History
2015-16

Derek Hahn- has been named head men’s basketball coach. He replaces Scott Koenigs, who resigned this past spring but will remain on as the baseball coach. Hahn is an alumni here at Riverland Community College where he was a baseball and basketball athlete for the Blue Devils in 2008-10. Derek was named Athlete of the year at Riverland Community College his sophomore year. He has been on staff as an assistant in baseball and basketball (m & w).

Suzy Hebrink resigned her position last spring as head women’s basketball coach. She has coached the program since 1999. Hebrink will remain on staff as a full-time faculty. No replacement was found for the 2015-16 season.

- After three attempts to hire a women’s basketball coach the season will be suspended for one year.

Volleyball- Michele Ihnen 6-23 Despite having only one returning sophomore, coach Ihnen is very excited about this year’s recruiting class. Mistary McClarnon returns as the only veteran, but headed by Sarah Hubacher from Lakeville, MN the Blue Devils hope to make a run at a state tournament berth. Riverland Community College opened the season at Ridgewater College and lost in three; 10-25, 12-25, 15-25. In their season home opener, the Blue Devils upended Anoka Ramsey 21-25, 25-20, 22-25, 25-21 and 15-8 as the match went down to the final game. Their momentum continued as RVLD went on the road to defeat MN West in four; 25-20, 23-25, 25-8, 25-16 to run their record to 2-1 for the week in conference and overall play. Hannah Boyer was named MCAC “athlete of the week” as she tallied 24 kills, 8 digs, 5 blocks and two aces. She is a freshman from Janesville, MN. Riverland Community College won a critical home match against Western Technical College, winning in five; 25-14, 26-24, 27-25,18-25, 19-17.
The final game went back and forth and WTI had four chances to win the match and RVLD kept battling back to tie the score and eventually win the match. In the second match of that evening (triangular), The Blue Devils lost to the Waldorf JV team 16-25, 20-25. Their overall record is now 3-3 and 3-2 in the southern division. St Cloud Technical College handed Riverland a 3-0 setback with scores of 7-25, 11-25, 19-25 in southern division action. Next up for RVLD will be a home match with arch rival Rochester Community and Technical College. The Blue Devils were blasted 19-25, 15-25, and 11-25 by Rochester in southern division match up.

Riverland Community College will step out of division action and participate in two tournaments, one in Rochester and the other at Anoka Ramsey this upcoming weekend. Riverland Community College lost a pair of matches in Rochester, losing to Hibbing 25-16, 14-25, 12-25, and 25-27. In their second match, RVLD lost to NIACC 11-25, 20-25, 13-25. On Saturday in the Anoka tournament, all matches were best 2 of 3. In the first round, RVLD lost 20-25, 23-25 to Vermilion. Mesabi bested Riverland 13-25, 11-25. In round three, Rainy River beat the Blue Devils 16-25, 7-25 and in the fourth match Northland C & TC beat Riverland Community College 19-25 and 13-25. The Blue Devils are 3-10 overall and 3-3 in the southern division. Riverland Community College would travel to Anoka Ramsey in a key matchup and lost a tough 4 game match, winning the first game 25-21, but then losing 23-25, 19-25, and 26-28. This was pivotal in the their drive to reach the state tournament as Anoka Ramsey was below them in the standings and who RVLD had beat earlier in the year. The Blue Devils lost a key matchup with Fergus Falls. Lost 9-25, 15-25, 14-25. Coach Ihnen said, “We never got off the bus”. This was a very winnable contest and we couldn’t get the ball across the net”. Fergus Falls and RVLD are battling for the 4th spot in the standings. Riverland Community College traveled to Wahpeton, ND for a two day tournament and lost all five contests. Lake Region over RVLD 18-25, 23-25, 15-25. Dakota County College over the Blue Devils 18-25, 16-25, 25-18,18-25. Williston State College over Riverland Community College 21-25, 12-25, 6-25. Host college NDSCS over Riverland 9-25, 13-25, 16-25. Bismarck State College over RVLD 14-25, 16-25, 12-25. Ridgewater College came to town and beat Riverland Community College 19-25, 7-25, 13-25. Riverland went on the road and lost to St Cloud Tech by the scores of 15-25, 17-25, and 16-25. The following day they traveled to NIACC in a tournament and lost three straight; NIACC 12-25, 17-25, 23-25, Waldorf JV, 12-25, 20-25, 6-25 and to Esterville, Iowa 23-25, 26-25, 19-25. The Blue Devils run their losing streak to 20 matches.
Kassie Hardies was named “MCAC Hitter of the week”. This ended the 21 match losing streak. Their record now is 4-9 in the conference and 4-24 overall. Riverland will finish up year on the road at Northwestern and Rochester. In the Northwestern JV invite, RVLD defeated Crown JV’s 2-1, and then lost to UW Superior 2-0 and Bethel 2-0. Rochester defeated Riverland Community College in its final contest 3-0 (no scores available). Kassie Hardies was named to the 2nd team All- Southern Division. She led the division in kills/set with 90 sets /285 kills (3.17).

