2022—2023 Wildcat Basketball

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Seniors Ready to Make Their Mark

The 2022-23 Seniors are ready to make their mark on the Millard West Wildcat Boys Basketball program. After a season filled with injuries a year ago, West hopes to improve on last year's record.

The Wildcats have four players who started last season and a host of other players that contributed last season.

6'5" Senior Peyton Moore returns with the most points this season as he averaged 8.6 points per game last year. He shot 59.6% 2-pointers and grabbed three rebounds per game.

6'0" Senior Cole Kirschner led the Wildcats with 8.2 points per game. He made 40 3-points at a 34.5% pace. He also led the team with 32 steals and had 39 assists.

6'2" Senior Zac Grandgenett started in the first four games of the season and averaged 7.5 points per game before he broke his ankle and was not able to play the rest of the season.

5'11" Junior Max Frohloff started at point guard last year. He grabbed 3 rebounds, had 2 assists and scored 4.6 points per game.

6'3" Jaidyn Gaius-Anyaegbu came off the bench and grabbed 3 rebounds and scored 4.6 points. Cooper Fortune had 1.5 rebounds and scored 1.8 points for West. And, 6'2" Cole Butler played in half of the games last year and grabbed .8 rebounds and scored 1.1 points per game.

The Wildcats have a lot of experience returning, but they will look a little different this year. Their tallest player is 6'5 Peyton Moore. The guard-oriented team will try to play at a faster pace and will use an outside attack offensively.

"We have a lot of guards. And, at times, we can really shoot it well," said Bill Morrison. Morrison is in his 14th season as head coach of the Wildcats. "We are working on playing at a faster pace. We want to beat teams down the court for easy baskets."

"We are also working hard on our half-court defense and our rebounding," Morrison added. "We know that there will



Class of 2023: Cole Kirschner, Cole Butler, Peyton Moore, Jaidyn Gaius-Anyaegbu, and Zac Grandgenett (Picture by Lance Smith)

probably be nights that we don't shoot as well. But our defense and our rebounding has to be constant."

6'0" Junior Jordan Gassen is also expected to help the Wildcats this year. Tag Carmichael, Jackson Williams, and Jacob Young will round out this year's Varsity team.

"I am looking forward to seeing how we progress throughout the year," Morrison said. "We will have to play as one unit to be competitive. We have a really tough schedule and will have to have to be on the same page to help us get some wins."

The Wildcats open at Lincoln East on Thursday, December 1st, and play at home Saturday, Dec 3, in the afternoon. The time on Saturday will depend on Thursday's day's results. West will either play Omaha Westside or Lincoln Southeast at Millard West on Saturday. The game will either be at 1:00 or 2:45.







Lincoln East Beats West in Final Seconds of Opener

The Millard West Varsity Basketball team lost close games to Lincoln East and Pre-Season #2 Westside in the first weekend. West was up for the challenge despite the fact that Seniors Jaidyn Gaius-Anyaegbu and Cole Butler were not able to play in either game due to injuries.

The Wildcats were competitive with both teams and even led through much of each game. In the end, they could not pull out the victories.

The Wildcats opened their season at Lincoln East on Thursday.

Max Frohloff led the Wildcats with 12 points and Peyton Moore gabbed 8 rebounds for West.

Carter Mick and Carter Templemeyer led the Spartans with 20 and 11 points respectively.

Both teams came out of the gate fast. Five Wildcats combined for 16 points. The two Carter's scored 10 of East's 13 points in the 1st quarter.

West led through most of the 2nd quarter. Jordan Gassen scored with 3:42 left in the half to take a 24-21 lead. Lincoln East finished the half on a 6-0 run and led 27-24 at half.

"We played very well on both sides of the ball for the first 12 minutes," Coach Bill Morrison said. "And we were still solid in the last 4 minutes. We just couldn't make a bucket."

After the break, West was able to score 21 points in the 3rd quarter. The Carter's again scored 10 of East's 12 points in the quarter. West led 45-39 going into the last 8 minutes.

Cole Kirschner made a 3-pointer to give West a 48-39 lead with 6:34 left in the quarter. A couple missed free throws and three turnovers allowed East to cut the Wildcat lead to 52-50.

West extended the lead to 53-50 on a free throw by Gassen with 2:09 left in the game. The Wildcats missed two field goals on their next two possession while the Spartans made 3 of 4 free throws to tie the score at 53-53 with 42.8 seconds left.

After a kicked ball by East, the shot clock was tuned off with 18.7 seconds left, and West was able to try to held the ball for the last shot.

Moore got trapped by two Spartan defenders and called a timeout with 11.6 seconds remaining. On the

next play, West turned the ball over with 8.8 left on the clock.

"We were going to call a timeout with just under 10 seconds left but the trap forced us to call it a little sooner than we wanted," Morrison said. "We would have also liked the ball a little higher on the sideline."

East was able to travel the distance of the court and make a lay-up. West called time out with 1.3 seconds left. A 3/4 court shot by Moore did not go in for the Wildcats.

"We probably haven't practiced enough end of the game situations. We did not execute very well in the last minute of the game," Morrison said.



Varsity (0-2)

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Freshman B No Games <u>Reserves</u> No Games

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Junior Varsity (0-2)

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#2 Westside Comes from Behind to Beat West

On Saturday, West hosted Westside in their 2nd game of the season.

Peyton Moore led the Wildcats with 9 points and 7 rebounds. Max Frohloff dished out 3 assists and Cole Kirschner recorded 4 steals for West.

Tate Odvody was the only player who scored in double digits as he scored 14 for the Warriors.

West jumped out to an early 4-0 lead and did not trail in the first half of the game. With the score tied 7-7 with 3:18 left in the quarter, Zac Grandgenett was fouled on a lay-up and suffered a game-ending injury.

The Wildcats' defense was very effective the entire game. Six different Wildcats scored in the quarter to build a 15-9 lead.

