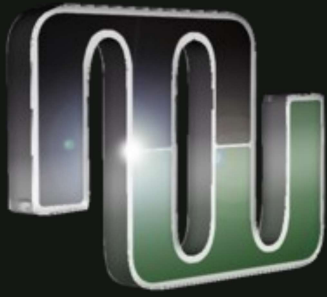


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# Millard West Boys Basketball

## Wildcat Report



December 3, 2020, Vol. 12 No. 1

## Long Awaited 2020 Season Begins Today

In a year that most definitely no one will forget, the Millard West Wildcats are ready for the 2020-21 boys basketball season.

This long awaited date has finally arrived. Millard West will open the season today in Fremont.

The Wildcats have a lot of experience returning combined with a good mix of new and young talent.

The 20-21 team will be led by returning seniors Evan Meyersick, Dom Humm, Ryan Larsen, and James Conway. The three Seniors combined for 37.3 points, 14 rebounds, 6 assists, and 4 steals.

Two more Seniors, James Conway and Dustin Hatch, and Junior Chase Hultman will provide a lot of experience for the Wildcats. The addition of 6'8" Trace Thaden will add some size and depth to the team.

Rounding off the Varsity team are three Seniors from the JV team last year, Ben Bizal, Spencer Fortune, and Ben Kelley.

Coach Bill Morrison commented that his 12th team at Millard West is off to a good start.

"The first two weeks of practice has been as good as any that I remember at Millard West," Morrison said. "The guys have been working really hard and seem to be excited to be at practice every day."

Morrison is excited about the potential of his team.

"We have a chance to be pretty good. We have a good mix of players, a lot of experience, and a team that gets along and plays for each other."

Prior to the season, the Wildcats lost Jacob Jones, a returning Varsity player, to a knee injury that happened during football season.

"I feel bad for Jacob. He played well last year and had a great sum-

mer. He is a guy that would have been a tough guard for other teams because he can shoot the 3 and also post up," Morrison said.

Millard West will open up at Fremont tonight and then play either Grand Island Northwest or North Platte on Saturday at Millard West.

The JV team has the same schedule this weekend. Next week, the Reserve team and both Freshmen teams will start their seasons.

"I think all 5 of our teams have a lot of potential. We have a great group of kids this year. All 5 teams are working really hard. I think everyone is just excited to be playing. This will definitely be an interesting year."



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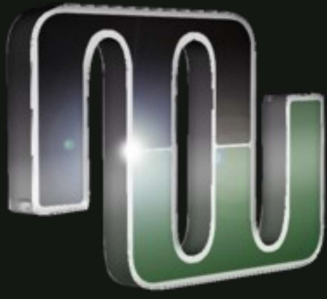
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# Millard West Boys Basketball Wildcat Report



December 7, 2020, Vol. 12 No. 2

## Wildcats Win Big in Season Opener

The Millard West Boys Basketball team traveled to Fremont for their 2020-21 season opener. The Wildcats beat the Tigers 85-41.

Twelve of the Wildcats scored in the game and were led by four players in double digits. Dom Humm led with 21 points. Ryan Larsen scored 14, and James Conway added 10 points. Evan Meyersick recorded a double-double with 13 points and 12 rebounds.

Sam Gifford and Conner Richmond led the Tigers in scoring with nine points each.

West wasted no time taking control of the game. The Wildcats used their press to build an 11-2 lead in the first two minutes of the game. Millard West led 17-8 at the end of the first quarter. Humm led the Wildcats with 5 points in the quarter.

The Wildcats used their defense and their inside attack to continue to build their lead in the 2nd quarter. Conway and Meyersick both scored seven points in the quarter. The Tigers were only allowed six points in the quarter.

"I was real happy with our energy and our mental approach to the

game," Coach Bill Morrison said. "We wanted to be aggressive on defense and to score in transition. We were able to do both."

Fremont was able to find a little offensive rhythm in the third quarter. The Tigers made three 3-pointers and scored five points from the foul line. West was still able to outscore the Tigers 20-18 in the quarter behind 11 points from Humm.

West cleared the bench early in the 4th quarter and nine different Wildcats scored in the final period of play.

The Wildcats were two points short of tying the school record of 87 points. The record may have been broken if the 40-point running clock rule had not come into play.

West was able to tie the school record of 52 rebounds.

They also may have set a new record of 23 assists in the game. (There is some uncertainty

around the single game team records.)

"I think I am most proud of how we shared the ball and rebounded on both ends of the court," Morrison said. "It was a good start to a season no one was sure would ever come."

MW	17	26	20	22	85
FHS	8	6	18	15	47

MW—Larsen 14, Hatch 2, Grandgenett 5, Hultman 7, Bizal 1, Fortune 2, Long 2, Kelley 2, Conway 10, Humm 21, Meyersick 13, Thaden 6

FHS — Russell 2, Gifford 9, Sellon 3, Ridder 2, Richmond 9, Mendoza 2, Sintek 5, Moore 6, Cummings 2, Limbach 7.

## Scores

<u>Junior Varsity (2-0)</u>		<u>Varsity (2-0)</u>	
Fremont	W	Fremont	W 85-47
North Platte	W	N Platte	W 77-51



# Wildcats Are Too Much for Bulldogs



The Wildcats won their second game of the year and home opener against North Platte front of an (allowed) capacity crowd.

Dom Humm led Millard West with 22 points on their way to a 77-51 victory. Evan Meyersick added 14 points and 8 rebounds. Dustin Hatch scored 11 points, dished out 5 assists, grabbed 4 rebounds, and had 3 steals in the game.

River Johnston led the Bulldogs with 15 points, and Carter Kelley scored 14 points off the bench.

In the first quarter, the two teams exchanged baskets. Humm led the Wildcats with 9 points in the quarter. West led 14-12 after the first eight minutes of play.

The Wildcat defense clamped down in the 2nd quarter and only allowed six points. West was able to score in transition. Dustin Hatch and Evan Meyersick both scored seven points in the quarter. West led 39-18 at the half.

Coach Bill Morrison was glad to see his team get out and run in the 2nd quarter. "We noticed on tape that they struggled in defensive tran-

sition. We weren't able to run much in the first quarter because they shot better and were getting too many offensive rebounds," he said.

The Bulldogs got hot from behind the 3-point line in the 3rd quarter. It looked like the Wildcats were going to put

the game away early as they took a 52-26 lead after two free throws by Ryan Larsen.

The Bulldogs made 3-pointers on four consecutive possessions to cut the lead to 56-38. North Platte was 6 of 8 from behind the arc in the quarter.

Humm made two 3-pointers, including a buzzer-beater to end the 3rd quarter. West led 62-38. to end the period.

There was not much scoring in the

first half of the 4th quarter. North Platte scored on back-to-back possession to make the score 66-43 with 5:42 left in the game.

West was able to score on 6 of their final 9 possessions for the 77-51 win. Spencer Fortune scored all seven of his points in the final period of play.

North Platte Coach Matt Kiminski was impressed the Wildcats. "It looks like Coach Morrison has a fun group to coach. They have some great pieces to make a good run," he said.



NP	12	6	20	13	51
MW	14	25	22	16	77

NP — Zimbelman 5, Coe 9, Johnston 15, Tonkinson 14, Kinkaid 1, Mohr 4, Barner 3

MW — Larsen 6, Hatch 11, Grandgett 2, Hultman 2, Fortune 7, Conway 5, Humm 22, Meyersick 14, Thaden 8







# JV

The Millard West JV team opened their season with two convincing victories over Fremont and North Platte.

The JV Boys begin the season with a 67-56 victory over Fremont High School. The Wildcats were able to win all four quarters of the contest.

Harrison Long led the team with 19 points. Cole Kirschner got multiple steals on the defensive end and contributed 18 points. Avery Moore grabbed 13 rebounds.

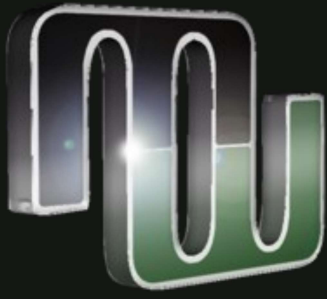
In their home-opener, the Wildcats beat North Platte 73-42. The JV boys used good defensive pressure and scoring in transition.

After a hot start, the Wildcats led 25-15 at the end of the first quarter. North Platte outscored West 12-11 in the 2nd quarter,

After the break, the Wildcats were able to take control of the game. They outscored the Bulldogs 17-11 in the 3rd quarter and dominated the 4th quarter by outscoring North Platte 20-4.

The Wildcats recorded 24 steals in the game. Cole Kirschner led the team with 22 points.





# Millard West Boys Basketball

## Wildcat Report



December 14 2020, Vol. 12 No. 4

### Wildcats Move to 3-0 With Win Over Chieftains

The Millard West Boys Basketball team improved their record to 3-0 with another convincing win. The Wildcats beat Bellevue East 81-56.

Dom Humm scored 19 points to lead four Wildcat starters in double digits. Evan Meyersick scored 14 points and James Conway and Ryan Larsen scored 11 and 10 points respectively.

Humm dished out five assists in the game. Conway led the team with seven rebounds, and Larsen had five steals for the Wildcats.

Bellevue East had three players score in double digits. TK Barnett scored 15. Sam Prokupek and Cade McCue scored 18 and 10 points off of the bench for the Chieftains.

The Wildcats pressure defense helped West build an 8-0 lead in the first two minutes of the game. Larsen and Humm both made two 3-pointers and scored 8 points in the opening period.

After leading 26-15 after the first

quarter, the scoring slowed down considerably. East outscored the Wildcats 10-8 in the 2nd quarter.

“We didn’t take great shots in the 2nd quarter. They weren’t bad, they



were just two quick,” Coach Bill Morrison said. “It felt like we were just trying too hard. And, since we weren’t scoring, we weren’t able to get into our press and create easy baskets.”

The Wildcats’ offense started back up in the 2nd half. Conway and Humm both scored eight points in the quarter as West outscored East 23-10 in the quarter.

Morrison was more impressed with his defense than his offense. “We forced 9 turnovers in the 3rd quarter and 28 overall,” he said. “Our defense this year will determine how good we can be.”

Meyersick scored eight points on the first three possessions of the 4th quarter. Larsen got a steal and lay-up with 6:08 left in the game to put the Wildcats up 66-39.

West cleared their bench for the remainder of the game. Cole Kirschner scored 5 points and Colin Schollmeyer added 4 points for their first Varsity points of their career.

MW	26	6	23	26	81
BE	15	8	10	23	56

MW — Kirschner 6, Larsen 10, Hultman 8, Bizal 2, Kelley 2, Conway 11, Humm 18, Schollmeyer 4, Meyersick 14, Thaden 6.

BE —Barnett 15, McCue 10, Lenear 7, Prokupek 18, Dige 6

## Scores

Freshman A (2-0)		Freshman B (1-1)		Reserves (1-1)		Junior Varsity (3-1)		Varsity (3-1)	
Bell East	W 61-15	Bell East	W 33-16	Bell East	W 66-36	Bel East	W 65-40	Bell East	W 81-56
C Prep	W 48-28	C Prep	L 43-50	C Prep	L 34-49	C Prep	L 43-50	C Prep	L 40-42

## Pre-Season #3 Prep Hands Wildcats First Loss of Season

Creighton Prep made a basket with 4.5 seconds left on an offensive rebound to beat Millard West 40-42 and give the Wildcats their first loss of the season.

Luke Jungers made the winning basket for the Jr. Jays and led the team with 10 points. Evan Meyersick led the Wildcats with 14 points and Ryan Larsen scored 12.

The first possession may have set the tone for the game. Prep won the tip and got 4 shots after 3 offensive rebounds on the first possession. The Jays outrebounded Millard West 32-23, including 11 offensive rebound in the 1st half.

There were five lead changes in the first quarter. Both teams played solid on defense and were deliberate on offense throughout the game. Prep led 12-10 at the first period.

Prep held the lead throughout the 2nd quarter. Jungers made a pull-up jumper in the last seconds of the half to give Prep a 22-17 lead.

Both teams continued to have even scoring through the first half. West was unable to take a lead as they were 1-6 from the free throw line in the 2nd quarter and 2-8 in the half.

“We played really well defensively in the first half except for rebounding,” Coach Bill Morrison said of his team. “You can’t give up 11 offensive rebounds and miss that many free throws against good teams.”

The 2nd half continued in a similar fashion to the first half. Both teams battled back and forth.

The Wildcats took their only lead of the 2nd half after Ryan Larsen stole a pass, was fouled on a lay-up, and completed the three point play to give West a 27-26 lead with 2:21 left in the 3rd quarter.

Prep answered by going on an 8-0 run over the next four possession. Trace Thaden made a free throw with 3.9 left in the quarter to give Prep a 34-28 lead going into the final period.

West scored 6 points but also turned the ball over three times in the first six possessions of the 4th quarter. A basket by James Conway helped the Wildcats pull to within 34-36 with five minutes left in the quarter.

Prep answered with a basket by Mai’Jhe Wiley to give the Jays a 4-point lead. West used a 6-2 run with four points from Meyersick and a basket from Larsen

to tie the score with 1:34 left in the game.

West was able to force a missed field goal and Dom Humm grabbed the rebound and was fouled with 20 seconds left in the game. Humm missed the free throw and Prep called a timeout to set up the last play.

The Jays isolated Justin Sitti for a drive down the right side of the lane. Sitti missed the shot but Jungers was able to score on the put-back to seal the victory for the Jays.

“I was really proud of our execution and effort tonight,” Morrison said. “We didn’t really know how good we were because we haven’t had a real test before tonight. I think this proves that we have a chance to be pretty good this year. We have to continue to work hard to get better every day.”

CP	12	10	12	8	42
MW	10	7	11	12	40

CP — Setti 4, B Buckly 4, C Buckly 4, O’Malley 8, Rollins 6, Wiley 6, Jungers 10

MW — Larsen 12, Hatch 1, Conway 8, Humm 2, Meyersick 14, Thaden 3.



# Lower Levels

## Jr. Varsity

The JV team improved their record to 3-0 with a 65-40 win over Bellevue East.

Due to the Wildcats Pressure D and hustle, the team was able to score some easy buckets and jump out to a 10-0 lead.

Bellevue East settled down and the Wildcats had a 10 point lead at half.

Cole Kirschner caught fire in the 3rd and scored 11 of his 20 game high points.

After trailing 24-11 at halftime, the JV boys showed some toughness and grit in the 2nd half.

West outscored Prep 20-30 in the 3rd quarter to cut the lead to 34-31.

The game was tied when Prep missed a shot with 3 seconds left, got the offensive rebound and was fouled with 0.1 seconds left.

The Prep player hit a free throw for the 44-43 win. The team was led by Harrison Long with 12 points and Cole Kirschner with 10 points.

## Reserve

The Millard West Reserve Boys Basketball Team started off the season on the right foot by defeating Bellevue East 66-36.

With a 10 point lead going into halftime, the Wildcats stepped up by outscoring The Chieftains 26 - 1 in the third period.

When asked about the boys performance, Coach Siepker said "We want to be known as a really good defensive team and I think the guys were able to see what we are capable of when everyone puts in the effort and communicates".

Mason Rady led the Cats in scoring with 15 points. Riley Dougherty had 14 and Jerome Shoecraft chipped in 11 points.

The Wildcat Reserve Boys came up short in their home opener against The Creighton Prep Jr. Jays. Trailing by 2 points at the half, Prep went to a Zone defense that the Wildcats were not able to figure out. West did not score in the 3rd quarter and fell to a 36-24 deficit.

When asked about Prep's Zone, Coach Siepker had this to say, "I think we settled on some of our offensive possessions in the 3rd Quarter. We all need to do a better job of getting the best shot available".

Nixon Snyder led the Reserves with 15 points.

## 9th A

The MW Freshmen A team started the season with a 61-15 win over Bellevue East. They did not allow more than 2 field goals in any of the four quarters.

Freshmen Cats came out with a lot of energy and were ready to push the ball. Cats dominated on the boards the whole game especially on the offensive side.

Jordan Gassen led the team with 14 points. Jackson Williams came off the bench and scored 9.

The 9A Wildcats came out with a lot of intensity on defense and stuck with it the whole game holding Prep to under double digit points all four quarters.

West won 48-28 to move to 2-0 on the season.

The Wildcats led 18-12 at the half. The Wildcats came out firing in the

third quarter. Jacob Young was letting it fly hitting two threes. Eight players scored in the game for West

## 9th B

The Millard West Freshman B Wildcats open the 2020-21 season at Bellevue East with a 33-16 win over the Chieftains.

The game was only two quarters long because Bellevue East had a shortage of players due to some being quarantined by the Covid-19 virus.

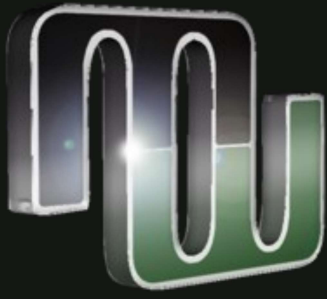
The Wildcats scoring was lead by Greyson Leapley who had 13. Other Wildcats scoring were Bartholomew and Hajduch each had 6 points, Clausen, Kusleika, Mar, and Buroker each with 2 points.

The Freshman B lost their home opener 50-43 to Creighton Prep.

Prep outscored West 19-14 in the 3rd quarter to take control of the game. The Wildcats were not able to close the gap in the 4th quarter.

Durand and Leapley lead the Wildcat scoring with 11 each. Other Wildcat scoring was as follows Bartholomew and Buroker each had 6, Kusleika had 5, Mar and Hajduch had 2.





# Millard West Boys Basketball Wildcat Report



December 21, 2020, Vol. 12 No. 4

## Wildcats Move to 4-1 with 78-60 Over Lincoln High

Millard West jumped out to another big lead in the first quarter on their way to 78-60 victory over Lincoln High.

Evan Meyersick led the team with 17 points, 7 rebounds and 3 steals. Ryan Larsen added 16 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists, and 5 steals. James Conway scored 11 points.

Lincoln High was led by JR and Gatran Gatnoor with 12 and 23 points respectively.

The Wildcats started fast and led 14-4 with 4:12 left in the first quarter. Lincoln High committed 8 turnovers in the first quarter. G. Gatnoor hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer to make the score 27-9.

Larsen had 11 of his points in the first quarter and Conway scored 6 for the Wildcats.

West forced the Links into seven more turnovers in the 2nd quarter. They build a 39-19 lead with 3 minutes left in the half.

Dom Humm and Meyersick both scored five points in the quarter as the Wildcats took a 42-28 lead into the half.

West's defense dominated the 3rd quarter. Lincoln High committed 9 more turnovers in the period as the Wildcats outscored the Links 19-11 in the quarter.

"At the half, we talked about how we had had a bad quarter in each of our three wins. The 2nd quarter felt the same way," Coach Bill Morrison said. "We wanted our guys to come out in the third quarter the same way they did in the first quarter."

A basket by Chase Hultman with 4:50 left in the game gave West their biggest lead of the game, 70-41. Seven different Wildcats scored in the final period on their way to the 78-60 victory.

West had another solid team effort. The Wildcats recorded 28 assists in the game.

"West has a nice team that plays the right way," Lincoln High Coach Dan Noble said after the game.

