

Argo Men Depart Lewiston Tournament with a Pair of Wins

LEWISTON, Idaho – The question on the mind of the University of Great Falls men's basketball Coach Steve Silsby going into this weekend was could the team bounce back after a tough one point loss last weekend.

The Argonauts answered that question by winning both games at the Lewis-Clark State College Tournament and out scoring their opponents 171-126. The challenge today was to do battle with the Kermodes of Quest University in Canada. The Argonauts came into the game with a 9-1 record while Quest is without a victory in thirteen games.

"It was a great job defensively, especially in the second half." Coach Silsby said. The Argonauts dominated the Kermodes beating them 85-53. The Argos were led by L.J. Jones (Senior, Anaheim, Calif.) who went 7-11 from the field and hit one free throw to tally 15 points. Ken Anders on (Senior, Huston, Texas) and Melvin Williams (Junior, Philadelphia, Pa.) scored 13 each.

"We started a bit slow but really turned up the defense in the second half." Silsby added. The Argo defense held The Kermodes to just 27 percent shooting from the floor in the second half and only 34.5 for the entire game. While the Argos shot 54.5 percent from the field in the second half improving over the slow first half shooting of 47 percent.

Quest offense was led by John Pankratz who led all scorers with 17. The Argos spread the rebounds out fairly evenly. David Ubadigbo (Junior, Des Moines, Iowa) pulled down 6 and James Holmes (Junior, Las Vegas, Nev.) had 5 of his own.

The Argonauts, recently ranked 35th in the NAIA, improve to 10-1 on the season and travel home to take on the Wolves of Walla Walla University on Monday night in the McLaughlin Center. Tip-Off is scheduled for 7:00 pm as Dex in the evenings Corporate Sponsor.

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Quest University (0-14)

John Pankratz 6-13 1-2 17, Gurminder Kang 3-10 1-1 8, Vladimir Smiljkovic 1-7 0-0 2, Brodan Robertson 1-3 0-0 3, Connor Heinrichs 3-7 0-0 7, Mo Dadfar 1-3 4-4 6, Nico Umagat 0-4 0-0 0, Jose Colorado 3-5 0-0 7, Josh Beasley 0-0 0-0 0, Sonny Johal 1-3 1-1 3.

Totals 19-55 7-8 53.

University of Great Falls (10-1)

James Holmes 2-6 4-6 8, Ken Anderson 5-9 3-4 13, Melvin Williams 6-10 1-2 13, Miguel Bocachica 2-6 2-2 8, Marcel Towns 2-4 0-0 5, Leon Sutton 3-7 0-0 8, TJ Harris 0-2 0-0 0, Reid Tramelli 1-1 0-0 2, David Ubadigbo 3-5 1-2 8, LJ Jones 7-11 1-4 15, Brian Burtnyk 0-1 0-0 0, Paris Oliver 0-0 1-2 1, Chris Schlessler 0-0 0-0 0, Eric Taylor 1-2 0-0 2, Nathan Bailey 1-1 0-0 2.

Totals 33-65 13-22 85