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**ARGONAUTS**

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### **Argo Men Narrowly Miss Pulling Upset**

**Dillon, MT** – The University of Montana Bulldogs held off a late rally from the underdog University of Great Falls Argos on Saturday night and came away with a 71-68 win, thwarting the Argos' upset bid. The Bulldogs improved to 9-4 in Frontier Conference play (21-8 overall) and moved one-half game ahead of Montana State-Northern (20-8, 8-4) for second place in the conference with one week remaining in the regular season. The Argos fought valiantly throughout the contest but dropped to 6-20, 2-10.

"We deserved a better fate tonight," said UGF assistant coach **Mike Miranto** who spent his second consecutive game at the helm, filling in for head coach **Steve Silsby** who remained in Great Falls with his wife who is expecting the couple's fourth child any day now.

"We outrebounded them by three. We shoot 52 percent in the second half. We limited our turnovers to 11. We shot 77 percent from the free throw line," Miranto said as he examined the box score. "If I was going to draw up what a box score would look like for us to pull off a major upset on the road, this is what it would look like. We out-played them in almost every facet of the game so to not come away with the 'W' is disappointing."

After taking a 37-30 lead into halftime, the Bulldogs withstood the UGF onslaught in second half, never allowing the Argos to get closer than three points. UGF's **Lukas Hamsch (Chandler, AZ)** missed a three-point attempt as time expired which would have forced overtime.

**Cody Thueringer (Kent, WA)** came off the bench to lead a banged up Western squad with 13 points. **Brandon Lawson (Chicago, IL)** and **Terry Hauser (Three Forks, MT)** split 24 points for the Bulldogs who also got 10 timely points and seven rebounds from senior **Garrett Fink (Helena, MT)**. The Bulldogs weren't quite at 100% entering the game as starters **JaRon Brown (Federal Way, WA)** and **Layne Glaus (Whitehall, MT)** were limited due to injuries. Both started the game but were held to just 11 points between them which is 17 less than their season averages. Brown, the Bulldogs' leading scorer for the season, came in averaging over 18 points per game in conference play, but was held to 0-for-7 shooting from the field.

Sophomore forward **L.J. Jones (Anaheim, CA)** impressed again for the Argos, canning eight of his nine second half field goal attempts en route to a 23-point, 10-rebound performance. **Kevin Harris (Houston, TX)** pitched in with 15 points and reserve **Norman Towns (Phoenix, AZ)** added nine.

The Argos close out the regular season when the host rivals Carroll College (Friday, February 26) and Rocky Mountain College (Saturday, February 27) this coming week at the McLaughlin Center. Both tip times are set for 8pm.

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