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Strong Team Effort Leads Argos Past Blue Hawks

Great Falls, MT – The University of Great Falls men's basketball team bounced back from last night's defeat to Minot State, to topple the Dickinson State Blue Hawks 81-70 before 178 fans at the McLaughlin Center, outscoring the visitors 49-34 after being down by four at halftime. The Argos had lost at Dickinson State last Saturday afternoon by 26 points, but showed the poise that's expected of them by taking care of their home court to move to 3-3 on the season.

"Tonight was a fantastic team effort," said **UGF head coach Steve Silsby**. "We had some great contributions off the bench and I couldn't be prouder of my team."

Silsby particularly lauded the play of reserve senior guard **Jesse Corbett (Missoula, MT/Scottsdale Community College)** and senior wingman **Marko Lakic (Novi Sad, Serbia/Eastern Arizona College)**. Corbett sparked the team in the second half with two big three-point baskets and nine-of-ten shooting from the free throw line for a career high 15 points. He also led the team with five rebounds. Lakic scored nine of his career high 12 points in the first half and knocked down a big three-pointer of his own late in the second half.

Senior forward **Matt Niemeyer (Great Falls, MT/Helena High School)** led the team in the scoring column for the third consecutive game with 16 points. Sophomore guard **Kevin Harris (Houston, TX/Clarendon College)** came off the bench to score 10 points and grab four steals while point guard **Lukas Hambsch (Chandler, AZ/Glendale Community College)** scored 11 points to go with eight assists and zero turnovers.

"This was a tough stretch for us," Silsby said. "We played five games in nine days so for us to have the kind of energy we had in the second half tonight was huge for us. We had some different guys step up tonight and that's what good teams do. We really feel like we're capable of doing some good things this year. We just have to execute on a nightly basis."

Dickinson State was led by forward **Joshua Henry (Aurora, CO)** who recorded game-highs with 18 points and 10 rebounds. Senior guard **Brian Lebsock (Frenchtown, MT)** came off the bench to score 14 points and forward **Branden Thomas (Atlanta, GA)** scored 10 points despite being in foul trouble most of the night.

Dickinson State shot 53% from the field but committed 27 turnovers on the night.

The Argos are now idle until November 27 when they travel to Rapid City, SD for the U.S. Bank Thanksgiving Classic where they'll face South Dakota School of Mines and Technology as well as Black Hills State on November 28. Also on the horizon is the first Frontier Conference Preview to be held at the Butte, MT Civic Center on December 4 and 5. The Argos do battle with conference foes Montana State-Northern and Montana Western there, before returning home on December 15 to take on nationally ranked Fresno Pacific.

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