

LADY ARGOS IMPROVE TO 6-8 VIA A 39-POINT VICTORY

GREAT FALLS – The University of Great Falls Lady Argonaut basketball team beat the visiting Lady Wolves of Walla Walla University 81-42 to closeout non-conference play for the 2011-2012 season.

“We started off a bit sluggish.” Head Coach Bill Himmelberg said. “But after a while the rim began to open up, especially in the second half.” Himmelberg added. Unlike last night when the Argos began scoring in droves, the Lady Wolves defense stiffened up and the baskets were not as plentiful for the Argos.

“They played much better defense against us today.” Himmelberg said. The Lady Wolves held the Argos to 27 percent shooting from the floor, 29 percent from beyond the arc in the first half. The Lady Wolves shot 33 percent from the field, 67 percent from beyond the arc to keep the game within 4 at the half. (28-24 UGF).

The second half was an entirely different story. “We came out ready to play up to our ability in the second half.” Himmelberg commented. The Lady Argos found open shooting lanes and improved their accuracy to an impressive 77 percent from the floor and 40 percent from 3-point range.

The Argos also shined on the defensive side of the ball by grabbing 22 rebounds and blocking 6 shots. “I am proud of the way the ladies were able to regroup and play a much improved game in the second half. That tenacity will go a long way in making us a more competitive team.” Himmelberg concluded.

Kindra Jones tallied a triple double with 12 points and 11 rebounds. Sydnee Burke had 6 trays and led all scorers with 18 points. Kezia Ford had 8 points and 10 rebounds. For the Lady Wolves, Alyssa Bailey hit 2 three pointers and tallied 10 total points.

The Lady Argos improve the 6-8 on the season and wrap up non-conference action with a 6-7 record. The Lady Argonauts are home this weekend for the conference home opener against Montana-Western on Friday and Montana Tech on Saturday. Conference home games are set for a 5:30 tip-off.