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VOLLEYBALL  Coach Helen Jahr   4-21  Helen Jahr takes over for Sherri Stageberg after two her two years of coaching the Blue Devils. Jahr inherits a team of ten with their strength, according to Jahr, is its hitting. The Blue Devils lost its first five matches, including four in the ACC invitational. NIACC defeated Austin 15-4, 15-4, Anoka-Ramsey handed ACC a 12-15, 15-5, 15-11 setback. Worthington bested Austin 15-11, 15-12 and Waldorf defeated the Blue Devils 15-1, 15-5. ACC picked up their first win with a 15-8, 15-3 victory over Normandale in the Minneapolis invitational. Worthington beat ACC 15-7, 12-15, 15-9 in the second match and Austin dropped its third match to North Hennepin 8-15, 1-2, 15-6. “We are playing better” said Coach Helen Jahr. The Blue Devils drop to 1-7 overall. Bethany defeated Austin in league play 15-6, 15-11, 15-6. Despite the loss, Coach Jahr praised the hitting of Sarah Wignant, Natalie Honnette, and Angie Goodnature. Austin competed in the Anoka-Ramsey invitational and lost all three matches. Anoka defeated ACC 18-16, 15-6, Rainy River handed the Blue Devils a 15-7, 15-9 setback and Itasca downed Austin 15-5, 15-12. Rochester handed ACC a three straight 15-9, 15-10, 15-9 setback in conference action. “It’s the best match we’ve had-win or lose” said Coach Jahr. The Blue Devils competed in the Rochester invitational and won one out of three matches to finish in a three way tie for second place. ACC opened the tournament with a 17-15, 15-13 loss to Rochester. Minneapolis downed Austin 5-15, 15-9, 15-12. The Blue Devils bounced back and defeated Normandale 15-12, 7-15, 15-11. ACC is now 3-16 and 0-4 in the conference. Austin lost to Bethany 15-2, 15-2, 15-3 in a matched termed by Coach Jahr as “just awful”. It was learned that Anoka-Ramsey used an ineligible player earlier in the year so ACC was awarded a win by forfeit. Austin now stands 4-17 overall. The Blue Devils lost their final four matches to finish the season 4-21. Natalie Honnette and Michelle Budahn were named to the All-Conference Southern Division team.

Roster Included:
Sarah Flatness  Darcy Klapperick  Jennifer Johnson
Michelle Budahn  Kally Thompson  Angie Goodnature
Lisa Quednow  Sarah Wignant  Natalie Honnette
Alison Cooling