**Roster Included:**

Shelby Quinn   Theresa Torkelson   Hanna Boyer
Emma Mergen    Mistary McClarnon  Sarah Hubacher
Hope Landsman  Brooke Hondl      Kassi Hardies
Shayla Berkner Ass’t: Jamie Price

**Soccer-** Edel Fernandez- 2-10  This year’s team returns with some optimism with seven sophomores leading a twenty-one man squad. Eight of the members are from Austin. Riverland Community College opened its season against NIACC, a division II school from Iowa and lost 7-1. It was a tight battle midway through the second half (RVLD trailed 3-1 and had two great scoring chances but did not cash in) and eventually gave up four late goals. The Blue Devils traveled to Bismarck, ND and lost 5-1 to the Mystics. Riverland Community College hosted one of three consecutive home contests and lost to Dakota County Technical College 5-2. RVLD trailed by five goals at halftime and controlled the second half to lose by the score of 5-2. Coach Fernandez was very pleased with the second half effort. In a Region 13 match up, Riverland lost 5-0 to Century College. Their record is now 0-4 and will host Bismarck College this Saturday. In a tightly contested matchup the Blue Devils would lose 5-2 but the first ¾ of the game it was tight. Riverland Community College trailed 2-1 at halftime and had two great scoring chances in the second half but was denied and the Mystics pulled away in the end. Riverland’s losing streak is now at five games and they remain winless.
The Blue Devils traveled to Anoka Ramsey and got beaten handily 11-1 in a state and region contest. Riverland Community College stepped out of the regional play and traveled to Winona to play the St. Mary’s JV team. Coach Hernandez said his team played much better despite losing 6-1. The Blue Devils now have 10 days off before their next action. Riverland Community College resumed play as they traveled up north for two day trip. The first contest was against Century College and the Blue Devils lost 8-1. Riverland Community College then extended their trip to Duluth and played Lake Superior CC and won their first game by the score of 5-3. RVLD stands 1-8 overall and 1-2 in the conference. St Mary’s JV game was cancelled due to low numbers from St. Mary’s. Anoka Ramsey defeated RVLD 7-0 in Region 13 action. Riverland Community College had only 6 shots on goal. In the final contest of the regular season, the Blue Devils beat Duluth Superior 9-0 to assure a spot in the Region tournament next weekend. Joao Pedro Suarti scored five goals in the contest, three coming in the first half to lead RVLD to the victory. That gives Suarti 15 goals for the season, a Blue Devil record. The Blue Devils traveled to Northwestern College for the Region XIII men’s soccer tournament. The played #1 seeded Anoka Ramsey and lost 10-0. This ends the season for Riverland Community College. Joao Pedro Suarti was named to the All-Region team. Final record 2-10

Roster Included:

