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**ARGONAUTS**

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### **Argos Compete at Willamette Invitational**

**Salem, OR** – The University of Great Falls cross country teams travelled to the Pacific Coast this weekend in search of running down nationally ranked teams. The Argos ran in the Gold race of the Willamette Invitational and fared well against stiff competition.

The men's race found the Argos lined up next to 24 other schools and clubs, eight of which are currently ranked as top 30 teams in the nation for NAIA. The Argo men ran solid on the Oregon course and prevailed for a sixth place finish, one place behind 16<sup>th</sup> ranked Eastern Oregon University. The men finished ahead of #28 Concordia (OR), #24 California Baptist and #21 Vanguard.

The men were led by junior **Rigoberto Jimenez (Royal City, WA)** who ran a lifetime best of 24:47 on the eight kilometer course. Running close on his heels and having a spectacular race of his own was freshman **Taylor Guske (Stanwood, WA)** who finished at 25:14. Rounding out the top five for the men was **Shane Donaldson (Thompson Falls, MT)**, **Tyler Nilsen (Bothell, WA)** and **Mitch Elias (Monroe, WA)**.

"The men ran awesome today," said Coach Jim Brewer. "We are really starting to click as a team and the guys are really running well together."

On the women's side, the Argos had to battle against a very competitive 26-team field which featured seven top ranked teams in the NAIA. The women finished 16<sup>th</sup> place.

Junior **Brandi Eloff (Ephrata, WA)** led the Argo women with a time of 19:10 which was good enough for 63<sup>rd</sup> place. Behind Eloff was sophomore **Shelby Trittart (Challis, ID)** who covered the five kilometer course in 19:18. Finishing up the top five for the women was **Christina Bruce (Sequim, WA)**, **Brittany Johnson (Boulder, MT)**, and **Haley Busby (Syracuse, UT)**.

"Our women ran against a very competitive field today and given the circumstances, they performed very well," noted Head Coach Jim Brewer.

The Argos are inactive this weekend and will return to action on October 16<sup>th</sup> as both teams will travel to Billings, MT for the MSU-Billings/Rocky Mountain College Invitational.

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