

DULUTH--UMD's underdog hockey squad visits Grand Forks Friday and Saturday (Dec.18-19) still searching for its first ice victory over the highly-rated Sioux.

The Bulldogs have engaged North Dakota's puckmen on 10 occasions and have come out on the short end in each instance.

Although the Sioux are favored to sweep the vacation series, UMD hockey coach Ralph Romano is taking a "show me" attitude.

"Our defense stacks up with Western Association caliber and we proved in the Fort William series that we could score," commented the rookie mentor. UMD opened its season Dec. 4 and 5 with 7-2 and 5-2 victories over the Fort William Hurricane Junior A five.

"I wasn't completely satisfied with our offensive play against the Hurricanes, but we feel we have plugged the weak spot, and are ready for anybody," he added confidently.

The Bulldogs face the defending NCAA champions with forward balance and defensive strength.

Mike Haley, junior goaltender who performed spectacularly in 4-2 and 4-1 losses last season has withstood the challenge of freshman Jerry Wherley, International Falls, and will be in the nets Friday evening. Seniors Ron Pretlac, Fort William, and Don Judnick, Eveleth, who Romano tabs as among the best in the country, will be joined by reliable Jerry Abelsen, Duluth, and newcomer Dale Noreen, Duluth to provide Haley with defensive help.

Grant Standbrook, Winnipeg, and Ron Johnson, Duluth, a pair of first year men team up with Bob Smith, senior from Duluth on one of the forward lines. The trio picked up four goals in the opening series.

Mike O'Handley, Duluth Central, the leading scorer last season takes over the right wing spot on another combination which includes Orest Wojcichowsky, Yellow Creek, Sask. at center and Jack Williams, Duluth.

Only Bernie Cousineau, Fort Frances, is a fixture on the third trio, with Max Ramsland, Duluth, Bill Lenardon, Fort William, Ont., Bob Lund, Roseau, and Bob Johnson, Duluth scrapping for the other spots.

Following the North Dakota series, the Bulldogs will take a short Christmas rest before meeting the Warroad Lakers at Warroad Dec. 30. UMD opens defense of its Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title Jan. 6, against Macalester at the Duluth Curling Club.

SCORING (2 games)

	Games	Goals	Assists	Points	Pen-Min
Ron Pretlac, D	2	1	5	6	3-6
Don Judnick, D	2	3	2	5	2-7
Grant Standbrook, C	2	1	2	3	2-4
Dale Noreen, D	2	2	0	2	2-4
Bob Smith, RW	2	2	0	2	1-5
Jack Williams, LW	2	1	1	2	0-0
Ron Johnson, LW	2	1	0	1	1-2
Jerry Abelsen, D	2	0	1	1	1-2
Bob Lund, RW	2	1	0	1	0-0
Orest Wojcichowsky, C	2	0	0	0	3-9
Bob Bymark, RW	2	0	0	0	1-2
Max Ramsland, RW	2	0	0	0	3-6
Bernie Cousineau, LW	2	0	0	0	2-4
Al Peterson, C	2	0	0	0	0-0
Ed Sutton, D	2	0	0	0	0-0

GOALTENDERS

	Games	GA	Avg.	Stops
Mike Haley	1	2	2.	31
Jerry Wherley	1	2	2.	20