A basket by Odvody with 5:34 left in the 2nd quarter made the score 19 -13 in favor of the Wildcats. West went on a 7-0 run on two lay-ups by Frohloff and a 3-pointer by Jacob Young.

But, a couple West turnovers, back to back 3-pointers by Westside, and an old-fashioned 3-point play by CJ Mitchell cut the lead to 26-22. West led at the half 28-22 after a basket by Moore.

"Our defense was very good in the first half. We were able to keep them off balance by switching between Man and Zone," Morrison said. "We were able to get a lot of deflections and rebounded very well."

Westside chipped away at the lead as West had a tough time scoring in the 3rd quarter. Westside took their first lead of the game, 35-33, after a 3-pointer by Mitchell.

West scored the first two points of the 4th quarter on two free throws by Cooper Fortune with 6:14 left in the game. Cole Kirschner gave the Wildcats a 38-35 lead on a 3-pointer on the next possession. But, Maddox Anderson answered with his own 3-pointer to tie the game 38-38.

Westside build a 43-38 lead before Kirschner stole a pass at halfcourt and scored a lay-up to make the score 43-40 with 1:01 left in the game.

Westside would make 3-4 free throws and hold West scoreless in the last minute to take the victory.

"We had a hard time scoring in the 2nd half," Morrison said. "We got some good looks, but nothing seemed to fall."

"Our defense was very good for most of the game," Morrison added. "We need to figure out how to close these close games out."



JV vs Lincoln East

The Millard West JV team lost at Lincoln East in their opening game of the 2022-23 season, 52-57.

After trailing 12-14 at the end if the first, the Wildcats were able to take a 22-21 lead into the half.

West led 40-36 going into the final quarter. The Spartans score 21 in the 4th to earn the win.

Jace Ingebretson led the team with 18 points. Reece Carson contributed 12 points and 6 rebounds. The team shot 10-26 from behind the 3-point line for the game.

| MW | 12 | 10 | 18 | 12 | 52 |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| LE | 14 | 7 | 15 | 21 | 57 |

JV vs Omaha Westside

Omaha Westside started the game getting easy transition points to put the Wildcats in an early hole. By the end of the 2nd quarter, MW had battled back to go into half tied 24-24.

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The game stayed even going into the 4th. Westside took the lead in the last couple of minutes and withstood a last second shot that didn't go in for the Wildcats.

Jayden Kozney led the Wildcats with 13 points. Carter LaBorde contributed 10 points and 9 rebounds. Lucas Johnson dished out 5 assists..

| Westside | 14 | 10 | 16 | 15 | 55 |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|
| MW | 9 | 15 | 16 | 13 | 53 |



Wildcats Cage Bears in First Win of Season

Millard West won their first game of the season in a 45-35 victory over Omaha Bryan at home. Bryan had a height and athleticism advantage, but the Wildcats' defense was able to limit the Bears offense.

Cole Kirschner scored a seasonhigh 18 points and Jordan Gassen had a career high 12 points on the night. Tag Carmichael grabbed 10 rebounds. Max Frohloff led the team with 4 steals and 3 assists.

Mat Tut led Bryan with 13 points in the game.

In the first quarter, neither team led by more than two points. Peyton Moore paced the Wildcats with 6 points in the first 8 minutes.

West took a 12-10 lead late in the quarter, but A'mere Bynum, who scored 6 points in the quarter, mad an old-fashioned three point play with under 10 seconds left.

The scoring slowed down in the first half of the 2nd quarter. West took a 17-13 lead on a 3-pointer by Gassen with 3:18 left in the half.

Isaiah Jackson scored Bryan's first two points of the quarter on their next possession. But, Gassen answered with another 3-pointer. Gassen

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scored eight of the Wildcats nine points in the quarter. West led 21-19 at the break.

"We didn't shoot great, but I was happy with the effort we were playing with," Coach Bill Morrison said. "Both our zone and our man defenses were effective in the first half."

Bryan was able to take a 24-23 lead after a free throw with 4:53 left in the quarter. Kirschner, who scored all 10 of West's points in the quarter, answered with a 3 pointer.

Kirschner was fouled on a 3pointer with 0.7 seconds left in the quarter. He was able to make all three free throws to give the Wildcats a 31-26 lead.

Kirschner hit another 3-pointer to start the scoring in the 4th quarter. A foul was called in the paint after the shot and Gassen made a free throw to extend the West lead to 35-26.

Two free throws by Tut drew the Bears to within six points at 39-33. But, that would be as close as the Bears would get while West made six of eight free throws to end the game.

"Our effort was great tonight. Our offensive rebounding was great," Coach Morrison said.

Morrison said it was nice to see his team finish with a win.

"We were ahead in the 4th quarter of both of our first games," he added. "It was hard to relax late in the game."

| OB | 13 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 35 |
|----|----|---|----|----|----|
| MW | 12 | 9 | 10 | 14 | 45 |

OB: McCullough 4, Jackson 4, Tut 13, Bynum 8, Rodriquez 2, Martin 4.

MW: Kirschner 18, Gassen 12, Frohloff 2, Moore 8, Carmichael 1, Fortune 4.



| Freshman A (1-1) | Freshman B (1-1) | Reserves (1-0) | Junior Varsity (2-2) | Varsity (2-2) |
|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Gretna L 44-45 | Gretna W 54-40 | Benson W 72-15 | Bryan W 77-41 | Bryan W 45-35 |
| Elk South W 53-49 | Elk South L 39-42 | | Benson W 62-56 | Benson W 43-33 |

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Defense Comes Through for Wildcats Again

For the 2nd game in a row, the Wildcats were able to hold their opponent under 40 points as Millard West beat Omaha Benson 43-33. West is now 2-2 on the season.

