Lights win in Dillon

Justin Dennis, a 6-1 senior from Toronto, ON, fired in 26 points as he led the MSUN Lights past UM Western 79-76 in overtime Friday night in Dillon. Dennis connected on 10-16 field goal attempts and 6-7 three point shot attempts.

The teams were tied at 35-35 at intermission and 70-70 after 40 minutes of play.

MSUN, 8-3 and 20-7, got 15 points from post Waylon Burgess and 13 points and six assists from point guard Eric Tisby. Wing Andrew Sellars added 11 points. The Lights were 31-64 from the field and 12-21 from the three point line.

JaRon Brown and Brandon Lawson scored 19 points each for UM Western, 8-4 and 20-8.

UM Western was 22-36 from the foul line as compared to 5-11 for MSUN. The Lights have now beaten UM Western twice as the two teams battle for second place in the Frontier Conference.

Saturday night in Butte, the Lights ran into a red-hot Montana Tech team and lost 80-69. Tech was 24-46 from the field, 7-12 from the three point line and 25-29 from the foul line.

The Lights also shot the ball well hitting 22-47 from the field and 8-17 from beyond the arch. MSUN attempted 23 free throws and made 17.

The Lights trailed 39-31 at intermission and were down only only 65-63 after a trey by Tisby with 5:36 left to play. Tech, 4-9 and 11-18, then closed out the game with a 15-6 run.

Guard Dean Colbray led Tech with 24 points while post Dirk Anderson added 18.

Tisby led the Lights with 17 points while Clay Greenland added 16 and Dennis 12.

MSUN is now 8-4 and 20-8.