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Argos Sweep Season Series Vs. Defending National Champs

Great Falls, MT – Just one day removed from a lackluster effort vs. Carroll College, the University of Great Falls men's basketball team regrouped and made a little history in the process, sweeping the season series against the Rocky Mountain College Battlin' Bears with an incredible 92-88 win in overtime. With the win, the Argos improve to 7-21 on the season and 3-11 in Frontier Conference play. Rocky, the defending national champions, fall to 6-8 in conference, 11-18 overall.

"What an emotional, amazing win," said an ecstatic **Steve Silsby**, UGF's fourth-year head coach. "For us to come up with that kind of effort with really not a lot to play for in terms of where it would put us in the standings is just a testament to my players. They were embarrassed after last night's performance (80-52 loss to Carroll) and wanted to make amends and sweeping the season series against the defending national champions doesn't exactly salvage our season but it gives us some momentum heading into the conference tournament."

The outcome would not have been possible without some big heroics from 6'9" junior center **Dyston Madsen (Chandler, AZ)** who hit an improbable three-point shot as time expired to tie the game 79-79, forcing the extra session.

"It's the first time I've ever shot a three in a game in my entire life," Madsen said afterwards. "It felt good when it left my hands and I knew it had a chance. We were lucky it went down but sometimes I'd rather be lucky than good."

The Argos took the lead for good in the overtime period when junior guard **Norman Towns (Phoenix, AZ)** erased a one-point deficit with his third three-point bomb of the night, giving the Argos the lead at 85-83. Towns' big shot was in response to a **Kale Eike (Melstone, MT)** three-pointer which temporarily gave the Bears the lead.

From there, the Argo defense held off some late three-point attempts and while connecting on 7-of-8 free throw attempts down the stretch. For the game, the Argos hit on 16-of-20 from the charity stripe, just one night after making only 11-of-23 free ones.

"We made the kids come out after the game and shoot free throws last night," Silsby explained. "Some people didn't understand why but tonight showed the proof in the pudding. Making free throws wins you games."

Mark Celaya (Chandler, AZ) was dynamite all night for UGF, scoring a career-high 29 points to go with six rebounds. Sophomore forward **L.J. Jones (Anaheim, CA)** had his second double-double in three games and third of the season with 18 points and 12 rebounds. Towns added 13 points off the bench while point guard **Lukas Hamsch (Chandler, AZ)** came up with 10 points and five assists. Madsen's three-ball gave him seven points on the night to go with nine rebounds.

Anthony Allen (Fresno, CA) led four Bears in double figures with 27 points, 11 of which came from the free throw line. He also hauled in a game-high 14 rebounds. **Orlandor Westbrooks (Alexander City, AL)** and **E.J. Ross (Washington, DC)** each hit for 16 points and Eike added 13. The diminutive **Nate Richardson (Montclair, CA)** played a fine floor game with nine points to go with 10 rebounds and six assists.

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