Max Frohloff led the Wildcats in scoring with nine points. Cole Kirschner had seven steals. Cooper Fortune led the team with nine rebounds and four assists.

Chiok John led all players in scoring with 12 points.

Neither team had much luck in scoring in the first quarter. Noah Faya started the scoring on a basket with 6:20 left in the first quarter. Peyton Moore started the scoring for West on a basket with 4:29 left on the clock.

Benson led 5-3 before Brandon Jamon made a 3 pointer at the buzzer to lead 8-3 after the first quarter.

"Our shooting really striggled in the first quarter. We were taking decent shots, but not paying attention to our mechanics," Coach Bill Morrison said. "Our defense was able to keep us in the game early."

Frohloff helped West open up the scoring by making two 3-pointers.





West was able to outscore the Bunnies 16-5 in the 2nd quarter.

West scored the first 12 points of the quarter. The Wildcat defense forced six turnovers and held Benson scoreless until John made a basket with 2:39 left in the half. West took a 19-13 lead into the half.

"We didn't seem very relaced on offense<" Morrison said. "I thought that, when we started scoring , it would calm us down. But we never really did."

John made a shot for Benson with 4:11 on the clock to cut the lead to 22-21. Jordan Gassen scored four points on the next possession to help West regain control of the lead 26-21. The Wildcats led 30-23 going into the final period.

West's defense controlled the Bunnies early in the 4th quarter as they built a 34-23 lead. Benson's first basket came when Ke'Von Newsome scored with 4:40 left in the game.

West was able to build a 39-25 lead on another basket by Gassen. Benson cut the lead to 10 on a 3pointer by Jamon, but there was only 8.7 seconds left on the clock.

After the game, Morrison com-

mented on his team's progress after the first two weeks.

"We have been working hard on defense. Our defensive average is under 43 points and have had chances to win all four games," Morrison said. "We need to be able to settle down offensively and start shooting better. When we do that, this team will be a lot of fun to watch."

| MW | 3 | 16 | 11 | 13 | 43 |
|----|---|----|----|----|----|
| OB | 8 | 5 | 10 | 10 | 33 |

MW: Young 3, Kirschner 7, Gassen 8, Frohloff 9, Moore 3, Gaius-Anyaegbu 6, Fortune 7.

OB: Jamon 6, Harland 3, John 12, Faya 8, Newsome 4



Lower Levels

Freshmen A

The Millard West Freshmen A-team suffered a disappointing loss to Gretna 45-44 in their season opener.

Gretna led 16-12 after the first quarter. The scoring slowed down for both teams in the 2nd quarter and the Dragons held onto a 20-19 lead at the half.

Gretna outscored the Wildcats in the 3rd quarter to lead 30-26 with 8 minutes left in the game.

In the 4th quarter, West trailed by as many as 7 points. The Wildcats started to apply full court pressure and forced some turnovers. West made a basket as time was running out but was not able to complete the comeback.

Josh Fabrikant led the scoring for West with 16 points. Bryson Williams added 10, and Vincent Long and Nate Marable scored 8 points each.

| GHS | 16 | 4 | 10 | 15 | 45 |
|-----|----|---|----|----|----|
| MW | 12 | 7 | 7 | 18 | 44 |

Millard West traveled to Elkhorn South and beat the Storm 53-49. A large part of the victory was due to great team defense.

Vince Long led the Wildcats with 14. Nate Marable added 12, Ryan Beightol dropped in 10, and Bryson Williams had 8 points.

Freshmen B

The Freshmen Basketball B team won their season opening game over Gretna.

The Wildcats started out cold offensively but their defense kept them in the game as John Stanton was stifling in the press. Zach Dickmeyer lead the team on the boards.

The Wildcats offensively were led by John Stanton and Samson Baker who each had 11 points.

Other Wildcats scoring was Ryker White 8pts, Evan Ward and Connor Morris 6pts, Jackson Semanisin and Griffin McDonald 5pts, and Zach Dickmeyer 2pts.

| GHS | 10 | 6 | 13 | 11 | 40 |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|
| MW | 3 | 21 | 12 | 18 | 54 |

The Wildcats started out hot offensively in the first half scoring 29 and leading by 13 at the half. The second half was the complete opposite as the Wildcats' shooting was ice cold offensively.

The Wildcats got into foul trouble and could not hold off the Storm for their first loss of the season.

Offensively the Wildcats were led by Solomon Baker who had 9. Samson Baker had 6pts, Ward, Stanton, McDonald, and White each had 4pts, Semanisin 3pts, and Morris had 2pts.

| MW | 17 | 12 | 6 | 4 | 39 |
|------|----|----|----|----|----|
| ESHS | 3 | 13 | 15 | 11 | 42 |

<u>Reserves</u>

The Millard West Boys Reserve team traveled to Benson High School for the first win of the season.

The Wildcat Defense started out creating turnovers and converting them to points as they jumped out to a 20-0 lead before the Bunnies scored the last 4 points of the quarter.

From that point on, it was all Millard West as they led 45-9 at the half and ended up winning 72-15.

Leading the scoring attack was Nolan Lord with 14 points and Breck Osborne added 11 points.

| MW | 20 | 25 | 16 | 11 | 72 |
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| OBHS | 4 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 15 |

Jr. Varsity

The JV boys were able to get a notch in the win column! All nine players that suited up scored in the game.

Great team defense and hustle led to many scoring opportunities.

Carter Laborde led the team with 19 points, all in the 2nd half. Trey Abara and Reece Carson had 11 points each. D.J. Schiemann contributed 10 points.

| Bryan | 10 | 8 | 13 | 11 | 41 |
|-------|----|----|----|----|----|
| MW | 19 | 16 | 19 | 23 | 77 |

The JV boys were able to even up their record with a 62-56 win over the Bunnies. After the 3rd quarter, the Wildcats held a 25 point lead. Benson was able to make a run in the 4th by hitting 6 three pointers.

