

Argos Women Upset D II Minot State

HAVRE, Mont – The University of Great Falls Women’s basketball team outscored Minot State University 36-33 in the second half to complete a rally and erase an early deficit, winning 66-63 in the second day of the Duck Inn Montana State-Northern Tournament Friday at the Armory Gymnasium.

The Argos picked up their fourth win of the season earlier in the day by way of a forfeit. They were scheduled to play the University of Virginia at Lynchburg at 4:00 pm but the Lady Dragons had to cancel their trip at the last minute causing them to forfeit. “It is a shame. I really was looking forward to playing them.” Coach Bill Himmelberg said.

In the game they did play, Minot State had a chance to take the lead with less than 10 seconds remaining but the Beavers missed a short shot and Great Falls' Sarah Sciascia iced the game with a pair of free throws with 3 seconds to play. “We defended really well tonight. Sam Sciascia got a couple of big free throws for us.” Coach Bill Himmelberg said.

MSU built an early 10-point lead after a slow start, but went cold from the floor over the final five minutes of the first half. The Lady Argonauts took advantage of the Lady Beavers cold streak and rallied to tie the game at 30 at half and the game remained close the rest of the way.

MSU tied the game at 59 on a free throw late in the second half, but the Argo answered as Sydnee Burke broke the 59-59 tie with a bucket. Burke also came up with a key steal on the ensuing MSU possession and then hit two free throws to give the Argos a 63-59 lead with 1:11 remaining. Burke scored five of her seven points in the final 1:11.

It was a scrappy game for much of the night as neither team looked extremely sharp. MSU finished with 27 turnovers and shot 40 percent from the floor. UGF wasn't much better, turning the ball over 25 times and shot 43 percent from the floor. “We did not shoot the ball real well, but it was good enough to win.” Himmelberg added.

Kezia Ford led the Argos (4-6 overall) with 12 points, while Kindra Jones and Lindsey Abramson added 11 points each. Jones pulled down seven rebounds for UGF. “This was a heck of a lot of fun” Himmelberg concluded.

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Minot State 63, Great Falls 66

Minot State (7-6)

Hardy 5-10 2-2 12, Boag, Ca 4-11 4-6 12, Boag, Ch 4-9 2-3 10, Safranski 0-3 6-10 6,
Molina 2-5 0-0 4, Larson 0-0 0-0 0, Klose 5-12 2-2 15, Gilbert 0-0 0-0 0, Wong 0-0 0-0
0, Lindsey 1-1 0-2 2, Nakatani 0-1 2-2 2.

Totals 21-52 18-27 63

Great Falls (5-6)

Abramson 2-6 7-8 11, Burke 1-7 5-6 7, Sciascia 1-6 2-4 4, Ford 4-9 3-5 12, Adams 2-6
1-2 6, Jones 5-8 1-4 11, Ramos 3-4 1-2 7, Owens 1-2 0-0 2, Gladney 3-3 0-0 6,
Wilmore 0-0 0-0 0.

Totals 22-51 20-31 66