

Argos Repeat as Conference Champions

SALT LAKE CITY – Conference Champions! The University of Great Falls Men's Soccer Team overcame a 2-0 deficit to force 2 overtimes and eventually score the winning goal and capture the conference crown.

"I am really proud of the total team effort today." Coach Paul Zazenski said. The number 1 seed in the tournament found themselves down 1-0 to the Embry-Riddle (Arizona) Eagles after the first period.

Not too long into the second period the Eagles had a 2-0 advantage and were on their way to an upset and capturing the conference crown. "Embry-Riddle is a quality side and they play very well." Zazenski added. But the Argos were not quite ready to throw in the towel.

Behind the determination of Senior, and team scoring leader, Ryan O'Neil the Argos began to close the gap and eventually even the score as O'Neil found the back of the Eagle net twice in the 2nd period. The scoring and stiffing of the defense forced overtime.

Following the first overtime there was no change in the score. In the second overtime Ryan O'Neil found himself 7 yards from the Eagles goal and he drove the ball past the eagle keeper for the game winner at 105 minutes in the game.

"Ryan is credited with all three goals but it was truly a quality team win." Zazenski concluded. The Argos defense only allowed 4 shots on goal and Senior Argo Keeper, Zach Johnson, saved all but 2. On the other side of the field the Argos attacked the Eagle goal 20 times in the match.

The Argos will find where the next round, the regional tournament, will be played early next week. The regional tournament is the last step in qualifying for the National Tournament. Last year the Argos advanced to the Sweet 16 round in the National Tournament.