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### **Skylights Keep UGF Searching For 1<sup>st</sup> Conference Win**

**Great Falls, MT** – The Montana State-Northern Skylights invaded the McLaughlin Center on Friday night and came away with a 74-59 win over the home-standing University of Great Falls Lady Argonauts. With the win, the Skylights get back to .500 on the season at 13-13 while moving to 4-6 in Frontier Conference play. The Lady Argos, still winless in conference, fall to 3-19, 0-10.

“We put together a good effort tonight but we just came up a little short,” said UGF head coach **Shawn Chaffin**. “We were prepared for what they do and they were prepared for what we do. Chris (MSU-Northern coach **Chris Mouat**) and I are very good friends and we talk quite frequently during the season so there’s not really anything either of us do that surprises the other. He’s a good coach and his team played well tonight.”

The Lady Argos, who have been strapped by poor shooting numbers for much of the season, managed to shoot 20-for-57 (35%) from the field during the contest which is not the greatest but it’s a step in the right direction. However, the team’s turnover problem was there again as the Skylights forced 20 Lady Argo turnovers.

The Skylights enjoyed good shooting on the night, connecting on 26-of-53 (49%) for the game. Much of their offense was directed inside the paint as 6’2” **Zivile Gaizutyte (Vilnius, Lithuania)** scored a game-high 19 points on 8-of-12 from the field. Additionally, fellow forward **Laci Keller (Big Sandy, MT)** hit for 12 points, all of which came in the paint. Guards **Taylor Keller (Custer, MT)** and **Samm Schermele (Great Falls, MT)** split 26 points for the winners.

UGF was led by the 15 points and five rebounds of senior guard **Kassie Holmlund (Great Falls, MT)**. Junior forward **Marissa Skogen (Great Falls, MT)** came through with 13 points, six rebounds, three assists, two steals and two blocked shots. Junior forward **Kirilynn Winkler (Great Falls, MT)** added 13 points and a team-high seven boards.

The Lady Argos have a short turn-around time as they are back in action on Saturday evening at 6pm against visiting Walla Walla University in a non-conference tilt. The two teams will also tip it up on Sunday at 12pm.

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