First Wrestling Match: December 12, 1966 (24-11 victory over Crookston Tech)

First Coach: Cy Dickson (1965-67 2 Season)

First Team Members: Rick Lorenson, Ken Abrahamson, Dave Peterson, Ray Ulrich, Dick Brown, Don Hanson, Joe Gonsorowski, John Kolstoe, Loren Lusignan, Mike Johanneck, Luke Kaushaugen, Jim Rogalla, Jim Weckwerth, Steve Furuseth, Wayne Marek, Joe Fuller, John Aaseby, Royal Jorgenson, Gary Bruggeman, Ron Lorenson, Steve Perrault, Gary Anderson and Greg Herling

Other Coaches: John Steidl (1967-70 3 Seasons)

First Uniform: Navy Blue Tights, White leg stripe, Navy Blue Warm-up Jackets, Black Shoes and Head Gear

Wrestling dropped after the 1970 season – Hockey added to the program

First Men’s Basketball Game: 1965


Team Members: Allen Christiansen, Raymond Cnoinx, Bryce Ernst, James Foster, Jerome Hickman, Richard Higinbotham, Dennis Dreibich, Ronald Kuznia, Paul Larson, Dennis Lee, Harley Lind, Bruce Lundsten, Leland Hendrickson, Gary Nowacki, Dave Peterson and Roger Quern.

Mark Danhoff (1992-1997 5 Seasons)
Ted Krize (1997-1998 1 Season)
Rick Nikunen (1998- 9 Seasons)

First Win: Friday, January 20, 1967
(66-65 Victory over Bottineau School of Forestry)
Leading Scorer: Greg Farder 18 Points
Ended a 23 losing streak

First Cheerleaders: Norma Goepferd, Georgeann Fahey, Vicki Lane, Barb Waldera and Laurel Rude

Notes: Wrestling and Basketball Teams Traveled Together
Home games held at Lincoln High School
Wrestling starting at 6:00 and Basketball at 7:30
1992 Minnesota Community College Conference State Champions
2007 Minnesota Community College Conference State Champions, Region XIII
Champions and National Junior College Athletic Association Basketball Tournament Runner-up
First Men’s Golf Meet: April 28, 1967 (Placed 2nd at Itasca Tourney)

First Team Members: Ron Olson, Keith Anderson, Ken Moum, Rick Reierson

Other Coaches: 1982 – MCC Dropped Golf and Tennis
Rick Nikunen (1999-2003 4 Seasons)
Jim Strandlie (2002-2003 1 Season)
Tom Williams (2003-2007 4 Seasons)

December 20, 1990 – Announcement made by Sally Ihne, President of Clearwater, that hockey and golf programs would be dropped.

1991 Golf Program Cut – John Clark and Dawn Carlson were State Champions
2007 Golf Program Cut (Again)

First Men’s Track Meet: Outdoor Meet May 10, 1967 (Snowed out in Virginia)

First Team Members: Joe Gonsorowski, Leland Hendrickson, Roger Jensen, Joel Fuller, James Rogalla, Wayne Marek, Gerald Hoefer, Greg Farder, Jon Holter

Other Coaches: John Steidl (1968-1970 2 Seasons)
Chet Engelman (1970-1972 2 Seasons)
Deb Jacobson (Drove Car – Terry Beito years)

First Men’s Tennis Match: April 29, 1968 at Hibbing
(Found Date on Schedule but couldn’t find information)

First Recorded Tennis Match: April 30, 1969 at Itasca

First Team Members: John Ihle, Mike Anderson, Dennis Sampson, Mark Baldwin and Mike Thompson

Other Coaches: Orin Bendickson (1971-1978 7 Seasons)
Irv Smith (1978-1979 1 Season)

1982 MCC Dropped Golf and Tennis
1984-1985 Fielded Team, Al Adams Coach
First Men’s Hockey Game: November 24, 1970 (against UND JV L 8-3)


Other Coaches: Curt Geatz (1975-1976 1 season)
Bob Lundbohm (1976-1980 4 seasons)
Tom Goddard (1980-1982 2 seasons)
Tony Dorn (1982-1984 2 seasons)
Scott Bergland (1984- 1988 4 seasons)
Bill Olson (1988- 1991 3 seasons)

First Victory: 7-2 Win over Itasca, December 12, 1970
First Cheerleaders: Ann Kinsman, Janet Cummings, Linda Cassavant, Kathy Baril, Barb Walter, Nancy Roeske

(Note: From the Northern Light, December 4, 1970: “Nancy Roeske, NSJC cheerleader, was injured by a flying puck at the Northland-Itasca game Sunday at Grand Rapids. Miss Roeske was hospitalized with a concussion and was unable to return with the team. Linda Cassavant, another cheerleader, remained with the injured cheerleader until she was able to return to Thief River Falls.

