



University of Great Falls  
**ARGONAUTS**

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### **Argos Pick Up Elusive Road Win**

**Billings, MT** – The University of Great Falls men's basketball team made a little bit of history on Thursday night in defeating the defending national champion Rocky Mountain College Battlin' Bears 72-68 at the Fortin Center. In doing so, the Argos (6-14, 2-4) pick up their first road win of the season and their first win at Rocky since the basketball program was re-introduced to campus some 10 years ago. With the loss, Rocky drops their second straight after starting the conference season 4-0 and falls to 9-12 overall.

"I couldn't be prouder of my team," said an elated **Steve Silsby**, the fourth year head coach of the Argos. "We battled all night long. We believed in ourselves and it was a total group effort which is what you need to do to pull it out on the road. We executed our offensive sets and we did a pretty good job defensively against the number two offensive team in our conference."

Sophomore guard **Kevin Harris (Houston, TX)** came off the bench to spark the Argos with a team-high 16 points. Harris flourished against Rocky's full court pressure defense as he found himself in position to attack the goal on a number of occasions, either finishing the play himself or setting up teammates.

Sophomore forward **L.J. Jones (Anaheim, CA)**, playing in his second game of the season after becoming academically eligible, started the game in place of the injured **Matt Niemeyer (Great Falls, MT)** and made his presence felt again with 12 points and a game-high 13 rebounds. Amongst Jones' point total was a thunderous right-handed slam off a nifty feed from Harris in the first half.

Rocky was led by the 19 points and nine assists of dynamic 5'6" point guard **Nate Richardson (Montclair, CA)**. The diminutive guard proved to be tough to contain as he connected on 7-of-13 field goal attempts, including 2-of-3 from behind the arc. Fellow guard **E.J. Ross (Washington, D.C.)** contributed 17 points, including a couple of late three-point bombs which kept the Bears within striking distance. Big man **Anthony Allen (Fresno, CA)** notched 14 points and a team-high nine rebounds.

The Argos used a combination of efficient offense and good defense to pull off the upset. For the game, Silsby's team shot 50% (26-for-52) from the field, including a 14-for-25 (56%) showing in the pivotal second half. Rocky managed just 36% (22-for-62) shooting from the floor, including 6-for-26 (23%) by players not named Richardson, Ross or Allen. It was this combination of offense and defense that allowed the Argos to overcome a one-point halftime deficit, turning that into an eight-point lead at 60-52 with under eight minutes remaining. The Argos would never relinquish the lead from that point.

Junior point guard **Lukas Hambsch (Chandler, AZ)** chipped in with 15 points and was 5-for-5 from the charity stripe on the night. Reserve forward **JayTee Tarpley (Dubois, ID)** continued his fine play of late with nine points, seven of which came during a pivotal second half run where the Argos grabbed control of the game.

The Argos will look to make it three consecutive wins when they travel to Helena on Saturday to face rival Carroll College.

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