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Montana Tech Outlasts Game Lady Argos Squad

Great Falls, MT – The Montana Tech Lady Orediggers were able to fend off a late rally to hold on for a 79-68 victory over the University of Great Falls Lady Argonauts at the McLaughlin Center. The Lady Orediggers improved to 13-5 on the season and 3-3 in league play behind the 20-point effort of do-everything senior Jessie DePell (Spokane, WA) while UGF falls to 3-14, 0-5.

“Give Montana Tech credit because they came to play but I’m proud of my girls for the way they battled against a quality opponent,” said UGF head coach Shawn Chaffin. “We did what we needed to do to be in the game and we forced them into some late turnovers with our full court press. We shot the ball pretty well tonight (48% from the field) but in the end, we turned it over 25 times and you just can’t do that if you expect to beat a good team.”

The loss spoiled a fantastic effort by senior guard Kassie Holmlund (Great Falls, MT) who pumped in a season-high 27 points on 10-of-13 shooting, including 5-of-6 from behind the three-point arc. Holmlund also added seven rebounds and seven assists.

DePell hit on seven of her 12 field goal attempts in the game and was a perfect 5-for-5 from the charity stripe in 25 minutes of action. Senior center Jenessa Todd (Denton, MT) chipped in with 12 points while freshman guard Brooke Pokorny (Butte, MT) reached double figures as well with 11 points. Lindsie Wilson (Salt Lake City, UT) and reserve Erika Jenkins (Great Falls, MT) combined for 15 of the team’s 38 rebounds as they whacked the Lady Argos by nine on the glass.

Junior forward Kirilynn Winkler (Great Falls, MT) came through with a season-high of her own for UGF, tallying 18 points. Fellow junior Marissa Skogen (Great Falls, MT) added a fine floor game with 14 points, three rebounds and three blocked shots. Senior center Stasia Holden (Arleta, CA) added nine points and three blocked shots of her own to go with a game-high 10 rebounds.

The Lady Argos came out blistering hot from the field as they connected on 65% of their first half field goal attempts, but still found themselves down 45-36 at the half. Chaffin’s squad cooled off considerably in the second, shooting just 35%, but they kept themselves within striking distance by holding Tech to just 36% shooting in the half.

The Lady Argos return to Frontier Conference action when they visit Rocky Mountain College in Billings this coming Thursday.

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