

DULUTH--"The team played some of the finest hockey I have seen," commented coach Connie Pleban on the first game in the two-game series with Michigan Tech last weekend.

"We tired in the second fray but the boys played heads up hockey."

The mentor said that the hustle and spirit of the squad should definitely carry them through their third undefeated conference year and league title.

On Wednesday Feb. 19 UMD fans will get their last look at MIAC competition when the second place St. Thomas college invades the Curling Club at 8 p.m. UMD concludes its home hockey schedule with a March 1 date with the Warroad Lakers.

The Bulldogs, leading the MIAC with an 8-0 mark, show every indication of sweeping through the conference, as they have already defeated the Tommies 3-1 at St. Paul. They also hold 7-2 and 10-3 victories over St. John's, the only other team to defeat St. Thomas. St. Thomas has a 6-2 conference mark.

Two balanced lines will be Tommies coach Ken Staples main hope in halting the league leaders. Jim Trapp, center of the first line, heads St. Thomas scoring with nine goals and five assists for 14 points.

Elmer Schwartz, UMD's colorful center, has 12 goals and 20 assists for 32 points in the conference. Harvey Flaman his right winger has 16 goals 16 assists for 32 points.