



University of Great Falls
ARGONAUTS

SPORTS INFORMATION * NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2009

Contact: Mike Miranto, Sports Information Director, (406) 791-5208

Cold Shooting Dooms Argos Again

Great Falls, MT – For the fifth consecutive game the University of Great Falls men's basketball team failed to shoot a decent percentage and for the fifth consecutive game it cost them as their season-long losing streak continued in an 85-50 loss to the Fresno Pacific Sunbirds. The Argos (3-8) picked a bad night to have their shooting woes continue against a quality Sunbird squad, ranked #7 in the latest NAIA national poll.

"It is just beyond me how we can come out and shoot poorly in our own gym," said UGF head coach **Steve Silsby**. "We wouldn't have hit water if we fell out of a boat today and in the end, it doesn't matter what you do defensively, if you can't make a shot when it counts you're not going to beat anybody."

The Argos connected on just 6-of-26 (23%) first half field goal attempts which resulted in a season-low 15 first half points, and a 24-point halftime deficit. Compounding matters, UGF managed to shoot just 52% (11-for-21) from the free throw line and 19% (3-for-16) from three-point range over the course of the game.

James Lewis led the Sunbirds (8-1) with a game-high 22 points, 20 of which came in first half. Reserve guard **Jesse Childs** added 13 points while forwards **Jordan Wild** and **Craig Ash** split 20 points for the winners.

Fresno Pacific came into the contest shooting 28% as a team from three-point range but threw that stat out the window as they hit 10-of-17 (59%) from distance in the game. The Sunbirds also hammered the Argos on the boards, 37-25.

UGF got a team-high 12 points from sophomore guard **Kevin Harris (Houston, TX/Clarendon College)**. The only other Argo to reach double figures was starting point guard **Lukas Hamsch (Chandler, AZ/Glendale Community College)** who had 10. The next highest scorer had six. For the second time in three games, the Argos had two starters shutout of the scoring column all together.

"We don't have any choice but to get better because it can't get much worse than we were tonight," said Silsby. "The effort is there. I'm not questioning our effort. But our execution has to improve."

The Argos remain home to face the University of Alberta this coming Sunday, December 20 with a 7pm tip time. UGF is then home the following night, also at 7pm, against Concordia University College of Alberta before an exhibition date with the Grizzlies of Montana on December 23.

[BOX SCORE vs. #7 FRESNO PACIFIC](#)

UGF Sports Information Office * 1301 20th Street South * Great Falls, MT 59405
Phone: (406) 791-5208 * Fax: (406) 791-5994 * Email: mmiranto01@ugf.edu