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**ARGONAUTS**

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### **UGF Hoopsters Falter Vs. Concordia**

**Great Falls, MT** – The University of Great Falls men's basketball team could not ride the wave of momentum it created in Sunday's victory (79-76 vs. University of Alberta) as they dropped an 85-79 overtime decision to the Concordia University (Alberta) Thunder at the McLaughlin Center. The loss drops the Argos to 4-9 on the season with only Wednesday's exhibition contest at NCAA Division I Montana remaining on the schedule before Christmas.

"We got what we deserved tonight," said **UGF head coach Steve Silsby**. "We did not play well in my opinion even considering we held the lead throughout much of the game. We played too tense and too nervous at times in the second half. We got away from what was working for us offensively and settled for too many perimeter jump shots that just didn't go down for us tonight."

The Argos established their lead midway through the first half and carried a 44-38 edge into halftime. The first stanza was the Argos' most productive stretch of the game as they connected on 17-of-34 (50%) from the field and 5-of-11 (46%) from three-point range.

The second half, including the 5 minute overtime period, was a different story as the home-standing Argos could muster just 36% shooting from the field. Meanwhile, Concordia edged back into the game by going 23-of-28 (82%) from the charity stripe in the second half. UGF shot just 9-of-18 (50%) on the free attempts for the game while the Thunder finished at 29-of-36 (81%).

"That's the difference in the game right there," Silsby said. "We couldn't make free throws when it counted."

The Thunder took a 70-69 lead when **Adnan Hajdarevic (Edmonton, AB)** connected on a three-point attempt with under 30 seconds remaining. The Argos responded with senior forward **Matt Niemeyer (Great Falls, MT/Helena High School)** who made 1-of-2 free throw attempts when he was fouled going to the basket with 3.8 seconds left, to force the extra period.

**Brett Kallio (Edmonton, AB)**, **Kris Raymond (Edmonton, AB)** and **Jared Cornish (Edmonton, AB)** paced the Thunder with 17 points apiece. Hajdarevic added 15 points while **Max Banchy (St. Paul, MN)** chipped in with 10.

The Argos had five players reach double figures in the scoring column led by Niemeyer's 12. **Norman Towns (Phoenix, AZ/Paul Quinn College)** and **Kevin Harris (Houston, TX/Clarendon College)** split 22 points for the Argos while fellow guard **Mark Celaya (Chandler, AZ/Glendale Community College)** chipped in with 10. 6'9" center **Dyston Madsen (Chandler, AZ/Glendale Community College)** recorded his first double-double of the season with 10 points and a game-high 13 rebounds.

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