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**ARGONAUTS**

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### **Men's Basketball Opens with Win**

**Great Falls, MT**– The University of Great Falls men's basketball team opened regular season play tonight with an 82-68 win over the University of Lethbridge. Playing a balanced game, the Argos scored 41 in each half while shooting 41 percent (26-63) from the field.

"This was a good win to start the season," stated **Head Coach Steve Silsby**. "I thought the guys came out and played hard tonight. We need to improve at the line but we made them (Lethbridge) turnover the ball 27 times which was key for us."

The Argos went into the break leading 41-29 over the visiting Canadians and would cruise to victory behind the 24 point performance of senior **Mark Celaya (Chandler, AZ)**. Celaya also grabbed six rebounds and had three steals on the night. Teammates **Lukas Hambsch (Chandler, AZ)** and **Melvin Williams (Philadelphia, PA)** would add 15 and 13 points respectively. Williams also led the team with a game-high seven rebounds and six steals.

Great Falls was 50% (5-10) from behind the arc but struggled at the line with a 55% (25-45) free-throw effort. Lethbridge was one for eight in three point attempts and shot 47% from the field.

Great Falls will next host the University of Regina on October 22 at 7 pm in the McLaughlin Center. The Argos will then be at home again when Minot State University and Dickinson State University visit November 5 and 6.