

ARGONAUTS OUT DUAL NORTHERN LIGHTS IN A THRILLER

GREAT FALLS, Mont. – On paper this meet was looking like an even match up with 5 matches favoring each school. That was until UGF freshman Holden Gagner of Missoula, Montana took one for the team and then in return gave one to the team. Gagner willingly gave up his Redshirt status to help out the Argos wrestling program today. In return Gagner gave the fifth ranked Argonauts the meet victory over seventh ranked Montana State University-Northern.

“How about Holden Gagner?” Head Coach Caleb Scheaffer said. “He gave up his Redshirt status to help us out and then goes and wins the meet for us.” At 125 pounds, Gagner’s first test as a collegiate wrestler was to take on Kelso, Washington’s Riley Miller, also a freshman but with some mat time. Gagner won his match by the slimmest of margins earning a 7-6 decision over Miller and kick starting the Argos evening by placing the first 3 points on the board for UGF.

The Northern Lights tied the score at the 133 pound match as # 4 Cameron Neiss won by 3-1 decision over Scott Schlosser of Conrad, Montana. At 141 pounds junior Myles Mazurkiewicz, ranked 3rd in the nation, pinned Garrett Tennant of Glendive, Montana at the 5:20 mark.

The 149 pound match pitted #3 Anthony Weerheim of Preston, Idaho (MSUN) against # 8 Mike Vassar of Redding, California (UGF). Vassar surprised his opponent and the approximately 350 spectators by beating Weerheim by a 10-2 major decision. At 157 pounds # 8 Michael Hader from Columbia Falls beat Mickey Cheff by a 21-10 major decision. In the 165 pound match # 4 Noah Hatton of Spokane, Washington defeated Cole Gorder of Poplar, Montana in a 12-8 decision.

Then it was the lights turn to shine as # 11 Max Payne from Prescott, Arizona won by an 11-3 major decision over # 12 Shawn Lau. At 184 Missoula, Montana native Kody Reed won by 6-1 decision over Brock Picard of Polson, Montana.

At 197 pounds NAIA #1 Evan Hinebauch of Havre, MT pinned Levi Morgan of Springfield, Oregon at the 6:41 mark. In the Heavy Weight match #8 Sears Tiernan of Del Ray, Florida won by a 5-3 decision over Nick King of Clarkston, Washington and sealed the 23-16 victory for the Argonauts.

“It was a huge win for us.” Scheaffer added. “I am very pleased with the overall team effort. There is always some work to do but I’ll be happy with the win, they are a good team.” Scheaffer concluded. With the win the Argos improve their dual record to 6-2. Next up for the Argonaut team is the ROTC tournament in Reno, Nevada on December 18th will wrap up the 2011 season for the Argos as they go into Christmas break.

The Argos hit the New Year running on January 7th and 8th they will be competing in the National Duals in Springfield, Illinois. January 18th is the last home date for Argonaut Wrestling of the 2011-2012 Season.

