Lights earn weekend split at Cannon’s Building Material Tournament

The MSU Northern men's basketball team gained a split over the weekend at the Cannon's Building Materials Center Tournament in Lewiston, ID. The Tournament was played at the Lewis-Clark State College Activity Center.

On Friday night, the Lights lost for the second time this season to Eastern Oregon 68-50.

MSU Northern fell behind 37-20 at the half and then played the Mountaineers on even terms in the second half. The Lights shot a cold 29.6% for the game (16-54) while Eastern Oregon was a torrid 52% (25-48).

Eric Tisby, a 5-8 junior guard from Fort Worth, TX, was MSU Northern's only double-figure scorer with 15 points.

The Lights were out-rebounded 41-22 and but did have eight steals to only three for the Mountaineers.

MSU Northern came back with a solid effort on Saturday while defeating Evergreen State College from Olympia, WA 89-72. The Lights shot a blistering 59.2% from the floor (29-49) and out-rebounded the Geoducks 29-21.

Justin Dennis, a 6-1 guard from Toronto, ON, led the Lights in scoring with 24 points. Waylon Burgess, a 6-6 senior post from Genola, UT added 22 points and a team-leading nine rebounds.

Andres Sellars, a 6-4 senior guard from Browning, had a solid all-around game with 15 points and five assists.

The Lights turned the ball over only nine times while handing out 20 assists including seven by Tisby.

Dennis and Burgess were both selected to the All-Tournament Team.

MSU Northern is now 4-4 on the season. The Lights are in action this Friday at 4 pm in Butte against the University of Great Falls and Saturday at 4 pm against Rocky Mountain College.