Three players were in double figures for the Wildcats. Jayden Kozney (11), Lucas Johnson (10), and Jackson Williams (10).

Carter LaBorde led the team with 8 rebounds. Nathan Durand contributed 8 points and 7 rebounds.

Reece Carson led the Wildcats with 4 assists.

| Benson | 7 | 9 | 11 | 29 | 56 |
|--------|----|----|----|----|----|
| MW | 13 | 24 | 15 | 10 | 62 |



Mustangs Beat West in Rivalry Game

Millard North took an early 9-0 lead and did not let the Wildcats back in the game to win this year's version of the West vs. North rivalry game, 61-47.

Zac Grandgenett was the only Wildcat in double figures with 18 points. Jaidyn Gaius-Anyaegbu had 5 steals.

Millard North had three players in double digits. Neal Mosser led the way with 18 points. Derek Rollins scored 13 points and Camden Monie added 10 for the Mustangs.

The game remained scoreless for the first two minutes in the game. The Mustangs broke out of the corral and made three 3-pointers in 70 seconds



to take a 9-0 lead with 4:50 left in the quarter.

West was ablet to finish the guarter by outscoring North 8 to 4 in the rest of the quarter to trail by five at the end of the period.

The Mustang offense was very efficient in the 2nd quarter, scoring 22 points on 14 possessions. North made four 3-pointers in the quarter.

"North really seemed to be in 'attack mode" in the first half,"

coach Bill Morrison said. "They came out very aggressive and gave our defense a lot of trouble."

West made some adjustments at half-time and were able to outscore the Mustangs 23-15 in the 3rd quarter. Grandgenett had 10 of his points in the guarter. West cut the lead to 50-40 at the end of the 3rd period.

> "We talked more about making good decisions than we did X's and O's," Morrison said. "I thought we took some bad shots in the first half and didn't attack them."



West had trouble scoring in the 4th quarter. Their defense was able to limit the Mustangs to keep the came in reach. But, The Wildcats could not erase the Mustang lead.

| MW | 8 | 9 | 23 | 7 | 47 |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| MN | 13 | 22 | 15 | 11 | 61 |

MW: Kirschner 9, Gassen 4, Frohloff 2, Moore 7, Gaius 4, Carmichael 3, Grandgenett 18.

MN: Urbanek 5, Davis 1, Williams 3, Gaeth 7, Mosser 18, Monie 10, Rollins 13, Piatkowski 4.

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| Skutt | W 49-47 OT | Skutt | W | 46-31 | Cr Prep | W 48-41 | Cr Prep | W | 55-51 | Mil North | L 47-61 | L |
| | | | | | Elk South | W 48-41 | Lin SW | L | 55-61 | Cr. Prep | L 39-40 |) |
| | | | | | Skutt | L 48–52 | | | | Lin SW | L 65-72 | 2 |

Wildcats Lose Low Scoring Game to Prep

After leading 18-12 at half, the Wildcats can not hold on for the victory against Creighton Prep. Prep won 40-39.

Zac Grandgenett led West with 13 points. Peyton More had 9 rebounds and 2 assists. Cole Kirschner had 2 steals. And, Cooper Fortune led the team with 4 assists.

Marquis Toliver led all scorers off of the bench with 16 points for Creighton Prep. Dillon Claussen added 11 points.

The score in the first quarter went back and forth for both teams. Their were three ties in the quarter. Cole Kirschner led the Wildcats with 5 points in the quarter as the Wildcats took a 9-7 lead at the end of the first quarter. PJ Newbill scored five of his eight points in the quarter.

The scoring did not pick up in the 2nd quarter. West never trailed in the first half. Grandgenett had four points in the quarter.

Coach Bill Morrison was happy with his teams effort in the first quarter. "Our defense was great. Only allowing 12 points is a really good effort against anyone. Offensively, we need to find ways to score more," he said.

Prep came out of the half and hit two 3-pointers early in the 2nd half to tie the score 18-18.

Prep gained their first lead of the game after a basket by Dillon Claussen with just over a minute left, 24-23. Max Frohloff was able to answer with a basket to 25-24 to end the scoring in the 3rd quarter.

Prep scored first in the 4th quarter to make the score 26-25 on a Toliver drive from the top of the key with 6:45 remaining. Grandgenett made a 3pointer after a Wildcat offensive rebound at the 5:13 mark.

In the last five minutes of the game, both teams started scoring more efficiently. Toliver made a 3-pointer to regain the lead for Prep.

Moore tied the score 29-29 with a free throw and the Wildcats took a 32-29 lead with 3:34 on the clock after a 3-pointer by Cole Kirschner.

There would be three more lead changes in the game over the final three minutes. Prep was 6-6 from the free throw line in that stretch.

Following a timeout, Dillon Claussen made a basket after a Toliver drive to give Prep a 38-35 lead with 18 seconds remaining.

Grandgenett drove the length of the court and scored with 9.6 left on the clock. West fouled Joey Rieschl with 7.8 seconds left.

Rieschl, Prep's leading scorer coming into the game, made both free throws for his first two points of the game.

The Wildcats got the ball to half court, called a timeout and got a decent look at a 3-pointer. The shot did not fall. Jordan Gassed grabbed the offensive rebound and made the putback to end the game.

"Our guys followed our game plan perfectly on defense," Morrison said. "Rieschl didn't make a shot the whole game and we did a good job of keeping the other guys out the lane for most of the game."

"We need to find ways to score," Morrison added. "We are settling for deep 3's. We have to find ways to get the ball into the paint."



| CP | 7 | 5 | 12 | 16 | 40 |
|----|---|---|----|----|----|
| MW | 9 | 9 | 7 | 11 | 39 |

Prep: D Claussen 11, Toliver 16, Newbill 8, Rieschl 2, Jones 3.

West: Kirschner 8, Gassen 8, Frohloff 2, Moore 4, Gaius 4, Grandgenett 13.



