fell 57-44).
Joe Wagner would lead all scorers with his best game of the season while scoring 16 points to lead the way. Dick Jewett’s club would run its winning streak to five with a convincing 85-72 win over Worthington. Hanson, Nelson, and Anderson would account for 62 of the team’s total 85 points. Austin was back on top of the conference (4-1) with a 57-42 win over Concordia at the high school gym. Guard Joe Wagner would score 16 points while Anderson followed with 14 to lead the attack. Bethany would come to town in the Blue Devils next contest tied for the top spot (5-1) but Coach Jewett’s club stamped them selves as the team to watch with a decisive win over last year’s champion Bethany 65-45. Playing in a slow, deliberate style of offense with good rebounding and tough defense, the Blue Devils rolled to a 19-11 first quarter lead and never looked back. It was by far the best all round performance by the college according to Coach Jewett. Austin JC would lose its third contest in 11 starts in a non-conference lost to Waldorf, 52-51. Free throws would be the difference as Austin would make only 11 of 17 tries versus the Iowans 18 of 26 from the line. The Blue Devils would step back into conference play against bottom dweller’s Worthington (1-4) but not until the final 30 seconds did Coach Jewett’s team salt away a 74-72 conference thriller. The win assures Austin of maintaining its one game lead over Bethany in the Southern Minnesota Conference. Doug Nelson paced the way with 22 points. Austin would get upset 48-46 at New Ulm in its next contest as they failed to look impressive, missing many close range shots and lacking the rebounding punch they normally supply. The Harlem Globetrotters would come to Austin to play the AJC in an exhibition game following the loss to Martin Luther College. The fans came out to see a bag full of tricks and were not disappointed as clever ball handling, fancy dribbling, and exceptional fine shooting made up the repertoire to give the Trotters a 45-24 halftime lead a d 71-67 final decision. Austin would defeat Rochester handily 59-35 in their next contest led by Mayland Helland and Don Freeberg, both greatly improved players from the start of the season. After a non-conference win over Mason City 47-36, the Blue Devils would lose a thriller to Bethel 67-66 (overtime) in another non-conference tilt. Dick Johnson scored 21 to lead the attack. Coach Dick Jewett’s team clinched the SMJCC championship with a 77-65 win over Concordia on the road to winds its second title in three years. Bethel would defeat Austin in its final regular season game with a 72-58 non-conference win in St. Paul. Despite the loss, the Blue Devils closed out the campaign as champions of the southern division and as a result would play either Hibbing or Eveleth for the state junior college title. According to league officials, conflicting tournament dates caused the state title game not to be held this season. Tentative plans for a playoff game between Hibbing and Eveleth was unsuccessful and it was decided to call off the title game as the state high school tournament was beginning March 15 and neither school was willing to compete against the prep classic. So Austin JC finished the season 12-6 and SMJCC champions.

Roster Included:

| Roger Baumgartner | Dick Anderson | Dale Ihrke |
| Don Freeberg | Vernon Gavin | Dick Hanson |
| Mayland Helland | Leroy Koch | Bill Johnsen |
| Terry Strong | Joe Wagner | Doug Nelson |

Manager: Burt Wennes
Assistant Coach: Gene Werkheiser
Cheerleaders: (advisor: Velma Bro) Janet Smith, Marcia Peckham, Darlene Peterson, Muriel Hanson, Mary Ball de Tienne

TENNIS Coach William Evans. No records found.

GOLF Coach William Evans Six golfers reported for the AJC golf team. They included: Charlie Leighton, Don Freeberg, Mayland Helland, Eugene Goick, Ron Koch, and Duane Rulfson.

COACH DICK JEWETT RESIGNS Dick Jewett, after three years as the head football and basketball coach, has decided to give up coaching for a business career at Robbinsdale. He turned in his resignation and will leave his job on March 3, 1951. His football team won nine games, lost eight, and tied one with his best season this past fall when his team went 4-1-1. In basketball his record was 23-19 with two conference championships, one in 1948-49 when his club went undefeated in conference play (10-0) and this year team going 8-2 to win the SMJCC championship. Before accepting the college job, Jewett was the football and basketball coach at St. Augustine in Austin.

HAROLD CUFF NAMED AJC BASKETBALL COACH Harold K. Cuff, who graduated from Mankato Teachers College in March, has been hired to fill the vacancy created earlier by the resignation of Dick Jewett. Cuff, a former marine (1943-45) and a high school graduate (1943) from Redwood Falls, MN, comes to AJC with an outstanding record in athletics. He won letters in basketball, football, baseball, and track while participating at Mankato from 1947-51. In his senior year Mankato honored him as Athlete of the Year. Harold Cuff will be in charge of the Austin Junior College basketball program and physical education classes in the college and high school.