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### **Bulldog Offensive Explosion Beats UGF**

**Great Falls, MT** – The University of Montana Western Bulldogs were firing on all cylinders tonight as they invaded the McLaughlin Center to hand the University of Great Falls Argonauts a 99-62 defeat. The Bulldogs (16-5), ranked #17 in the latest NAIA national poll, came out hot and stayed hot as they shot an incredible 71% from the field in the first half to build a 62-34 halftime edge on their way to their fourth conference victory of the season against only one defeat. The Argos (4-14, 0-4), meanwhile, failed to accomplish much on either end of the floor as they dropped their sixth straight and eleventh of their last twelve.

“This has been a bad stretch for us, obviously,” said UGF head coach Steve Silsby. “We struggle to score points and tonight we couldn’t guard a paper bag. That makes for a bad combination. Montana Western is very, very talented and the most disappointing thing to me is that we didn’t show up for the challenge. You have to relish these opportunities, especially in front of your home crowd, and we just backed down.”

Senior big man JaRon Brown (Federal Way, WA) led a quintet of Bulldogs in double figures with 21 points on 7-of-9 shooting to go with five rebounds. Sophomore transfer Tyler Hurley (Anaconda, MT), who just became eligible at the start of the conference season added 16 points, 14 of which came in the first half, and eight rebounds. Brandon Brown (Tacoma, WA) and Jared Smithson (Anaconda, MT) each came off the bench to score 11 and 10 points, respectively, while starting forward Garrett Fink chipped in 10 points of his own to go with a game-high nine rebounds.

Junior guard Norman Towns (Phoenix, AZ) was the lone Argo to reach double figures with 15 points. Guards Mark Celaya (Chandler, AZ) and Aaron Skogen (Ronan, MT) split 18 and fellow guard Kevin Harris (Houston, TX) had a team-high six rebounds.

The Argos return to action tomorrow night when they host the Montana Tech Orediggers at 8pm. Each team will be looking for the first conference win of the season, as the Orediggers (7-14, 0-5) fell tonight at MSU-Northern, 63-57.