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Bulldogs Roll Past Men's Basketball

Dillon, Mont. – After coming off of the biggest win in recent history, the sixth-seeded University of Great Falls men's basketball team was looking for its second upset in as many games. However, the third-seeded University of Montana Western Bulldogs had a different idea as they defended their home court in opening round action of the Frontier Conference Tournament on Tuesday night. The Bulldogs held a 22 point lead at half and never looked back as they cruised to an 87-65 victory.

Sophomore Brandon Boka had a career night for the Argos in front of his hometown crowd as he led all scorers with 23 points. The 5-9 guard came off of the bench and hit 7-of-8 shots from downtown and was perfect from the free throw line making both of his attempts.

Senior Mark Celaya added eight points hitting 6-of-6 free throws attempts while fellow senior Dyston Madsen finished perfect on the night going 3-for-3 from the field and 2-for-2 from the line for seven points. Junior guard Melvin Williams led the team in assists and steals with four and three, respectively.

Western's Tyler Hurley led the Bulldogs with 22.

Great Falls shot 38.8 percent on the night while the Bulldogs hit 55.7 percent of their shots. The Argos were 8-of-23 (34.8 percent) from beyond the arc and made 19-of-23 free throw attempts.

The Argos finish the season 12-18 overall and 5-10 in league action. Great Falls will lose six seniors to graduation including leading scorer Celaya.

The Argos will return an experienced front court as the national leader in steals (95), Melvin Williams, returns for one more season. Williams, who was also the third leading scorer on the squad, will be accompanied by true freshman starter Marcel Towns and sophomore Brandon Boka. Junior LJ Jones, who was the team's second leading point getter, will return for his last season as will forward JayTee Tarpley.