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UGF Men's Soccer Holds Off Marauders

GREAT FALLS, MT – The University of Great Falls men's soccer team moved their overall record to 7-2-0 on the season by defeating the University of Mary Marauders (ND) in a 2-1 final on Saturday at Seibel Soccer Park. The win stretches the team's current record winning streak to six games, while Mary falls to 2-5-1 on the season.

"Today we got the better of a quality team in Mary," said **UGF head coach Tim Brooks**. "Being an NAIA school whose program is relatively young (just three years old), anytime we can get a win over an NCAA team it's a big deal," Brooks said referring to the Marauders' affiliation with NCAA Division II.

The Argos jumped out to a 2-0 first half lead as freshman **Christian Johansen (Drammen, Norway/Ballulormen 9)** and sophomore **Ryan O'Neil (Arima, Trinidad/James Madison University)** notched back-to-back tallies just over three minutes apart.

Johansen found the back of the net on a low driving shot from the left side of the box that found its way into the lower right corner of the goal. Sophomore **David Jimenez (Long Beach, CA/Cabrillo High School)** was credited with an assist on the goal, which came at the 22:10 mark and was Johansen's third of the season.

O'Neil added his third of the season, and his second in as many days, as he headed the ball past the goalkeeper into the left side of the net on a high crossing feed from Jimenez, who was credited with his team-leading fourth assist of the season. Sophomore **Jimmy Sliwa (Wasilla, AK/Wasilla High School)** was credited with a secondary assist on the play, which occurred at the 25:22 mark.

"Our forwards are dynamic players," Brooks commented. "Ryan, Christian and David all have their unique skill sets that compliment each other. Their abilities really allow us to put some heat on the defense when we get the ball in striking distance."

The Marauders narrowed the margin to 2-1 as **Alex Calder (Melbourne, Australia)** split the defense off a feed from **Josh Pape (Bismarck, ND)** and beat Argo goalkeeper **Zach Johnson (Casper, WY/Kelly Walsh High School)** on a low shot to the right corner of the goal at 66:51.

"We messed around with the ball in our own end and it cost us," said Brooks. "Fortunately we were able to close out the game without that mistake coming back to haunt us."

After the goal, the UGF defense stiffened and never allowed just one quality scoring chance for Mary during the remainder of the contest.

The Argos put 17 shots on goal in the contest. Marauders goalkeeper **Derek Luptak (Billings, MT)** made 13 saves.

UGF returns to action next Friday and Sunday with neutral site contests against Southwestern College (AZ) and Soka University (CA) in Salt Lake City, UT.

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