LH	9	19	11	21	60
MW	27	16	19	16	78

LH — JR Gatnoor 12, Ramsey 7, Murrillo 8, G Gatnoor 23, Nick 3, Bolis 2, Faines 5

MW — Kirschner 2, Larsen 16, Hatch 7, Hultman 4, Bizal 1, Fortune 4, P Moore 4, Conway 11, Humm 5, Meyersick 17, Thaden 7



### Metro Tourney

Millard West

vs.

Millard South

1:00 p.m.

At MWHS

December 21st

<https://striv.tv/channel/millard-west/>

## Scores



### Freshman A (2-0)

No Games

### Freshman B (2-1)

Skutt W 50-44

### Reserves (1-2)

Skutt L 51-64

### Junior Varsity (4-1)

Lin High W 47-36

### Varsity (4-1)

Lin High W 78-60



# Lower Levels

## Freshmen B

The Wildcats fought off the Skyhawks' attacks throughout the game to get their second win of the season by beating Omaha Skutt 50-44.

Millard West's defense and rebounding was at its best tonight, while the offense scored a season high.

Leapley led the offense with 22 points. Bartholomew, Durand, and Wand each had 8, Hajdich with 4 and Calabretto had 3.

## Reserves

It took too long for the Wildcats to get going Thursday night at Skutt. Skutt outplayed the Reserve boys for 3 quarters building a large lead. The Wildcats chipped away at it during the 4th quarter, but it wasn't enough.

Skutt beat the Wildcats 64-51. Nixon Synder led the team with 9 points.



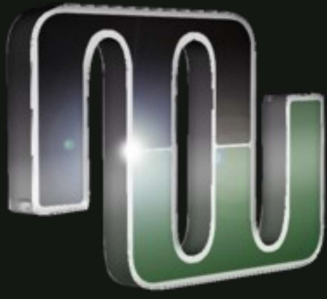
## Jr. Varsity

After being down 24-23 at halftime, the JV boys focused on their Team defense and not allowing 2nd chance points.

The Wildcats limited Lincoln High to 12 second half points to win 47-36.

Zac Grandgenett led with 14 points with Cole Kirschner following with 11 points. Avery Moore was active with 7 points and 7 rebounds along with many tips to keep offensive possessions alive.

The team was 11/12 from the line.



# Millard West Boys Basketball Wildcat Report

December 26, 2020, Vol. 12 No. 5

## Wildcats Enter the Ratings, Win First Round of Metros, and Beat Millard South

The newly ranked #8 Millard West Wildcats beat Millard South 54-44 in the first round of the Metro Tournament.

Three Wildcats scored in double digits for West. Evan Meyersick led the way with 13 points. Dom Humm and James Conway added 11 and 10 points respectively.

Millard South was led by Gage Stenger and Jack Cooper with 11 points each.

The first quarter started fast with both teams scoring on their first possession. Then the defenses kicked in. After the first quarter, the two teams were tied 9-9.

Jack Cooper scored 7 of the Patriots points in the first quarter. Ryan Larsen led the Wildcats with 6 points.

South took the lead in the 2nd quarter. The Patriots used a 10-0 run to build a 20-14 lead.

Chase Hultman made four consecutive free throws to cut the lead to 20-18. South led at the end of the quarter 24-20.

"I thought we played a little tight the first half," Coach Bill Morrison said. "South was the most physical team we have played so far. I also think that we might have thought it was going to be an easy win when we confirmed that (Blake) Stenger wasn't going to play."

The pace of play picked up in the 3rd quarter, but the scoring did not. A 3-pointer by Will Cooper gave South a 29-25 lead with 5:02 left in the quarter.

- OWH Top 10**
1. Millard North
  2. Bellevue West
  3. Creighton Prep
  4. Omaha Central
  5. Papillion La-Vista South
  6. Lincoln Pius X
  7. Papillion-LaVista
  - 8. Millard West**
  9. Lincoln Southwest
  10. Lincoln Southeast

Trace Thaden made two free throws with 3:57 left in the period to draw the Wildcats to within 27-29. West would go on to score on every possession for the remainder of the quarter and led 38-35.

Trace Hultman got an offensive rebound with seconds left in the quarter. He got bumped and lost the ball as he was trying to shoot a full court shot. Will Cooper got the loose ball and made his third 3-pointer of the game at the buzzer to tie the score 38-38.

"I thought we played a lot better in the third quarter," Morrison said. "We moved the ball faster, our cuts were faster, and we attacked the basket."



## Scores

Freshman A (2-1)	Freshman B (3-1)	Reserves (1-3)	Junior Varsity (4-1)	Varsity (5-1)
Westside L 50-33	Westside W 56-49	Westside L 59-67	No Games	Mill South W 54-44

James Conway was fouled after an offensive rebound and made both free-throws to start the 4th quarter. The Wildcats held onto the lead for the entire 4th quarter and won 54-44.

“Our defense was solid most of the night. Once we were able to get the lead, we were able to control the game with our offense,” Morrison commented. “And we made just enough free throws.”

The Wildcats were 10 of 17 from the free throw line in the 4th quarter.

With the win, Millard West advances their record to 5-1. That is the 2nd best start in school history. The only team with a better start was the 2014-15 team who started the season 5-0. The 14-15 team was the first team to qualify for the state tournament under Coach Morrison.

“This group reminds me of that team. Our players are very unselfish, we have a good balance of guards and bigs, and our practices have been very competitive,” Morrison said.

MS	9	15	14	6	44
MW	9	11	18	16	54

MS — Jal 3, G Stenger 11, Moseman 2, Harding 8, W Cooper 9, J Cooper 11

MW — Kirschner 2, Larsen 8, Hatch 1, Hultman 6, Conway 10, Humm 12, Meyersick 13, Thaden 2.



# Lower Levels

## Freshmen B

The Freshman B came together as a team today to defeat Westside 56-49.

The Wildcats offense started out slow but their team defense kept the score close. The Wildcats were aggressive on the boards giving them second chances offensively.

West led 21-31 going into the 4th quarter . Both teams were able to score more in the 4th quarter and the Wildcats held onto the lead.

The team was lead offensively by Leapley with 13. Other Wildcats scoring were Kusleika-10, Buroker -9, Durand-7, Bartholomew-5, Romero and Hajduch-4, Calabretto-3, and Mar-1.

## Freshmen A

Westside came out firing in the first quarter and put up 20 points. The Warriors led 31-16 at the half.

Down three players (who were quarantined) made it even tougher for the Wildcats to come back. West didn't help themselves with all the turnovers they committed as a group.

Jacob Young had 10 points and was the leading scorer.

Westside won 50-33 as the Wildcats record dropped their first game and moved to 2-1 on the season.

## Reserves

The Millard West Reserve boys team lost another hard fought battle against Bennington, 67-59.

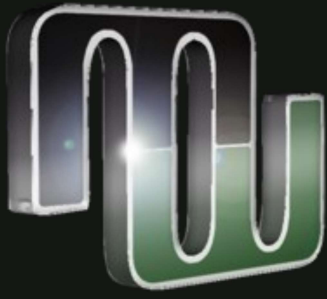
The two teams were tied 15-15 after the first. The Badgers used a 21-11 2nd quarter to take control of the game.

The Wildcats outscored Bennington 21-14 in the 4th quarter and fought until the final buzzer but came up short.

Mason Rady had 11 points, Creighton Schilling had 9 points and Nixon Snyder had 8 points.







# Millard West Boys Basketball Wildcat Report



January 4, 2021, Vol. 12 No. 6

## Thunderbirds Strike in 2nd Half of Metro Game

In a match-up between two Top-10 teams in the quarter-finals of the Metro Tournament, Bellevue West pulled ahead in the 2nd half to beat Millard West 69-56.

Evan Meyersick and James Conway led the Wildcats with 12 and 10 points respectively.

The Thunderbirds were led by Frankie Fidler with 25 points and Josiah Dotzler with 15.

The #8 Wildcats were able to slow down the #2 Thunderbirds in the first half. Bellevue West led early in the game 3-2 after a Fidler 3-pointer. The Wildcats led the rest of the quarter. A basket by Trace Thaden and two free-throws by Ryan Larsen gave West a 12-8 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Bellevue West's defense forced four turnovers in the first six possessions of the 2nd quarter to take a 14-12 lead with 6:32 left in the half.

Millard West regained their composure as the teams exchanged baskets for the remainder of the half.

Dustin Hatch, Conway, and Meyersick led the way for the Wildcats in the first half with six points each. Fidler scored seven for Bellevue West and Will Kyle added six.

Coach Bill Morrison said that his team did a good job of executing their game plan in the first half. "We wanted to limit turnovers, control the defensive boards, and get back in transition," he said.

"They scored six points off of 3 turnovers early in the 2nd quarter. Besides that little stretch, we played pretty well in the first half," Morrison added.

Bellevue West scored five quick points to start the 2nd half. The Wildcats were able to stay in the game and were tied 34-34 with just over four minutes remaining in the quarter.

Bellevue West made four 3-pointers and a free throw over a 13-3 stretch over the next two minutes.

"They were able to make some 3-pointers in transition to pull ahead in the middle of the quarter," Morrison

said. "I thought their guys relaxed a little bit after that stretch and took control of the game."

Bellevue's defense forced seven turnovers in the 4th quarter as the Thunderbirds took a 65-46 lead with just under three minutes left in the game.

The Wildcats scored after some offensive rebounds late in the game to draw within 56-67 before Fidler's final two free throws.

#8 MW	12	12	15	17	56
#2 BW	8	16	23	22	69

MW — Larsen 9, Hatch 9, Hultman 4, Conway 10, Humm 5, Meyersick 12, Thaden 7

BW — Brown 3, Inselman 8, Jackson 2, Fidler 25, Dotzler 15, Hepburn 9, Kyle 7



## Scores

<u>Freshman A (3-2)</u>	<u>Freshman B (5-1)</u>	<u>Reserves (2-4)</u>	<u>Junior Varsity (4-2)</u>	<u>Varsity (5-2)</u>
Bell West W 47-38	Bell West W 51-37	Cr Prep L 49-53	Papio S L 52-67	Bell West L 56-69
Mil North L 40-46	Mil South W 51-35	Papio S W 56-44		

# Lower Levels

## Freshmen A

The Millard West Freshmen came back from break ready to play and recorded a 47-38 victory.

Bellevue West played well in the first half and had a three point lead, 23-20, at half.

The Wildcats came out with fire in the second half and outscored Bellevue 17-5 in the third quarter to take control of the game

Jacob Young led the West with 10 points. Nine other Cats scored in the game.

Millard North beat the Wildcats 46-40 in the championship of the Freshman Holiday Tournament.

The Mustangs jumped out to a 16-8 lead in the first quarter and made it tough for the Wildcats to come back.

Down eight, Jacob Young put up seven points in the second quarter. With a great defensive effort in the quarter, they only trailed by two at the half.

The two teams exchanged leads in the 2nd half. The Wildcats had a hard time scoring in the 4th quarter and fell short.

Cooper Fortune scored 9 points in the game. Ben Sterbens added seven.

## Freshmen B

Wildcats win their opening game of the Holiday Tournament over Bellevue West 51-37.

The Wildcats started slow and trailed 15-13 after the first quarter.

They got into a rhythm offensively and defensively. The Wildcats outscored Bellevue West 26-11 in the 2nd and 3rd quarters of the game.

The Wildcats were led offensively by Nate Buroker with 14, Bartholomew and Durand each had 6.

Other Wildcats scoring were Clausen, Kusleika, and Mar with 5 points each, Leapley added 4, and Romero and Hajduch each scored 2.

The Wildcats are the 2020 Millard West Holiday Tournament Champions after beating Millard South 51-35.

The Wildcats were down 15-10 at the end of the first quarter and 25-23 at the half. But they came out in the second half and held the Patriots to 10 total points in the half to claim the victory.

The Wildcats scoring was led by Leapley with 14, Durand - 8, Bartholomew - 7, Kusleika and Hajduch - 6, Buroker and Wand - 3, and Romero - 2

## Reserves

In the opening game of the Creighton Prep Reserve Holiday Tournament, the Wildcats lost a hard fought battle against the Jr. Jay's of Creighton Prep 53-49.

The Jr. Jays jumped out to a 15-8 lead at the end of the first quarter and the Wildcats could never erase the early deficit.

Coach Siepker said "We got the looks we wanted down the stretch, but we just couldn't finish."

Jaden Gaius had 12 points and Nixon Snyder added 10 points for Millard West.

The Reserve Boys bounced back for a 56-44 win against Papio South in the consolation bracket of the Prep Tournament.

The Titans held a 24-23 lead at the half, but the Wildcats were able to outscore Papio South in both the 3rd and 4th quarters.

Down the stretch, the Wildcats were able to close the door on the Titans. The big men for the Wildcats played well.

Jaiden Gaius led all scorers with 17 points. Creighton Scholting had 8 points.

## Junior Varsity

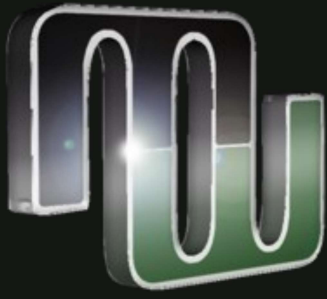
The JV boys competed for a half of their game with Papio South. The Titans led 35-28 at the half.

Papio South scorched the nets with 6 3-pointers in the 3rd quarter to pull away and take control of the game. The Titans won 67-52

Papio South made 14 3-pointers for the game. Zac Grandgenett had 12 points, followed by Avery Moore with 10 points for Millard South.

The consolation game of the JV game was cancelled because of scheduling conflicts with the Varsity Metro Tournament game.





# Millard West Boys Basketball

## Wildcat Report



January 11, 2021, Vol. 12 No. 7

### After Slow Start, Wildcats Win by 27

The Millard West Wildcats defeated Omaha Northwest 62-35. Evan Meyersick led the Wildcats with 25 points and 9 rebounds. Dom Humm added 14 points, and James Conway added 12 points.

Landon Broer led the Huskies with 15 points.

Both teams struggled on offense early in the contest. Marrieon Marks scored after an offensive rebound to tie up the game at 4-4 with 3:49 left in the quarter.

Meyersick scored the first eight points for West. The Wildcats led 13-9 at the end of the first quarter.

"We had way too many (7) turnovers in the first quarter," Coach Bill Morrison said. "Their guards pressured us a little and sped us up."

The Wildcats took care of the ball in the 2nd half and was able to extend their lead. Meyersick continued to lead the offensive attack with 10 points in the quarter.

West went on a 6-0 lead at the end of the half to take a 33-18 lead.

The Wildcats came out of the half and turned the ball over on four of their first six possessions. The Husk-

### Wildcats' Defense Stops Storm

The Millard West Wildcats' defense had another strong performance as they held Elkhorn South to 38 points in a 56-38 victory.

James Conway led the way for the Wildcats as he scored a career high 22 points and grabbed 12 rebounds. Evan Meyersick added 10 points.

Chase Hultman dished out 6 assists and had 3 steals. Dom Humm scored 8 points and had 3 steals. Trace Thaden scored 8 points and grabbed 7 rebounds. Zac Grandgenett scored 8 points.

Elkhorn South was led by Derek Merwick with 9 points. The Storm had 10 players score in the game.

Conway scored the first seven points of the game for the Wildcats to help West build an early 7-2 lead. West scored on nine of their 12 possessions in the first quarter to lead 19-10 after the first period of play.

The Wildcat offense slowed down in the 2nd quarter, but their defense was able to help them maintain their lead.

West only made one field goal in the 2nd quarter. Conway continued to

### Vikings Sink Too Many 3's

Omaha North had a strong 2nd quarter to build a 36-23 lead at half-time. Millard West was able to cut the lead to 3 with 2 minutes left in the game, but could not get any closer. The Vikings won 64-58.

Evan Meyersick led the Wildcats in scoring with 24 points and also grabbed six rebounds. James Conway scored 13 points and had seven rebounds. Dom Humm added 10 points and four steals.

Most of the Vikings points came from two players. Mason Strong led the team with 24 points. Darryl Bennett scored 23 points on 8/8 shooting, including seven 3-pointers.

Omaha North started the game with their outside attack. Twelve of their 14 first quarter points came off of 4/6 from behind the arc.

West was able to keep pace the Vikings behind Evan Meyersick's seven points. North led 14-13 at the end of the first quarter.

North started the 2nd quarter with an 8-2 run and led 24-16 with three minutes left in the quarter. North

## Scores



#### Freshman A (4-2)

Elk South W 62-59

#### Freshman B (5-2)

Elk South L 34-54

#### Reserves (3-4)

Elk South W 74-35

#### Junior Varsity (6-3)

O Nrtwhst W 73-33

Elk South L 54-57

O North W 54-37

#### Varsity (7-3)

O Nrtwhst W 62-35

Elk South W 56-38

O North L 58-64

**Omaha Northwest**

ies were able to cut into the lead and trailed 35-26 with 5:36 left in the half.

West used 2nd chance points to hold onto their lead in the 3rd quarter. The Wildcats grabbed nine offensive rebounds in the quarter. The two teams tied in the quarter as West led 43-28 at the end of three quarters.

The Wildcats started the final period with three quick turnovers. After that, West scored on nine straight possessions as they went on a 17-3 run to take control of the game.

"It wasn't pretty at times, we had too many turnovers. But, in the end, we were able to take control of the game," Morrison said. "Evan played really well tonight, especially in the first half."

MW	13	20	10	19	62
ONW	9	9	10	7	35

MW — Grandgenett 4, Hultman 1, P. Moore 2, Conway 12, Humm 14, Meyersick 25, Thaden 4

ONW — Ma Marks 4, Curtis-Sayers 5, Busby 2, Broer 15, Forte-Williams 6, Me Marks 3.

**Elkhorn South**

lead the way. He had 14 points and 8 rebounds in the first half.

"I really like the way this group plays defense!" Coach Bill Morrison said. "Our team defense is very good right now. And we seem to get every rebound."

The Wildcats came out strong in the 3rd quarter. Meyersick, who did not play much in the first half because of foul trouble, scored six points for West in the quarter.

West build a 41-25 lead after a basket by Conway with 3:11 left in the quarter. The Wildcats led 43-30 going into the final quarter.

The Wildcats' defense held Elkhorn South to just two points in the first six minutes of the 4th quarter. Humm got a steal and lay-up to give West a 53-32 lead with 2:02 left in the game.

Both teams cleared the benches. Elkhorn South was able to hit two 3-pointers in the last 90 seconds of the game.

"Winning these last two games the way we did is very encouraging. We played great defense and were able to find an offensive rhythm. And we did all of that without Ryan," Morrison said.

Ryan Larsen was not able to play in the past two games because of a close-contact quarantine.

ES	10	11	9	8	38
MW	10	10	14	13	56

ES — Merwick 9, Swanson 2, Hoelsing 2, Noonan 3, Anderson 3, Allison 3, Kardell 3, nelson 6, Spann 4, Burt 3.

MW — Grandgenett 8, Conway 22, Humm 8, Meyersick 10, Thaden 8.

**Omaha North**

made 3/4 3's and led by 13 at the half.

"I wasn't too worried at the half," Coach Bill Morrison said. "The main difference in the first half was shooting. We did have a couple break-downs late in the half, but otherwise our defense was not that bad."

The third quarter produced fewer points than the first half. West scored the first six points of the quarter and cut the lead to 29-36.

