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Argo Men's Basketball Opens Season With Win

Great Falls, MT – The University of Great Falls men's basketball team officially got their 2009-2010 campaign underway on Friday with a decisive 64-42 win over the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns in a matinee game at the McLaughlin Center. Lethbridge was coming off a win over the University of Montana Western of the Frontier Conference this past Saturday but the Argos were up to the task of defending their home floor.

"We talk about taking care of things on our home court often and today I thought we did that," said **UGF head coach Steve Silsby**. "We wanted to set the tone for the rest of our season. It was a great way for us to start."

The Argos dominated the early going, going on an 18-4 run to begin the contest. They never looked back from there taking a 38-14 lead into the halftime intermission; the Argos' lead reached 31 points with about 10 minutes remaining in the contest, at 50-19.

Newcomers **Kevin Harris (Houston, TX/Clarendon College)** and **Mark Celaya (Chandler, AZ/Glendale Community College)** led the way for the Argos. Harris put in a game-high 15 points while Celaya came up with 14 points off the bench. Senior **Matt Niemeyer (Great Falls, MT/Helena High School)** was next with 13 points as well as five rebounds for UGF. Junior center **Dyston Madsen (Chandler, AZ/Glendale Community College)** led the Argos on the backboard with seven rebounds while point guard **Lukas Hamsch (Chandler, AZ/Glendale Community College)** contributed six assists.

The Argos held the Pronghorns to just 25% shooting from the field (15 for 59), including 18% in the first half (5 for 28).

Danhue Lawrence (Toronto, ON) led Lethbridge on the score-sheet with eight points, but was just three for 17 from the field.

"Defensively, we did a nice job," said Silsby. "The defensive end was a major problem for us last year and it's really where we attempted to get better this off-season and it's what we work on day in and day out."

The Argos are idle until November 6 when they travel to Minot, ND to take on Minot State University. Minot State swept the season series last year against the Argos.

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