

**Great Falls** - The University of Great Falls Men's and Women's Cross Country Teams opened their 2011 campaign today at the Idaho State Invitational in Pocatello, ID. "An excellent season opener!" said Argos first year head coach Chad Colwell. "Both teams executed their races very well. The men had a great team performance. They beat a top 25 NAIA ranked team and a Division I team today. The women ran great as a group and showed a team improvement from our time trial last week." Colwell added.

The Argonaut men were lead by senior Rigoberto Jimenez from Royal City, WA won the race by almost 7 full seconds over the rest of the pack. Vancouver, WA senior Shane Weldon finished 5th right ahead of Thompson Falls senior Shane Donaldson. Andrew Hormug finished 9th, Tyler Nilson 11th, Riley Frazier 18th, and Austin Morgan 20th. Jimenez posted a time of 19:14.50 for the course.

The women's team ran as a group and finished 18th through 22nd, and 25th and 26th. Junior Shelby Tritthart led the lady Argo harriers with a time of 12:12.40 for the women's course. Brandi Eloff finished 19th, Christina Bruce finished 20th, Alex Borunda finished 21st, and Brittany Johnson came in 22nd. Jenni Hill and Jennyfer Ortega finished 25th and 26th, respectively.

The men's team finished 1st with a total time of 1:39:02.40 and an average time of 19:48.48. Idaho State finished second with a total time of 1:39:16.20 and an average time of 19:51.24. NAIA ranked College of Idaho finished 3rd with a total time of 1:41:37.30 and an average time of 20:19.46.

The Argo women took 3rd behind race leader Idaho State and runner up College of Idaho. The women's team posted a total time of 1:01:35.30 and an average time of 12:19.06.

The Argos teams head to Spokane, Washington on September 24th for the Erik Anderson Invitational meet.