

Skylights earn road split

Down 36-30 early in the second half, the MSUN Skylights went on a 28-3 run en route to a 72-55 Frontier Conference win over UM Western Friday night in Dillon. The win avenged an earlier 66-61 loss to UM Western in Havre.

MSUN trailed 31-30 at the half and 36-30 with 18:50 remaining in the game before exploding for unanswered runs of nine and 19 points to take a 58-39 lead with six minutes left.

MSUN junior post ,Zivile Gaizutyte, had a huge game for the Skylights with 23 points and 17 rebounds. Junior point guard Taylor Keller added 15 points while Samm Schermele, CeCe Swaggard and Laci Keller scored eight points each.

The Skylights shot 50% from the three point line (6-12) and 43.7% from the field (24-55). MSUN outrebounded the Lady Bulldogs 41-33.

Senior post Stephanie Dana led UM Western with 13 points.

On Saturday night, MSUN fell to Montana Tech 75-64 in Butte. The Skylight trailed 32-29 at the half and were down by 13 points, 56-43, with 11:20 remaining.

The Skylights battled back to cut the margin to four points, 64-60, but could get no closer the rest of the way.

Tech shot a blistering 54.2% from the floor (26-48) while MSUN could manage only 37% (23-62). The Lady Diggers also hit 5-11 three point shots to only 3-15 for the Skylights. Tech held a 40-27 rebounding advantage.

Jessie DePell led a quartet of Tech double-figure scorers with 18 points.

Taylor Keller paced MSUN with 15 points, while Schermele added 13 and Laci Keller 12.

The Skylights are now 5-7 in Frontier Conference play and 14-14 overall. Tech is 7-6 in league play and 17-8 overall.