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Argo Wrestlers Split Battle of the Rockies Duals

Great Falls, MT – If one were to look at the past, they would find that the Argos have always struggled against the Vikings of Missouri Valley College. Today was a different day which found the #3 Argos defeating the fourth ranked Vikings, 22-13, in their first dual of the UGF Battle of the Rockies Duals.

Opening in exciting fashion for the Argos was 125 pounder Akmal Adilov (Tashkeht, Uzbekistan) who defeated #2 Paul Hansen, 3-2. Scott Schlosser (Conrad, MT) kept things rolling with a one point decision at the 133 pound weight class. Myles Mazurkiewicz (Havre, MT) and Michael Hader (Columbia Falls, MT) would add to the lead each winning by decision while Anthony Varnell (Spokane, WA) dropped a close match, 3-4, at 149 pounds.

With Great Falls leading 12-3, fifth ranked Ross Mosher (Augusta, MT) upset #2 Preston McKinney in overtime 3-1. Noah Hatton (Spokane, WA) would secure another overtime victory at 174 to expand the lead. Second ranked Michael French (Malta, MT) added the final Argo points winning by major decision over #5 Jesse Alter, 12-4. Levi Morgan (Springfield, OR) lost by fall at 197 while Juan Enriquez (Norwalk, CA) fell to #2 Travis Ewart, 11-4, in the heavy weight match.

“It was nice to finally beat them (Missouri Valley). Akmal came up with a great win and I think that winning the first three matches gave us a lot of confidence and momentum heading into the latter weights,” said head coach Caleb Schaeffer.

The Argos matched up against second ranked McKendree Bearcats in their second dual of the day. Great Falls quickly jumped to a 6-0 lead as the Bearcats forfeited the 125 pound match. At 133 pounds, Wade Lowe lived up to his #1 ranking by defeating Luis Carranza (Idaho Falls, ID) by a 12-4 major decision. Myles Mazurkiewicz came out sluggish against #5 Kyle Williams at 141 pounds. Mazurkiewicz, who is ranked second in the nation, trailed 9-1 before staging an epic comeback to pin Williams at the 6:49 mark.

Anthony Varnell dropped an 8-2 decision to Ryan Jahn at 149 while Michael Hader conceded an 18-10 major decision to Josh Ballard. Heading into the 165 pound match, the Argos led 12-11 as Ross Mosher won 8-6 over Isaiah Gonzalez and Noah Hatton dropped a 13-6 decision to John Vogt. With the Argos still up by one, #1 Michael French grabbed a late takedown in overtime to win 3-1 over #3 Kyle Reid and extend the teams lead to 18-14.

The Argos Levi Morgan matched up against Tanner Wolk, who is ranked seventh at 184, in the 197 weight class falling 7-3. The final match of Great Falls' Juan Enriquez and McKendree's Andrew Sanchez would ultimately decide the dual. Sanchez, the #2 ranked wrestler at 197, earned the win by a close 3-2 decision which gave McKendree the 20-18 win.

“McKendree is a quality squad and showed why they are ranked second in the nation. We had our chances to win and we know that we have to work harder in order to beat the top teams in the nation. I was proud of our team but we still have a lot of work ahead of us,” stated Schaeffer.