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### **Westminster Overcomes Lady Argos**

**Salt Lake City, UT** – The Westminster College women’s basketball team overcame a five-point halftime deficit to upend a game University of Great Falls squad 75-54 in the opening round of the Frontier Conference Tournament at Behnken Fieldhouse. The loss means the end of the road for the Lady Argos who finish the season at 5-24 while Westminster, the tournament’s #1 seed and currently the #9-ranked team in the land, improves to 25-5 and moves on to the tournament semifinals.

“We played really well tonight early on,” said UGF head coach **Shawn Chaffin**, who saw his team take a lead into halftime for the third consecutive game only to let it slip away in the final stanza. “I thought we did a nice job of executing our game plan. We took them out of what they normally run on offense and on defense we forced them into a defense we’ve never seen them play before. Being a road underdog, you can’t ask for much more than that. Unfortunately, we had a couple scoring droughts in the second half that cost us.”

After taking a 31-26 lead into halftime on the strength of 55% field goal shooting (12-for-22), the Lady Argos went cold and the Griffins heated up. Westminster took control of the game with a 17-2 run over the first seven minutes of the second half. The Lady Argos didn’t get on the board until a lay-up by senior guard **Kassie Holmlund (Great Falls, MT)** at the 14:40 mark.

The Lady Argo would twice cut the Westminster edge to five points, once on a Holmlund three-pointer at 12:10 which made the score 43-38 and again on a basket by senior center **Stasia Holden (Arleta, CA)** who made the score 48-43 at 8:08. From there, the Lady Argos never got closer than six points. With the score 59-53, Westminster closed the game on a 16-1 run.

**Dani Evans** and **McKenzie Jessop** shined for the Griffins as they pumped in 22 points apiece while combining to knock down seven three-pointers. The duo also recorded five steals each while Evans grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds while assisting on four Griffin baskets. **Keshia Catten** put in 14 points and **Angela Fales** added 12 for the Griffins.

Holmlund led the Lady Argos with a team-high 15 points in her career finale. She finishes her three-year career in Argo blue and gold with 883 total points. Junior forward **Kirilynn Winkler (Great Falls, MT)** added 14 points for UGF.

Also playing in the final game of their careers was Holden (seven points, seven rebounds, and three blocked shots) and guard **McKenzie Gentry (Pocatello, ID)** who contributed seven points, four rebounds and four assists.