Breaking Sports: Skylights take down Minot State
Skylights 69, Beavers 61
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The Montana State University-Northern women's basketball team just keeps impressing. Less than a month ago, Northern lost to the NCAA DII Minot State Beavers by six points in Billings. Fast forward to Saturday afternoon, and the Skylights earned a 69-61 win over the Beavers at the MSU-Northern Fieldhouse.

The Skylights rode a 13-point first half by Nikki Tresch to a 34-30 lead, but the Beavers quickly regained the lead at the start of the second. Northern went the first five minutes of the second half without a point and trailed by eight points with 14 minutes to play. But huge three's by senior Laramie Schwenke, Jordan Bruursema and reserve Micah Kirkpatrick sent the Skylights on a 18-5 run and a huge victory. The win made it a sweep for Northern at its own Duck Inn Classic and gave the Skylights and impressive 12-1 record heading into the Christmas Break.

Tresch finished with 20 points while Schwenke hit for 17 and five triples before leaving the game with what appeared to be a serious ankle or leg injury. Bruursema added 14 points and seven rebounds while Laci Keller gave Northern a big eight points off the bench.

The Skylights are back in action on Dec. 31 when they host Mount Royal University in their final nonconference game of the year.

For full coverage, see Monday's Havre Daily News.