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Frontier Conference Preview Not Kind To UGF Men

Butte, MT – The University of Great Falls men's basketball team dropped their third and fourth consecutive games over the weekend, falling 63-50 to Montana State-Northern and 74-62 to Montana Western at the first Frontier Conference Preview held at the Butte Civic Center. The losses drop the Argos to 3-7 on the season.

"We just have to play better; there's really no getting around it," said **UGF head coach Steve Silsby**. "Friday's game against Northern was tough because it was a late afternoon start at a neutral site and there weren't many people in the stands and we came out flat. We had no energy, no passion for the game and it showed. We still did a serviceable job against Northern on the defensive end but you can't score 50 points and expect to win. Saturday's game against Western was a much better effort but again, we struggled shooting the ball. Western came in averaging 90 points a game and we hold them to 74 but lose by 12. Our offense looked really good. We got the shots we wanted, but we couldn't knock very much down which is frustrating."

In the two games, the Argos combined to shoot 38-for-110 from the field (35%) and 14-for-45 (31%) from three-point range.

Against the Lights on Friday, sophomore **Kevin Harris (Houston, TX/Clarendon College)** led all UGF scorers with 19 points on 7-for-11 shooting. Junior guard **Mark Celaya (Chandler, AZ/Glendale Community College)** chipped in with 10 points and reserve forward **Christian Jeter (San Diego, CA/San Diego Christian College)** played his best game in Argo blue and gold with seven points and a season-high 12 rebounds.

Justin Dennis (Toronto, ON) led the Lights with 19 points while **Andrew Sellars (Browning, MT)** added 18.

Cody Thueringer (Kent, WA) led the Bulldogs in Saturday's tilt with 18 points while teammates **Terry Hauser (Three Forks, MT)** and **Garrett Fink (Helena, MT)** split 26 points. Fink also grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds.

Four Argos reached double figures led by **Matt Niemeyer (Great Falls, MT/Helena High School)** and **Lukas Hamsch (Chandler, AZ/Glendale Community College)** who scored 14 points apiece. Celaya and Harris chipped in with 13 and 11 points, respectively. Niemeyer added seven rebounds and five steals to the Argo cause.

The Argos are now idle until a Dec. 15 home date with Fresno Pacific University. The Sunbirds are currently ranked #1 in the NAIA national poll, with a new poll set to come out this Tuesday.

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