North answered with another 3-pointer. West was not able to score in the last four minutes of the quarter. But their defense was able to keep the game in striking distance as they trailed 43-32.

West started the quarter with a 10-4 run and trailed 47-42 with 5:40 left in the game. Omaha North answered with yet another 3-pointer.

The Wildcats kept fighting back and cut the lead to 54-51 with 2:10 left in the game.

Omaha North's Bennett made two three-pointers on the next two possessions to virtually seal the victory for the Vikings.

"Bennett was incredible. Going 7/7 from 3-point land in a shooting drill is good, much less in a game," Morrison said.

Morrison thought his team had the right attitude to come back in the 4th quarter.

"We dug too big of a hole in the first half. I am proud of how hard the guys fought back and never gave up," Morrison added.

MW	13	10	9	26	58
ON	14	22	7	21	64

MW — Larsen 5, Hultman 1, Grandgenett 3, Conway 3, Humm 10, Meyer-

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# Lower Levels

## Jr. Varsity

A late arrival due to a late bus did not affect the JV boys team.

The Wildcats outscored the Huskies 17-8 after the first quarter and led 33-20 at the half.

The JV boys basketball team held the Huskies to 13 second half points to pull away.

Every player that suited up for the Wildcats scored in the game.

Peyton Moore led the effort with 18 points. Chase Traubel and Avery Moore each contributed 12 points. Harrison Long had 10 points.

The JV team lost a tough battle with Elkhorn South 57-54. They JV Wildcats could not hold on in the 4th quarter after leading by 10.

The team was short a couple players due to a close-contact quarantine. Another player was sick, and a 4th player was held out of the 4th quarter because of quarter restrictions. The team was down to only six players in the 4th quarter.

The two teams were tied 13-13 after the first quarter. West was able to hold a slight lead through most of the 2nd and 3rd quarter.

Down to just six players, The Wildcats ran out of gas. Elkhorn South outscored West 18-5 in the final quarter.

Avery Moore led the team with 13 points.

The JV Boys beat Omaha North 54-37. The Wildcats built a 30-15 lead in the first half to gain control of the game.

The Wildcats played great team defense all game to come out with

the victory. They held the Vikings to single digit points in 3 quarters.

Jaxson Cahoy and Peyton Moore each contributed 11 points.

## Freshmen A

The Millard West Freshmen won a 62-59 thriller against a good Elkhorn South team.

The Wildcats started off slow and were down by seven at half. West dug themselves into a hole and trailed by 12 in the 2nd half.

After a timeout, West came out firing on all cylinders.

Jackson Williams led the comeback hitting four threes in a row. Jackson led the team with 14 points.

Jace Ingbretson also hit a few threes in a row in the second half and finished with 13 points.

Tag Carmichael hit two threes in the second half comeback.

The Wildcats made 11 total 3-pointers in the game.

## Freshmen B

The Freshmen B team lost to Elkhorn South 54-34.

The team struggled on offense early in the game and trailed 12-22 at the half.

The Wildcats scored 17 points in



the third quarter to cut the lead to 29-35.

The Storm hit hard in the 4th quarter by outscoring the Wildcats 20-5.

Leapley led the Wildcats with 9, while Mar had 6.

## Reserves

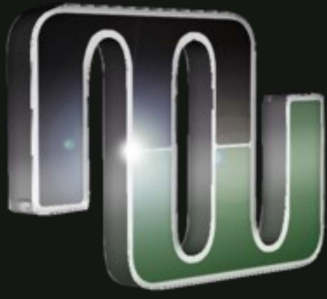
In the prime time slot on Friday night, the Reserve Boys came to play. They beat Elkhorn South by a final score of 35 to 74.

All 12 players on the Wildcat's team scored in the game.

Coach Siepker said "It was a great team effort. We are starting to raise the bar on what we are able to do."

Creighton Scholting led all scorers with 13 points. Jerome Shoecraft had 8 points and three other Wildcats had 7 points.





# Millard West Boys Basketball Wildcat Report



January 11, 2021, Vol. 12 No. 8

## Wildcats' Defense Drowns #10 Islanders

Millard West didn't have school Friday because of weather.

So that left Wildcat coach Bill Morrison a little concerned since they couldn't have practice.

He didn't need to be after seeing Millard West shoot about 51% while holding Grand Island to 34% and forcing 20 turnovers during a 53-26 win over the Islanders Saturday.

"I was proud of the guys because after not hav-

ing school or practice yesterday, we executed our game plan almost perfectly," Morrison said. "The se guys love defense and play hard and get after it. And, they play for each other which makes it really fun to coach."

GI coach Jeremiah Slough said not a lot went right for the Islanders but he credited Millard West for that.

"They played at a tempo and a pace that was unfamiliar to our guys on both sides of the ball," he said. "Offensively, they moved the ball very

well from side to side and they had guys moving all around on the defensive end of the floor."

"When we got the ball, they really heated us up pretty good with ball pressure and denied us pretty well. When we did get good looks, we were rushing them and that was a credit to

"That's great and I would have just been happy with our defense if we held him to 17 points," Morrison said. "He's a very good player and he's everybody's first and second concentration. Dustin (Hatch) and James (Conway) guarded him most of the night, but the whole team did a great

job on him to-night.."

Dom Humm led Millard West with 15 points and 8 assists. James Conway chipped in 11

points 5 rebounds, 4 assists, and 5 steals. Evan Meyersick led the team with 7 rebounds.

MW	17	10	15	11	53
GI	6	10	8	2	26

MW — Kirschner 3, Larsen 8, Hatch 7, Conway 11, Humm 15, Meyersick 8, Thaden 1

GI — Fay 5, Sextro 2, Fyfe 9, Traudt 7, Nesvara 3

Holding #10 Grand Island to 26 points was the 2nd best defensive effort in Millard West history. The Wildcats held Fremont to 25 points in the 2014-15 season.

their defense."

The Wildcats jumped out to a 17-4 lead in the first quarter. The closest the Islanders got was 20-14 after a Kytan Fyfe 3-pointer in the 2nd quarter.

Millard West's defense also made it difficult for Grand Island leading scorer Isaac Traudt to get anything going. The Wildcats held Traudt, who came into the contest averaging 24.9 points per game, to seven points on 2 of 6 shooting from the floor.

## Scores

Freshman A (5-3)		Freshman B (7-2)		Reserves (3-5)		Junior Varsity (7-3)		Varsity (8-3)	
Pap South	L 47-48	Pap South	W 64-46	Pap South	L 41-47	Gr Island	W 64-57	Gr Island	W 53-26
O North	W 51-42	O North	W 64-35						7-3

Class A Rankings – Jan. 18th

1. Millard North	13-0	6. Papillion-La Vista	6-4
2. Bellevue West	11-1	7. Papillion South	7-5
3. Creighton Prep	11-1	8. Omaha Westside	8-3
4. Omaha Central	12-1	9. <b>Millard West</b>	<b>8-3</b>
5. Lincoln Pius X	7-1	10. Gretna	7-4



## Lower Levels

Freshmen A

Papillion-South outscored West in the first three quarters as the Wildcats struggled to score throughout the game. West couldn't connect with their outside game and could not gain the lead in the first three quarters.

The Wildcats finally started to get hot in the fourth. West took the lead in the last minute, but Papio made two tough three-pointers down the stretch. The last three was banked in with 2.5 seconds to spare. The Titans won 48-47.

Jace Ingebretson was the leading scorer with 12 points.

The Millard West Freshmen won another thriller against a solid Omaha North team. This was the 'Cats third game in a row with no practices.

The first half was a struggle for West to get the ball through the net. But, with tenacious defense, the 'Cats stayed close to the Vikings.

West had a big 4th quarter to seal the 51-42 win.

Jackson Williams had 12 of the 23 points for West in the 4th quarter! Williams hit a total of four threes in the game and finished with 15 points.

Freshmen B

The Wildcats' Freshman B team scored a season high 64 points on their way to defeating Papillon South 64-45.

The offense was lead by Leapley with 16, Buroker with 11 and Kusleika had 10.

The defense was lead by Durand, Mar and Hajduch who lead the team in rebounds.

The Wildcats tied their season high of 64 points as they defeated Omaha North 64-35.

For the first time this season, everyone scored for the Wildcats. West was led by Nate Buroker who had 10. The rest of the Wildcats' scoring was Durand-9, Leapley and Wand -8, Calabretto-7, Clausen and Hajduch-6, Bartholomew-5, Kusleika-3, Mar and Romero -2.

The Wildcats defense held the Vikings to a season low of 14 points in the first half.

Reserves

Millard West jumped out to a 11-7 lead after the first quarter, but Papio South got hot and outscored the Wildcats by 14 in the second quarter.

Millard West battled back by outscoring the Titans 13-7 in the 3rd quarter and trailed 30-34.

But the Wildcats came up short in the end as they lost 41-47.

Riley Dougherty led the team with 16 points.

Jr. Varsity

The JV Boys were able to build a double digit lead, 20-9, by the end of the 1st quarter by pressuring the Islanders and forcing turnovers.

The Wildcats also outscored Grand Island in the 2nd and 3rd quarter and led 54-40 going into the final period.

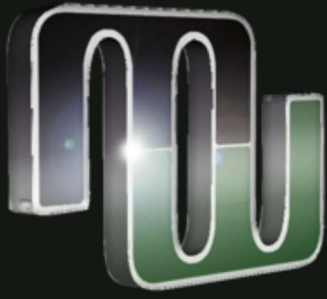
They kept the pressure on Grand Island and were able to hang on for the W with some key Offensive rebounds and 2nd effort plays.

GI outscored West in the 4th quarter, but the Wildcats ended the game with a 64-57 victory.

Max Frohloff led the team with 15 points. Jaxson Cahoy contributed 11 points.







# Millard West Boys Basketball Wildcat Report



January 25, 2021, Vol. 12 No. 9

## Wildcats Defend Home Court Against Titan Attack

Millard West was able to “upset” #7 Papillion South 65-48 with another strong defensive performance. The #10 Wildcats held the Titans to 20 points lower than their season average in the victory.

“Defense and rebounding has been our two major focuses this year. The guys have really bought into being a strong defensive team,” Coach Bill Morrison said about his team.

Ryan Larsen led the Wildcats with 17 points, two assists, and three steals. Evan Meyer-sick scored 12 points and grabbed four rebounds. James Conway and Dom Humm both scored 10 points. Conway led the team with nine rebounds.

Danier Dempsey and Daniel Brocaille did most of the scoring for Papio South with 17 and 11 points respec-

tively. The Wildcats were able to hold Graham Cassoult scoreless in the contest.

Dempsey and Brocaille scored 13 of the Titans 15 points in the first quarter. Papio South started the game with a two-point lead due to an administrative technical scorebook violation.

Ryan Larsen wasted no time erasing the lead by getting a steal and lay up on the first possession of the game. The two teams were within two points of each other until Larsen made two free throws on the last possession of the quarter. West led 19-15 after the first quarter.

West’s defense stepped up to the challenge in the second quarter and held Papio South to just seven points.

The first half of the 2nd quarter did not provide much scoring for either

team. West’s Trace Thaden score four quick points for the Wildcats before they had five empty possessions in a row.

The Wildcats scored on five of their last six possessions of the half to take a 34-22 lead into the break.

West came out strong in the 2nd half and scored on five of their first six possessions. But, a couple 3-pointers by the Titans allowed Papio South to stay within 12. West held their 12 point lead going into the final period of play, 48-36.

In the 4th quarter, Papio South increased their pressure. The Wildcats were able to take care of the ball and get to the foul line. West made 15/16 free throws in the 4th quarter.

The Titans made three 3-pointers and were able to pull within seven points, but could not get any closer.

“That was a very complete performance by our guys. Our defense was great, we rebounded well, our offense was clicking, and we made free throws in the 4th quarter to hold onto our lead,” Morrison said. “It was great to see our guys do that against a really good team.”



## Scores

Freshman A (7-3)		Freshman B (8-3)		Reserves (4-5)		Junior Varsity (7-4)		Varsity (10-3)	
Burke	W 79-22	Burke	W 51-48	Bell West	W	Papio S	L 55-64	Papio S	W 65-48
Bell West	W 51-50	Bell West	L 55-66					O Burke	W 78-40

# Ryan Larsen Breaks School Record in Win Over Bulldogs

Ryan Larsen broke a school record by making 8 three-pointers in a 78-40 victory over Omaha Burke. Larsen scored 33 points and was 12-15 shooting on the night.

Dom Humm added 12 points and 4 assists for the Wildcats. Dustin Hatch led the team with 3 steals while James Conway grabbed 5 rebounds for West.

Pacey Queen was the only Bulldog in double digits with 10 points.

Omaha Burke looked like they were going to give the Wildcats a fight as they started the game with a 7-0 lead. West did not score until Larsen made his first 3-pointer of the game to make the score 7-3 with 4:46 left in the quarter.

Burke still led 14-7 with 2:20 left in the period. West found their groove and scored 8 points on their last three possessions of the quarter, including two 3's by Larsen. Burke led 16-14 after the first eight minutes of play.

West's defense helped take control of the game in the 2nd quarter. Burke was only able to score four points in the quarter. Both baskets for the Bulldogs came on run-outs by Donovan Moody.

Larsen added two more 3's and 8 points in the quarter. Humm scored

four points for West. The Wildcats held a 32-20 lead at the half.

West's defense continued to dominate in the 3rd quarter. Burke committed 10 turnovers in the quarter and only scored 4 more points.

Coach Bill Morrison was proud of his team's effort on the defensive end. "To hold a team to 8 points over the span of two quarters is incredible. We are hanging our hat on our defense. It makes everything easier when we have a lot of energy on defense," he said.

Larsen and Humm continued to lead the Wildcats in scoring. Larsen added three 3's and 11 points in the quarter. Humm added 6 as West outscored the Bulldogs 20-4 in the 3rd quarter.

Larsen made his record breaking eighth 3-pointer of the night with 5:48 remaining in the game. West called time out to take Larsen out of the game. Larsen scored 33 points and the Wildcats led 60-26.

"I wish the game would have been closer," Coach Morrison said. "Ryan was five points away from the record, but we were winning by 34, Ryan was outscoring them by himself, and they had already cleared the bench,"

The previous three-point record was held by Jeff Starmer. He made

seven three pointers against during the 1996-97 season.

The school single-game scoring record is held by Kyle Baker. He scored 38 in a game during the 1998-99 season.

In the remaining five-plus minutes, West's bench was able to increase the team's lead.

Ben Bizal scored nine points for West and Cole Kirschner added five. Zac Grandgenett dished out three assists. Peyton Moore grabbed four rebounds.

The #9 Wildcats have moved to 10-3 on the season. They are outscoring their opponents by an average of 65-48 on the season.

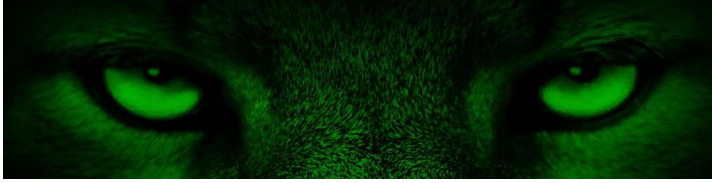
MW	14	18	20	26	78
OB	16	4	4	16	40

MW — Kirschner 5, Larsen 33, Grandgenett 1, Hultman 2, Bizal 9, Fortune 1, Kelley 3, Conway 3, Humm 12, Meyersick 7, Moore 2

OB — Rodgers 2, Svoboda 3, Moody 4, Nelson 3, Kocher 5, A Queen 9, Sorensen 4, P Queen 10



PLVS	15	7	14	12	48
MW	19	15	14	17	65
PLVS — Beckenhauer 9, Brocaille 11, Dempsey 17, Trout 2, McKittrick 9					
MW — Larsen 17, Hatch 8, Conway 10, Humm 10, Meyersick 14, Thaden 6					



# Lower Levels

## Class A Rankings – Jan. 25th

1. Millard North	16-0	6. Omaha Westside	10-4
2. Bellevue West	13-1	7. Papillion LaVista	8-5
3. Creighton Prep	13-1	8. <b>Millard West</b>	<b>10-3</b>
4. Omaha Central	14-2	9. Papio South	8-7
5. Lincoln Pius X	9-1	10. Lincoln North Star	6-4

### Jr. Varsity

Millard West JV dropped a game against Papillion LaVista South 64-55.

The Titans jumped out to a 13-2 lead to start the game. They trailed 20-9 at the end of the quarter.

West began to score in the second quarter, but could not cut into the Titan lead. The deficit for the Wildcats stayed 11 at halftime.

In the 2nd half, the Wildcats were just not able to make a dent in the Titans lead. Multiple times they stopped Papio South initially, but allowed too many 2nd chance points.

Avery Moore led with 11 points.

### Reserves

The Reserve Boys played one of their better games of the year in a 61-54 win Thursday night over the T-Birds from Bellevue West.

Going into the half with a 26-24 lead, the Wildcats came out on fire, putting up 27 points in the third quarter.

Millard West struggled from the line in the 4th and only made 6 for 15 free throws. Bellevue West cut into the lead but could not complete the comeback attempt.

Mason Rady led the way with 11 points and Jaden Gaius added 10. Jake Berens and Jerome Shoecraft pitched in 8 points apiece.

### Freshmen A

Millard West freshmen dominated their game against Omaha Burke. West won 79 -22.

The Wildcats come out hot and put up 35 points in the first quarter. Ben Sterns had 14 of his own in the 1st and finished with 16.

West led 61-13 at halftime. They were able to hold Omaha Burke under 10 points in each of the four quarters.

Jordan Gassen put up 10 points in the first quarter and finished with 15. Jackson Williams with another game of four made three pointers and he finished with 15.

The Wildcats beat Bellevue West 51-50 in another thriller making them 7-2 on the season.

The two teams battled back and forth throughout the game. Millard West was ahead by two after the first quarter, and the two teams were tied at the half.

The Wildcats outscored the Thunderbirds 15-11 in the third quarter. Millard West could not take control of the game and the result came down to the wire.

Jackson Williams led all with 20 points. Williams made five threes in the game. Tag Carmichael also chipped in 11 points.

Next game is against rival Millard South Thursday at Millard West.

### Freshmen B

The Wildcats scratched and clawed their way through the game to hold off the Burke Bulldogs for their 8th win, 51-48.

The Wildcats lead by 2 at the half but Bulldogs were not going away in the second half. Brady Mar hit a key free throw in the final minute of the game to give the Wildcats a 3-point lead. The defense took over from there keeping the Bulldogs off the offensive board.

The Wildcats offense was lead by Buroker who had 17, Leapley with 12 and Bartholomew with 7.

The Wildcats lose the rematch vs Bellevue West by 11.

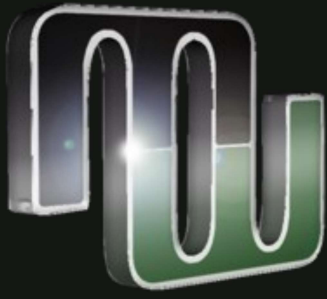
Bellevue West jumped out to a 21-9 lead in the first quarter and the Wildcats had to battle back the rest of the game.

The Wildcats were down 26-33 at the half, but they took the lead in the third quarter. Millard West scored 22 points in the 3rd quarter.

