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### **Argo Wrestlers Take Third at Western Regional**

**Prescott, Ariz.** – The University of Great Falls wrestling team had five wrestlers in Championship matches but was unable to capture the regional title and ended the day in third place with 114.5 points. Southern Oregon University won their second consecutive regional championship with 138 points.

Junior Levi Morgan (197) and 165-pounder Noah Hatton each earned championships in their respective weight class for the Argos. Hatton won a 7-3 decision over Menlo's Carlos Soto while Morgan defeated Shawn Michalek of Embry-Riddle (Ariz.) 8-2.

Great Falls' other top placers Anthony Varnell (141), Michael French (184) and Juan Enriquez (285) each lost their championship match by a one-point decision. Columbia Falls native, Michael Hader took third with a 4-1 decision over Justin Mills (Southern Oregon) while fellow sophomore Myles Mazurkiewicz pinned MSU-Northern's Brandon Liefeld in 2:46.

Sophomore Ryan Leonard earned points for the Argos with a sixth place finish at 149 pounds.

"Our top guys performed well today," said head coach Caleb Schaeffer. "However, we needed to get more points from some of our other guys and were not able to do so."

The Argos' top 165 pound wrestler and nationally ranked No. 2, Ross Mosher, was injured in the first round and was not able to finish.

Great Falls had the most top-three finishers with seven and also had the most wrestlers in championship matches (five). A total of eight teams competed in the regional tournament.

The Argos will be sending 12 wrestlers to the NAIA National Championships in two weeks in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The tournament is set to begin on March 3 and will conclude on the fifth.