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Men's Soccer Falls to Science & Art of Oklahoma

Orange Beach, AL – It was a roller coaster kind of game for the men's soccer team of the University of Great Falls. The Argos went into halftime down 2-0 to the Drovers of the University of Science & Art of Oklahoma. However, Great Falls quickly turned things around early in the second half to tie the score at two, and then again at three, before eventually falling 3-4 in the first sudden-victory overtime period.

The Argos struggled to find a tempo in early into the game and found themselves trailing 2-0 at the break. The Drovers took the early lead on goals by Daniel Gibson and Breno Figueiredo in the 27th and 41st minutes respectively.

"We just did not have a lot of energy in the first half," said coach Paul Zazenski. "Some of our guys were sick with the flu, which is no excuse, but it showed in our sluggish play."

In a span of six minutes early in the second half, the Argos tied up the count thanks to goals from junior Ryan O'Neil and sophomore Christian Johansen. O'Neil took a pass from Johansen in behind the Drover defense and beat the keeper in the 47th minute. Johansen added his own with a well placed ball over the Drover keeper at the 53 minute mark. Junior David Jimenez was credited with the assist.

The Drovers would take the lead again, after a penalty was whistled in the box against Great Falls in the 80th minute. Science & Arts senior David Otieno posted the goal which gave his team the 3-2 advantage. However, just seven minutes later, Great Falls' junior Pedro Chavez tied up the score at 3-3 on a free kick from 20 yards out as he placed the ball just inside the near post.

"After the half, we came out and played the kind of soccer that we are capable of. We played with more energy and drive. We gave ourselves an opportunity to win the game," stated Zazenski.

In the extra session, Drover's Gibson netted the game-winner off of a free kick from 50 yards out in the 95th minute. It was his second of the match.

“It’s heartbreaking to lose in this fashion, however, I am so proud of our guys and the season we had. Their ‘never quit’ attitude kept us in this game and is the reason we had such a successful season,” added Zazenski.

The Argos made history by making it to the National Championships for the first time and winning their first game in the championship. Great Falls also set a school record for most wins in a season (16).

“We couldn’t have done it without all of the great support from friends and family, faculty and staff, and the entire campus and city communities,” exclaimed Zazenski. “It has been a great ride and I am happy for our seniors to have ended their careers at the National Championships.”