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DULUTH — The UMD basketball Bulldogs waltz into the LaCrosse Invitational Tournament Monday and Tuesday (Dec. 28-29) with bolstered confidence from two key victories and the emergence of a fifth starter.

Coach Norm Olson's quintet, now 5-1 for the season, faces Eastern Illinois in the tournament's opening game. The winner meets the survivor of the LaCrosse-Ripon College contest for the championship.

Jim Gornick, the sophomore guard from Duluth Morgan Park, came off the bench in wins over Montana State (89-75) and Montana University (77-71) to score a total of 30 points and earn a regular assignment.

Gornick's heroics moved veteran guard Roger Hanson to forward where Olson had not been able to settle on a starter from among three players. Hanson responded with 30 points against State for his best night of the season.

Center Mike Patterson continues as the Bulldogs' top scorer. He has put through 148 points in six games for a 24 point average. Hanson has 112 points and an 18.6 scoring average.

Patterson also leads in rebounding with 87 recoveries. Forward Gary Richards has 69. So far the Bulldogs have outscored their opposition on an average of 80.5 points to 65.5 points.

The Bulldogs return to Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference struggle Jan. 6 when St. John's visits the Physical Education building for an 8 p.m. contest.

Hamline follows the Johnnies into the Bulldog lair Jan. 9 then Olson takes his charges on the road for games at Gustavus Adolphus Jan. 13 and Augsburg.

UMD Basketball Statistics . . .  
through December 19, 1964

	Games	FG	FTA	FTM	Total Points	Avg	Fouls	Rebounds
Mike Patterson	6	60	50	28	148	24.0	12	87
Gary Richards	6	28	15	11	87	11.2	12	69
Roger Hanson	6	42	39	28	112	18.6	10	32
Bruce Ackland	6	26	16	10	62	10.3	16	26
Frank Green	6	5	2	2	12	2.0	8	32
Jere Mossier	6	9	10	1	18	3.0	5	14
Jim Gornick	6	14	15	8	36	6.0	9	23
Len Vesel	6	2	5	2	6	1.0	13	14
Bob Carey	5	7	7	3	17	3.4	4	9
Jim DeJarlais	2	1	0	0	2	---	2	1
Bob Wilkowski	2	0	0	0	0	---	3	2
Ron Maunu	1	0	0	0	0	---	0	1
TEAM REBOUNDS	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	37
UMD TOTALS	6	194	162	95	483	80.5	97	338
OPP TOTALS	6	160	116	73	393	65.5	120	295

the scores . . .

Won (5) 86-64 Superior State, 90-47 South Dakota State, 65-57, St. Thomas,

89-75 Montana State, 77-71 Montana University.

Lost (1) 76-79 Concordia.