

DULUTH--UMD's defending Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference basketball champions, weakened somewhat by graduation, will be unveiled for the home folks Tuesday (Dec.1) against Stout Institute's Blue Devils.

How the Bulldogs will fare without Bob Monson and Jon Sampson, their all-conference guard tandem lost through graduation, is one of the prime questions which should get a partial answer in the opener.

Stout, not generally known as an outstanding cage power in the Wisconsin College Conference, has showed improvement in recent years and will have the advantage of some game competition before engaging the Bulldogs.

Although Sampson, Monson, Harold Bergstedt and Alden Keiski are gone, the Bulldogs are still regarded as a top threat for their third straight conference title.

Bill Mattson, a sophomore center from Virginia, and Dave Baker, the co-captain sharpshooter from Duluth Central, are joined by a host of top reserves and some talented freshmen to give the Bulldogs another title threat.

Mattson, a hook shot artist, led the UMD scoring as a freshman with Baker a close second after leading the previous year.

Tom Adams, a 6-5 sophomore from Keewatin, appears to have a slight inside track on the other forward position with co-captain Tom Stone set at a guard post and the other still wide open.

Although relatively inexperienced last season's top reserves appear capable of filling the gaps. Their ability never got a true test because the 1957-58, 1958-59 championship outfits were veteran dominated.

By the time the Bulldogs open their championship defense, (Dec. 19 against Augsburg) their strengths and weaknesses will be more apparent.

After hosting Stout, they hit the road for games against perennially strong North Dakota U and South Dakota State, then return home to face Moorhead, a Northern College Conference power.

Guard candidates include sophomores Tom Haigh, Owatonna, Ed Lundstrom, Two Harbors, Joe Mackai, Cloquet and Jerry Richardson, Crosby-Ironton; senior Tom Modoc, Eveleth, juniors Tom Stone, Becker, and Dick Pesonen, Proctor and freshmen Gene Hamilton and Harry Oden, Milwaukee, Curt Olson, Cambridge and Terry Whiteberg, Park Rapids.

Joining Mattson, Baker and Adams on the forward line are sophomores Dale Hansen, Virginia and Dave Lindstrom, Rush City; and freshmen Bob Manfred, Duluth East, Jack McDowell, Silver Bay, Jim (Cub) Olson, Duluth Denfeld, Paul Udovich, Duluth Morgan Park, and Roger Will, Deer River.

UMD BASKETBALL SCHEDULE --1959-60

Stout	December 1	Tuesday	Home
U of North Dakota	December 4	Friday	Away
South Dakota State	December 5	Saturday	Away
Moorhead	December 12	Saturday	Home
Augsburg	December 19	Saturday	Home
Superior	December 29	Tuesday	Home
Superior	December 30	Wednesday	Away
Macalester	January 5	Tuesday	Away
Gustavus	January 9	Saturday	Home
Concordia	January 12	Tuesday	Home
St. Thomas	January 16	Saturday	Away
St. John's	January 19	Tuesday	Home
St. Mary's	January 26	Tuesday	Away
Winona	January 28	Thursday	Home
Bemidji	January 30	Saturday	Home
Hamline	February 2	Tuesday	Home
Augsburg	February 6	Saturday	Away
St. Mary's	February 9	Tuesday	Home
Macalester	February 13	Saturday	Home
Gustavus	February 15	Monday	Away
Concordia	February 20	Saturday	Away
St. Thomas	February 23	Tuesday	Home
St. John's	February 27	Saturday	Away
Hamline	February 29	Monday	Away