The fourth quarter got away from Wildcats, leading to a 66-55 Bellevue West win.

The Wildcats were lead offensively by Leapley who had 20, Buroker with 12 and Bartholomew with 11.





# Millard West Boys Basketball Wildcat Report



February 1, 2021, Vol. 12 No. 10

## Millard West Wins Two and Moves to 12-3 On the Season

### Wildcats Beat Millard South for 2nd Time

The Millard West Boys beat Millard South 55-45 for their second victory over the Patriots this year. Ryan Larsen and Dom Humm led the Wildcats with 15 and 13 points respectively.

Evan Meyersick led the team with 9 rebounds while Dustin Hatch dished out 4 assists and blocked 2 shots.

Jack Cooper and Michael Harding scored 15 and 12 points for the Patriots.

The first quarter started out very slow as both teams played physical defense. West got out to a 7-0 lead after two consecutive baskets by James Conway with 4:23 left in the quarter.

South scored their first basket with 3:54 left in the quarter. West led 9-7 at the end of the period.

Early in the 2nd quarter, it looked as if the offenses would



### Wildcats Hold Off Spartan Comeback Attempt

Lincoln East outscored Millard west 22-17 in the 4th quarter, but it was not enough to recover from a strong 2nd quarter by the Wildcats. West beat the Spartans 60-57.

Evan Meyersick led the way for the Wildcats with 26 points, including 12 in the fourth quarter. James Conway and Ryan Larsen scored 11 and 10 points in the game. Conway led the team with 10 rebounds.

Lincoln East had three players score in double-digits: Carter Glenn (15), Brayden McPhail (14), and Oliver Edwards (13).

Adams scored the first seven points for East as they took an early 7-5 lead in the first quarter. West was able to grab five offensive rebounds that led to seven points in the first quarter. East led 12-11 at the end of the first eight

## Scores

#### Freshman A (9-3)

Mil South W 47-41

Lin East W 61-44

#### Freshman B (8-4)

Mil South L 44-48

#### Reserves (5-5)

Lin East W 43-27

#### Junior Varsity (7-5)

Lin East L 50-51

#### Varsity (12-3)

Mil South W 55-45

Lin East W 60-57

# Millard South Game

open up. West led 13-11 before both teams had four empty possessions in a row.

South scored four points in the last minute of the half to take a 19-16 lead into half.

“I thought we were a little tight on offense and rushed some shots,” Coach Bill Morrison said. “South always plays physical and tries to make it an ugly game. It worked in the first half.”

West started the 2nd half with a 10-4 run thanks, in part, to James Conway grabbing three offensive rebounds. Humm scored five points in the run.

The Millard West defense did not allow a field goal in the quarter and did not allow a point in the last 5:52 of the quarter. The Wildcats led 35-23 going into the last quarter.

“This group has really hung their hat on their defense,” Morrison said. “To win when you don’t play very well offensively is always a bonus.”

West built their biggest lead of the game after a 3-pointer and two free throws by Larsen to take a 44-28 lead with 3:47 left in the game.

South would not go away. They would cut the lead to nine a couple times, but could not get any closer.

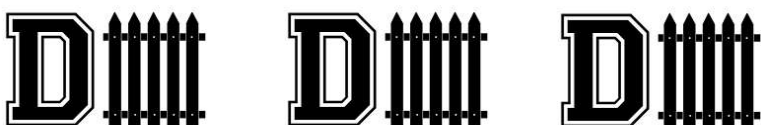
“It’s always fun to win a rivalry game,” Morrison said. “it was great to have a student section again. It added some intensity and more emotion from the players. And maybe the coaches too.”

This game was the first home game that Millard West was able to have students attend. “50” students were allowed to get tickets for the game.

MS	7	12	4	22	45
MW	9	7	19	20	55

MS – Murtaugh 2, B Stenger 0, Rucker 2, G Stenger 6, Moseman 2, Harding 12, W Cooper 6, J Cooper 15.

MW – Larsen 15, Hatch 6, Hultman 4, Conway 8, Humm 13, Meyersick 9



# Lincoln East Game

minutes.

West was able to score from the outside in the 2nd quarter and clamped down on defense to open up an eleven point lead. Conway, Chase Hultman, Meyersick, and Larsen made 3-pointers on four consecutive possessions. West led 25-14 when East called a timeout with 4:14 left in the quarter.

McPhail made a 3-pointer to break West's momentum. Another basket by McPhail at the end of the quarter cut West's lead to 25-19. Dustin Hatch made a basket at the buzzer to give West a 27-19 lead going into the half.

"We had to change the way we guarded Adams because he scored the first seven points for them," Coach Bill Morrison said. "Dustin and Chase did a good job of frustrating him in the 2nd quarter."

The two teams exchanged baskets in the third quarter. East made three 3-pointers and made three free throws after getting fouled on a three pointer for 12 of their 16 points in the quarter.

West added two 3's by Larsen and Hultman. Meyersick led the Wildcats with eight points in the quarter. West still held their eight point lead, 43-35, going into the final period.

James Conway scored after a wild chain of events on a play that looked more like a volleyball volley than a basketball play. The basket gave West a 52-39 lead with 5:45

left in the game.

East answered quickly. Two back-to-back 3-pointers on the next two possessions to cut the lead to 52-45. And change the momentum of the game.

Morrison gave credit to Lincoln East for not giving up. "Every time it felt like we were going to get control of the game, they would have an answer. It really was a fun game to coach," he said.

West would not score another field goal the rest of the game, but would make 8 of 15 free throws in the last three minutes of the game.

East got as close as 56-54 after a basket by Edwards following an offensive rebound. Edwards would score on a 3-pointer to cut the lead to 60-57 with 0:39 left in the game. West missed two free throws, but the Spartans could not score on their last possession.

"This was a good win for us. East plays hard and is very physical. To win back to back physical and emotional games has to help us down the road," Morrison said.

LE	12	7	16	22	57
MW	11	16	16	17	60

LE — Henrickson 5, Edwards 13, Glenn 15, Adams 6, McPhail 14, Marfisi 2, Templemeyer 2

MW — Larsen 10, Hatch 4, Hultman 6, Conway 12, Humm 2, Meyersick 26



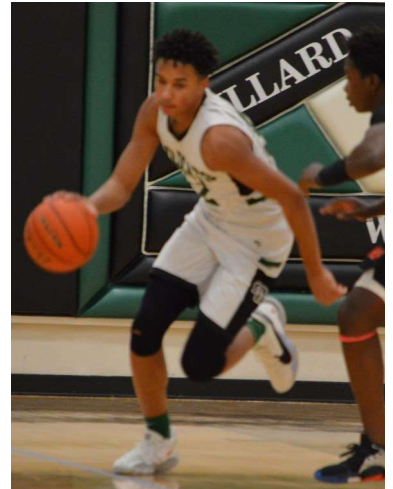
### February 1 Ratings

1. Bellevue West	15-1
2. Millard North	17-1
3. Creighton Prep	13-2
4. Omaha Central	16-2
5. Lincoln Pius	12-1
6. Omaha Westside	11-4
7. Papillion-LaVista	8-5
8. Millard West	12-3
9. Papio-South	8-8
10. Gretna	8-6

*Millard West plays #6 Westside on Friday and #10 Gretna on Saturday this week.*



*6 More Weeks of Basketball?*



# Lower Levels

## Jr. Varsity

Millard West dropped a heart-breaker to Lincoln East 51-50 after leading most of the game.

The Wildcats started the game with great intensity and led 19-7 after the 1st quarter.

The next 2 quarters, the Wildcats were outscored 25-15. They were able to hold onto the lead until Lincoln East hit a shot with 4 seconds left. The Wildcats had a shot at the buzzer, but it bounced off the rim.

Zac Grandgenett led the team with 13 points. Harrison Long and Max Frohloff contributed 9 points each. Avery Moore had 6 points, 6 rebounds, 4 assists, and 3 blocks. Collin Schollmeyer also had 4 assists.

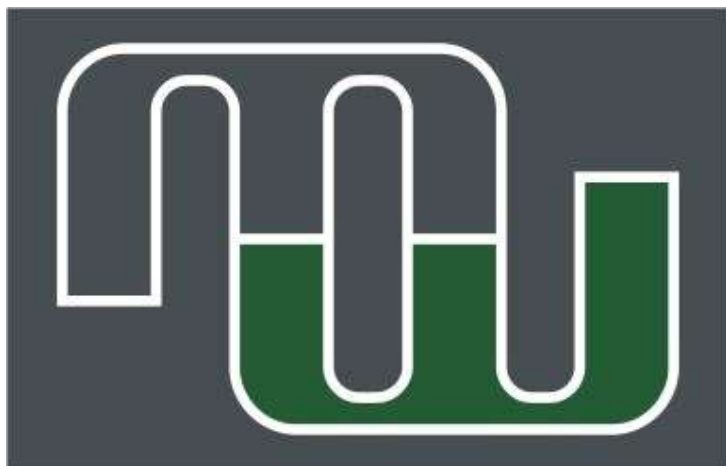
## Reserves

Lincoln East made the trip to face The Reserve Boys. It was a hard fought defensive battle where the Wildcats came out on top. 43-27.

West led 13-7 after the first quarter and 25-13 at half. Their defense continued to dominate, but they were only able to score six points in the quarter. West led 31-17 going into the final period.

Riley Dougherty and Mason Rady brought the offense on Saturday, scoring 11 and 10 points.

Coach Siepker said "we did a good job holding them to one shot and rebounding the ball". Former Nebraska Cornhusker Men's Coach, Tim Miles, was in attendance and undoubtedly impressed with the Wildcats' performance.



## Freshmen A

The Wildcats' freshmen team won the rights to Q street in a physical battle against rival Millard South. West won 47-41 in overtime.

The game went down to the wire and overtime was forced on a buzzer beater bank three-pointer from the top of the key by Millard South.

Millard West only scored 3 points in the 4th quarter, but led 35-29 going into the final period.

The Wildcats stayed calm and came out on top in overtime.

Jackson Williams was leading scorer with four made threes giving him 12 points. Jace Ingebretson chipped in 8 points, and made a clutch three-pointer in overtime to give West the lead and victory.

The Millard West Wildcats started out hot against Lincoln East thanks to Tag Carmichael making four threes in the first quarter. West outscored the Spartans 23-11 in the first quarter.

The Wildcats were able to keep the Spartans at a safe distance for the remainder of the game. West was able to outscore the Spartans in all four quarters on their way to a 61-44 victory.

Jacob young was the leading scorer with 15 points. Ben Sterbens also chipped in 11 points.

## Freshmen B

Millard West Freshman B lost a tough season rematch to their Q St rivals 44-48.

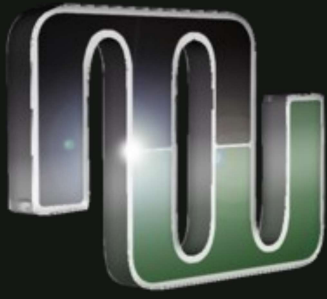
Millard South led 16-10 after the first quarter and 22-19 at the half. West erased the lead in the 3rd quarter and the two teams were all tied up 31-31 going into the final quarter.

The teams met in the Holiday Tournament Championship where the Wildcats were victorious. This game, as usual, was a very scrappy game.

The offense was led by Leapley and Buroker who each had 14 and Durand with 9 points.







# Millard West Boys Basketball

## Wildcat Report



February 8, 2021, Vol. 12 No. 11

# Wildcats Slay #10 Dragons

After losing to #6 Omaha Westside, The Wildcats bounced back with a convincing 64-47 victory over #10 Gretna.

Four Wildcats scored in double digits. Ryan Larsen and James Conway each scored 15 points. Dom Humm and Dustin Hatch scored 13 and 11 points respectively.

Conway led the team with 6 rebounds and Humm dished out 6 assists in the game.

Landon Pokorski led the way for the Dragons with 15 points.

Gretna scored first and held a 13-7 lead midway through the first quarter. A 3-pointer by Hatch and 2 baskets by Larsen combined with three consecutive Dragon turnovers turned the momentum toward the Wildcats. West led 18-15 at the end of the first quarter.

West was able to build a 26-17 lead with 4:13 left in the first half. Then, Conway scored 2 of his six points in the quarter and Humm made a three-pointer to cancel out two 3's made by Gretna. West held a 31-25 lead going into the break.

"I told the guys that we couldn't be satisfied. Greta does what they do well. They like to slow the game down and stay close," Coach Bill Morrison said. "I thought the 3rd quarter would be very important for us."

The Wildcats answered. West outscored Gretna 15-3 in the third quarter. Conway led the way with seven points in the quarter. He also got an offensive rebound on his own missed free throw that led to a 3-pointer by Hatch with 4:36 left in the quarter.

"Our defense was very dominant in the 3rd quarter," Morrison said. "We held them to three points and did not commit a foul."

With the Wildcats leading, the pace of the game picked up in the 4th quarter. The Dragons actually outscored the Wildcats in the 4th quarter, 19-18, thanks to three 3's late in the game.

Gretna threw in the white flag with two minutes remaining as both benches cleared to finish the game.

"It was nice to see us bounce back after the way we played last night. Our shooting was horrendous last

night. Tonight it was as good as it has been all year," Morrison said.

MW	18	13	15	18	64
GHS	15	10	3	19	47

MW – Kirschner 2, Larsen 15, Hatch 11, Grandgenett 2, Conway 15, Humm 13, Meyersick 6

GHS – Stukenholtz 2, Rose 3, Frost 5, Pokorski 15, Wilcoxon 5, Vieth 2, Wilkins 4, Burns 3, Jansen 6, Goldman.

### February 8 Ratings

1. Bellevue West	17-1
2. Millard North	19-1
3. Creighton Prep	16-2
4. Omaha Central	17-2
5. Omaha Westside	14-4
6. Lincoln Pius X	13-2
7. Papillion-LaVista	11-6
8. Millard West	13-4
9. Papio-South	10-9
10. Gretna	9-7

## Scores



Freshman A (9-5)		Freshman B (8-6)		Reserves (5-7)		Junior Varsity (8-6)		Varsity (13-4)	
Westside	L 36-59	Westside	L 42-44	Westside	L 51-55	Westside	W 70-56	Westside	L 38-59
Gretna	L 51-56	Gretna	L 30-46	Gretna	L 41-56	Gretna	L 55-58	Gretna	W 64-47

# Westside Defends Home Court in Top-10 Match-Up

In a game between the state's #6 and #8 rated teams, Westside's defense set the tone for the game as they defeated the Wildcats 59-38.

Millard West was led by Evan Meyersick with 11 points. Dom Humm had 5 assists and 3 steals. James Conway grabbed 7 rebounds for the Wildcats.

Chandler Meeks and Reggie Thomas each scored 15 points for Westside.

From the start of the game, the Warriors were the aggressors. They jumped out to a 10-1 lead in the first three minutes of the game.

West's offense was able to find some scoring and ended the quarter down 18-11.

Westside's defense continued to make it tough for the Wildcats to score. The wildcats did not make a field goal in the 2nd quarter until

there were only two minutes left in the half.

To add to the Wildcat's shooting problems, they were 4 of 17 from the free throw line.

Westside, on the other hand, did not seem to have much trouble scoring. The Warriors connected on four 3-pointers in the 2nd period and were 7 of 14 3's in the half. They led 34-16 at half-time.

"From the start, we had trouble with their physical play," Coach Bill Morrison said. "We were going faster than normal, rushed shots, and were off-balanced. Westside played great defense."

Millard West was able to play the Warriors much closer in the 2nd half.

Westside connected on three more 3's in the third quarter as they took a 48-29 lead.

The Warriors built a 26 point lead

in the 4th quarter. Millard West was able to score 5 points on a possession in which a Westside player was assessed a technical foul. The game ended with Westside winning 59-48.

"That was the worst night shooting we have had all year. And probably Westside's best night," Morrison said. "We don't have much time to feel sorry for ourselves. We play another Gretna tomorrow who is another Top 10 team."

MW	11	5	13	9	38
OW	18	16	14	11	59

MW — Larsen 3, Grandgenett 2, Hultman 1, Conway 9, Humm 9, Meyersick 11, Thaden 3.

OW — Benning 8, Davis 6, Meeks 15, Wilson 9, Thomas 15, Gillespie 6



*It is the nature of man to rise to greatness if greatness is expected of him.*

# Lower Levels

## Jr. Varsity

The JV basketball team played their best game of the year in a 70-56 victory over Omaha Westside.

The team played great defense and finished possessions. At the end of the first half, Zac Grandgenett made a 3/4 court shot at the buzzer which increased the Wildcats lead to 40-27.

The 2nd half was a game of runs. In the 4th quarter, West was up by 19 and then the Warriors cut the lead to 6. Max Frohloff hit a 3-pointer, and Avery Moore dunked in transition to deflate the Warrior's momentum.

Avery Moore led the Wildcats with 17 points. Zac Grandgenett chipped in 13 points and Harrison Long contributed 12 points.

Another game for the JV boys went down to the final buzzer. Gretna came out on top with a 58-55 victory over Millard West.

After trailing by 10 at halftime, the boys executed some defensive adjustments. Better defense led to more offensive opportunities. West was able to outscore Gretna 19-2 in the third quarter to take a 6 point lead into the 4th quarter.

Gretna put more pressure in the full court and regained the lead in the 4th quarter. With the lead, Gretna went to a stall game and the Wildcats were forced to foul. Gretna made 14/19 from the line in the 4th.

A shot at the buzzer came up short for the Wildcats.

Zac Grandgenett had 18 points. Cole Kirschner contributed 14 points, with Harrison Long chipping in 12 points.

## Reserves

The Wildcat Reserve Boys lost a hard fought battle 55-51 against the Warriors from Westside.

A slow start for the Wildcats gave Westside a 15-8 lead. But the Cats were able to take the lead at halftime 26-25.

A solid 3rd quarter by Millard West gave them a 41-33 lead going into the final period. But Westside outscored the Wildcats 22-10 in the period.

Mason Rady led the team with 15 points and Riley Dougherty added 12 points. Nixon Snyder also had 8 points.

Gretna came to Millard West to face off against the Millard West Wildcats for their last home game of the season. Gretna went away with a 56-41 victory.

The Dragons attacked early and led by three at the end of the first quarter, 17-14. They continued their attack and outscored the Wildcats 18-7 in the 2nd quarter to lead 36-21 at the half.

The boys cut the lead to 7 points in the 4th quarter but were unable to close the gap.

Mason Rady led the team with 11 points but was unable to finish the game due to a nasty ankle sprain. Jaiden Gaius added 7 points.

## Freshmen

Omaha Westside beat the Millard West Freshmen A team 59-36. The Wildcats had a competitive first half with Westside. West trailed 24-30 after the first half.

In the second half Westside found

a rhythm. They got hot and stayed hot as they pulled away.

Jackson Williams was the leading scorer with 9 points for the Wildcats.

The Wildcats battled hard with Gretna and showed consistency on offense all four quarters. One bad fourth quarter giving up 27 points was just too much as Millard West lost 51-55.

West led 13-7 after the first quarter and again outscored the Dragons in the 3rd quarter. The teams were tied 39-39 going into the 4th. Gretna outscored West 27-12 in the last quarter of the game.

Cooper Fortune had 12 points and Tag Carmichael, Ben Sterbens both chipped in 8.

