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UMD ATHLETIC NEWS SERVICE

A 27 game schedule, highlighted by 19 games with Western Collegiate Hockey Association opposition and a major eastern tournament was announced today by UMD Athletic Director Lloyd Peterson.

Four games each with Minnesota, North Dakota and Michigan Tech, a three game set with Colorado College, and a pair with both Michigan and Michigan State make up the WCHA opposition.

The Bulldogs first journey outside the mid-west will take them to Troy New York for the R.P.I. (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute) Tournament. Colgate University, McGill (Montreal) and the host Engineers will join UMD in this oldest and best known collegiate hockey tournament.

Lakehead College, a newcomer and the Port Arthur North Stars, round out the slate. Thirteen home games, including nine with WCHA opposition is included in the 27 game slate.

The Ralph Romano coached Bulldogs will open their season, Nov. 21, with their first full scale freshman-varsity game, for the North Star Scholarship Fund.

Romano, who also handles the ticket duties at UMD, announced that applications for season tickets will be mailed during the early part of the week. Previous season ticket holders will have until Nov. 16 to protect their priority. Season tickets will sell for \$20.00 each, a savings of 33% over the regular single game rate. Tickets may be purchased at the UMD Athletic Department.

The youthful Bulldogs, who startled collegiate circles last season with victories over Minnesota (3), Michigan State (3), Michigan Tech (1) and Colorado College (1), will begin preparations for the 1964-65 season, Friday at the Duluth Curling Club.

Fifteen lettermen are expected to be on hand, with two others joining the team later. Those absent will be Dick Fisher, UMD football captain

who will report after the grid season, and Herb Lewis, another footballer who will be sidelined for eight weeks with a broken ankle. Both are defensemen.

Regular goaltender Bill Halbrehder and his understudy Ron Hill will head the defensive unit, supported by defensemen Bob Hill and Bob Lund, along with Fisher and Lewis.

Most valuable player Keith 'Huffer' Christensen, and his high scoring linemates Pat Francisco and Mike Tok will make up one of the returning forwards lines. Team captain Owan Rogers, joins center Terry Shercliffe and Bob Bell to form the unit Romano calls his steadiest. Center Bill McGiffert and wing Dave Stepnes, one of the best penalty killing duos in the country, and hard driving Dick Maertz, round out the forward lines, with Marv Zilkie and Ron Panger in reserve.

"We have three, good, balanced units," was Romano's comment, "each has a specialty but they are all capable of getting us the big goal."

Two major problems face the Bulldogs; replacing the departed Bill McGann, who will serve as an assistant coach, and getting enough improvement over the past season to have success against the WCHA which is reported to be the strongest ever. The loss of McGann has been further complicated by the adoption of the freshman rule, thus ruling out the possibility of a newcomer stepping in. A full scale freshman team, with it's own schedule is planned.

The freshman will be on the ice at 3 p.m. Friday, followed by the varsity at 4:30 p.m.

UMD HOCKEY SCHEDULE

1964-65

November 21, 1964	Freshman-Varsity	Home
November 27, 28, 1964	North Dakota	Home
December 4, 5, 1964	Colorado College	Away
December 9, 1964	Minnesota	Home
December 26, 1964	Port Arthur	Away
December 28, 29, 30, 1964	R. P. I. TOURNAMENT	Away
January 1, 2, 1965	Michigan Tech	Home
January 8, 9, 1965	Michigan Tech	Away
January 15, 16, 1965	Michigan	Away
January 22, 23, 1965	Port Arthur	Home
January 29, 30, 1965	Michigan State	Home
February 3, 1965	Colorado College	Home
February 5, 6, 1965	Minnesota	Away
February 12, 13, 1965	North Dakota	Away
February 23, 1965	Minnesota	Home
March 5, 6, 1965	Lakehead College	Home

(13 home games)