December 20, 1990: Announcement made by Sally Ihne, President of Clearwater, that hockey and golf programs would be dropped.
January 4, 1991: Hockey season officially canceled for the rest of the season.

First Men’s Football Game: September 11, 1976 (against Fergus Falls W 7-2)

First Coach: Chet Engelman (1976-1978 2 Seasons)
Assistant Coaches: Mike Trudeau, Time Olson, Bob Almquist
First Team Members: Brent Halvorson, Keith Breiland, Tom Sumpter, Pat Moran, Elwin Ness, Rick Broten, Duane Gonsorowski, Rod Hopkins, Keith Charbonneau, Doug Martel, Dave Walter, Time Waterworth, Dan Harris, DelRay Beito, Duane Kraska, Tim Rude, Jon Anderson, Darel Gustafson, Terry Sullivan, Tom Kaiser, Ed Kees, Phil Fore, Larry Jeska, Don Forney, Jim Koopman, Steve Easton, Gene Klinke, Mike Kosel.

Other Coaches: Irv Smith (1978-1980 2 Season)
John Helley (1980-1984 4 Seasons)
Dan Whiloughby (1998-2001 3 Seasons)
Guy Finstrom (2001- 6 Seasons)

First Victory: Debut Game with a 7-2 Victory over Fergus Falls at Thief River Falls
First Cheerleaders: Rhonda Curtiss, Jane Van Einde, MaJeana Steiger, Lii Easton and Mary Rosati
First Men’s Baseball Game: Wednesday, April, 1973 (Lost 11-1 at Crookston Tech)

First Coach: Chet Engelman (1972-1984 12 Seasons)

First Team Members: John Barger, Willie Bayne, Mike Broten, Larry Vatnsdal, Dale Hanson, Darrell Stromlund, Kent Hanson, Milo Willoughby, Mike Messenbourg, Wayne Dupuis, Wayne Hultgren, Steve Kerr, Charles Pribula, Al Shirley, Pat Tuseth, Rick Vatnsdal, and Ron Voth

Other Coaches: Rick Nelson (1984-1987 3 Seasons)
Terry Wiseth (1987-1997 10 Seasons)
Chris Mills (1997-1998 1 Season)
John Ott (1998-2000 2 Seasons)
Guy Finstrom (2000-2004 4 Seasons)
Steve Gust (2004- 2 Season)

First Women’s Basketball Game: December 18, 1974 (54-26 Loss to Brainerd)


First Team Members: Roya Hamidi, Dawn Shand, Sue Maijala, Diane Engel, Vera Grandstrand, Joy Stallock, Sheila Anderson, Sue Saurdiff, Sandy Anderson and Kim McDaniels. Team Manager: Millie Reierson

Other Coaches: Tom Neibauer (1985-1988 3 Seasons)
Kevin Stuckey (1988- 1989 1 Season)
Sue Barnd (1989-1992 3 Seasons)
Mike Zachow (1998-2004 6 Seasons)
Missy Majerus (2004-2006 2 Seasons)
Guy Finstrom (2006- 1 Season)

First Year Using Smaller Ball: 1984

Highlights: 2001 Region XIII Champions and National Junior College Athletic Association National Basketball Tournament – Runner-up
2007 Region XIII Champions and National Junior College Athletic Association National Basketball Tournament – 7th Place
First Women’s Volleyball Game:  October 1, 1974  (Win over Itasca 2-1)


**First Team Members:** Marge Lindblom, Sandy Anderson, Millie Reierson, Marla Marquis, Laurie Ford, Sue Saurdifi, Vera Grandstrand, Joy Stallock and Mary Sculthorp

**Other Coaches:** Sue Barnd  (1990-1991  1 Season)
Sheri Olson  (1995-1998  3 Seasons)
Mike Zachow  (1998-2004  6 Seasons)
Missy Majerus  (2004-2006  2 Seasons)
Lisa Handley  (2006-  1 Season)

First Women’s Softball Game:  May 9, 1974  (41-28 Victory vs Mesabi at Hibbing)

**First Coach:** Deb Jacobson  (1974-1984 - 11 Seasons)

**First Team Members:** Sue Maijala, Sue Johnson, Laurie Ford, Mary Sculthorp, Helen Olson, Rayne Brandt, Ronna Hanson, Deb Fanfulik, Yvonne Klegstad, Pam Kjensrud, Renne Stephens, Bobbi Ballingrud, and Myra Sabo

**Other Coaches:** No Softball  (1984-1985)
(Season was cancelled - lack of numbers)
Paul Williams  (1985-1986  1 Season  (Non-Sanctioned Slow Pitch)
Patti Chiodo  (1986-1989  3 Seasons  (Sanctioned Slow Pitch)
Sue Barnd  (1989-1992  3 Seasons  (Back to Fast Pitch)
Rick Nikunen  (1992-2001  9 Seasons)
Kathy Huschle  (2001-  6 Seasons)