## Freshmen B

The Millard West Freshman B team lost a heart breaker in the re-match with Westside, 44-42.

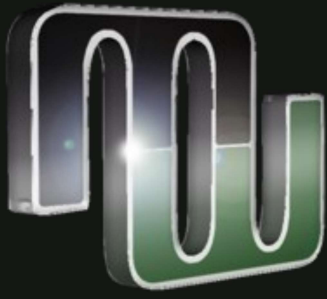
The Wildcats went cold offensively in the 4th quarter and then could not hold off the Warriors comeback effort.

Nate Buroker lead the Wildcats offensively with 19 points. Other scoring was Leapley-8, Bartholomew-4, Clausen, Hajduch, Wand,-3, and Durand-2.

The Millard West Freshman B team battled with Gretna for three quarters , but fell short in the 4th quarter as they lost 30-46.

West was ahead 27-26 going into the 4th quarter. Gretna outscored the Wildcats 20-3 in the final period.

The Wildcats were lead by Leapley with 8, Hajduch-6, Wand-5, Durand-4, Clausen and Bartholomew each with 3.



# Millard West Boys Basketball

## Wildcat Report



February 15, 2021, Vol. 12 No. 12

### #2 Mustangs Beat #8 Millard West

The #8 Wildcats traveled to Millard North to play #2 Millard North and fell short in their upset bid. West had the ball down six in the 4th quarter, but could not get any closer. North won 60-45.

Ryan Larsen was the only Wildcat in double digits. He scored 20 points, including six 3-pointers.

Hunter Sallis scored 26 for the Mustangs. Saint Thomas added 13

and Jasen Green scored 10. All 60 points for Millard North came from their starting line-up.

Millard North used their full court transition game to jump out to an 11-2 lead in the first three minutes of the game. West settled down and trailed 18-10 at the end of the first quarter. Ten of the Mustangs points came in transition for North.

North's defense made it very difficult for the Wildcats to score in the lane. Larsen scored all nine points for West on three 3-pointers.

Most of North's attack in the 2nd quarter came again from their transition offense.

"We turned the ball over too much in the first half," Coach Bill Morrison said. "We had 19 total turnovers. It's hard to beat a good team with that many. And North is really good at turning mistakes into points."

Both teams were scoreless in the first two minutes of the 2nd half. West then found their offensive groove and scored on seven of their last nine possession of the quarter. Larsen made three more 3's in the quarter. North led 45-37 after three quarters.

Dom Humm scored on the first possession of the 4th quarter to pull the Wildcats to within six points. West forced a turnover and had a chance to cut the lead to four points. Humm drove the lane, but was not able to convert.

North scored nine points on their next five possessions to build a 54-39 lead. West was unable to closer than 15 the rest of the game.

"Millard North has a great collection of athletes right now," Morrison said. "The are big , athletic, and skilled. They are a tough guard and their defense makes it really tough to score."

MW	10	9	18	8	45
MN	18	15	12	15	60

MW — Larsen 20, Hatch 3, Hultman 2, Fortune 2, Conway 2, Humm 8, Meyersick 4, Thaden 4.

MN Thomas 13, Johnson 8, Sallis 26, Green 10, Sandoval 3.

### February 16 Ratings

1.	Bellevue West	19-2
2.	Millard North	21-1
3.	Creighton Prep	18-2
4.	Lincoln Pius X	15-2
5.	Omaha Central	19-3
6.	Omaha Westside	15-5
7.	Papillion-LaVista	13-6
8.	Millard West	14-5
9.	Papio South	11-9
10.	Gretna	10-8

### Scores

Freshman A (10-6)	Freshman B (8-7)	Reserves (6-8)	Junior Varsity (10-6)	Varsity (14-5)
Mil North L 40-61	Mil North L 49-58	Mil North L 29-35	Mil North W 77-64	Mil North L 45-60
O Benson W 68-40		O Benson W 61-33	O Benson W 57-27	O Benson W 79-49



# Wildcats Outrun the Rabbits

Millard West won a home game against Benson 79-49 to move to 14-5 on the season.

Ryan Larsen continued his assault from behind the 3-point line as he was 8 of 12 and scored 28 points. Evan Meyersick scored 15 points and dished out 6 assists. James Conway added 11 points and 7 rebounds for West.

Cardae Daniels led the Bunnies with 16 points.

West did not score on their first two possessions and trailed 2-0 early in the first quarter. The Wildcats proceeded to score on their next nine possessions to take a 24-7 lead.

Larsen made four 3's in the first quarter. Evan Meyersick added 7 and Conway added 5. West led 24-12 at the end of the quarter.

Dom Humm connected on two consecutive 3-pointers early in the 2nd quarter to help keep the pace going in the Wildcat's direction. West led 43-25 going into the half.

"Ryan shot really well in the first half, but I was also happy with the way our bigs played. I challenged them to be in attack mode and they responded," Coach Bill Morrison said.

"At half time we emphasized that we didn't want to lose focus," he continued. "We wanted to put the game out of reach in the 3rd quarter."

Larsen stayed hot through the halftime break and made three more 3's to tie the school record of eight 3's in a game that he set earlier this season. Larsen scored 28 points and made his eight 3's in just 20 minutes of play.

None of the Wildcat starters played in the 4th quarter. Three Seniors were able to score in the final period. Ben Kelley and Ben Bizal scored six and four points respectively. Spencer Fortune also scored a bucket for West. Zac Grandgenett ended the scoring with a 3-pointer for West.

West made 12 of 27 three-pointers in the game. They were also 19 of 34

on 2-point field goals. They outrebounded the Wildcats 33-19 and had 21 assists as a team.

OB	12	13	7	17	49
MW	24	19	21	15	79

OB — Ke Newsome 2, Pan 4, Adkisson 5, Daniels 16, McNair 8, Gonzalas 5, Ogba 3, Collar 2, Blue 4.

MW — Larsen 28, Grandgenett 3, Bizal 4, Fortune 2, Kelley 6, Conway 11, Humm 8, Meyersick 15, Thaden 2.

\*\* The Wildcats outscored Benson 265-149 in four games on Saturday!



## Lower Levels

### Jr. Varsity

Millard West wasted no time and jumped out early on Millard North. They led 23-14 after the first quarter, and 40-28 at halftime due to good offensive execution and playing tenacious defense.

The 2nd half was all about handling pressure and hitting FT's. The Wildcats were 11/13 from the line in the 4th quarter. West came out on top, 77-64.

All 11 players scored with Avery Moore leading the way with 14 points. Zac Grandgenett and Harrison Long had 12 and 11 points respectively.

Despite ending the first quarter with a 1-point lead, the JV Boys were able to get the win by outscoring Benson 30 to 4 in the 2nd and 3rd quarters. West won 57-27.

This was the 2nd game in a row where all 11 players scored!

Harrison Long and Avery Moore led with 15 and 10 points respectively.

### Reserves

Defense was the name of the game in a very physical battle that matched up Millard West versus Millard North reserve teams.

In a low scoring game that came down to the end, Millard West fought until the final seconds. North won 35-29.

West was in control the first half as they led 16-11 at the break. The Mustangs erased the lead in the 3rd quarter and tied the game at 23-23.

Jaidyn Gaius led the Wildcats with 7 points.

In the final game of the season, the Millard West Reserve team ended on a high note beating Benson 61-33.

West came out strong defensively and led 11-2 at the end of the first quarter.

They led 30-15 at half and 52-22 at the end of the 3rd quarter.

It was a total team effort in the win where all 10 players scored for Millard West.

Nixon Snyder and Creighton Scholting led the team scoring with 10 points each.

### Freshmen A

Wildcats struggled in transition defense which led to a quick hot start for the Mustangs. Millard North led 18-9 at the end of the first quarter and 34-17 at the half.

Cats got within 10 in the third quarter but ran out of gas as the Mustangs won 61-40.

Trey Mittelstedt and Tag Carmichael both had 8 points in the loss.

Wildcats came out strong defensively and got up big right away against the Benson Bunnies.

Cats end the game with a 68-40 win and finish the regular season at 10-6.

Leading scorers in the game was Nate Buroker with 14 and Jackson Williams with 11.

### Freshmen B

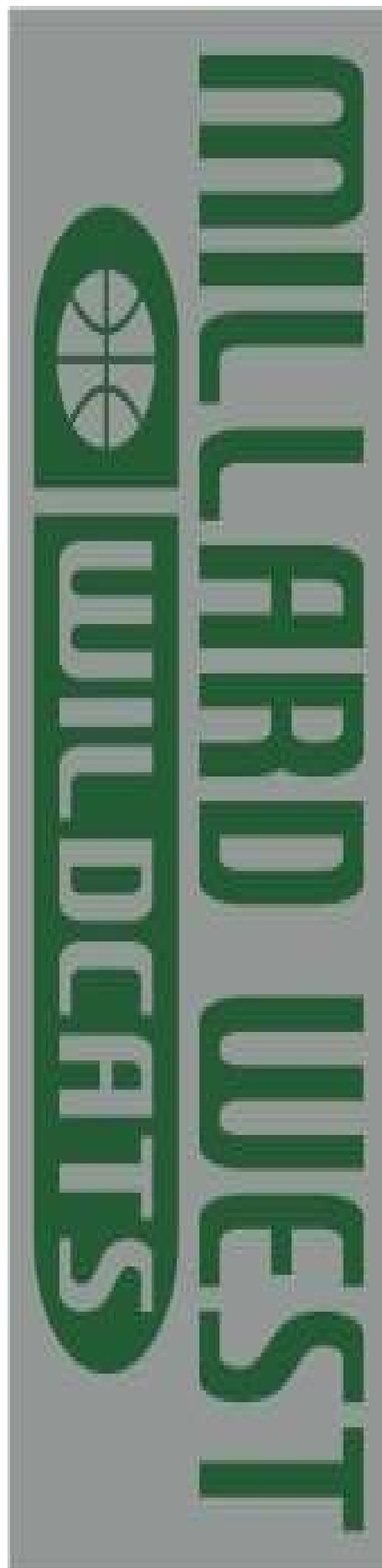
The Freshmen B Wildcats ended their season with a 58-49 loss to Millard North.

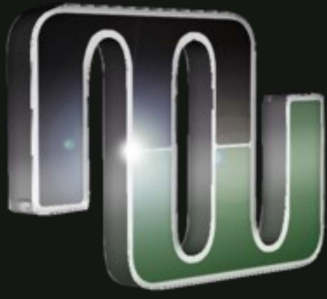
The Mustangs jumped out to a 21-11 lead after the first quarter and led 37-21 at the half.

Millard West outscored Millard North in both the 3rd and 4th quarter, but dug too big of a hole in the first half to complete the comeback attempt.

The offense was lead by Bartholomew with 12 and Leapley with 11. Other Wildcats scoring was Durand -6, Mar and Hajdudch-5, Romero -4, Buroker-3, Clabretto-2, and Clausen-1.

The Freshman B had a good season and ended with a 8-7 record.





# Millard West Boys Basketball

## Wildcat Report



February 23, 2021, Vol. 12 No. 13

### Wildcats Beat Columbus, Move to 15-5

The Columbus Discoverers came to Millard West but were unable to claim the Wildcat's territory. West won 68-36.

James Conway led the Wildcats with 14 points, 4 steals, and 6 rebounds. Dom Humm added 12 points.

T. Bell led the Discoverers with 12 points.

West jumped out early. Six players scored for the Wildcats as they led 18-6 at the end of the first quarter.

James Conway scored 10 of the team's 14 points in the 2nd quarter. West went into the half leading 32-16

"Our defense was pretty good in the first half, but it was more because of the difference in talent than because of execution," Coach Bill Morrison said.

"I don't think we were as focused as we could have been," Morrison continued.

In the third quarter, West outscored Columbus 20-7 and held a 52-23 lead.

Millard West did not play any of their starters in the 4th quarter. The Wildcats were able to outscore Columbus 16-13 in the final period.

CHS	7	9	7	13	36
MW	18	14	20	16	68

CHS — Pelowski 3, Esch 6, Bell 12, Lapointe 2, Luebbe 7, Mickey 3, Kwapnioski.

MW — Kirschner 5, Larsen 3, Hatch 5, Grandgenett 3, Hultman 6, Bizal 2, Fortune 2, P Moore 4, Conway 14, Humm 12, Meyersick 8, Thaden 4.

#### February 23 Ratings

1.	Bellevue West	20-2
2.	Creighton Prep	20-2
3.	Millard North	20-2
4.	Lincoln Pius X	17-2
5.	Omaha Central	19-5
6.	Omaha Westside	16-6
7.	Papillion-LaVista	15-6
8.	Millard West	15-6
9.	Papio South	13-9
10.	Gretna	11-9



### Scores

#### Freshman A (10-7)

No Games

#### Freshman B (8-7)

No Games

#### Reserves (6-8)

No Games

#### Junior Varsity (12-6)

Columbus W 90-24

CB AL W 67-45

#### Varsity (15-6)

Columbus W 68-36

CB AL L 57-61

# First Quarter Proves Too Much for Wildcats

Millard West was scheduled to play West Davenport in a showcase in Des Moines this weekend. The event was canceled because of Covid restrictions. Instead, the Wildcats hosted Council Bluffs Abraham Lincoln.

The Lynx jumped out to a big lead in the first quarter and won 61-57, despite West's attempts to come back.

Evan Meyersick scored 19 points. Ryan Larsen added 13 points and James Conway scored 10 for West.

Josh Dix led the Lynx with 21 points. Jamison Gruber scored 13, and Christian Tidiane added 11 points.

Abraham Lincoln started the game playing very well on both offense and defense. The Lynx scored on 10 of their 14 possessions in the first quarter. Their defense made it tough for West, as AL led 24-9 at the end of the first quarter.

"AL has a nice team. They are 17-3. They are big, they are physical, and they run their offense very well," Coach Bill Morrison said.

"We did not play our style of basketball in the first quarter. We didn't share the ball on offense, and we didn't fight very hard on defense."

West was able to score more in the 2nd quarter, but had a tough time cutting into AL's lead. AL still led 35-22 going into half time.

The Wildcats scored on their first four possessions of the second half and used an 7-0 run to cut the lead to 37-29. But Tidiane scored after an

offensive rebound. Then Brown hit two 3-pointers to give AL a 43-33 lead.

"Every time we made a little run, they had an answer," Morrison said. "Brown's two 3's were tough. He



hadn't shot more than 20 on the year."

Meyersick and Conway finished the quarter with a couple field goals and the Wildcats trailed 45-37 going into the final period.

AL scored on their first two possessions and led 49-37. But, West was not ready to concede the Victory to the Lynx

West put together a 6-0 run behind Conway and Meyersick to cut the AL lead to 49-43. AL called a timeout with 6:04 left in the game.

Both teams were able to score for most of the rest of the game. Dustin Hatch made a 3-poiner to cut the lead to 59-54 with 2:10 left in the game.

West forced a turnover by the Lynx. Ryan Larsen scored to cut the lead to 58-57 with 1:15 left.

West only had four fouls in the half so had to foul to get AL to the bonus. Sandbothe make two free throws to give AL a 61-57 lead.

West ran a play and got Meyersick the ball on the block. His shot was blocked. The Wildcats were not able to score on their inbounds play.

"This was a great game for us to get ready for districts," Morrison said. "They are better than I thought. It's also a bonus that it was a 'free game.'"

The game with AL does not count in the Wildcard standings because the game was a replacement for the Des Moines event.

CB AL	24	11	10	16	61
MW	9	13	15	20	57

CB AL — Tidiane 11, Brown 6, Knauss 3, Gruber 13, Dix 21, Sandbothe 7.

MW — Larsen 13, Hatch 3, Hultman 2, Conway 10, Humm 8, Meyersick 19, Thaden 2..





## Lower Levels

### Jr. Varsity

All 11 players scored for the 3rd game in a row as the JV guys beat Columbus 90-24.

The Wildcats started out strong and outscored the Discoverers 29-5 in the first

quarter. West led 53-16 at the half and were able to hold Columbus to only 8 points in the 2nd half.

The JV boys finished the season with a strong performance in a 67-45 win against CB Abe Lincoln.

After the 1st Quarter, Avery Moore started to establish his defensive presence in the paint which allowed the Wildcats to take an 8 point lead into the half.

In the 4th quarter, the Wildcats were able to pull away from the Lynx. They continued great team basketball to outscore AL by 14 in the quarter.

Cole Kirschner and Zac Grandgenett led the balanced scoring with 11 points each. Chase Traubel, Harrison Long, and Max Frohloff contributed 9 points each.

The Wildcats ended the year with a 12-6 record and finished the season playing their best basketball of the season.

## Freshmen Finish 2nd in City Tournament

The Millard West Freshmen entered the end of the year city tournament as a 4 seed and came out as the 2nd place team.

Game 1 was against 5 seed Bellevue west. The Wildcats started off slow but played intense defense that helped them gain the lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Cats pulled away at half and led by 14.

The second half was a dogfight as Bellevue West would not back down. Millard West won 53-44 to advance to the quarterfinals against 1 seed Elkhorn South.

The Wildcats' leading scorer was Cooper Fortune with 16, Ben Sterbens chipped in 12 points, and Tag Carmichael had 9.

The Quarterfinal matchup against 1 seed Elkhorn South was a battle!

The half-time score had the Cats up 24-21. The team played with a lot of energy and played amazing defense.

Elkhorn South took the lead in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, but West's freshmen stayed calm as the Cats upset the Storm 46-42 and found themselves in

the Semifinals against rival Millard North.

Leading scorers in the game were Cooper Fortune with 12, Ben Sterbens with 11, and Jordan Gassen with 8.

The Semifinal matchup against 2 seed Millard North might have been the game of the year for the Cats.

West was 0-2 against Millard North earlier in the year, including a 21-point loss last time they played.

The Wildcats came out with a chip on their shoulder and played with amazing heart all game.

The first half was a defensive battle between the two teams. The Mustangs held a 16-9 lead at the break.

The Cats amped up the pressure in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half and came out firing from three point land. The game went back in forth throughout the 2<sup>nd</sup> half.

The Mustangs had a 4-point lead with 1 minute to go in the 4<sup>th</sup>. Some missed free throws from the Mustangs and a corner three from Tag Carmichael put the Wildcats down 1.

Millard North missed another free throw. West pushed the ball down the court and Cooper Fortune hit a

game winner to make the final 44-43 as the Cats gained a spot in the Championship game!

Leading scorers were Tag Carmichael with 11, Ben Sterbens and Jace Ingebretson both had 8.

The Championship game against undefeated 1 seed Westside was a physical game.

At half-time, the Cats found themselves down 29-25.

In the second half, Westside caught fire and the Cats got cold.

Millard West seemed to run out of gas as they found themselves missing shots that they normally make. The Wildcats never gave up and pulled themselves to within 6 points in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

With 10 missed free throws and Westside making their free throws, the game ended with the Warriors winning 58-46.

Try Mittlestedt was leading scorer with 11, Jordan Gassen with 10, Jace Ingebretson had 8.

The Millard West Freshmen finished the season as City Runner-ups with a 13-8 record.





## Wildcats Advance to District Finals with Win

Millard West qualified for the district finals by beating Omaha North 52-34.

James Conway led the Wildcats with 18 points, seven rebounds, four steals and a block. Ryan Larsen scored 11 points and Dustin Hatch added 10. Chase Hultman led the team with five assists.