BASKETBALL  Coach David Lillemom  8-14  ACC returns four players that played a lot last season and Coach Lillemom is ready to get over the hump. The four include, John Van Beek, Brandon Donahue, Paul Kenis and T.J. Ehlenfeldt. Van Beek is a true leader and “go to guy” and the Blue Devils will lean heavily on his leadership and skills to carry them to the next level.
ACC opened its season with a 96-93 win over WWTI. The Blue Devils were led by freshman Travis Miller’s 23 and John Van Beek who chipped in with 21 points. Waldorf handled Austin 82-67 in a game Lillemom described as “very quick”. Van Beek had 20 tallies followed by Josh Peterson with 10. ACC met Waldorf in the NIACC tournament and lost 114-78. “At every position they were quicker” said Lillemom. Van Beek had 25 points followed by Miller with 12 points and 8 rebounds. Austin lost to NIACC in the third place game 104-92 to drop to 1-3 on the season. Ben Bushaw led with 23 points, followed by Travis Miller (21) and John Van Beek (19). Jared Thompson hit a 15 footer at the buzzer and lifted ACC to a 95-94 win over WWTI. The Blue Devils had seven players in double figures, led by Brandon Donahue with 15 tallies. Another key was ACC received 36 points from its reserves. Austin is now 2-3 overall. Worthington made sixteen three-pointers and defeated ACC 111-94 in conference action. ‘We must be better defensively if we are going to win at this level” said Lillemom. John Van Beek had a career high 36 points and Thompson added a dozen. Jared Thompson celebrated his birthday by scoring 16 points and hauling down 16 rebounds as the Blue Devils upended UW Richland 77-70. Austin closed out its non-conference schedule by upending Brainerd 107-97 to up its record to .500 at 4-4. Van Beek led with 27, followed by Ben Bushaw’s 19 tallies and Josh Peterson chipped in with 15. Austin lost 78-75 to undefeated Willmar as a game tying 3-pointer at the buzzer fell short. “We played our best defensive game of the year” said Coach Dave Lillemom. ACC had two chances at 3-pointers to tie but were unable to connect on either one. Van Beek and Thompson each had 16 points in the loss. Austin shut down Normandale and won their first conference game 61-55. John Van Beek had 18 points and 11 rebounds to record his sixth consecutive double-double in a row. Bushaw had 15 points off the bench. Austin is now 1-1 in league and 5-5 overall. Unbeaten Bethany defeated ACC 82-66 as the Blue Devils are in a tough stretch of their schedule. Three players had 10 points apiece for Austin in the loss. Minneapolis came to town undefeated and defeated ACC 84-71. Van Beek had 24 points while Jared Thompson added 16. Austin drops to 5-7 overall and 1-3 in conference play. Austin defeated Rochester on the road 80-63 as ACC collected 20 offensive rebounds for 10 baskets. Leading the way for the Blue Devils was Josh Peterson with 17 points and 10 rebounds, followed by Jared Thompson contributing nine points and 11 rebounds. ACC was edged by Worthington 99-92 in league action to drop to 2-4 and 6-8 overall. Peterson paced ACC with 20 points, while Ben Bushaw added 19, Van Beek 14, Travis Miller and Jared Thompson added 10 each. Anoka-Ramsey’s Michael Curry was unconscious as the Golden Rams handed ACC a 96-85 setback. Curry had 36 including six 3-pointers. For Austin, Van Beek had 26 points and 10 rebounds. The Blue Devils lost their next three games, including a 77-71 setback to Normandale. ACC led 62-61 when the Lions went on a 12-1 run to put the Blue Devils away.
John Van Beek had 22, Ben Bushaw 14 and Josh Peterson 13 points. Austin is now 2-8 in conference and 6-12 overall. Bethany defeated ACC 97-78 in league action. Van Beek led with 24 points and 13 rebounds, followed by Josh Peterson who added 16 points. Minneapolis handed Austin 100-73 setback in conference play. The Blue Devils only trailed by five at the 13:00 in the second half but the #1 ranked team was too much for the Blue Devils to stay with. Austin had five players in double figures led by Peterson with 16, Jared Thompson’s 15, Brandon Donahue and Van Beek a dozen a piece and Travis Miller with 10 points. ACC is now 2-9 and 6-13 overall. The Blue Devils overwhelmed Rochester 100-82 in conference play and snapped their seven game losing streak. Great balance led ACC to the victory. John Van Beek scored 24, Thompson had 23, Peterson with 19, and Dohahue 18 points. The Blue Devils spoiled Worthington’s chances of a state tournament berth by defeating the Blue-Jays 93-90 in conference action. “This is as proud of moment as I have had here” said Lillemo. “It’s a good win against a quality team”. Van Beek had 16 first half points and finished with a team high 24. Brandon Donahue had 20 tallies as he continued his torrid scoring pace. ACC was on the road in their final season game to spoil Anoka-Ramsey’s play-off hopes but lost 79-69 to the Golden Rams. The Blue Devils only lead of the game was 57-56 at the 8:14 of the second half. Josh Peterson led the team with 23, followed by Jared Thompson with 17. John Van Beek finished his career with 14 points and 12 rebounds, securing his 16th double-double of the season. ACC finished the season 4-10 in the league and 8-14 overall. John Van Beek was selected to the All-Conference and All-State team and earned honors to the Academic All-State team. He later was named to the All-Region XIII and not since 1979-80 had a Blue Devil been honored at the region level. John Van Beek became the first ACC player to earn first team All-American honors. The Blue Devils boast one other All-American in its history with Wayne LeRud earning 2nd team All-American honors in 1965-66. Van Beek averaged 20.5 points per game and averaged 10.5 rebounds per contest.