Sam Betterley  Abraham Manzano Serrato  Ricardo Rodriguez
Ghyslain Soussoukpe  Franco Ortiz  Irving Morales
William Antill  Joao Pedro Suarti  Boubacar Diagne
Gabriel Souza Tralli  Jorman Calle de Oliveira  Keeden Ellis
Elias R. Lazaro  Cesar Gallegos  Donghyun Cho
Carlos Vera  Ismael Sanchez  Colt Kerr
Martial Armouzouvi  Riley Grinstead  Fransico Enriquez
Ass’t; Troy Staginga  Ass’t; Mario Garcia
Women’s Basketball- There was no women’s basketball for the 2015-16 season. In an effort to replace former head coach Suzy Hebrink, there were three separate postings of the position and interviews held each time. Do to unfortunate circumstances, each offering fell through and in the end there was no coach for the 2015-16 season.

- Douglas Waldner was hired in mid- November as the new women’s coach and began his duties immediately to start recruiting for the 2016-17 season.

Men’s Basketball- Coach Derek Hahn 10-17 Derek Hahn takes over the coaching reigns from Scott Koenigs, who had the position for four years. Hahn has served as the men’s assistant the past few years and also is on staff as a baseball assistant. He inherits four veterans, led by Marcus Meyers. The Blue Devils opened their season at home against the Presentation JV team. RVLD led at half by six but could not hold on to lose 94-89. Riverland was outscored 31 to 16 at the foul line. Meyers led all scorers with 36 points, including 5 for 8 from 3-point land and 7 for 7 from the foul-line. Dearionte Hudson had 16 and Brandon Delvalle chipped in with 14 points. Riverland Community College will have its annual alumni game this Saturday. After defeating the alumni 113-79, RVLD will travel to MN West next weekend for their annual tournament. Marcus Meyers was named MCAC “Player of the Week” for his performance last week. The Blue Devils upended Dordt College 78-75 in the 4-team tournament being hosted by MN West. Riverland Community College was led by Chavel Glover with 21, Darius Bell had 19 and Brandon Delvalle chipped with 14 points. The following day RVLD lost to Northwestern Red Raiders 99-94 as Dearionte Hudson led all scorers with 25 points. Marcus Meyers had 18 and Delvalle had 13 in the loss. The Blue Devils drop to 1-2 on the season. RVLD traveled to Gustavus to take on the JV team and lost 85-82 in overtime. Riverland Community College shot 40% at the foul line for the contest that ended up being the difference. Marcus Meyers had 20 and Hudson added 15 in the loss. Three days later the Blue Devils hosted Gustavus and lost another nail bitter 74-72. Dearionte Hudson led the way with 21 points. Darius Bell and Meyers each had 13 points. Riverland Community College had two shots at the buzzer to tie the contest but were unable to convert. The Blue Devils have lost four games by five points or less. Their record now is 1-4 overall. Riverland Community College traveled to NIACC and lost 90-68 in a non-conference game. The Blue Devils started slow and were never in the contest.
They would rebound and again hit the road and defeat the Luther JV team by surpassing the century mark, winning 101-78. Brandon Delvalle led five players in double figures with 19 points. Kyler Paulson and Marcus Meyers had a double/doubles in points and rebounds. Riverland is now 2-6 on the season and host two MCAC northern teams this weekend. Coach Hahn said “this was our best complete game of the year against a good JV team”. The Blue Devils hosted a pair of northern division MCAC foes this weekend and lost the opener to Hibbing, 95-84. RVLD trailed by five mid-way through the first half but rallied and led 41-36 at the break. But their defense let them down and eventually succumbed the lead and never could gain it back. Riverland