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DULUTH — Ambushed twice by the North Dakota Sioux, the UMD hockey Bulldogs turn toward the charge of the Black Knights of the Hudson from West Point this Friday (December 27).

Army's Cadets will open a Western swing at 8 p.m. in the Duluth Curling Club under Jack Riley, famed coach of the 1960 U.S. Olympic champions.

"Army has one of the better teams in the East," reports Bulldog coach Ralph Romano. "This is the first time UMD has scheduled a service school in any sport. It follows that we know very little about them."

Two Northern Minnesotans, Captain Gary Johnson of Coleraine and Mike Thompson of Two Harbors, are key members of the Cadet varsity.

Owen Rogers, a positive force in the Bulldogs' success this season, will miss the Army game. He contracted pneumonia prior to the Dakota series.

"Even if he's well, he'll be too weak to play," said Romano. "It will take him at least two to three weeks to regain his strength.

"His absence from the North Dakota contests severely hurt the effectiveness of Terry Shercliffe's line. With Rogers that line had been our most consistent combination.

"The Sioux are the strongest team we've seen," said Romano. "I was disappointed in our play Friday but thought the second game was fairly even. Based on team performances, the scores should have been reversed." The Dakotans won 2-1 Friday and 5-2 Saturday.

Aside from Rogers, the Bulldogs are physically sound for Army. Pat Francisco's shoulder help up well in the weekend series. He had injured it against Michigan Tech.

The holiday season prevented Romano from holding full practice sessions early in the week. All squad members were expected back for one full practice Thursday.

The scoring:

	Games	Goals	Assists	Points	Pen-Min
Mike Tok	7	3	6	9	0-0
Keith Christiansen	7	4	5	9	6-15
Pat Francisco	6	3	5	8	2-4
Terry Shercliffe	7	3	4	7	1-2
Owen Rogers	5	2	2	4	6-12
Dick Maertz	7	3	0	3	2-4
Bob Bell	7	1	2	3	5-10
Dave Stepnes	7	2	0	2	2-4
Bob Hill	7	1	1	2	1-2
Dick Fisher	7	1	1	2	5-13
Marvin Zilkie	4	0	2	2	0-0
Bob Lund	7	0	2	2	0-0
Bill McGiffert	7	1	0	1	0-0
Bill McGann	7	0	1	1	4-8
<u>Goaltenders</u>	Games	GA	Ave.	Stops	Ave.
Bill Halbrehder	7	25	3.6	227	32.4
Opponents	7	24	3.4	172	24.6