Roster Included:
Brandon Donahue  Paul Kenis  Ryan Bonorden
Ben Bushaw  Travis Miller  John VanBeek
Jared Thompson  Nate Dallman  Travis Stevenson
T.J. Ehlenfeldt  Josh Petersen

BASKETBALL    Coach Lee Koll    6-16 Long time high school veteran Lee Koll takes over the reigns as head Blue Devils women’s basketball coach, replacing Sherri Stageberg. Only two players return, Kerry Olson and Denise Haasl. ACC opened with a 67-42 win over WWTI. Austin forced 19 turnovers by their opponents in the first half and cruised to a victory. Lisa Quednow scored a game high 18, followed by Chrissy Clements with 13. Austin lost a rugged game to Waldorf 55-39 in non-conference action.
Quednow had 16 tallies in the loss for the only double figure scorer. The Blue Devils defeated Pillsbury 59-21 to improve to 2-1 on the season. Clements was top scorer with 14 while Quednow and Kerry Olson each added 11 points. A last second shot by Tina Watkins fell off the rim leaving the Blue Devils two points short in a 59-57 setback to WWTI. Austin playing with only eight players had three foul out. Quednow and Watkins each had 14 to lead Austin who drops to 3-2 overall. The Blue Devils competed in the ACC invitational, winning the opener 56-38 over the St. Olaf JVs, then lost to NIACC in the championship 75-40. Lisa Quednow led with 19 followed by Tina Watkins with 14 in the win over St. Olaf. Those two scored 21 of the 26 second half points scored by the Blue Devils. Too much size was the story in the title game and ACC was overmatched. LeAnne Nelson had 11 and Quednow 10 for Austin in the title game. A poor first half spelled doom for Austin, who trailed 38-18 at halftime and lost 55-50 to Iowa Lakes CC. Tina Watkins scored 16 and Lisa Quednow added 13 for ACC, who now is 4-4 on the season. Austin fell to Brained 64-53 in non-conference action. Kerry Olson had a season high 20 followed by Quednow with 17. Austin dropped its conference opener 72-42 to Willmar. “It was a very poor effort” said Coach Lee Koll. Chrissy Clements and Tina Watkins each had 10 points. The Blue Devils drop to 4-6 and 0-1 in league play. Normandale handed Austin a 61-40 setback. The Lions, ranked #2 in the country, went on a 13-2 run to start the second half and put the game away. Clements led all scorers with 20 points. Bethany whipped ACC 98-32 in conference action. Lisa Quednow scored 8 points and grabbed 8 rebounds to lead ACC in the losing effort. Austin is now 4-8 and 0-3 in the conference. Austin lost its seventh in a row as Rochester handed the Blue Devils a 63-44 setback. Quednow led ACC with 16 points and 13 rebounds. The Blue Devils snapped their losing streak and recorded their fifth win as they defeated Pillsbury 37-23 in non-conference action. Lisa Quednow scored 13, followed by Chrissy Clements with 10 points. ACC fell to Worthington 63-48 to remain winless in the conference (0-5). Quednow had 13, Tina Watkins 12, and LeAnne Nelson finished with 11. Anoka-Ramsey pounded ACC 74-51 despite a gutsy effort from Chrissy Clems who scored 21 points against a tough Golden Ram outfit. The loss drops ACC to 0-6 and 5-11 overall. Normandale used a number of easy lay-ups and 19 offensive rebounds to beat the Blue Devils 72-38. Lisa Quednow was the only scorer in double figures with 11 points. The Blue Devils lost to #2 ranked Bethany 88-44. ACC trailed 41-21 at the half and had a season high 39 turnovers. Lisa Quednow had 15 in the loss. Rochester wore down the Blue Devils and handed ACC a 75-58 setback, dropping Austin to 0-8 in the league and 5-14 overall. Austin snapped its six game losing streak with their first conference win as they defeated Worthington 56-46. Lisa Quednow had 20 and Chrissy Clements 18 as the dynamic duo did a great job, according to Coach Lee Koll.
The season came to resounding halt for the ACC team as Anoka-Ramsey pummeled the Blue Devils 81-38. Lisa Quednow led the Austin with 11 points and LeAnne Nelson added nine. ACC finished the season 1-11 in the league and 6-16 overall. Lisa Quednow was named to the All-Conference team and received All-State honorable-mention. Quednow averaged 13 points and 7.6 rebounds in her first season.