Only three Vikings scored for Omaha North. Mason Strong led the way with 15, and Keshawn Williams scored 12 points.

Omaha North held an early lead at the beginning of the game. But, Conway and Hatch hit a couple 3-pointers to take the lead. The Wildcats would not trail for the rest of the game.

West built a 10-5 lead, but North hit four free throws and cut the lead to 10-9. Millard West was whistled for seven fouls in the first quarter.

Dom Humm scored five points on the first two possessions of the 2nd quarter as West led 15-9. The Vikings answered with eight points on their next three possessions to cut the lead to 18-17.

Both teams' scoring slowed down for the remainder of the half. Two free throws by Conway gave the Wildcats a 22-17 lead going into the break.

"We survived the first half," Coach Bill Morrison said. "I don't remember a game in which we had four players with two fouls in the first half. We like to try to get to half-time without anyone having three fouls. Our bench gave us some good minutes in the first half."

Hatch and Conway connected with each other on three baskets at the rim early in the 3rd quarter to help the Wildcats take control of the game with a 30-19 lead.

Trace Thaden added a couple back-to-back-baskets later in the quarter. Larsen made a 3-pointer to give West a 37-23 lead. Both teams went cold for the last five possessions of the quarter. West led 37-25 going into the final period.

West was very disciplined in the 4th quarter. Larsen hit two more 3's to give West a 43-30 lead. The rest of the game was all Wildcats. North was not able to make another field goal.

The Wildcats played without leading scorer and 4-year letter winner Evan Meyersick.

"This game was really for Evan. We want to make sure he gets another game with us," Coach Bill Morrison said. "Our guys have been so resilient all year. I really liked how they responded all week after finding out Evan wouldn't play."

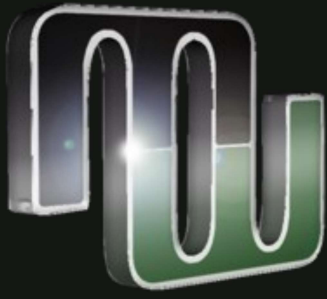
Millard West will play at Omaha Westside on Monday night for a trip to the state tournament. Westside beat Millard West 59-38 earlier this year.

"We really didn't play very well in that game. We're looking forward to having another shot at them," Morrison said.

ON	9	8	8	9	34
MW	10	12	15	15	52

ON — Ogba 7, K Williams 12, Strong 15

MW — Larsen 11, Hatch 10, Conway 18, Humm 7, Thaden 6.



# Millard West Boys Basketball Wildcat Report



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## Wildcats Qualify for the State Tournament

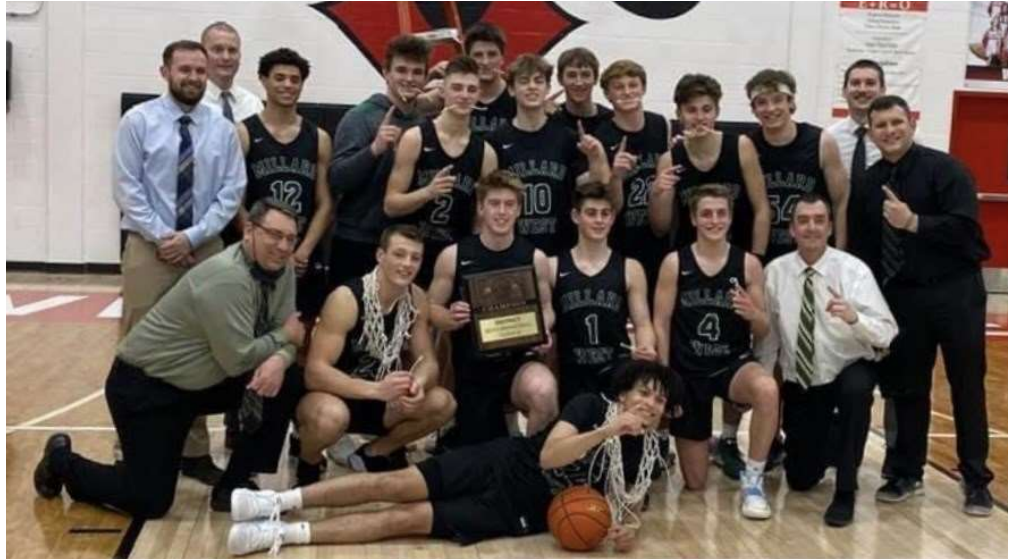
Millard West traveled to Westside as the underdog in the district finals and without their four year letter winner and leading scorer, Evan Meyersick. After a 21 point loss a few weeks ago, the chance for an upset did not look promising.

The game was an instant classic with 14 lead changes in the game. West led 55-54 and was at the free throw line with 5.2 seconds left in the game. After a miss, Westside took the ball down the floor and Gillespie missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer from in front of the Westside bench.

The Wildcats' 55-54 win gave them a spot in the state tournament next week at Pinnacle Bank Arena.

Dom Humm led the team with 15 points, including seven in the 4th quarter. James Conway led the way for West with 14 points and 12 rebounds. Dustin Hatch also contributed 11 points, 6 rebounds and 2 blocks.

Thomas led the Warriors with 23 points. P Gillespie scored 21 points on 5/9 from behind the 3-point line.



Westside took an early 5-0 lead after an offensive rebound and basket by Wilson.

West's defense helped the Wildcat get back in the game. The Wildcats forced five turnovers and was able to score the next 10 points to gain a 10-5 lead.

But, Westside fought back with the last eight points of the quarter, including back to back 3-pointers. Westside led 13-10 at the end of the 1st quarter.

Five points by Conway gave West a 15-14 lead. Westside answered with

another 3-pointer by Gillespie and held the lead for the rest of the half.

Westside made a total of seven 3's in the first half. Conway helped keep the Wildcats close by scoring all 14 of his points in the first half.

The Warriors held a 30-29 lead going into the half.

"I thought James (Conway) really set the tone for us tonight. He was great in the first half," Coach Bill Morrison said.

"Our defense and our effort was so much better than the first time we played. They had to earn everything

## Scores

### Freshman A (13-8)

Bell West W 53-44  
Elk South W 46-42  
Mil North W 44-42  
Westside L 58-46

### Freshman B (8-7)

No Games

### Reserves (6-8)

No Games

### Junior Varsity (12-6)

No Games

### Varsity (17-6)

Om North W 52-34  
Westside W 55-54  
**District Champs**

they got tonight,” Morrison continued. “Chase Hultman did a great job guarding Meeks. We seemed to get a lot more loose balls and rebounds than we did a couple weeks ago.”

The third quarter was a defensive battle. Millard West committed four turnovers and Westside had five in the quarter.

At the end of the 3rd quarter, 3’s were wild! #3 Hatch scored three baskets in three possessions late in the 3rd quarter. His 3-pointer gave West their biggest lead of the game at 39-35.

Westside would not quit. Thomas made a free throw and then got his own rebound on the next miss and scored to tie the game, 41-41, at the end of the 3rd quarter.

Westside scored first in the 4th quarter on a basket by Meeks. Hatch was fouled and made both free throws to keep the score tied, 43-43.

Thomas made a 3-pointer for Westside after Larsen missed a 3 of his own, but Larsen followed by connecting on his third 3-pointer of the game as both teams were tied, 46-46.

Odvody made two free throws for Westside to give the Warriors a 48-46 lead. Humm answered for West with a deep 3-pointer to give the lead back to the Wildcats 49-48.

The two teams kept battling back-and-forth. Thomas scored to give Westside the lead. Humm followed

with a reverse lay-up to give the lead back to West, 51-50 with 2:52 left in the game.

Two possessions later, Meeks scored for Westside as the Warriors led 52-51 with 1:07. On the next possession, Chase Hultman found a seam in the middle of the lane for a lay-up and a Wildcat 53-52 lead.

West forced a turnover and Westside had to foul. Humm made both free throws to make the lead 55-52 with 41.2 seconds remaining.

On the next possession, Millard West trapped the ball and got called for a foul. Gillespie made both free throws with 5.3 seconds left in the game to make the score 54-55.

Westside fouled Humm on the in-bounds pass. Humm went to the line with 5.2 seconds left but was not able to convert the free throws.

Westside pushed the ball down the floor and Gillespie missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

The Wildcats stormed the court as they qualified for the state tournament for the 4th time in Coach Morrison’s 12 years.

“This was such a big win for so many reasons, We showed a lot of physical and mental toughness tonight.” Morrison said.

Morrison continued about his team. “This group has been great all year. From wearing masks every day at practice, working hard every day,

watching film on their own, and just competing day in and day out. It really is a special group of young men.”

“I just wish more people would have been able to watch this group play. It is unfortunate that our 250 MBA players were not able to come to a game all year,” Morrison said.

Going into the game, West was in position for the Wildcard birth if they would have lost the game. But, as the night unfolded, the Wildcats found out that they needed the win to qualify for the state tournament.

“I found out after the game that Central lost and that we would not have qualified if we had lost,” Morrison said. “Dan and Dale found out at half-time, but did not tell me.”

As the scores rolled in, West found out that there was four upsets in the district finals and that they had earned the #5 seed in the state tournament. They will play Lincoln Pius X, who lost to Lincoln East, in the first round on Tuesday, March 9, at 4:00.

MW	10	19	12	14	55
OW	13	17	11	13	54

MW – Larsen 9, Hatch 11, Hultman 4, Conway 14, Humm 15, Thaden 2

OW – Meeks 4, Wilson 2, Thomas 23, Odvody 4, Gillespie 21



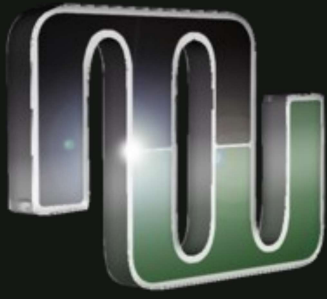
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# Millard West Boys Basketball

## Wildcat Report



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### Wildcats Come Out on Top After Wild Final Flurry

Evan Meyersick was home with COVID-19 when his teammates put Millard West into the state tournament.

Tuesday, Meyersick left Lincoln Pius X feeling green in the gills.

Meyersick caught an inbounds pass from James Conway with 3.8 seconds left, drove to the basket from mid-court and released an off-balance layup with a second left, and the

ball cleared the net with no time left for a 47-45 Class A first-round win. It's the first time Millard West advanced to the semifinals since 2000.

"I didn't play the best game ever," Meyersick said. "And so I was kind of a little shaky there, but I trusted myself and I had to get my team another game."

It's not just any other game.

The #4 Wildcats (18-6) meet #3 Millard North (25-2) at 6:15 p.m. Friday at Pinnacle Bank Arena in the first All-Millard semifinal. Millard North's win earlier Tuesday over Millard South was the first All-Millard game in state tournament history. Friday will be the second.

At #5 Lincoln Pius X (18-4), which dropped its final two games of the season, never led after Millard West scored their first basket.



The game started with solid defense from both teams. Millard West led at the end of the first quarter 10-6. Baskets continued to be hard to come by in the 2nd quarter. Pius scored the first four points of the quarter and tied the game at 10-10 with 7:04 left in the half.

West answered with a 12-2 run as they converted on offensive rebounds and forced four Pius turnovers give them a 22-12 lead. Sam Hoiberg made a three-pointer on an inbound play to make the score 22-15 at half.

"We have stressed rebounding and defense all season," Millard West coach Bill Morrison said. "To see a 15 on the board makes me really happy."

Pius came out of the locker room and played more aggressive than they did in the first half. But every time Pius made a run, West seemed to an-

swer with a 3-pointer. Ryan Larsen made two and Dom Humm made one 3-pointer in the quarter. West led 35-29 at the end of the 3rd quarter.

"We thought we were a little lucky to survive Pius' push in the third quarter. Those three 3's were big for us," Morrison said.

Two 3's by Pius and three turnovers by West allowed Pius to cut the

lead to 37-35. After back-to-back baskets by Meyersick, West built their lead back to 44-37 with 3:08 left in the game.

West missed three front ends of 1-and-1 free throw attempts in the next two minutes and Pius drew to within 44-42 with 37 seconds remaining in the game after Charlie Hoiberg converted on a basket.

After the third missed free throw, Pius' Sam Hoiberg looked as if he had a wide open lane to the basket. Meyersick came from the help side and blocked the shot. Conway grabbed the rebound and was fouled.

Conway's free throw with 14.4 second left forced Pius to take a 3, which Sam Hoiberg nailed with 4.5 seconds left.

"Things were a little bit of a struggle for us throughout much of that





game, but we were able to make some big defensive plays and some big offensive plays at the end to put ourselves in a situation that we were,” Pius coach Brian Spicka said.

“They made one more that we did at the end.”

Two Millard West players, Conway and Dustin Hatch, alertly called timeout under the basket after Pius’ 3-pointer. The clock that had ticked down to 1.0 seconds, was reset for 3.8 seconds.”

“We have a 4-second play but almost didn’t run it because I didn’t want to turn the ball over and give them a chance to win,” Morrison said.

“James (Conway) looked at me and said, ‘We got this, we run it every day in practice,’” Morrison said.

Ryan Larsen led the Wildcats in scoring with 17 points, include 3/5 from 3-point range and a two-hand dunk after a turnover.

Conway scored 10 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Dom Humm scored 8 points. Meyersick scored 6 of his 8 points in the 4th quarter.

The 6-foot-5, 190 pound Meyer-sick said he tested positive for COVID-19 after his mother did.

“Thankfully, I didn’t go to practice that day, so the team got to play districts,” he said. “It was rough not getting to play (the district final win at

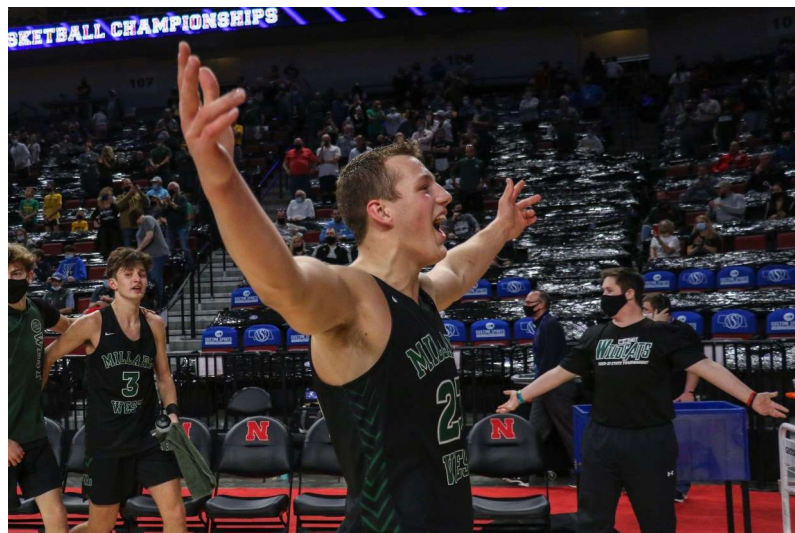
Westside). Everybody wants to cut down the nets at districts, but at home I flipped over my desk when they won. I was rooting for them from home, and they had my back.”

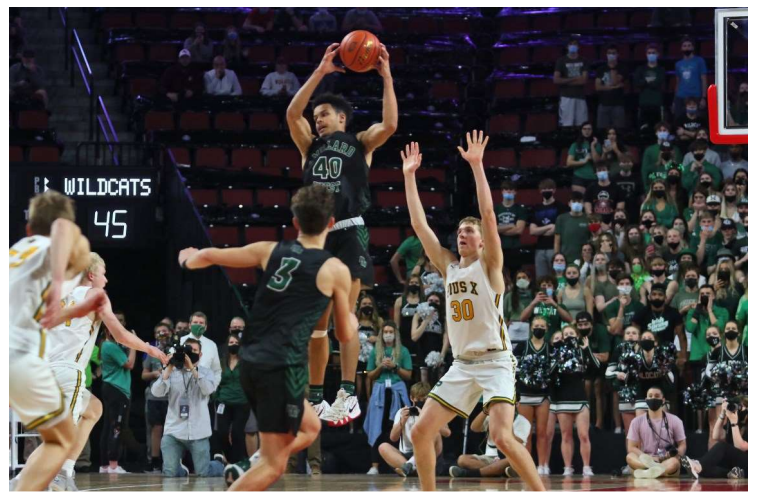
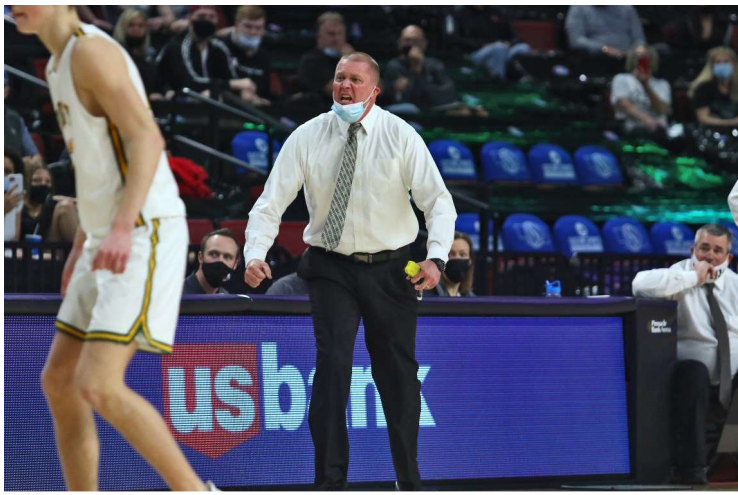
MW	10	12	13	12	47
LPX	6	9	14	16	45

MW — Larsen 17, Conway 10, Humm 8, Meyersick 8, Hultman 2, Thaden 2.

LPX — S Hoiberg 13, C Hoiberg 10, Christiansen 8, S Hastreiter 6, Easley 4, Taubenheim 2, Linderman 2.

