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DULUTH--With their fifth straight Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship safely tucked away, UMD's hockey Bulldogs turn into the home stretch of the 1960 season.

The Bulldog puckmen host the Warroad Lakers for a pair (Feb.19-20) and Minneapolis (Feb.27). Warroad is the champion of the Minnesota-Ontario League, Minneapolis competes in the Central U. S. circuit.

Coach Ralph Romano's icemen will be seeking their first victory in six games with the talent laden Lakers. Warroad dumped UMD 7-1 in an earlier meeting this season.

The Lakers, a blend of Canadian and American talent, are perennial M-O-L titlists and have already wrapped up the 1959-60 title. Fort Frances, Kenora and Dryden are the other loop members.

Standouts for the Northern Minnesotans include, Gordy Pennell and Murray Balagus, a pair of former pros from Winnipeg; defenseman Ed Krysanowski, who performed with the Boston Bruins of the National Hockey League and Jerry Wilson, another Canadian who is taking up the slack left by the departure of the Christan brothers (Bill and Roger) who are with the U.S. Olympic team.

The Lakers are mostly a veteran outfit which sacrifices speed for know-how and will have a big edge in experience over the Bulldogs.

Minneapolis sports a lineup which includes a host of former Gophers, headed by Herb Brooks and Larry Alm, recently cut from the U.S. Olympic squad.

The Bulldogs once again made shambles of the MIAC race, running their undefeated string to 51 over a five year period.

Statistics tell the story of their complete domination.

They outscored their opponents at a 9.5-1 rate and outshot them at a 40-9 clip. Highlight of the conference season was a 10-0 victory over Augsburg, considered the major threat to UMD's title aspirations.

UMD's W-O-W line (Orest Wojcichowsky-Mike O'Handley-Jack Williams) has moved into a dominating position in the scoring race. Sophomore O'Handley is setting the pace with 32 points, followed closely by Wojcichowsky 28 and Williams 27. O'Handley and Williams are Duluthians, Wojcichowsky is from Yellow Creek, Saskatchewan.

All Game Scoring

	Games	G	A	Pts.	<u>Pen</u> No. Min.
O'Handley	15	20	12	32	6-10
Orest Wojcichowsky	17	11	17	28	12-25
Jack Williams	17	13	14	27	4-7
Grant Standbrook	17	10	15	25	3-6
Ron Pretlac	14	7	17	24	18-42
Dale Noreen	17	12	7	19	13-28
Ron Johnson	17	12	3	15	4-7
Larry Cronkhite	6	5	6	11	4-7½
Bernie Cousineau	17	6	4	10	6-10½
Jerry Abelsen	16	2	7	9	2-3½
Don Judnick	11	6	3	9	6-15½
Bob Bymark	17	0	4	4	1-2
Bob Johnson	9	1	2	3	1-2
Paul Staudohar	3	2	1	3	1-1½
Bill Lenardon	7	2	0	2	3-6

FINAL MIAC SCORING

Wojcichowsky	8	10	13	23	4-6
O'Handley	8	11	11	22	4-6
Williams	8	10	9	19	2-3½
Standbrook	8	8	9	17	0-0
Pretlac	5	4	8	12	4-6
Noreen	8	7	5	12	5-7½
R. Johnson	8	9	2	11	2-3
Cousineau	8	6	4	10	3-4½
Abelsen	7	2	5	7	1-1½
Cronkhite	2	2	3	5	1-1½
Smith	4	1	4	5	0-0
Bymark	8	0	4	4	0-0
B. Johnson	8	1	2	3	0-0
Staudohar	3	2	1	3	1-1½
Judnick	3	2	0	2	2-4½

GOALTENDERS AVERAGES (All Games)

	Games	GA	Avg.	Stops	Avg.
Mike Haley	12 5/6	39	3.	268	20.8
Jerry Wherley	4 1/6	14	3.3	80	19.

MIAC (Final)

Mike Haley	5.5	6	1.09	47	8.5
Wherley	<u>2.5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1.2</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>9.2</u>
UMD Totals	8	9	1.1	70	8.7
Opponents	8	76	9.5	319	39.8

Record to date:

All Games--Won 14, Lost 3

MIAC--Won 8, Lost 0*

* Gives UMD fifth straight championship and runs victory string to 51 in conference play.