College Basketball: Skylights edge UGF by a point
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Megan Feldman led a balanced attack with 13 points as nationally ranked Montana State-Northern edged the University of Great Falls 52-51 Thursday night in a Frontier Conference women’s basketball game.

Rachelle Bennett’s free throw with three seconds remaining was the game-winner. A halfcourt shot at the buzzer by Erin Legel of UGF was off the mark.

It was the second triumph in a week for the Skylights over the Lady Argos, who lost by 10 in Havre several days ago.

Northern, ranked 17th among NAIA teams, improved to 17-4 overall and 7-2 in Frontier Conference play. Great Falls fell to 12-10 and 2-7.

Lindsey Abramson scored 28 points and grabbed 12 rebounds for the Lady Argos. But the UGF wasn’t able to do much against Northern’s vaunted defense. The Skylights built a double-digit lead in the first 20 minutes and made a few more plays down the stretch than did UGF.

“We just needed to come out more fired up in the first (half),” Abramson said. “When you get down by nine points in the first it is tough to come back. We were just playing catch-up the whole second half.”

Great Falls battled hard in the second half. The Lady Argos took a three point lead with about three minutes left in the game.

A’Jha Edwards scored 12 and Bennett added 11 for Northern.

Legel, one of the top scorers in the nation at nearly 20 ppg, shot 2-for-14 and finished with six points against the fine MSU-Northern defense. She shot just 1-for-10 from 3-point range.

“It was a grind-out, knock-down game that came down to one possession,” said Northern coach Chris Mouat. “Whoever had the ball last was gonna win that game. (Great Falls) showed how great of a team they are tonight, I have tremendous respect for them and their locker-room.”

The Lady Argos out-rebounded the Skylights 27-24.

“MSU Northern is a ranked team for a reason,” said UGF coach Bill Himmelberg. “I am glad we played some better ‘D.’”

The Lady Argos are at Montana Tech tonight at 5:30.

“We need this win; our backs are against the wall,” Himmelberg