Silverhawks Outscore Wildcats

Millard West was able to put more points on the board against Lincoln Southwest, but could not keep up with the Silverhawks'' high powered offense. Southwest beat the Wildcats 72-65.

Zac Grandgenett led the Wildcats with 17 points, 5 assists, and 6 steals. Peyton Moore scored 13 points, grabbed 9 rebounds and blocked 2 shots. Max Frohloff also scored 10 points.

Chuck Love led Southwest with 21 points. Rylan Smith scored 15. Bhan Buom and Braden Frager added 12 and 11 respectively. The Silverhawks shot 74% 2-point field goals and 40% 2-pointers. They were also 20-26 from the free throw line.

Millard West scored first on a 3pointer by Frohloff. There would be 3 lead changes in the first quarter. Southwest led 14-12 late in the quarter. The Silverhawks went on a 7-0 run in the last 1:16 of the quarter.

The teams played even for the first seven minutes of the 2nd quarter. West cut the lead to 29-21 on a basket by Jordan Gassen with 2:30 left in the half.

West was able to force seven Silverhawk turnover n the quarter, including five in a row late in the quarter. But the last minute was a repeat of the first quarter. Southwest finished the half with a 7-0 run in the last 1:10 of the period.

"We did a lot of good things in the first half, but we didn't finish either quarter very well," Coach Bill Morrison said. "We can't allow good teams to go on runs like that."

So8uthwest used another 11-3 run in the 3rd quarter to build a 51-34 run. The Silverhawks led 56-38 going into the final period. But, the Wildcats were not ready to throw in the towel.

West started the final quarter with a 7-0 run to cut the lead to 45-54. The Wildcats had a stretch where they scored on six of seven possessions and cut the lead to seven, 65-58.

Southwest scored their last 13 points from the line on 13-16 shooting from the foul line.

"We played so much better offensively in the 2nd half than we did the first half," Morrison said. "We played together instead of forcing shots. That also helped our defense because they were not able to score as many points in transition."

The Wildcats have played seven games in 17 days and are looking forward to getting some time to practice.

"We haven't had time to put two or three good practices together because of our busy schedule," Morrison said. "We have three days next week to hopefully fix a few things and get ready for the Metro Tournament."

"West will play Elkhorn South at Elkhorn South on Thursday, December 22, at 4:00 p.m. Their second game will be at Bellevue West on December 29th. That opponent will be decided after first round games this week.

| MW | 12 | 9 | 17 | 27 | 65 |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|
| LSW | 21 | 15 | 20 | 16 | 72 |

MW: Kirschner 8, Gassen 9, Frohloff 10, Moore 13, Gaius-Anyaegbu 6, Grandgenett 17, Fortune 2.

LSW: Helms 5, Love 21, Buom 3, Smith 15, Lam 2, Reynolds 3, Frager 11



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Junior Varsity

The JV basketball team got a big win over Creighton Prep Friday night! After leading 19-6 at the end of the 1st quarter, the Wildcats were only up 2 going into halftime.

The Blue Jays took the lead in the 3rd quarter and led by 5 going into the 4th.

The Wildcats refocused on the defensive end to get stops and transition points to take the lead and get the W. The Wildcats shot 17/23 from the

Reserves

The Millard West Boys Reserve basketball team beat Creighton Prep 48-41 in their home opener.

The Wildcats jumped out to an early win by forcing turnovers and converting them into lay ups. Tyson Meier hit two 3-pointers early in the game as well.

Prep battled back and took a 5point lead with 3:30 left in the half. Carson Hutteger led the Wildcat come-back by getting into the lane and scoring on some lay ups. The Cats' defense was able to limit the Blue Jays. West trailed by one at the half.

Millard West took the lead early in the 2nd half and held the lead throughout most of the 2nd

Freshmen A

The Freshmen A team was able to fight adversity and earn a 49-47 comeback victory in overtime against Omaha Skutt.

The bus was late because of the snow storm and did not leave West until close to game time.

The Skyhawks were able to jump out to a 17 point lead in the first half.

line for the game. 10/14 in the 4th quarter.

Lucas Johnson led the team with 13 points. Trey Abara contributed 12.

| CP | 6 | 18 | 15 | 12 | 51 |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| MW | 19 | 7 | 8 | 21 | 55 |



After a solid 1st half ending in a 11 point lead, the Wildcats struggled offensively and defensively in the 2nd half.

The Wildcats ended up getting outscored 34-17 during the last 2 quarters.

Everyone scored for the Wildcats with Trey Abara leading the way with 9 points, all in the 1st half.

Tyson Meier led West with 13

points. Carson Hutteger added 12

points and Colvin Zimmerman scored

7 points.

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half. West led by as much as 11 points, but the Blue Jays would not give up and cut the lead to six points late in the game.

Colvin Zimmerman led the team with 14 points. Carson Hutteger added 13 points for the Cats.

The Wildcats jumped out to an early 8-0 lead over Elkhorn South. West's offense built a 31-13 lead going into the half.

Elkhorn game out of the break and outscored the Wildcats 15-5 in the quarter to make the score 36-28.

Both teams battled back and forth in the fourth quarter. West was able to pull away in the 4th quarter and won 48-41. The Wildcats started off hot and led early by forcing turnovers, pushing the pace, and high-intensity defense. West had their best half of the season and led by 15 going into the half.

Coming out of the half proved to be a different story as Skutt Catholic was able to battle back and go ahead late in the 4th quarter.

The Wildcats were not able to battle back and lost 48-52.

The Wildcats battled back and were able to tie the score 40-40 to end regulation. West pulled out the victory in overtime.

Nate Marable led all scorers with 17 points. Rowen Scholting scored 9 points. Bryson Williams and Vince Long added 5 each.

Freshmen B

The Wildcats used a strong first half to beat the SkyHawks 46-31 and get their 2nd win of the season.

