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DULUTH--With the defending champion golf team as their main hope UMD's spring sports athletes (golf, tennis and track) will be shooting for MIAC titles in St. Paul this weekend.

The golfers, led by Ron Johnson and Tom Maas, will be after UMD's eighth conference link crown, while the tennis and track teams still search for their first league title.

GOLF

Good scores in the five qualifying rounds and a pair of resounding victories over Superior State indicate promise of another title contender.

Coach Lew Rickert gives the golfers a better than even chance of repeating.

"The others get an advantage in the weather and most of them are able to play the championship course (Keller in St. Paul), but we certainly feel that we will be a contender" he says.

Jeff Peterson, Terry Peterson and Leon Molstad join returning lettermen Johnson and Maas in the championship bid. All are Duluthians.

TRACK

Poor weather, ineligibilities and lack of depth have hurt the Bulldogs chances for a title.

The loss of potential conference champions in the classroom and the complications of inclement weather have left Coach Loren Myhre with

little hope for a strong showing.

A triangular win over Northland and Superior, fourth at Northfield and seventh at Bemidji have been the extent of the UMD season.

Defending titlists Dale Abrahamson (shot) and Carl Ridgeway (pole vault) are the top performers.

TENNIS

With Al Halfaker fully recovered from the broken arm which sidelined him last season, the tennis team could be the spoiler of the tournament.

Halfaker, UMD's main hope in the singles will be joined, in that event, by Norman Lee and Jerry Hart.

Steve Honigman and Chuck Clement have been tabbed by Coach Rickert to handle the doubles chore.

SCHEDULE OF MIAC CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS:

GOLF--Friday at Keller Golf Course, St. Paul

TENNIS--Thursday and Friday, St. Thomas courts, St. Paul

TRACK--Saturday, St. Thomas field, St. Paul.