Standing Rock set to be a Light
Former Blue Pony and Rocky Boy star returning home to play college basketball
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The Montana State University-Northern men’s basketball team is reloading the cupboard for the upcoming 2012-13 NAIA basketball season.

And the Lights just got some local talent to help out.

On Wednesday afternoon, MSU-Northern head coach Shawn Huse announced that he has signed former Rocky Boy and Havre High hoops standout Anfernee Standing Rock to an NAIA national letter of intent.

The 6-5 Standing Rock graduated from Havre High in the spring of 2011 and attended the University of Montana last school year. Standing Rock worked out with the Griz men’s basketball team and was looking at a preferred walk-on spot with the defending Big Sky Conference champions last season, but paperwork issues held that up.

So now, the local prep talent will join the Lights this fall and that has Huse very excited.

“Anfernee is a solid student, a hard worker and a very good person on and off the floor,” Huse said. “He grew a couple of inches and learned some things over the past year that will enhance the aspects of his game even more. He has the potential to be a very dangerous player in the Frontier Conference down the road.”

Standing Rock played his first two years of high school basketball at Rocky Boy, where he was part of a great Stars’ run. As a junior, he transferred to Havre High and twice earned Central A All-Conference honors. His junior season, he averaged 16 points and five rebounds per game, then upped his scoring to 19 points per game during his senior campaign. In both seasons, he helped the Ponies to third-place finishes at the Central A Divisional.

And not only is standing Rock an outstanding offensive threat, one who can shoot both from the outside and in the post, but he’s also a stellar defensive player and an excellent rebounder who can certainly help the Lights with all of his athleticism and basketball skill.

“Anfernee is very active and has a nose for scoring the ball,” Huse said. "We are excited to have him in our program and to watch him develop and progress at the this level over time."