The Wildcats offensively were led by Stanton and Chevis who each had 11pts. Other Wildcats scoring were Morris with 6, Solomon Baker and Semanisin 5, and Ward and Samson Baker 4pts.



Weather Forecast Disrupts Metro-Tournament

The anticipated snow storm and arctic blast has altered the Metro-Tournament schedule for the Varsity team.

Originally, the Wildcats were to play Elkhorn South on Thursday. The forecast moved the came to Wednesday. That time was also post-poned and the entire schedule had to be adjusted.

The #9 seeded Wildcats will play Elkhorn South at Bellevue West in the opening game of the 22-23 Metro Tournament. The game will be held at 8:30 a.m. on December 29th.

The 2nd Round will be against either Bellevue West or Bellevue East. The winners of the games will play at

Bellevue West at 3:30 on Friday. The Losers will have to play again at 8:30 a.m. at Creighton Prep.

Semi-Finals of the Tournament will be held on Saturday the 31st, and the Finals will be held on January 2nd.

All lower level teams are also playing in tournaments after the break. All four teams will play on both the 27th and the 28th.

The JV team plays Millard North at 11:30 on the 27th. The will play either Papio South or Elkhorn South at 2:00 or 3:30 on the 28th.

The Reserves will play in a tournament at Creighton Prep. The Wildcats play Prep at 1:00 on Tuesday and play either Papio South or Westside at 1:00 or 2:30 on Thursday.

The three Millard Schools and Bellevue West will play at Millard West in both the Freshman A and Freshman B tournaments.

Millard West and Millard South will face off in the first round games with the A team playing at 10:30 and the B team playing at 12:00.

Both teams will play at some time between 9:00 a.m. and 1:45 depending on how they fair in the first round.



Top 10/Class A Rankings December 19, 2022

School, Record, Previous ranking

| 1. | Bellevue West | 5-0 | 1 |
|-----|-------------------|-----|----|
| 2. | Gretna | 6-0 | 2 |
| 3. | Millard North | 6-0 | 4 |
| 4. | Omaha Westside | 5-1 | 3 |
| 5. | Lincoln Southwest | 4-1 | 6 |
| 6. | Lincoln High | 5-1 | NR |
| 7. | Lincoln East | 5-1 | NR |
| 8. | Lincoln Southeast | 3-3 | 7 |
| 9. | Elkhorn South | 5-1 | 8 |
| 10. | Omaha Central | 6-1 | NR |

Freshman A (4-1)

W 57-38 0 Burke

Freshman B (4-1) 0 Burke W 60-24 Reserves (3-2)

Bennington L 55-56

Junior Varsity (3-3)

Varsity (2-5)

No Games

No Games

O Central W 69-43 O Central W 54-15

Lower Levels

Freshmen A

The Freshman A Team won their third straight victory with a 57-38 win over Omaha Burke.

West took control of the game in the first half by scoring 35 points.

Ryan Beightol and Josh Fabrikant scored 11 points a piece. Dallas Gaius added 7 points and Bryson Williams scored 5. Ten Wildcats scored in the game.

The Wildcats continued their winning ways by beating Omaha Central 69-43.

Bryson William led the team with 14 points. Josh Fabrikant added 13 and Ryan Beighton and Rowan Scholting scored 11 and 9 points respectively.

Ten different Wildcats scored in the game.



Freshmen B

Connor Morris and Zach Dickmeyer's domination on the boards in the first quarter helped the Wildcats keep the Bulldogs kenneled up and did not allow them to score in the quarter.

Kameron Chevis came off the bench for the Wildcats and led them with 9pts.

Other Wildcats scoring were Teager 8, Stanton and Semanisin 7, White, Samson and Solomon Baker 6, Ward 5, Chapp and McDonald had 3pts.

| MW | 26 | 14 | 17 | 3 | 60 |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| OB | 0 | 8 | 6 | 10 | 24 |

The Wildcats get their 4th win of the season and hold Central to 15 total points.

The Defense was led by Jackson Semanisin who lead the team with 5 steals and 4 assists this evening. The Wildcats defense held Central to just 4 pts in the second half.

The Wildcats offense was led by Solomon Baker who had 14 tough points in the paint area.

Other Wildcats scoring were Chevis 9, Morris 8, Teager 6, McDonald and Samson Baker 4, Dickmeyer 3, Ward and Chapp 2, Stanton and White 1 pt.

| MW | 16 | 17 | 18 | 3 | 54 |
|----|----|----|----|---|----|
| OC | 5 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 15 |

WILDCATS

Reserves

The Millard West Reserves played their last game before the break against Bennington.

The Wildcats jumped out to an 8-4 lead early but were not able to hold on. The Badgers led 21-24 at the half.

Millard West made a late game push but was notable to battle back. Bennington won 56-55.

Carson Hutteger led the way with 26 points. Colvin Zimmerman added 12 for the Wildcats.





Holiday Tournament Time for Wildcat Teams

The Millard West Boys Varsity team was able to get a 65-40 win over Bellevue East in a Consolation game of the Metro Holiday Tournament.

The Wildcats had to play at 8:30 a.m. for the 2nd day in a row in the tournament. Friday's game had a better outcome for West than Thursday's loss to Elkhorn South.

Zac Grandgenett led the Wildcats with 15 points. Max Frohloff added 12 points and led the team with 3 steals. Peyton Moore controlled the paint with 10 rebounds in the game.

The scoring started out slow for both teams. East was leading 8-5 with 4:06 left in the quarter after their 2nd 3-pointer.

The Wildcat defense made it very difficult for the Chieftains. West held East scoreless for the next 16 possessions. The Wildcats forced seven turnovers in those possessions. Many turnovers led to lay-ups for the Wildcats.

