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Lady Argos Stifle Wolves Again

Great Falls, MT – For the second consecutive day the University of Great Falls women's basketball team downed the visiting Walla Walla University Wolves at the McLaughlin Center, this time by a 58-37 final. With the win, the Lady Argos improve to 5-19 on the season.

"I thought we played well today on the defensive end of the floor," said UGF head coach **Shawn Chaffin** as he saw his team hold Walla Walla to just 22% shooting (12-for-54) in the game. "The game plan was to pack it in as much as possible and keep them chucking from the cheap seats. Our zone defense gave them fits all game long and we were able to force some turnovers as well."

Chaffin's plan certainly worked as Walla Walla was stuck launching deep jump shots for much of the game, but only connected on 1-of-19 shots from three-point range. The Lady Argos also forced the Wolves into 21 turnovers on the afternoon.

UGF used a 12-5 spurt in the final five minutes of the first half to really take control of the game as they established a 34-17 lead at halftime. Walla Walla never seriously threatened the UGF lead in the second half as the Lady Argos led by as many as 23 points. Neither team got much going offensively in a sloppy second half that saw the competitors combine to shoot just 17-for-63 (27%).

Seniors **Kassie Holmlund (Great Falls, MT)** and **Stasia Holden (Arleta, CA)** paced the Lady Argos with 10 points apiece. Junior forward **Katie Wright (Cedaredge, CO)** was next with nine markers.

The Lady Argos took control of the backboard which allowed them to control the contest, out-rebounding Walla Walla 51-38 for the game, including a 30-18 advantage in the second half. Junior forward **Kirilynn Winkler (Great Falls, MT)** contributed eight rebounds to lead the team for the second consecutive day, along with a game-high six assists. Freshman **Kara Matoon (Shelby, MT)** pulled down a career-high seven boards to match the total of the 6'4" Holden who also blocked two shots.

Heather McFadden (Cupertino, CA) was everywhere for the Wolves. She was the team's lone double figure scorer with 10 points also notching nine rebounds, five steals and two blocked shots.

"Hopefully these two wins give us some confidence as we move towards the end of our conference season," said Chaffin. "We've got a tough weekend coming up on the road and then we close it out with two home games the following week."

The Lady Argos travel to Montana Tech on Friday and close out the road trip at Montana Western on Saturday. Their 2009-2010 regular season comes to a close when they host Carroll College on February 26 and Rocky Mountain College on February 27.

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