was led by Jerome Cumming with a season high 27 points. Four others were in double figures; Brandon Delvalle had 15, Darius Bell with 11, and two had 10 apiece, Marcus Meyers and Greg Boyd. The Blue Devils would bounce back the following day with a come from behind 98-96 victory over Rainy River. This game was time 90-90 in regulation as Marcus Meyers hit two free throws with 5.8 seconds on the clock to force the game into an extra period. Riverland Community College trailed by as much as 12 points with less than 10 minutes to go in the contest. Meyers had 30 points to lead the comeback, followed by five others in double figures. Chavel Glover and Darius Bell had 13, Jerome Cummings and Brandon Delvalle each had a dozen and Greg Boyd finished with 11 points. Riverland Community College is now 3-7 overall and will travel up north next weekend to take on Itasca and Northland. The Blue Devils would win both contests and run their winning streak to three games as they defeated Northland 80-75 and Itasca 86-79. In Friday night’s game, RVLD led at halftime by eight (45-37) and never looked back and Marcus Meyers had a career game with 37 points. He had five 3’s and was 12 of 18 from the foul line. Dearionte Hudson followed with 14 and Brandon Delvalle chipped in with a dozen. The following day Riverland hung on to beat Itasca 86-79. Meyers led five guys in double figures with 18 points. Delvalle had 14, Jerome Cummings 13, Darius Bell and Hudson each with 12 points. Despite shooting 19 for 37 from the foul line, RVLD never gave up the lead. With the win Riverland Community College has now one 4 out of their last 5 games and head in the holidays with a 5-6 record. Riverland Community College went on the road to the Central Lakes Classic tournament and lost two games to the top two teams in the state. Vermilion upended the Blue Devils 95-66 in the opener. Brandon Delvalle and Marcus Meyers each had 14 to lead the way. In the second contest, Central Lakes defeated Riverland 96-72. The Blue Devils will start conference play next week at St. Cloud Technical College and then on to Rochester before returning home.
After a furious rally being down by as many as 25 points the Blue Devils went on the road and lost 83-71 to St. Cloud Technical College in the conference opener. Riverland Community College was able to cut the lead to four with 5:00 minutes to go but fell short in its comeback effort. Marcus Meyers had 18 and Brandon Delvalle 15 to lead the way. Twenty turnovers was the downfall for RVLD who never led in the contest. Riverland has now lost three in row to start the 2016 season and drops to 5-9 on the season. With only 8 players, Riverland Community College lost to Rochester 91-68. Brandon Delvalle and Darius Bell each had 15 to lead the way in scoring. The Blue Devils would lose their fifth in a row as Ridgewater upended RVLD 86-73 in division play as the Warriors made 19 three point shots (19 of 37). Greg Boyd led the way with 20 points followed by Jerome Cummings with 15 and Brandon Delvalle added 10 points. Riverland is still without leading scorer Marcus Meyers. The Blue Devils drop to 0-3 in the division and 5-11 overall. Riverland Community College forced 22 turnovers (8 for RVLD) and defeated MCTC- Fergus 90-86 to end their losing streak at five contests. Great balance led by Brandon Delvalle with 19, Jerome Cummings and Marcus Meyers had 17, followed by Darius Bell with 15 and Marcus Wynn chipped in with 11 points. Western Technical College came in to town and pounded the Blue Devils 92-71 in a “very disappointing game” described by Coach Derek Hahn. Riverland Community College trailed by as much as 22 points and once cut it to nine with 7:00 minutes