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Tale of Two Halves Spells Doom For Argo Men

Helena, MT – After taking a 10-point lead into halftime and leading by as many as 14 points early in the second half, the University of Great Falls men's basketball team experienced a prolonged scoring drought and couldn't overcome the surging Carroll Saints at the Carroll P.E. Center on Saturday night. On the strength of a 44-19 second half, the Saints emerged victorious over the Argos yet again by a final score of 62-47.

"We got out-toughed tonight," said UGF head coach **Steve Silsby**. "We were better than them for 30 or 32 minutes but the problem is the game is 40 minutes long. They were just tougher than us down the stretch and we couldn't match their physicality."

After building a 40-26 lead with 15:06 to play, the Argos offense fell silent, managing just seven points the rest of the way. Meanwhile, Carroll exploded with a healthy dose of All-American forward **Andy Garland (Missoula, MT)** who finished the night with 32 points and 18 rebounds.

The Argos were plagued by foul trouble most of the evening. Silsby's team was whistled for 24 fouls on the night, compared to just 14 calls against the home team. The rash of whistles resulted in 32 free throw attempts for the Saints, 21 of which went to Garland, who connected on 19 of them (15-for-15 in the second half) which was good enough for one-point more than his entire season point per game average.

UGF built a 28-18 halftime lead on the strength of decent shooting (44%, 11-for-25 from the field) and tough defense, limiting Carroll to just 14% shooting (4-for-29). However the tables turned in the second half as UGF managed only seven made baskets while Carroll connected on 11-of-25 from the field in addition to their parade of free throws.

Senior guard **Chris Medina (Ogden, UT)** was the only other Saint to reach double figures with 11 points. He added six rebounds while sophomore post **Chase Godecke (Dillon, MT)** grabbed eight caroms. The Saints held a 43-27 advantage on the glass, thanks in part to 17 offensive rebounds.

The Argos failed to place a single player in double figures on the evening. Sophomore forward **L.J. Jones (Anaheim, CA)** managed nine points, six rebounds and four blocked shots despite significant foul trouble in the second stanza. Fellow sophomore **Kevin Harris (Houston, TX)** also scored nine points to go with three assists. Senior **Marko Lakic (Novi Sad, Serbia)**, whose contributions are not always seen on the stat sheet, came through with a career-high seven rebounds and had a thunderous two-handed slam to start off the game, giving the Argos an early spark.

With the win, Carroll moves one game closer to .500 at 10-11 and 3-4 in conference while grabbing sole possession of fifth place. The Argos (6-15, 2-5) currently sit in a tie for sixth with the Lewis-Clark State Warriors who visit the McLaughlin Center next Saturday. First on the docket for UGF is a match-up with conference leader Westminster on Friday night.

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