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UGF Grapplers Top Lights

Great Falls, Mont. – The University of Great Falls wrestling squad pulled off another dual victory over their Treasure State rival Montana State University-Northern, 19-12, tonight at the McLaughlin Center. Although it was a close dual the entire night, the Argos never trailed and won six of ten weight classes.

One of three seniors wrestling for the last time at home, Akmol Adilov got things rolling for the Argos. The 125 pounder won by decision over Chase Dirden 11-9. Great Falls' would drop two of the three next matches with Luis Carranza losing by decision in the second tie-breaker to Cameron Neiss at 133 pounds and Ryan Leonard giving up a major decision to second ranked Anthony Weerheim at 149. Anthony Varnell gave the Argos three team points with his win over Brandon Leliefeld.

Great Falls rolled on winning four of the last six matches. 157 pounder Michael Hader won a 5-4 decision over Tay Todd and Noah Hatton grabbed four team points for the Argos with a major decision over Jared Miller.

Augusta native and senior Ross Mosher, who is ranked second in the nation at 165 pounds, bumped up a weight class and fell to #6 Max Payne by a close 6-8 decision. In the bout of the night, senior and #1 ranked Michael French edged out second ranked Evan Hinebauch 6-2. With the win, the Malta native grabbed the second place spot for career wins in Argo history and is only two behind the leader Michael Kummer.

Great Falls' Levi Morgan secured the team win for the Argos with a 5-4 decision over Kody Reed. The bout was tied at the end of regulation but Morgan garnered the winning point with his minute plus of riding time. After being deducted a team point for coach misconduct, Northern went on to win the final match as Rudy Schaffroth beat Juan Enriquez, 4-1.

"It was a great atmosphere and anyone who wasn't here missed a great event," exclaimed head coach Caleb Schaeffer.

Schaeffer was referring to an enormous crowd of approximately 1,000 or more people who packed the University of Great Falls McLaughlin Center.

The Argos will spend the next week preparing for the Western Regional Tournament which will take place February 19 in Prescott, Ariz.