Roster Included:

Kerry Olson  Shannon Price  Heather Haugstad
Chrissy Clements  Denise Haasl  LeAnne Nelson
Tina Watkins  Lisa Quednow

* Lee Koll retires after one season and said his decision was more personal than anything. Koll was a long time coach at Pacelli High School and came out of retirement to coach the Blue Devils for one season. “I’m truly retired now” Koll said. “I didn’t intend on it being a one year shot but I found out things about myself”.

BASEBALL  David Lillemom  11-17

Eight sophomores and seven freshmen make up this year squad. A nine day southern road trip was taken to prepare the Blue Devils for the season. ACC lost its opener 6-5 in eight innings to NIACC but bounced back to take game two 6-1 behind a three-hitter by Aaron Thursdale. Derek Cobban had a pair of doubles and 3 RBIs. ACC led 5-2 after six innings in the opener but Blue Devil pitching walked 8 batters and hit two others. Dave Meyer took the loss in relief for Jeff Bjur. Ben Bjork had a solo home run in game one. Austin lost 4-2 and 7-4 to Anoka-Ramsey in conference action. Thursdale took the loss in a complete game effort in game one, scattering 8 hits. ACC managed only four hits. In the nightcap, Anoka led 5-0 and Austin closed the gap to 5-3. Austin dropped a pair of games to Bethany and North Hennepin to drop to 1-7. The Blue Devils ended their six game losing streak by defeating Rochester 4-1 and 12-2. Tom Kirtz had a big two run single in the opener and Jeff Bjur pitched a three-hitter for the win. In the nightcap, ACC exploded for 12 hits led by Dave Meyer’s double and two run home run. The Blue Devils are now 3-7 overall. ACC split with division powerhouse Normandale, losing 4-1 but winning the nightcap 1-0. The Lions scored 4 unearned runs in the first inning of the opener and never scored again. Tom Huffman took the hard luck loss in game one. In the nightcap, Mike Piechowski pitched a brilliant one-hitter recording 16 ground ball outs (out of 21). The Blue Devils only score was in the second inning as Tom Kirtz executed a perfect suicide squeeze to score Tim Kaplan who had walked and moved to third on a double by Andy Mattson. ACC is now 3-7 in league and 4-8 overall. Austin topped WWTI 10-3 and 12-6 in non-conference action. Dave Meyer scattered six hits in the opener for the win. ACC trailed 3-0 into the 5th inning in game one. In the fifth inning Austin scored five runs with two outs, the last two coming on a two run double by Derek Cobban.
Piechowski struck out nine en route to a win in game two. Mark Peterson has a three run home in the third inning tying the game at 6-6. Austin added six more runs in the final four innings. ACC swept Willmar 3-0 and 6-4 to improve to 5-7 in conference and 8-8 overall. Aaron Thursdale raised his record to 3-1 as he shut out Willmar on five hits. ACC scored all its runs on two out singles in the 1st, 2nd, and 6th innings. In the second game, Tom Huffman went all the way for the victory. He allowed only four hits for his first victory of the season. Bethany stopped Austin’s five game winning streak with wins of 4-3 and 5-1 over the Blue Devils.

Three ACC unearned runs prevented Aaron Thursdale from getting the win in the opener. Four unearned runs in the second game cost Tom Huffman a chance to win game two. Austin split with Anoka-Ramsey losing 4-3 and winning the nightcap 2-1. Mike Piechowski lost a tough opener as he was done in by three ACC errors. Dave Meyer hurled seven strong innings to gain his third win of the year. Ben Bjork had the game winning RBI in the sixth for a split in the nightcap. Tom Huffman pitched a complete game five-hitter but lost 3-2 to Rochester only to see his teammates pound out 16 hits in the nightcap for a 16-1 win. ACC had only 4 hits in the opener. In the second game, Aaron Thursdale pitched yet another complete game (ACC’s 20th in 24 games) and surrendered only five hits. Austin cranked out four home runs, more than they had all season (3). Dave Meyer had a grand slam, Tom Kirtz, Derek Cobban all hit home runs in the same inning. ACC lost a pair to Normandale, losing 18-14 a 10-0. Going into the game Austin had a team ERA of 2.27 in 158 innings of pitching. “The wind was blowing out and they took advantage of that” said Lillemoon. Dave Meyer pitched the 21st complete game by a Blue Devil in the nightcap, surrendering 10 hits. ACC drops to 8-14 in conference and 11-15 overall. The baseball era of Coach Dave Lillemoon ended as Willmar upended Austin 12-7 and 10-4. Lillemoon had announced three weeks earlier that he was stepping down as the baseball coach after eight seasons. In the last two contests, the hitting came around but the normally steady pitching gave up 22 runs. “It is ironic that our pitching carried us for 24 games and we finally get the bats going now” said Lillemoon. The Blue Devils finished the year 8-16 and 11-17 overall. Tim Kaplan was the top hitter (.329) with 14 runs scored and 15 RBI. Aaron Thursdale was 3-1 on the mound. Tom Huffman was 1-5 but an ERA of 1.88.