to go in the contest. Back on the road only to lost to MN West 79-70 to drop RVLD to 1-5 in the division. Riverland Community College shot 15% from 3 point land (3 for 19) compared to 40% for MN West (8 of 20). Marcus Meyers had 19, followed by 15 each from Darius Bell and Donte Makuza. The Blue Devils lost at a tough one at Anoka Ramsey 78-71 in overtime. Marcus Meyers had 28 points followed by Darius Bell with 17 tallies. Riverland shot only 4 for 11 from the line compared to Anoka who made 22 of 31 foul shots. RVLD would win their biggest game of the year as the upset St Cloud Technical College 87-66 at home beginning the second round of conference play. Riverland led 41-29 at halftime and never were threatened. A stifling defense and great balance led to the victory. Jerome Cummings and Meyers each had 17, Brandon Delvalle 15, Greg Boyd 13, and Abdi Abdikadir chipped in with 10 points. RVLD stopped their three game losing streak and now stand 2-6 in conference play and 7-14 overall. Marcus Meyers was named MCAC “Player of the Week” as he averaged 22.5 ppg, 6.5 assists per game, and 3 steals. He also shot 5 of 11 from beyond the arc and 100% from the line. Meyers is sophomore from Milwaukee.
Riverland lost to #4 ranked in the country Rochester 72-64 in a real competitive game. RVLD trailed 35-30 at halftime and despite never leading in the contests it was 55-51 with 10 minutes to go but that is as close as it would be in the game. Marcus Myers and Darius Bell each had 14 points in the loss. The Blue Devils continued their good play as they traveled to Willmar and upended the Warriors 68-64. This avenged an earlier loss at Austin. Brandon Delvalle led with 20, while Meyers had 17 and Abdibari Abdikadir chipped in with 10 points. Riverland Community College traveled to Fergus Falls and lost 74-61. This was a must win for the Blue Devils and they just did not play well, according to Coach Hahn. “We shot the ball very poorly (2 of our best three point shooters were 2-17) and we shot 10 for 20 from the foul line”. “Our defense kept us in the game”. The only two in double figures were Meyers with 14 and Delvalle with 13 points. RVLD would bounce back quickly and defeat Western Technical College 87-85. Five guys were in double figures, led by Marcus Myers with 26, Darius Bell had 18, Jerome Cummings 14, and Marcus Wynn and Donte Makuza each had a dozen. This was a good win and completes the road season as the Blue Devils finish at home the final two contests. Riverland avenged an earlier loss to MN West and defeated the Blue Jays 69-67 in another nail biter. RVLD trailed 35-29 at half but had a 10-0 run to take the lead. Both teams then would battle to the end only to see Riverland pull out the win by two. Marcus Wynn had his best game of the season with 17 points, including five 3-pointers. Jerome Cummings had 16, Darius Bell 13, Marcus Meyers 11 points for a great balanced attack. RVLD is now 5-8 in the league and 10-16 overall. The Blue Devils will play its final game on Saturday at home against Anoka Ramsey. Riverland Community College lost its final contest 86-79 but didn’t go down without a fight. Trailing by as many as 20 points midway through the second half the Blue Devils would cut it to five, 83-78 and had two chances to narrow the gap but in the end came up short. The team would end up 5-9 in the southern division standings and in fifth place out of eight teams. There overall record was 10-17 in Derek Hahn’s first year of being the head coach. Marcus Myers was named to the “all Southern Division team for the second year in a row. He received MCAC “player of the week” honors twice and was the second leading scorer in the conference with an 18.8 average.

