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DULUTH -- The UMD hockey Bulldogs may have preferred a breather before entering the long stretch drive in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association but they can't afford it with a strong University of Manitoba sextet here this weekend.

The two clubs square off in the Duluth Curling Club Friday before moving to the Eveleth Hippodrome Saturday. Both games are at 8 p.m.

Manitoba is regarded as the top collegiate hockey team in Canada after winning the Canadian Collegiate Championship last season. They also were Western Canada Intercollegiate Athletic Association champs with a 10-2 record.

The Herd, led by forwards Jim Irving and George Duguay, will represent their country in the World University Games in Italy early in February. Russia, Czechoslovakia, Sweden, Hungary and Italy are also expected to enter squads.

After a bitterly disappointing 5-4 loss to arch-rival Minnesota on New Year's Day, the Bulldogs are 0-5 in the WCHA and 3-7 over-all. Yet Coach Ralph Romano has nothing but praise for the play of his squad.

"The boys played their hearts out. It was more of a performance than anyone could have expected against Minnesota considering it was our fourth game in five days.

"I've been very satisfied with our over-all play. I feel we're about 50% better than I expected us to be at the beginning of the season. Keith Christiansen's line is having trouble scoring right now and the goaltending hasn't been as strong as expected, but I'm sure these things will straighten out."

The Bulldogs will pick up defenseman Lee Sutton, a 200-lb sophomore from St. Paul Breck, for the Manitoba series. This will give Romano a much-needed fourth blueliner.

BASKETBALL -- The Bulldogs will be seeking their first victory in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference race Monday (Jan. 10) when they entertain defending champion Augsburg at 8 p.m. in the Physical Education building.

Neither club is as strong as it has been the past two seasons when together they dominated the MIAC. UMD is 0-2 in the conference at present and can claim but two victories in seven starts this season.

Forward Bob Carey leads the Bulldog offense with 79 points in six games for a 13 point average. Guard-Forward Bruce Ackland is averaging just over 10 points per game.

SWIMMING -- Coach Nick Whelihan's mermen host Mankato State in a dual meet at 1:30 p.m. Saturday (Jan. 8) in the Physical Education building pool. It is the second meet of the season for the young Bulldogs after dropping a dual encounter with St. Thomas.

UMD HOCKEY SCORING. . . games through January 1

	Games	Goals	Assists	Points	Penalties-Minutes
Bob Bell, lw	10	7	10	17	16-32
Bob Hill, d	10	5	11	16	4-8
Keith Christensen, c	10	3	12	15	12-40
Mike Tok, lw	10	8	3	11	3-6
Pat Francisco, rw	10	6	3	9	2-4
Owen Rogers, rw	10	3	3	6	6-12
Dick Maertz, rw	10	3	1	4	6-12
Dick Thompson, lw	10	1	3	4	3-6
Dave Maertz, c	4	2	1	3	2-4
Tom Mrozik, c	10	1	1	2	3-6
Elroy Froiland, rw	7	1	1	2	0-0
Tom Ahrens, d	10	0	2	2	5-10
John McKay, d	10	0	2	2	5-10
Bob Young, f-d	2	1	0	1	1-2
Les Eklund, f	2	0	0	0	0-0

Goaltending Statistics

	Games	GA	Ave.	Stops	Ave.
Dave LeBlanc	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	26	4.0	201	30.9
Ron Hill	<u>3$\frac{1}{2}$</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>5.4</u>	<u>127</u>	<u>36.0</u>
	10	45	4.5	328	32.8
Opposition	10	41	4.1	325	32.5

Goals Scored, Man Advantage: UMD 11, OPP 4

Goals Scored, Man Short: UMD 3, OPP 2

<u>The Results:</u>	UMD	Opponent	Goals	UMD	Opponent	Goals
	1	Mich. Tech	5	4	East. Olympic	8
	" 2	" "	3	" 4	Providence	1
	" 4	N. Dakota	5 (OT)	" 4	Brown	6
	" 5	" "	7	" 4	Minnesota	5
	" 6	Pt. Arthur	2	<u>41</u>		<u>45</u>
	" 7	" "	3			

UMD BASKETBALL SCORING. . .games (6) through December 30

	Field Goals	Free Throws M/A	Total Pts	Rebounds
James Cornick	23	12-20	58	17
Bruce Ackland	21	23-37	65	30
Bob Carey	32	15-31	79	35
Gary Rheingans	12	11-18	35	40
Jeff Ellenson	19	14-33	52	44
Bob Wilkowski	16	1-3	33	25
Jim DeJarlais	7	3-7	17	27
Greg Thone	14	5-7	33	10
Charles McNulty	10	7-14	27	14
Scott Gernander	0	1-3	1	1
Marty Borowicz	4	4-4	12	3
Tom Hardy	1	2-3	4	5
Terry Johnson	1	0-0	2	0
Jere Mossier	2	0-0	4	2

Upcoming Games: Augsburg (here) Jan. 10, St. John's (there) Jan. 12, St. Mary's
(here) Jan. 15, Macalester (there) Jan. 17.