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* It was announced by school officials that Dave Lillemo has stepped down as the head baseball coach after eight seasons. Lillemo, the head basketball and baseball coach since 1987, will remain as athletic director and basketball coach with additional teaching duties. Lillemo has left a legacy of its own, taking a program that won only three games in 1985 and 1986 to state appearances in 1990 and 1991 (ACC was state runner-up). ‘I am very proud of my accomplishments’ Lillemo said. ‘I leave with no regrets and I hope the new coach can take this program to even a higher level in the years to come’.

* New era begins with the hiring of Dwight Kotila, a graduate of St. Cloud State in 1993 and an assistant last year at Itasca Community College. Kotila was a stand out performer at Willmar Community College before attending St. Cloud.

**SOFTBALL**  
Coach Pat Cornelius  12-19  
Pat Cornelius enters her third year as head coach with some cautious optimism. With four returning and eleven new roster members Cornelius feels ACC has the talent to win. The Blue Devils opened the season with a split, losing 8-2 in the opener and defeating Normandale 12-6. Jana Carroll recorded the mound win in game two and Jessica McGuire hit an in-side-the park home run. The Blue Devils braved the cold weather along with eleven other teams in the second annual ACC invitational and finished the tourney 1-2. ACC beat Hibbing 12-5 before losing to Brainerd 11-2 and Normandale 9-2. Austin scored seven runs in the first inning against Hibbing high-lighted by two run doubles by Chrissy Clements and Michelle Budahn. Carroll got the win. The wet all created havoc as ACC committed 8 errors in game two. In game three Austin had only two hits. ACC dropped to 2-5 with a pair of losses to NIACC, losing 9-0 and 9-1. Corrine Fishbauger collected a double and two singles in the losses. The Blue Devils swept Anoka-Ramsey toppling the Golden Rams 2-1 and 6-3 in conference play. Fishbauger recorded the win in game one and Kara Mallory pitched in the winning effort in the nightcap. ACC is now 3-1 in conference and 4-5 overall. Austin was victim of the ten run rule as North Hennepin downed ACC 15-5 and 15-2. Fishbauger and Mallory were tagged for 37 hits in the two games. The Blue Devils drop to 4-7. After traveling to Willmar and losing a pair, ACC competed in the NIACC invitational and went 2-3. ACC lost its first game to NIACC 11-3. Austin then defeated Iowa Lakes 6-2 behind the strong pitching of Kara Mallory. In game three, Waldorf spanked ACC 14-0. Austin dropped a one run contest to Dakota Wesleyan 12-11 before defeating Iowa Lakes 2-0. Mallory pitched the shut out to record the second win of the tournament. The Blue Devils are now 4-4 and 7-12 overall. Austin lost to Rochester 6-1 but rebounded with a 13-5 romp to gain a split with the Yellowjackets.
Austin scored seven times in the decisive fourth inning of game two and set the stage for the split. Jana Carroll took the loss in game one while Kara Mallory went the distance in the nightcap for the victory. Bethany defeated Austin 4-1 and 12-0 dropping ACC to 8-14 overall and 5-7 in league play. Mallory pitched brilliantly in game one throwing a 4-hitter but five costly ACC errors proved to costly. The Blue Devils defeated Hibbing 17-2 and then lost 8-3 to North Hennepin in a tournament up north. ACC scored seven in the second and eight in the fifth in the route over Hibbing. Austin is now 9-15 going into divisional playoffs. ACC opened the tournament impressively by defeating Mesabi 12-1. They out hit their opponents 18-3. Michelle Budahn went 3 for 4 and two RBI. Corrine Fishbauger pitched a three hitter for the win. In game two, ACC overcame three errors with a three run eighth inning, breaking a 4-4 tie to advance into the winners bracket. Kara Mallory provided a complete game for the win in the second contest. Austin met Brainerd in the undefeated bracket and lost 12-4 committing five errors in the loss. Mallory took the mound loss. In the loser’s bracket, Itasca upended the Blue Devils 12-5 to send packing. ACC again committed five errors and finished the season 12-19 overall.