Grandgenett took a defensive rebound coast-to-coast for a basket to give West a 30-10 lead with 3:40 left in the half. The Wildcats held a 34-15 lead with 1:30 left. But, the Chieftains were not ready to surrender. East finished the half on a 7-0 lead to make the score 34-22 at the half.

"Our defense really set the tone in the first half," Coach Bill Morrison said. "It was a great half until the last two minutes. We have to stop giving up runs like we did at the end of the half."

West started the 2nd half with their own 7-0 run and got their lead

back to 41-23. The two teams stayed even for the rest of the quarter. The Wildcats lead 48-30 at the end of the period.

Another 7-0 run by the Wildcats put the game out of reach for the Chieftains. West was able to clear the bench for the remainder of the game.

"We have had a tough schedule to start the season. Five of our losses are to Top-10 teams," Coach Morrison stated. "If we can get rid of our momentary lapses on both ends, we can start winning close games against good teams."

| BE | 8 | 14 | 8 | 10 | 40 |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| MW | 14 | 20 | 14 | 17 | 65 |

BE: Matthews 3, Adams 4, Tolbert 9, Williams 8, Lenear 6, Ball 7, Brown 3,

MW: Young 1, Kirschner 6, Gassen 9, Frohloff 12, Moore 6, Gaius 8, Grandgenett 15, Fortune 5, Butler 3.



| Scoles | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Freshman A (6-1) | Freshman B (5-2) | Reserves (4-3) |
| Mil South W 55-53 | Mil South L 37-52 | Cr. Prep L 40-52 |

| Mil | North | W | 63-52 |
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 Mil South
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 37-52
 Cr. Prep
 L
 40-52

 Bel West
 W
 73-27
 PLVS
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 54-46

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Varsity (3-6)

Elk South L 59-61

W 65-40

Bel East

Junior Varsity (4-4)

Mil North L 45-59

Pap South W 56-49

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In the first round of the tournament, Millard West took on Top-10 #9 Elkhorn South. The two teams were the #8 & #9 seeds in the tournament.

The first round of the tournament was moved to after Christmas because of the cold weather and predicted snow storm that was to hit.

Elkhorn South was able to pull off the victory in a game that saw both teams mount scoring runs in each half of the game.

West started the game by forcing a shot-clock turnover and taking a 5-0 lead. The Storm answered by scoring 12 straight points and led 14-7 at the end of the first period.

A basket by Cooper Fortune cut South's lead to 20-16 with 4:02 left in the half. The Storm mounted another run and led 30-19 at the end of the first half.

"When had great effort at times in the first half, but we just can't seem to sustain it. We got tired and started missing assignments. It has been our Achille's heal all year," Morrison said.

Elkhorn South extended their lead in the first part of the 2nd half. With 4:41 left in the period, Moeller-Swan made a basket to make the score 40-25 in favor of the Storm. Two free throws by Alex Noonan made the score 42-25 with 4:23 left in the quarter.

Over the next six minutes, the Wildcats were able to put together a 26-2 run. West made six 3-pointers during the run, including four 3's on four consecutive possessions.

"We started making some shots and that made us play harder on defense," Morrison stated. "That five to six minutes was the best basketball we have played this year."

West was able to build their lead to 53-44 on a basket by Jordan Gassen with 5:56 remaining in the game. In the next four minutes the Storm was able to get right back in the game.

Noonan made his 2nd consecutive 3-pointer to help South pull to within one, 53-52. Noonan scored 21 of his game high 24 points in the 2nd half.

> West was able to force Elkhorn South into a bad shot at the end of the shot clock, but the Wildcats were not able to secure the rebound. Moeller Swan drove to the basket and regained the lead for South 54-53 with 2:54 left in the game.

> South extended their lead to 59-53 on another basket by Noonan. With 1:43 left. Baskets by Fortune and Gassen allowed the Wildcats to pull to within 59-57 with 14.8 seconds left.

> The Storm inbounded the ball to Noonan, who made two free throws to extend the lead to 61-57 with 11.1 seconds remaining. Max Frohloff was able to get to the basket and score as



West called a timeout with 2.1 seconds left. West fouled Caden Stone with 1.4 left on the clock. He missed his free-throw. Moore got the rebound and tossed the ball toward the hoop, but was unable to connect on the shot.

"This one is tough to swallow," Morrison said. "We were up nine in the 4th quarter. We need to do better down the stretch."

| MW | 7 | 12 | 22 | 18 | 59 |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| ES | 14 | 16 | 14 | 17 | 61 |

MW: Kirschner 12, Gassen 11, Frohloff 8, Moore 8, Gaius 6, Grandgenett 4, Fortune 6, Butler 4.

ES: Noonan, Skradis 3, Moeller-Swan 4, Estill 2, Stone 10, Werner 11, Schwarz 7.

Freshmen A Win Title, All Other Teams Go 1-1

Freshman A

In a come-from-behind victory, Millard West beat Millard South 55-53 in the first round of the Freshman Holiday Tournament at Millard West.

Both teams got off to a slow start offensively as the Wildcats led 10-4 at the end of the first quarter. South outrebounded the Wildcats in the 2nd quarter and used their transition game to build a 26-16 lead at the half.

West took the lead for the first time in the 2nd half with a little over 3 minutes left in the game. The game was tied 53-53 and the Patriots called a time-out to set up the last shot of the game. Bryson Williams got a steal and a lay-up with 2 seconds left in the game for the win!

Nine different Wildcats scored in the game. Rowan Scholting led the way with 14 points. Vincent Long added 11, while Williams scored 8 points. Nate Marable added 7 points in the win. The victory was the 5th win in a row for West.

The Freshmen A-Team won the Millard West Holiday Tournament with a solid performance over Millard North in the Finals, 63-52.

West jumped out early and built a 22-5 lead in the first quarter. The Mustangs switched to a zone defense in the 2nd quarter. They were able to turn missed shots into transition points and tied the game 30-30 at the half.