Roster Included:

Dearionte Hudson Marcus Myers Chavel Glover
Abdibari Abdikadir Darius Bell Jerome Cummings
Baseball - Scott Koenigs  

31-8 Riverland Community College will have a big challenge in matching last year’s record at 37-6 but returns a handful of veterans and a big recruiting class. But what the Blue Devils want is that elusive trip to the NJCAA World Series. Riverland went south again this time to Tucson, Arizona. RVLD defeated Simpson JV 13-1 in the opener. Mitch Kelly would get the win, going five innings, striking out nine and giving up 3 hits. Zach Schwieters had three hits including a homerun and triple and three RBI. RVLD defeated Marion 14-6 in day two of the trip. Five guys had two hits apiece, with Risandro Pastor collecting three RBI’s. Mayville State JV upended Riverland Community College 4-3 in nine innings in a tightly contested contest. Zavier Ocasio went 6 and 2/3 innings, surrendering only one earned run in a no-decision contest. The Blue Devils collected only three hits to drop their record to 2-1. Riverland Community College defeated Miles City CC 8-4 to get back on the winning track as Schweiters went 3 for 3 with three runs scored to lead the way. Brandon Hudson got the mound win going 6 and 2/3, striking out 7 and walking two batters. The Blue Devils pounded Mount Marty JV’s 20-10 in a slugfest (called after 6 innings). Kelvin Llanos went 4 for 4, scored 3 runs, added 2 RBI in the victory. Riverland shutout Simpson JV team 6-0 as Alex Roosen got the win, going 7 innings, striking out 12 batters and surrendering only 4 hits. Roosen also had 3 RBI in the victory. Riverland Community College defeated Wheaton College 12-4. Ocasio got his second win on the mound, going 6 and 2/3 innings. Luis Rodriguez has three hits including a triple and 4 RBI. The final game of the southern road trip had Riverland Community College defeating Mayville State JVs 3-2. Brandon Hudson got his second mound victory in two starts as he tossed a gem, surrendering 7 hits, striking out 10 batters and giving up only one earned run. The Blue Devils ended the road trip 8-2.
Zach Schweiters went 15 for 34 in ten games, batting .441 with 17 runs scored, 11 RBI and added six stolen bases. Schweiters was named MCAC “Player of the Week”. Riverland Community College traveled to Lincoln, NB for a weekend series. Saturday’s game was snowed out. Sunday the Blue Devils lost 7-1 in the opener. Only five hits were collected by RVLD and one was a home run by Brendan Dye. Mitch Kelly took the loss on the mound giving up five runs and nine hits. A grand slam in the bottom of the 9th inning led Southeastern CC to a second win 12-8 over Riverland Community College. The Blue Devils took the lead 8-6 going into the bottom of the 8th but could not hold on. Alex Roosen led the way with two hits and 3 RBI in the loss. Xavier Occasion took the loss in the relief. A week later RVLD traveled to Luther and won 10-0 in game one as Kelly through 4 innings to get the win. Alexis Laureano finished the game. Risandro Pastor and Omar Colon each had two hits to lead the 8-hit attack. Roosen added three RBI with a home run. Riverland Community College dropped game two 5-4 as Luther JV team scored one run in the bottom of the 8th inning to secure the win. Ocasio took the loss again in relief. RVLD tied the game in the 7th by scoring two runs on a two run homerun by Risandro Pastor. The Blue Devils drop to 9-5 on the season and are scheduled for a tournament in Mauston, WI this weekend. The series of four games in Mauston was cancelled due to cold weather. The trip to Carleton JV was moved back from 4/3-4/9 due to inclement weather. That was later cancelled. Riverland Community College defeated Luther JV 14-0 at home as Mitch Kelly tossed a no-hitter in five innings played. He struck out 4 and walked two in the victory. Omar Colon had three hits and 4 RBI to lead the way. The Blue Devils won game two 15-0 as Alex Roosen threw a one-hitter in five innings. He walked one and struck one in his mound win. Kelvin Llanos had two hits, scored two runs and had four RBI. Riverland traveled to Gustavus JV and won 19-11 in the opener. Zach Schweiters had 4 hits, scored 4 runs and Risandro Pastor had two hits and five RBI to help RVLD to the victory. Game two went to Riverland Community College as they won 11-2. Brandon Hodson was the winning pitcher, tossing a six-hitter. Roosen had three hits including a triple while Colon added a pair of doubles. Riverland Community College a hosted two teams, defeating St Mary’s JVs 7-0 and Western Technical College 11-0. In the opener, Mitch Kelly tossed a one-hitter while striking out 12 for the win. Christian Rodriguez had three hits, scored twice and had five RBI. Versus Western Tech, Roosen got the mound win with a two-hitter. Five guys had two hits for Riverland Community College.