Roster Included:
Jamie Reker  Angie Goodnature  Heather Haugstad
Sarah Flatness  Heidi Rusler  Natalie Honnette
Michelle Peason  Jana Carroll  Shelly Thaisen
Chrissy Clements  Jessica McGuire  Michelle Budahn
Kara Mallory  Corrine Fishbauger  Kelly Wyrum
Ass’t Coach: Sherry Neve

GOLF  Coach Phil Bundy  Fourth year coach Phil Bundy is led by Scott Goergen, who went to Florida for one year in the 80’s and is back in school to lead the Blue Devils. ACC opened the season with a 398 at the NIACC invitational. Goergen was low for ACC with an 81. The Blue Devils shot a 372 in its next tournament hosted by Rochester as they finished seventh. Scott Goergen fired a 77, followed by Kevin Persinger with a 91. Waldorf won the ACC invitational with a 323 while ACC shot a 389. Goergen had an 82 to lead the Blue Devils. Austin shot a 390 at the North Hennepin invitational and placed 3rd out of four teams. Scott Goergen shot an 87 on a tough Edinburgh USA golf course. Goergen finished second in the Minneapolis invitational while ACC finished last in the field shooting a 385. The Blue Devils finished the season at North Hennepin in a best ball tournament but Scott Goergen was the medalist with an 81. The Minnesota State tournament was combined with the Region XIII tournament this year and the Blue Devils finished last in both competitions. ACC’s Scott Goergen finished third in the two day meet, qualifying him for the NJCAA national tournament in Greensboro, NC. Goergen fired an 80 at the Eastwood Golf Course in Rochester on day one and bounced back with a 78 at Northern Hills on the second day.
Kevin Persinger (85-81-166) finished second for ACC, followed by Mike Turvey (103-114-217), Davin Johnson (121-103), and Ralph Fleming (106-121-227). Rochester won the team event while ACC shot a 750. Goergen did not compete in the nationals due to lack of funds to travel. Members included: Scott Goergen, Davin Johnson, Kevin Persinger, Michael Turvey, Ralph Fleming.

**Golf-Women’s**  Coach Phil Bundy  
In the ACC invitational, Lisa Hoerth had a 154 and Amy Nelson a 170. At the North Hennepin invite, Hoerth fired a 142 and Nelson 161. ACC competed in the Minneapolis tournament, and ACC’s two women continued to lower their scores. Hoerth shot a 129 and Nelson a 149. The state and region tournament were held in conjunction of each other and ACC had no team score. But the Blue Devils Lisa Hoerth fired a two day total of 128-130-258 and good for sixth place. Amy Nelson shot a 146-152-298, good for seventh place. Members included: Lisa Hoerth from Blue Earth and Amy Nelson from Faribult.

