

ARGO MEN TOP CARROLL COLLEGE

HELENA — The weight is off of Steve Silsby's shoulders. The head coach of the University of Great Falls men's basketball team led his charges to the school's first win over Carroll College since UGF resumed basketball in 2000 with a 60-51 win here on Saturday in Frontier Conference action.

It was also the second consecutive conference win for the Argos, who began conference play 0-3. "It puts us back in the mix for the conference title," Silsby said. "If we work hard every night, we can continue to have a chance."

Melvin Williams scored 17 points to lead a balanced Argos attack that also received eight points from Miguel Bocachica and Marcel Towns. Ken Anderson added seven points and nine rebounds, while Leon Sutton also scored seven.

Silsby lauded the efforts of the 6-foot-8 Anderson, who also blocked a shot. "He really anchored the middle of the zone," Silsby said

The Argos led by as many as 12 in the first half, but Carroll chipped away to cut the deficit to seven points at halftime. The Saints briefly took the lead midway through the second half before the Argos retied the contest with nine minutes to play.

UGF hit several key 3-pointers in the late-game rally to cement the victory. "The guys battled all night long," Silsby said. "It wasn't a pretty game. Neither team shot very well, but we shot well at the end and made a few free throws when we needed to."

Ben Cutler scored 17 points to lead Carroll, while Tony Dalton, Andy Garland and James MacIntyre added eight apiece. MacIntyre grabbed 10 rebounds for the Saints.

The Argos (13-6, 2-3) return home this weekend to take on Westminster and Lewis-Clark State. "It doesn't get any easier," Silsby said.

GREAT FALLS (60)

James Holmes 3-7 0-2 6, Ken Anderson 3-4 1-3 7, Melvin Williams 5-11 5-5 17, Miguel Bocachica 3-9 0-0 8, Marcel Towns 3-8 2-4 8, Leon Sutton 2-11 2-2 7, T.J. Harris 0-2 0-0 0, Reid Tramelli 0-0 0-0 0, Naren Maynard 2-2 0-0 5, Brian Burtnyk 1-2 0-0 2, Paris Oliver 0-2 0-0 0. Totals: 22-58 10-16 60.

CARROLL (51)

Tony Dalton 3-6 0-0 8, Andy Garland 3-12 2-4 8, Renan Custodio 0-0 0-0 0, Chris McGrath 2-4 0-0 5, Ben Cutler 7-19 0-0 17, Dan Pearson 1-6 0-0 3, Dee Crandall 0-2 0-0 0, Chase Godecke 1-3 0-0 2, James MacIntyre 4-4 0-0 8. Totals: 21-56 2-4 51.

Halftime: UGF 31-24. 3-pt. goals — UGF 6-29 (Holmes 0-1, Williams 2-5, Bocachica 2-8, Towns 0-3, Sutton 1-9, Harris 0-1, Maynard 1-1, Burtnyk 0-1), Carroll 7-24 (Dalton 2-3, Garland 0-2, McGrath 1-2, Cutler 3-12, Pearson 1-4, Crandall 0-1). Total rebounds — UGF 36 (Anderson 9), Carroll 33 (MacIntyre 10). Total assists — UGF 6 (Williams 2), Carroll 10 (McGrath 6). Total turnovers — UGF 10, Carroll 14. Total fouls — UGF 10, Carroll 15.

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