

DULUTH--Six seniors (three ends, a tackle, quarterback and guard) don the Maroon and Gold for the last time Saturday as UMD winds up its season against St. John's.

Co-captain Dave Lindstrom, one of the flankmen, and alternate captain Ron Kosteliz, a 250 pound tackle from Gilbert, lead the group which includes ends Tom Adams, Keewatin and Len Vereechen, Duluth, and guard Darrel Ness, Two Harbors.

The group represents a considerable loss of talent for the MIAC champion Bulldogs.

"This is the best group of graduates we have ever had" says Coach Jim Malosky.

"Of course we hate to lose them, but were happy to see them graduate and move on into their future work," he added.

Lindstrom and Adams have been the short and long men of the UMD passing game. Lindstrom, a short pass specialist, has hauled in 34 passes during his career including a record breaking 18 in 1960 while winning four letters.

Adams is a johnny-come-lately who has developed into a top pro prospect. He joined the Bulldogs as a sophomore and has just come into his own. To date he has snared 16 passes good for seven touchdowns.

Although Vereechen, a Duluth Central grad, is not prominent in the pass receiving statistics he has left his mark with his toe. The 6 ft. 190 pounder handles the punting chores.

'The best tackle ever to don a UMD uniform' is the tag given Kosteliz, one of the linemen who opens those gaping holes that make the Bulldog offense go.

Desire, tremendous strength and good mobility are combined to rank Kosteliz among the all-time UMD greats.

Ness, listed as doubtful for the finale, is another who has let his toe speak for him. His 20 kick-conversions in 1960 established a new UMD record.

Not only has he excelled at the extra point but is also listed as a first team guard despite numerous knee and ankle injuries during the season.

Coach Malosky offered the hope that UMD will each season see a comparable group leave the field and campus.

"If that's the case then we know we've had a successful season and **are** producing a high type student athlete," he concluded.