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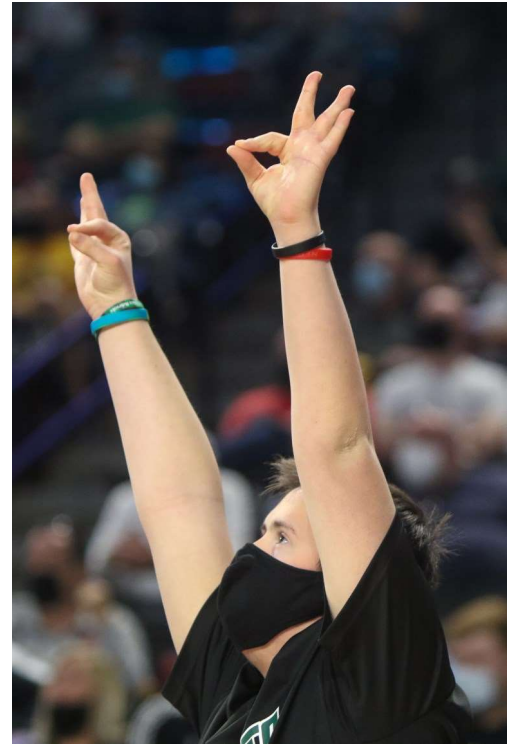
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Millard West vs. Lincoln Pius X

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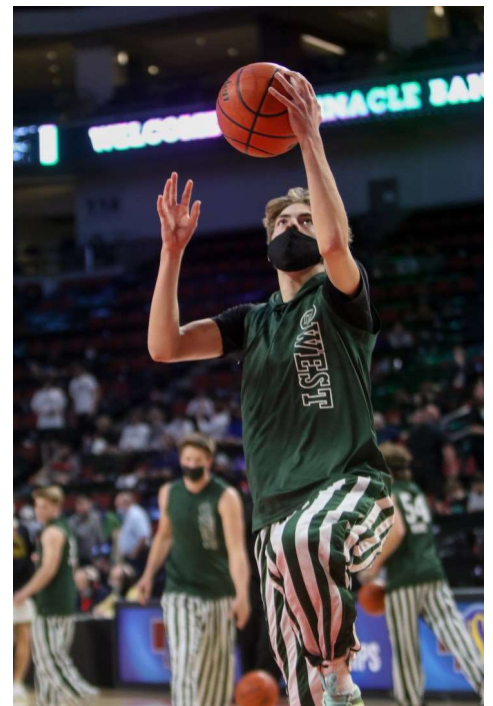
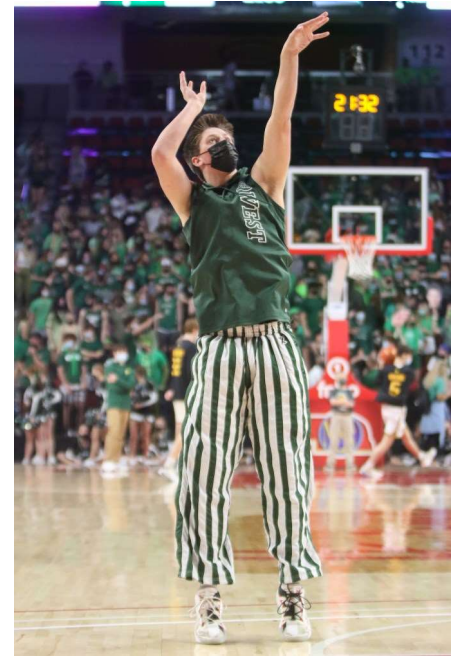
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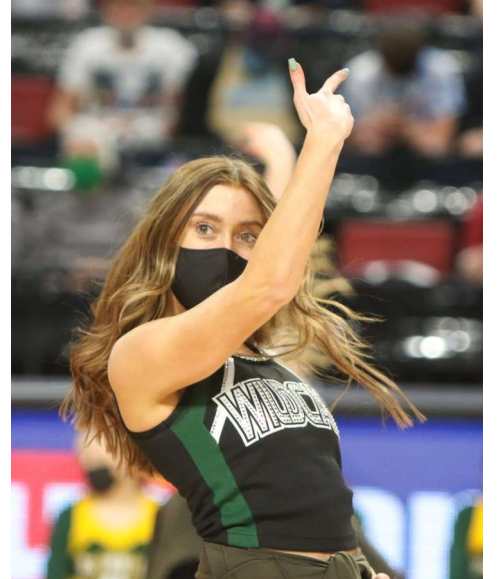


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# Millard West Wildcats



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# Mustangs Outrun Wildcats in 3rd Quarter

LINCOLN — Of course, Millard North had “Unfinished Business” as the theme to its season.

With Friday’s 69-62 victory over feisty Millard West, the Mustangs have the opportunity to snag the prize that got away from them last year — a state title.

Saint Thomas scored 26 points for No. 3 Millard North (26-2), including nine of the 11 points in the final 2:20 of the third quarter that wiped out Millard West’s only lead of the second half.

“It was one of the greatest runs we’ve had in a while,” Millard North coach Tim Cannon said. “It was all defense, run out, fast break.”

Thomas began the run with a basket on an inbounds pass. Millard West miss, Jadin Johnson basket. Millard West miss, Thomas dunk. Millard West miss, Thomas 3-pointer. Millard West timeout. Nine points in 71 seconds.

“We thought they had two two- to three-minute runs, one in each half,” West coach Bill Morrison said. “We had just battled back and got the lead and they got their 2nd run.”

“They also got some high-low baskets in the 2nd half that we were in the right spot but they have a guy four inches taller and 20 pounds heavier

sitting in the lane. It’s hard to guard.”

“They have a collection of really talented kids. Hopefully, unless it’s at Millard West, we don’t see another group like that soon.”

Thomas increased Millard North’s lead to 47-37 at quarter’s end and most of the final quarter was played with North leading between seven and 11 points. Millard North was 14 of 16 at the foul line.

“I really liked our toughness. I liked making big free throws, a lot of free throws,” Cannon said. “We’re a running team and we slowed it down pretty well when we had a lead and controlled it, and just enough stops to get by.”

“But they were tough. They got some good layups with cuts and then they have (Ryan) Larsen with 3s.”

Evan Meyersick led the No. 4 Wildcats (18-7) with 15 points. Larsen had nine of his 14 points in the final quarter.

Dominic DeAngelo-Humm had 12 and James Conway 10.

Jasen Green had eight of his 12 in the final quarter for Millard North.

Second-team All-American Hunter Sallis had 11 points and seven rebounds. Thomas was 5 of 11 on 3s after going 1 of 5 in the first round.

“The four 3s in the first half were

huge because we were struggling against that zone,” Cannon said, “He played a smart game.”

In the first quarter, West was able to control the tempo of the game with their zone defense. The Wildcat’s defense was able to force six turnovers in the first quarter.

West has had a balanced offense all year. Five different Wildcats scored in the opening quarter. The score was tied 12-12.

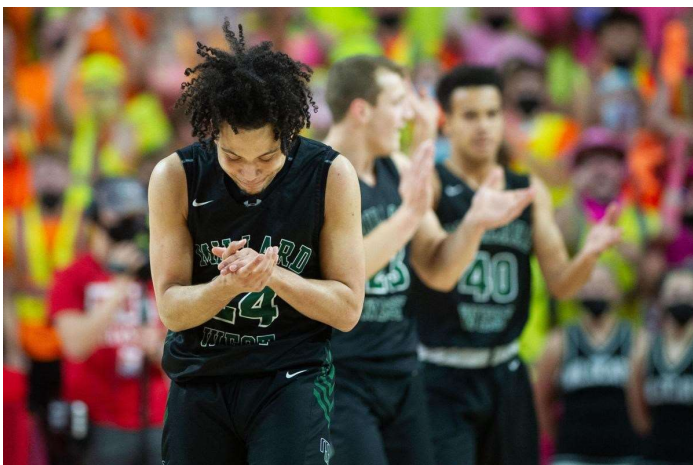
“I really liked how we were patient on offense and that our defense was able to slow them down early in the game,” Morrison said.

Evan Meyersick had back-to-back baskets for West to make the score 18-16.

North was able to score on four consecutive possessions and build a 28-16 lead. West trailed 31-28 going into the half.

West came out of the half ready to battle. Six different Wildcats scored as they mounted their comeback. Trace Thaden’s basket with 3:06 left in the quarter gave West the lead.

“I knew our guys wouldn’t quit. They have battled together all year. We gave them everything we had,” Morrison said.





# MW vs MN Scoring

MW (18-6)	12	11	14	25	62
MN (26-2)	12	19	16	22	69

MW: Evan Meyersick 15, Ryan Larsen 14, Dominic DeAngelo-Humm 12, James Conway 10, Dustin Hatch 5, Trace Thaden 4, Chase Hultman 2.

MN: Saint Thomas 26, Jasen Green 12, Hunter Sallis 11, Jadin Johnson 9, Tyler Sandoval 5, Colin Monie 5, Neal Mosser 1.

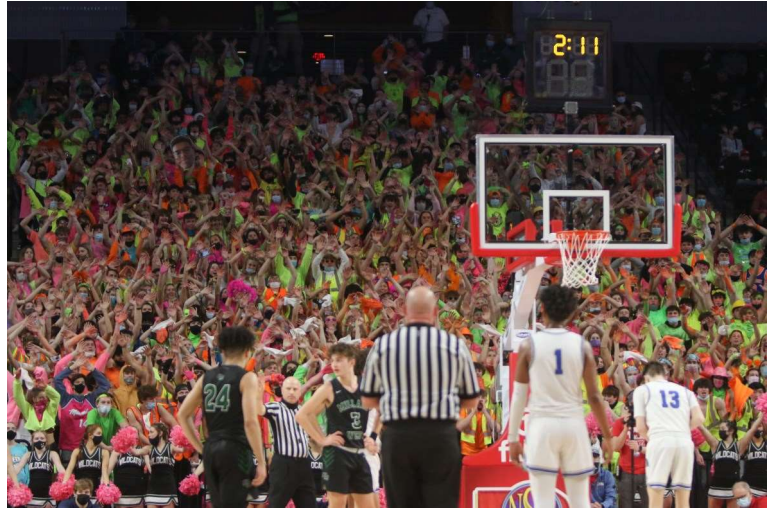
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# 2020-2021 Final Stats



Player	GP	2FGM-A	3FGM-A	FTM-A	REB	AST	BLK	STL	TO	CT	PTS
HUMM	25	71-152	32-89	31-49	84	78		36	56	1	269
LARSEN	23	33-69	62-153	41-47	43	21	2	39	29	5	296
HATCH	25	28-59	11-31	15-29	99	47	19	24	44		104
CONWAY	25	104-178	2-6	54-96	173	44	6	39	30		268
MEYERSICK	23	109-172	4-13	76-95	119	54	11	15	41	1	306
HULTMAN	25	23-54	2-24	12-24	48	59	5	32	49		64
THADEN	22	40-77		9-30	86	18	17	9	20		89
KIRSCHNER	16	6-10	3-11	4-6	11	2		3	4		25
GRANDGENETT	16	4-6	6-15	7-8	14	8	2	2	8	2	33
BIZAL	16	6-15	1-17	2-12	15	21	2	3	5	1	17
FORTUNE	14	1-7	1-2	3-5	9	1			6		0
P MOORE	6	5-8	0-1		4			1	1		10
LONG	2	1-1									2
KELLEY	13	2-4	1-2	4-5	3	5			3		15
SCHOLLMAYER	1	2-2									4
CAHOY	3	0-1						2	1		0
A MOORE	8	1-2			9	2		1			2
Name	GA	2FGM-A	3FGM-A	FTM-A	REB	AST	BLK	STL	TO	CH	PTS
MILLARD WEST	25	444-823	125-364	258-406	710	371	64	204	299	10	1524
OPPONENT	25	300-625	150-489	183-290	568	240	45	175	350	17	1323

## 2020-2021 Statistical Leaders

Assists	Blocks	Rebounds	Steals	Points	Performance
Humm 78	Hatch 19	Conway 173	Larsen/Conway 39	Meyersick 306	Conway 290.71
Made 2's	2-pt %	Made 3's	3-pt %	Made FT	FT %
Meyersick 109	Meyersick 63.4%	Larsen 62	Larsen 40.5%	Meyersick 76	Larsen 87.2%



## Coaches

<b>Bill Morrison</b>
<b>Dan Hall</b>
<b>Dale Gall</b>
<b>Camden Persigehl</b>
<b>Bret Siepker</b>
<b>Pat Freeman</b>
<b>Chris Tauber</b>

<b>2</b>	<b>Ryan Larsen</b>	<b>6'3</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Dustin Hatch</b>	<b>6'5</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Ben Bizal</b>	<b>6'2</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Spencer Fortune</b>	<b>6'2</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Jacob Jones</b>	<b>6'3</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Ben Kelley</b>	<b>6'3</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>James Conway</b>	<b>6'3</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>Dom Humm</b>	<b>6'1</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>40</b>	<b>Evan Meyersick</b>	<b>6'5</b>	<b>12</b>

## Underclassmen

<b>1</b>	<b>Cole Kirshner</b>	<b>5'11</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Zac Grandgenett</b>	<b>6'0</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Chase Hultman</b>	<b>6'0</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Peyton Moore</b>	<b>6'5</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>42</b>	<b>Trace Thaden</b>	<b>6'8</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>54</b>	<b>Avery Moore</b>	<b>6'3</b>	<b>11</b>

# 2020-2021 Wildcat Basketball Game Results

Opponent	We	They	Assists	Blocks	Rebounds	Steals	Points	Performance
Fremont	85	47	Hultman 7	Bizal 1	Meyersick 12	Hultman 3	Humm 21	Humm 17.65
N Platte	77	51	Hatch 6	---	Meyersick 8	Hatch 3	Humm 22	Meyersick 19.18
B East	81	56	Humm 5	1	Conway 7	Larsen 5	Humm 18	Conway 13.17
C Prep	40	42	2	1	Meyersick 6	2	Meyersick 14	Meyersick 11.82
L High	78	60	Hultman 5	Thaden 1	Meyersick 7	Larsen 5	Meyersick 17	Larsen 14.62
M1: Mil S.	54	44	Humm 3	Thaden 2	Meyersick 6	Hatch 3	Meyersick 13	Meyersick 7.39
M2: B West	56	69	2	1	Conway 11	Larsen 3	Meyersick 12	Conway 13.39
O Northwest	62	35	Humm 4	2	Conway 11	2	Meyersick 25	Meyersick 20.37
Elkhorn South	56	38	Hultman 6	Thaden 3	Conway 12	3	Conway 22	Conway 19.34
Omaha North	58	64	Larsen 5	Grandgenett 2	7	Humm 4	Meyersick 24	Conway 14.39
Grand Island	53	26	Humm 8	---	Meyersick 6	Conway 5	Humm 15	Humm 17.97
Papio South	65	48	3	1	Conway 9	3	Larsen 17	Larsen 11.45
Omaha Burke	78	40	4	1	Conway 5	Hatch 3	Larsen 33	Larsen 24.94
Millard South	55	45	Hatch 4	Hatch 2	Meyersick 9	Humm 2	Larsen 15	Meyersick 11.97
Lincoln East	60	57	3	1	Conway 10	2	Meyersick 26	Meyersick 20.08
Westside	38	59	Humm 5	Thaden 1	6	Humm 3	Meyersick 11	Conway 6.31
Gretna	64	47	Humm 6	Conway 2	Conway 6	2	15	Conway 18.97
Millard North	45	60	2	Thaden 2	Humm 5	2	Larsen 20	Larsen 8.20
Omaha Benson	79	49	Meyersick 6	Thaden 1	Conway 7	Hultman 3	Larsen 28	Larsen 22.72
Columbus	68	36	3	Hatch 4	Trace 8	Conway 4	Conway 14	Conway 18.18
CB Abe Lincoln	57	61	Humm 5	----	Hatch 5	Humm 2	Meyersick 19	Meyersick 12.33
D1: O North	52	34	Hultman 5	1	Conway 7	Conway 4	Conway 18	Conway 17.58
D2: Westside	55	54	Hultman 3	Hatch 2	Conway 12	1	Humm 15	Conway 15.18
S1: Pius X	47	45	3	Meyersick 1	Conway 10	3	Larsen 17	Conway 15.74
S2: Mil North	62	69	Meyersick 4	Larsen 1	Conway 4	Humm 3	Meyersick 15	Meyersick 12.97

# Wildcat Basketball

## 2020 - 2021 Top Performances

1st	2021	Team	52		Rebounds	Game
1st	2021	Team	16		Offensive Rebounds	Game
1st	2021	Team	28		Assists	Game
1st	2021	Team	19		Steals	Game
1st	2021	Team	28		2-pt Field Goals	Game
1st	2021	Ryan Larsen	8		3-pt Field Goals	Game
1st	2021	Ryan Larsen	87.2%	41/47	Free Throw Percentage	Season
2nd	2021	James Conway	76		Offensive Rebounds	Season
2nd	2021	Ryan Larsen	62		3-pt Field Goals	Season
3rd	2021	James Conway	290.71		Performance Rating	Season
4th	2021	Evan Meyersick	248.93		Performance Rating	Season
7th	2021	James Conway	173		Total Rebounds	Season
7th	2021	Evan Meyersick	63.4%	109/172	2-pt FG Percentage	Season
8th	2021	Evan Meyersick	80.0%		Free Throw Percentage	Season
9th	2021	Ryan Larsen	40.5%	62/153	3-pt FG Percentage	Season
10th	2021	James Conway	39		Steals	Season
10th	2021	Ryan Larsen	39		Steals	Season
10th	2021	Evan Meyersick	76		FreeThrows	Season
12th	2021	Dom Humm	78		Assists	Season
13th	2021	Evan Meyersick	109		2-pt Field Goals	Season
14th	2021	Dom Humm	36		Steals	Season
14th	2021	Evan Meyersick	306		Points	Season
15th	2021	James Conway	97		Defensive Rebounds	Season
15th	2021	James Conway	104		2-pt Field Goals	Season
15th	2021	Evan Meyersick	13.3		Points Per Game	Season
16th	2021	Dom Humm	185.06		Performance Rating	Season
17th	2021	Dom Humm	32		3-pt Field Goals	Season
17th	2021	Ryan Larsen	296		Points	Season
20th	2021	Dustin Hatch	19		Blocks	Season
20th	2021	James Conway	58.4%	104/179	2-pt FG Percentage	Season



1st	2021	Ryan Larsen	42.9%	112/261	3-pt FG Percentage	Career
2nd	2021	Evan Meyersick	90		Games Played	Career
2nd	2021	Ryan Larsen	112		3-pt Field Goals	Career
2nd	2021	Ryan Larsen	83.3%		Free Throw Percentage	Career
3rd	2021	Evan Meyersick	197		Free Throws	Career
4th	2021	Evan Meyersick	257		Defensive Rebounds	Career
4th	2021	Evan Meyersick	363		Total Rebounds	Career
4th	2021	Evan Meyersick	280		2-pt Field Goals	Career
4th	2021	Evan Meyersick	800		Points	Career
4th	2021	Evan Meyersick	575.93		Performance Rating	Career
4th	2021	Evan Meyersick	13		Charges Taken	Career
6th	2021	James Conway	59.2%	164/277	2-pt FG Percentage	Career
7th	2021	Dom Humm	69		Games Played	Career
8th	2021	Dom Humm	64		3-pt Field Goals	Career
8th	2021	Ryan Larsen	10.1	47	Points Per Game	Career
8th	2021	James Conway	450.3		Performance Rating	Career
9th	2021	James Conway	3		Total Rebounds	Career
9th	2021	James Conway	164		2-pt Field Goals	Career
9th	2021	Ryan Larsen	5		Charges Taken	Career
10th	2021	Ryan Larsen	5		Charges Taken	Career
10th	2021	James Conway	75		Steals	Career
11th	2021	Dom Humm	73		Steals	Career
12th	2021	James Conway	64		Games Played	Career
12th	2021	Dom Humm	149		2-pt Field Goals	Career
13th	2021	James Conway	160		Defensive Rebounds	Career
13th	2021	Evan Meyersick	54.6%	280/513	2-pt FG Percentage	Career
14th	2021	Dom Humm	2		Defensive Rebounds	Career
16th	2021	Evan Meyersick	65		Steals	Career
16th	2021	Evan Meyersick	8.9	90	Points Per Game	Career
17th	2021	Dom Humm	350.21		Performance Rating	Career
18th	2021	Ryan Larsen	62		Steals	Career
19th	2021	Dom Humm	87		Free Throws	Career
19th	2021	Evan Meyersick	69.6%		Free Throw Percentage	Career
20th	2021	Dom Humm	69.0%		Free Throw Percentage	Career
20th	2021	Dom Humm	8.3		Points Per Game	Career
20th	2021	Chase Hultman	91		Assists	Career