Back into conference play for the first time, RVLD defeated MN West twice, winning 12-0 and 7-4. Alex Roosen threw a two-hitter to get the win in six innings. He struck out 12 in the victory. Marion Brunken, Schweiters, and Pastor all had three hits in the 15-hit attack. In the nightcap, Brandon Hodson went 8 and 2/3 on the hill to record the win as he scattered 6 hits while striking out six batters. Omar Colon had three hits and 3 RBI to lead the way. Riverland Community College had high hopes of continuing its winning streak as Rochester C & TC came to town. The Blue Devils won the opener in dramatic fashion as they upended Rochester 3-2. Trailing 2-1 in the 6th inning, Omar Colon hit a two run homerun to give the Blue Devils the lead and the victory. The contest ended on a play at home with two outs and a Rochester runner was thrown out in the bottom of the seventh inning. Mitch Kelly went seven innings, giving up only three hits and striking out 9 batters for the win. The nine game winning streak was snapped as Rochester won game two 6-5. RVLD committed 4 errors that led to the downfall. Colon again went deep with a two run homerun but it wasn’t enough. Brunken, Rodriguez and Schweiters all had two hits in the loss. Riverland Community College is now 18-6 overall and 3-1 in the southern division. Zach Schweiters was named MCAC “player of the week as he batted .546 (9 for 16) last week. Alex Roosen as MCAC “pitcher of the week” as he tossed a two-hitter and his now 5-0 on the year with a 2.25 ERA. Riverland traveled to Augsburg for one nine inning contest and won 11-9. The Blue Devils scored three in the top of the 9th to earn the victory. Kelvin Llanos had a big two run single for the win and he had 4 RBI for the day and was 3 for 5 at the plate. Riverland Community College defeated MN West twice in a doubleheader, winning 8-7 and 13-0. RVLD scored in the bottom of the 7th on a RBI single by Alex Roosen scoring Christian Rodriguez who had doubled earlier. In game two, Roosen tossed a one-hitter and the Blue Devils pounded out 8 hits, two by Zach Schwieters who had four RBI for the game. Riverland swept Western Technical College at home, winning 14-4 and 13-3. Twenty-six hits in the pair by Riverland hitters, led by Roosen with five hits and Carlos Torrez with four base knocks. Riverland continued its winning ways by traveling to Rochester and sweeping the Yellow Jackets 6-4 and 12-11 to wrap up the southern division championship. The Blue Devils scored two runs in the top of the 7th inning to win again. A wild pitch and a sacrifice fly produced the two runs. Mitch Kelly went the distance to get the mound win. In game two, RVLD blew a 7-1 lead and trailed 9-8 in the 8th inning but Omar Colon hit a grand slam home run, his 11 dinger of the year to secure the win. RVLD traveled to Western Technical College the following day and won 8-0 and 16-4 to wrap up the southern division and
season play. They ended the season 11-1 in the division and 27-6 overall. This is the 6th Divisional title for Koenigs in his tenure. Next up will be a best 2 out of 3 series with MN West to determine who will advance to the MCAC/Regional tournament on May 19-22. The Blue Devils will host the series beginning next Friday. Riverland defeated MN West twice and advanced to the MCAC Region tournament in St Cloud next weekend. This will be an 8-team double elimination tournament and the winner will advance to the NJCAA Division III college world series. The Blue Devils opened the tournament ranked #9 in the NJCAA national polls. They would lose their first game to Rainy River CC 1-0. They would bounce back and win 15-1 Over Western Tech and then defeated Itasca 8-0 before bowing out in the tournament by losing to St. Cloud Tech 8-4 to finish fourth place in the tournament.

