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### **Argo Offense Continues To Struggle In Loss To Lights**

**Great Falls, MT** – The anemic offense that has plagued the University of Great Falls men’s basketball team for much of the season reared its ugly head again on Friday night as the home-standing Argos managed just nine made baskets during a 72-40 whooping at the hands of the MSU-Northern Lights. With the loss, UGF drops to 6-18 on the season and 2-8 in Frontier Conference play while the Lights improve to 19-7, 7-3.

“We can’t throw a rock in the ocean,” said fourth-year UGF head coach **Steve Silsby**. “Defense wins championships but bad offense will lose you a lot of games. The crazy part is, I feel like we ran some good stuff at times but we just couldn’t make shot.”

Silsby’s team experienced another horrendous shooting night, finishing just 9-for-38 (24%) on the night, including 3-for-20 (15%) in the opening half. Some of the credit surely has to go to the MSU-Northern defense; the Lights entered the game ranked #2 in the country in points allowed per game. Needless to say, that stat will improve after this game.

The Lights were led by point guard **Eric Tisby (Fort Worth, TX)** who pumped in a game-high 19 points to go with four assists. Big man **Walynn Burgess (Genola, UT)** added 12 points and eight rebounds for the Lights. **Andrew Sellars (Browning, MT)** and **Brian Santiago (Santa Maria, CA)** split 18 points for the winners.

UGF was led by sophomore forward **JayTee Tarpley (Dubois, ID)** who scored a career-high 17 points to go with five rebounds. Tarpley was just 3-of-8 shooting from the field but connected on 10-of-14 from the charity stripe. No other Argo managed more than seven points.

“Tarpley is really the only guy we got right now that has played well on a consistent basis,” Silsby said. “We just have to get more consistent efforts out of certain guys.”

The Argos are idle until next weekend’s road trip when they travel to Montana Tech and Montana Western. The Argos round out their conference season at home when they face Carroll College on February 26 and defending national champion Rocky Mountain College on February 27.

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