## Omaha-World Herald

### All-Metro 1st Team

Chucky Hepburn	Bel West
Hunter Sallis	Mil North
Saint Thomas	Mil North
Frankie Fidler	Bell West
Denim Johnson	Om Central

### All-Metro 2nd Team

Jasen Green	Mil North
Justin Sitti	Cr. Prep
Daniel Brocaille	Pap South
Jadin Johnson	Mil North
Reggie Thomas	Om Westside

### All-Metro 3rd Team

Brenden Buckley	Cr Prep
<b>Evan Meyersick</b>	<b>Mil West</b>
Luke Jungers	Cr. Prep
Chandler Meeks	Om Westside
Josiah Dotzler	Bel West

### 2020-2021 Final Rankings

1. Millard North
2. Bellevue West
3. Creighton Prep
4. **Millard West**
5. Lincoln Pius X
6. Papio South
7. Omaha Central
8. Omaha Westside
9. Papio—LaVista
10. Millard South

### *Scholar Athlete Awards*

#### Lincoln Journal Star

#### NSAA

Dom Humm  
Evan Meyersick

#### Metro Conference

### *Honorable Mention*

#### All—Metro

Dom Humm  
James Conway  
Ryan Larsen  
Dustin Hatch

#### All—State

Evan Meyersick  
Dom Humm  
James Conway  
Ryan Larsen  
Dustin Hatch

# *2020-21 Post Season Honors*

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## *All-Nebraska First Team*

Chucky Hepburn	Bel West
Hunter Sallis	Mil North
Saint Thomas	Mil North
Frankie Fidler	Bel West
Isaac Traudt	Gr. Island

## All-Nebraska 2nd Team

Carter Glenn	Lin East
Jasen Green	Mil North
Denim Johnson	Om Central
Justin Sitti	Cr. Prep
Daniel Brocaille	Pap South

## All Nebraska 3rd Team

Pierce Brazil	Lin NE
Jadin Johnson	Mil North
Kallan Herman	Norfolk
Kwat Abdelkarim	Lin N Star
Cam Binder	Auburn



## *State Tournament*

### *March 9-13, 2021*

## Class A 1st Team

Chucky Hepburn	Bel West
Hunter Sallis	Mil North
Saint Thomas	Mil North
Frankie Fidler	Bel West
Isaac Traudt	Gr. Island

## Class A 2nd Team

Carter Glenn	Lin East
Jasen Green	Mil North
Denim Johnson	Om Central
Justin Sitti	Cr. Prep
Daniel Brocaille	Pap South

#1 Millard North (23-2) 45.6400 Game 1 – Pinnacle Bank Mar 9 – 1:30 PM	<b>Millard North 73-46</b>	<b>CLASS A</b>
#8 Millard South (11-11) 40.4091	Game 5 Mar 12 – 6:15 PM Pinnacle Bank	<b>Millard North 69-62</b>
#4 Pius X (18-3) 44.0000 Game 2 – Pinnacle Bank Mar 9 – 4:00 PM	<b>Millard West 47-45</b>	Game 7 7:00 PM Mar 13 Pinnacle Bank
#5 Millard West (17-5) 42.7273	<b>Bellevue West 55-47</b>	<b>Millard North 84-78 OT</b> Champion
#2 Bellevue West (22-2) 45.5833 Game 3 – Pinnacle Bank Mar 9 – 6:15 PM	Game 6 Mar 12 – 8:30 PM Pinnacle Bank	<b>Bellevue West 95-94</b> 3OT
#7 Lincoln East (10-12) 40.7273	<b>Prep 64-56</b>	
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#6 Papio South (15-9) 41.8750		





# New School Records

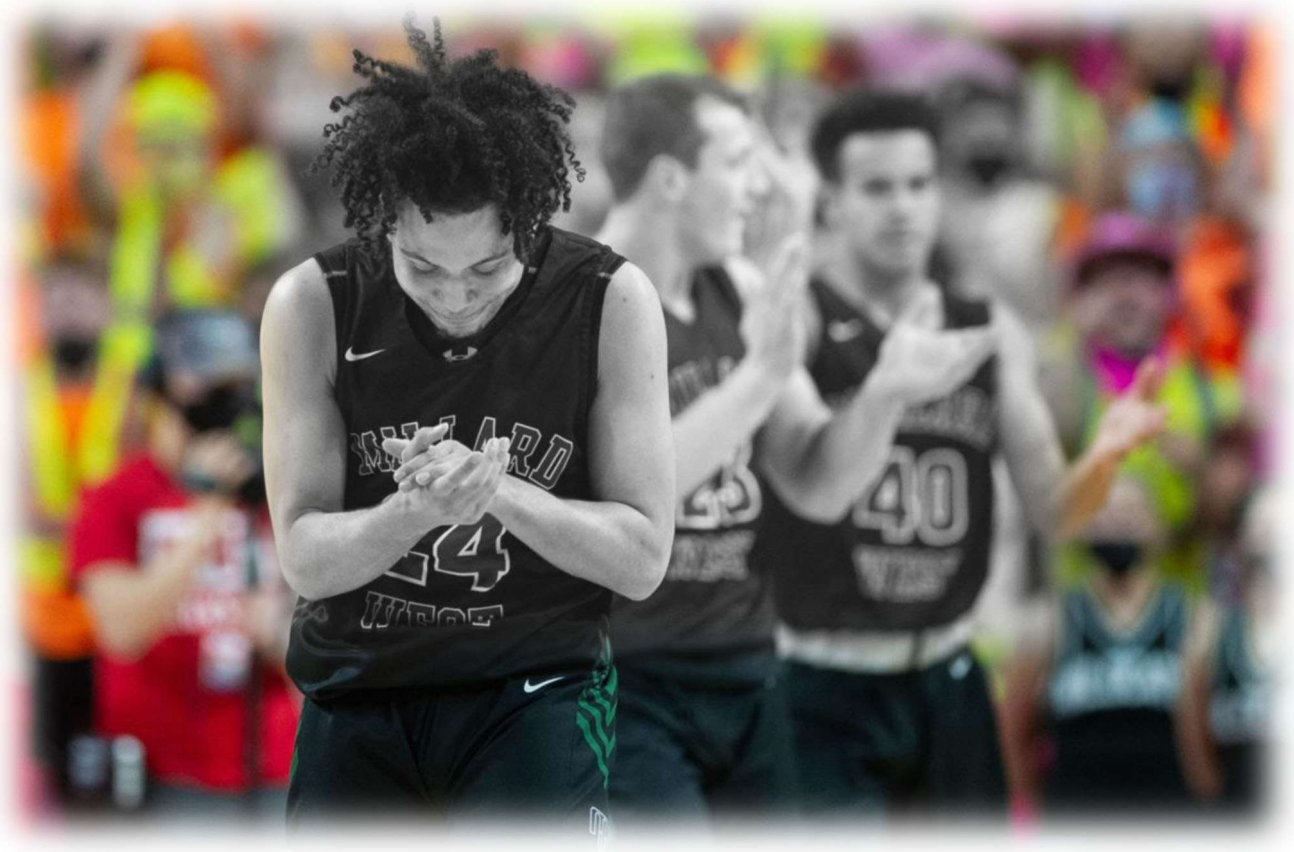
<u>Team</u>	<u>Individual</u>
16 Offensive Rebounds in a Game	
52 Rebounds in a Game	Ryan Larsen
12 3's in a Game	Ryan Larsen
19 Steals in a Game	87.2% Season Free Throw %
28 Assists in a Game	42.9% Career 3-point %

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<b>Prep 64-56</b>	

## Final Class A Rankings

1. Millard North 27-2
2. Bellevue West 25-3
3. Creighton Prep 23-3
4. Millard West 18-7
5. Lincoln Pius X 18-4
6. Papillion-South 15-10
7. Omaha Central 20-6
8. Omaha Westside 17-7
9. Papillion-LaVista 16-7
10. Millard South 11-12



*2020–2021 Seniors*



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WILDCATS



DOMINIC-DEANGELO HUMM 2020-21





JAMES CONWAY

2020-



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DUSTIN HATCH 2020-21







EVAN MEYERSICK

2020-



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RYAN LARSEN

2020-2021





*BEN BIZAL*

*2020-2021*



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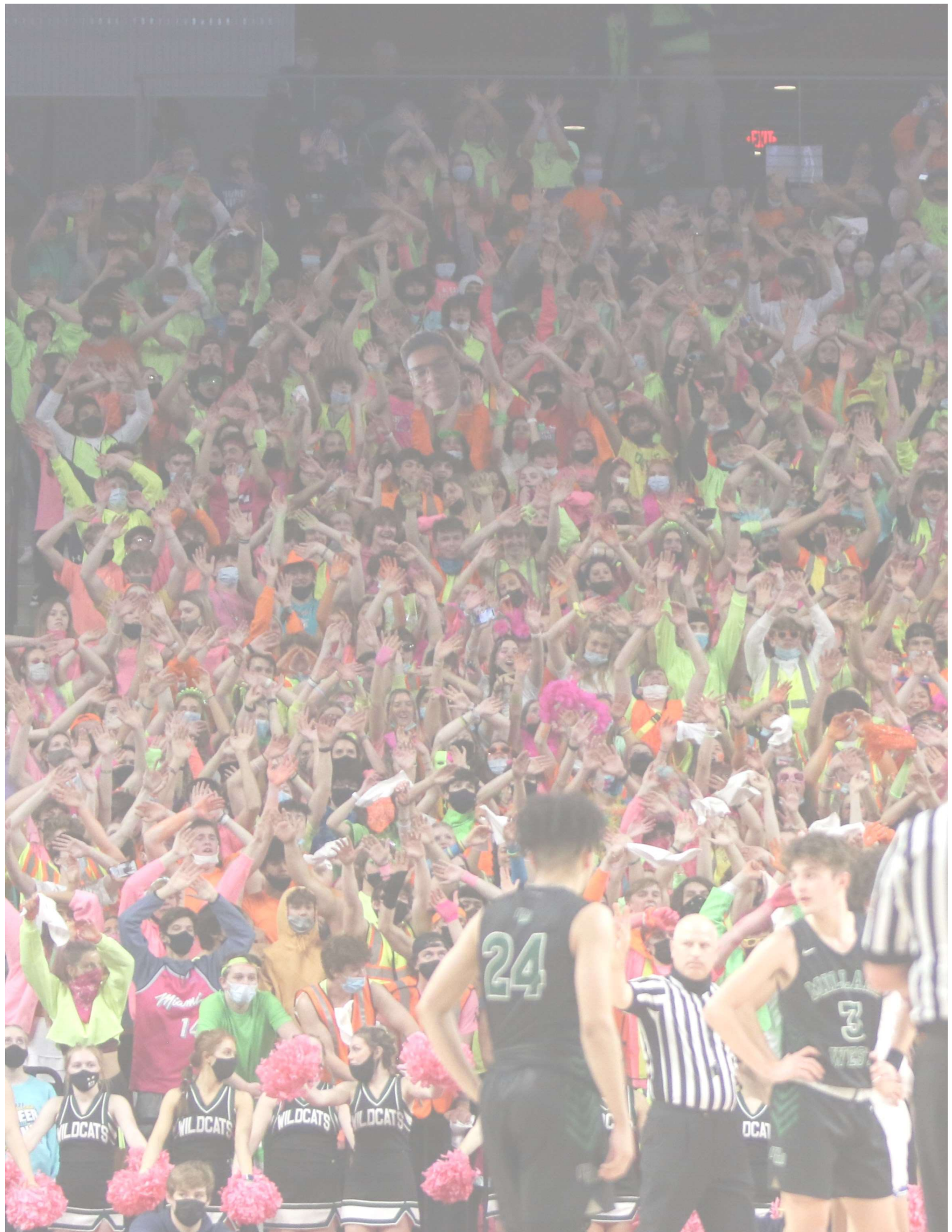
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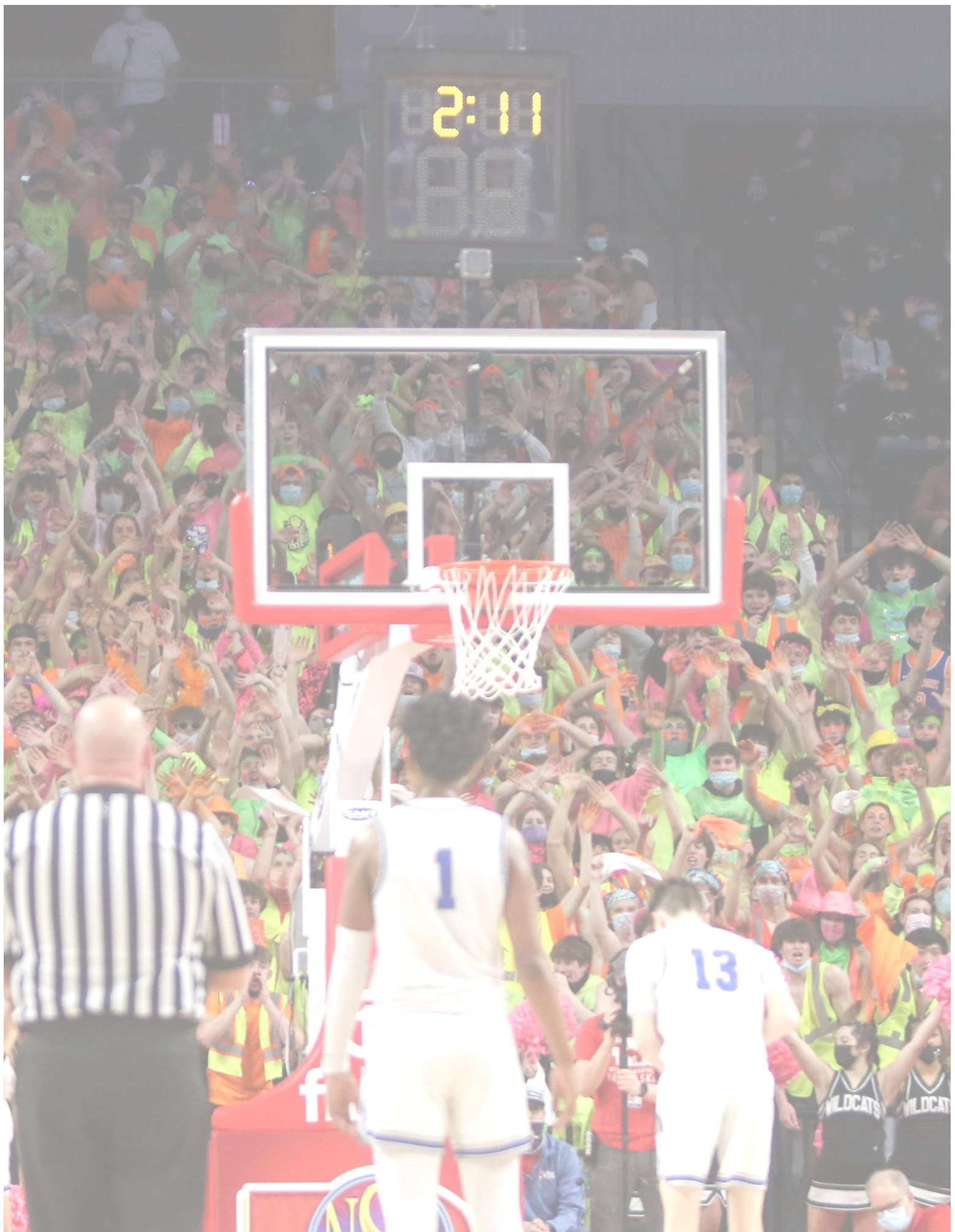
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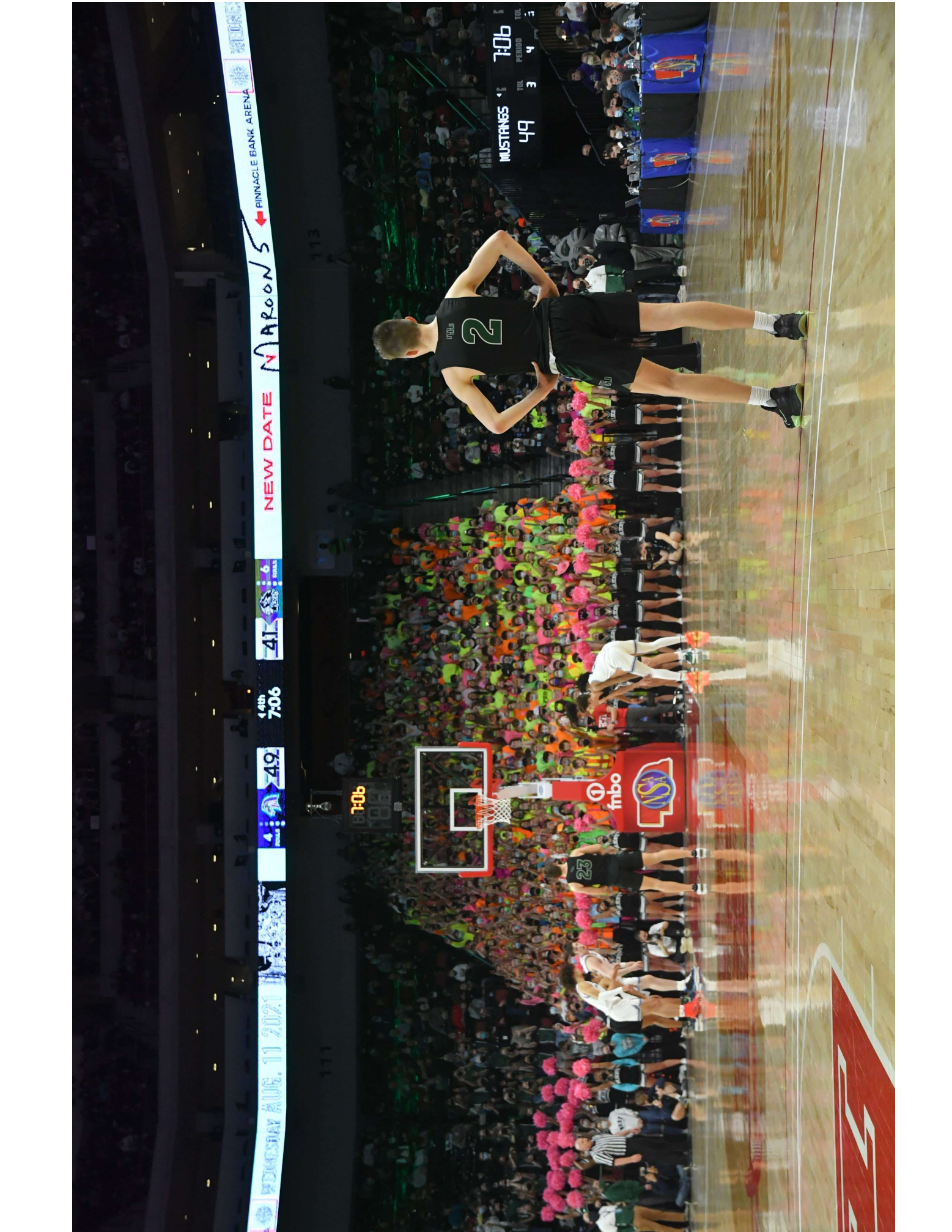


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