The MCAC all-division team was announced and Riverland had five players; Omar Colon, Alex Roosen, Mitch Kelly, Zach Schweiters and Luis Rodriguez. Colon, Roosen and Kelly would make the All-State MCAC team. Omar Colon and Alex Roosen would then be named to the All-Region XIII. Colon as the DH-IB and Roosen as a pitcher/IB. Omar Colon earned honors to the NJCAA All-American 3rd team. The Blue Devils ended the season 31-8 the sixth time Riverland Community College has reached the 30 plus win plateau.

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Softball- Michele Ihnen  7-35 Riverland Community College returns five sophomores as they begin their season. They traveled to Nebraska/Kansas to open and the season and lost 8-0 and 16-1 to Southeastern CC. The next two days they played in a five game tournament at Cloud County CC in Concordia, Kansas. The Blue Devils lost 10-1, 18-0, 23-2, 17-0, and 12-1 to all division II colleges. The following weekend they would travel south again to Joplin, Missouri and lost all five contests, running their losing streak to 12 contests. They would lose 21-0 to Northern OK-Tonkawa, 17-0 to Northern OK-Enid, 13-0 to Crowder College, 37-3 to NEO, and 9-1 to Jeff County College. Riverland Community College drops to 0-12 on the season and will return home in two weeks to play in a 2 day round robin tournament at the Rochester Dome and the Austin Dome. The Lady Blue Devils ended their 12 game losing streak as they defeated Northland C &TC 18-1 and then made it two in a row by upending Vermilion at the Rochester tournament played in the Dome. In the Northland contest, Riverland collected 11 base on balls along with four hits to win game one. Versus Vermilion, Allison Sharp had three hits including a double to lead the way. The following day Riverland Community College hosted a 6 team round robin tournament in the AHS Dome. RVLD would drop all three games. Riverland lost to Mesabi Range College 4-3, then were beat 15-2 by Rainy River and lost the finally 11-1 to the Gustavus JV team. The Blue Devils now are 2-15 on the season. Southeast CC from Nebraska came to town and swept Riverland Community College 4-0 and 9-0 in a non-conference doubleheader. RVLD opened the season at Beatrice, Nebraska earlier in the year. In the southern division opener, the Lady Blue Devils lost 6-1 but rebounded with a 7-2 to gain a split with MN West. The victory by RVLD snapped a six game losing streak and improved their record to 3-19. Taylor Larsen recorded the mound win, giving up 6 hits and striking out 8 hitters. The contests were moved inside due to inclement weather and played at the Dome in Austin. Riverland Community College hosted Anoka Ramsey and lost 16-2 and 20-2 in divisional games. The Blue Devils had only 7 hits in the two contests, led by Larsen and Sharp with two each. St Cloud Tech. defeated Riverland Community College 17-1 and 19-1. Caycee Gilbertson hit a solo homerun for the only hit and RBI in game one. Jamie Wells had two hits in the second game loss. Riverland went on the road and lost 10-0 and 8-3 to Rochester C & TC. Wells had two more hits in game one as RVLD had three for the game. It was called after 4 innings do to the 10-run rule. Allison Sharp went 3 for 4 in the second game while Kassie Hardies had a pair of hits. Riverland would end its seven game losing streak at Fergus Falls, dropping game one 8-0 but rebounding in a 8-5 in the second
game of the doubleheader. RVLD had one hit by Brook Hemann in the opener. In the nightcap, Hardies had three hits, while Gilbertson and Shayla Berkner each had two in the victory. In consecutive weekends, RVLD traveled for a four game series, this time to Ridgewater and Anoka Ramsey. Versus Ridgewater, the Blue Devils won game one 6-5 as the scored three runs in the 7th to win it on a Brook Hemann three run homerun. Alison Sharp got the win on the mound, going the distance and scattering 8 hits. Game two went to Ridgewater 12-4. The next day Riverland Community College lost to St Cloud Tech, 14-1 and 13-5. Riverland lost to Anoka 19-0 and 10-0 in divisional play. Only six hits were collected the two games, two by Gilbertson. Riverland is now 5-30 overall and 3-13 in the division. The Blue Devils completed their road travel for the year as they went to MN West for a divisional contest. They split the doubleheader, losing 10-7 but rebounding with a 14-12 victory. The two teams had split in the season divisional openers for both squads. The will end the season with 6 home contests in the following week. Riverland Community College lost a pair to Fergus Falls by the scores of 12-2 and 16-7. They would rebound by defeating Ridgewater 15-10 in a slugfest in the opener and the second game was rained out and will not be made up. The final home contests the Blue Devils lost a pair to Rochester 14-2 and 13-1. Riverland Community College ended the season 7-35 overall and 4-15 in the southern division.

**Roster Included:**

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**Athletes of the Year**

Brooke Hemann was named Female Athlete of the Year and Zach Schweiters was named Male athlete of the Year.