**TENNIS**  Coach Ken Larson  9-1  MCCC State Champions, Region XIII-Champions  
ACC opened the season with three impressive wins, defeating Rochester 6-3, topping Willmar 6-3, and thrashing Bethany 8-1. Matt Boughton (#3), Mike Helgeson (# 4), and Travis Stevenson (#6 singles) all went undefeated. Austin improved to 4-0 with a 7-2 win over Northwestern. Levon Larson won at #1, 6-2, 6-3, followed by wins from Boughton, Helgeson, Stevenson and Ben Bushaw in singles play to take a commanding 5-1 lead. In doubles, Larson and Joe Becker won at #1, and Bushaw and Stevenson won at #3 doubles. ACC ran its unbeaten record to 6-0 with wins over Brainerd (8-1) and St. Scholastica (6-3). North Hennepin was Austin’s seventh straight victim as ACC rolled over their opponents 8-1 to remain unbeaten. NH forfeited three matches, but ACC won at #3 with Mike Helgeson winning 6-1, 4-6, 6-0, Matt Boughton winning 6-3, 6-4. Austin toppled Sioux Falls 7-2 as ACC’s second through six players all won in singles competition and the #2 and #3 doubles had wins in the Blue Devils team effort. ACC improved to 8-0 on the season. ACC shut out Brainerd 9-0 in the triangular and had its record improve to 9-0. Rochester handed ACC its first loss of the season as they upended Austin 5-4. Levon Larson lost at #1, Joe Becker won at #2, and Matt Boughton won the #3 singles 6-1, 7-6. Ben Bushaw won at #4 but ACC lost at #5 and #6 singles. After Larson and Becker lost at #1 doubles, Boughton and Bushaw won 3-6, 6-2, 6-1 while Stevenson and Jeremy Wilson lost at #3. The regular season ends for the Blue Devils at 9-1. ACC won seven of nine individual titles and dominated the Region XIII tournament tallying 24 points to runner-up Rochester with 15 points. Joe Becker, Matt Boughton, Mike Helgeson, Ben Bushaw, and Travis Stevenson all won singles championships.
Levon Larson lost in the semi-finals 6-2, 6-3. In doubles at #1, Larson and Becker lost in the finals 6-2, 7-6 (7-3), Boughton and Bushaw won at #2, and Stevenson and Wilson won at #3 doubles. Coach Ken Larson was named Coach of the Year. The Blue Devils qualified for the NJCAA national tennis tournament in Corpus Christi. Following the Regional tournament, ACC won the State title winning six of the nine finals. Austin’s Joe Becker won at #2, Mike Helgeson won at #4, Ben Bushaw won at #5, and Travis Stevenson was victorious at #6 singles. In doubles, Helgeson and Matt Boughton teamed to win at #2, and Bushaw and Stevenson won the #3 doubles. ACC saw it tough going at the NJCAA national tournament in Texas. Travis Stevenson was the lone winner in singles, winning his first match.

Members included;

Matt Boughton     Levon Larson
Mike Helgeson     Joe Becker
Travis Stevenson  Jeremy Wilson
Ben Bushaw        Josh Peterson

**TENNIS-Women**  
Coach Ken Larson  7-3  MCCC State-runner-up, Region XIII runner-up  
ACC opened the season with a 5-4 win over Rochester, then lost 6-3 to Willmar and 5-4 to Bethany. “Both meets we lost we could of easily won” said Coach Larson. “We dearly missed Lynn Peterson which pushed our 3-6 players up a spot. ACC swept the doubles competition and defeated Rochester 7-2 to improve to 2-2 on the season. At #1 doubles, Tina Watkins and Darcy Klapperick won 6-2, 6-7, 6-4. Peterson and Sarah Johnson picked up a win at #2, and Shannon Bell and Renae Westergaard won 6-4, 6-2 at third doubles. Austin improved to 4-2 as they won two matches, both 5-4 wins over Brainerd and St. Scholastica. The women defeated Brainerd thanks in part to four forfeit wins. Darcy Klapperick got the big win in that match at #3. Against St. Scholastica, strong play by Lynn Peterson at #2 and Watkins-Klapperick win at #1 doubles along with three forfeits got the Blue Devils their second road win. ACC shut out North Hennepin 9-0 to record their fifth win of the year. The Blue Devils defeated Sioux Falls 7-2 and then lost to a tough Brainerd 8-1. ACC drops to 5-1 in conference and 6-2 overall. The Blue Devils claimed one individual title and finished second in the Region XIII women’s tennis tournament. Brainerd won with 25 points followed by ACC with 10 tallies. Shannon Bell won the #6 single’s title, beating her opponent from Brainerd 6-1, 6-0. Darcy Klapperick finished second at #3 and Sarah Johnson lost in the finals at #5 singles. The #3 doubles team of Bell and Renae Westergaard lost in the finals 6-1, 7-6 (7-2). ACC defeated Rochester in their final match of the season, upending the Yellowjackets 5-4 finishing the season 7-3. The Blue Devils finished runner-up in the state tournament by tallying 15 points.
Austin’s #2 Lynn Peterson advanced to the finals and lost 6-2, 6-3. “I am really tickled that the women scored five more points than last year and finished in second place” said Coach Larson. Members included: Michelle Gilbertson, Darcy Klapperick, Shannon Bell, Renae Westergaard, Sarah Johnson, Tina Watkins, Lynn Peterson.