West had a solid 3rd quarter and built a 10-point lead. The Wildcats were able to fend off every Millard North attack in the final period to win the Championship.

Rowan Scholting led the scoring with 16 points. Josh Fabrikant scored 15 points. Nate Marable scored 12 and Bryson Williams added 10 points. Vincent Long scored 8 points. Dallas Gaius added 2 points.

Freshman B

The Wildcats opened the 2022 Holiday Tournament with a loss to Millard South, 52-37.

The Wildcats had a sluggish start and just couldn't get things firing on offense.

Solomon Baker led the Wildcats with 10 points. Other Wildcats scoring were Stanton 7. Ryker White 6, Morris, McDonald, and Samson Baker each had 4, and Teager had 2 points.

The Wildcats scored a team high 73 points as they shot the Thunderbirds out of the gym.

The Wildcats defense held Bellevue West to a total 27 points. That was the 2nd lowest of the season.

The Wildcats Offense was led by John Stanton who had a season high 15 points. Other Wildcats scoring were Semanisin 11, McDonald 10, Samson Baker 8, Chevis 7, Morris 6, Solomon Baker 5, Ward 4, Teager 3, White and Dickmeyer 2 points.

JV

After leading by 3 at the end of the 1st quarter, the Wildcats did not play with enough energy and effort to withstand a big 2nd quarter by the Mustangs. Going into half, Millard North had a 8 point lead.

The second half started with Millard North getting hot from deep to extend their lead. Millard West did cut their deficit to 7 with about 5 minutes to play but were not able to get closer. Jace Ingebretson led the Wildcats with 10 points. Jacob Young contributed 8 points.

After trailing by 6 at halftime, the Wildcats played the second half with great effort and energy to get the W.

The team shot 20/22 from the FT line. Many of the free throws were shot during the 4th quarter to seal the victory.

Jace Ingebretson lead the team with 19 points. Jacob Young contributed 9 points. Reece Carson had 7 points and 4 assists. Jayden Kozney chipped in 7 points.

Carter Laborde led MW with 5 rebounds to help the Wildcats outrebound the Titans.

Reserve

The Wildcats started slow in their first round of the Reserve Holiday Tournament at Creighton Prep. West trailed 24-15 at the half.

Both teams were able to score more in the 2nd half, but the Blue Jays held off the Wildcats and won 50-42.

Carson Hutteger led the Wildcats in scoring with 11 points.

The Millard West Reserve team finished the Creighton Prep Holiday Tournament with a victory over Papillion-LaVista South.

The Wildcats started the game forcing turnovers and attacking the basket to jump out to a 10-point lead at the end of the first quarter. West would keep the lead and go into the half up by 12.

West won the game 54-46. Colvin Zimmerman led the scoring attack with 12 points. Jayden Fitzke scored 7 points. Carson Hutteger and Ben Schmitz both added 6 for the Wildcats.



Titans Win Battle Over Wildcats in 4th Quarter

In a game that saw eight lead changes and neither team leading by more than six points, Papillion-South won the last battle in the 4th quarter against Millard West and won 50-44.

West was led by Zac Grandgenett with 15 points. Cole Kirschner dished out four assists. Max Frohloff led the team with six rebounds. Cole Butler blocked two shots.

The Titans were led by Bryson Bahl with 13 points, Seven of Bahl's points were in the 4th quarter.

The Titans started fast by making two 3-pointers and taking and early 6-0 lead. Jaidyn Gaius-Anyegbu answered with the first four points of the game to make the score 6-4 in favor of South.

West took their first lead of the game on a 3-pointer by Gaius. But, South scored in transition to regain the lead.

The Wildcats scored the last seven points of the game, including a 3-

pointer by Frohloff to lead 16-12 at the end of the first quarter.

Frohloff made two free throws with 4:57 left in the half to give the Wildcats a 22-16 lead. But West would not score in the next six possessions. South went on a 6-0 run and led 23-22 with 2:18 left in the game. The Titans led 28-26 at the half.

"Our defense was very good in the first half," Coach Bill Morrison said. "We held Bahl and Kircher to a combined six points."

Both teams came out flat in the 2nd half. West called a timeout with 5:11 left in the period and the score still 28-26.

The Titans scored first in the quarter on a basket by Bahl. But South would only score five points in the quarter. West finished the quarter on a 10-3 run and led 36-33 with one quarter remaining.

The Wildcats scored first in the 4th quarter, but then went on a six pos-

session scoring drought. The Titans scored 10 points on four straight possessions and took a 46-41 lead with 2:30 left in the game. Grandgenett would make two 3-pointers in the final minutes of the game, but it would not be enough to mount a comeback.

"We are so close, but we keep having lulls that we have to learn to overcome," Morrison said. "We will keep working and figure out a way to start winning these close games."

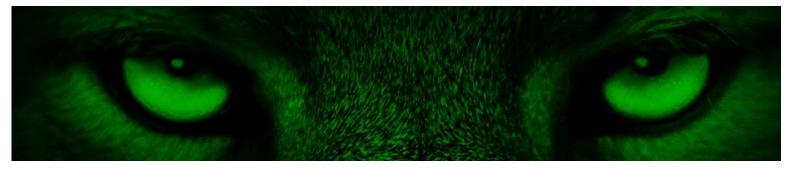
| MW | 16 | 10 | 10 | 8 | 44 |
|------|----|----|----|----|----|
| PLVS | 12 | 16 | 5 | 17 | 50 |

MW: Gassen 7, Frohloff 7, Moore 2, Gaius 3, Grandgenett 15, Fortune 5

PLVS: Kircher 7, Jelinek 6, Wallace 7, Jal 4, Peterson 6, Bahl 13, Jones 3, Miller 4.

| Scores |
|--------|
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| Freshman A (7-2) | Freshman B (5-3) | Reserves (6-2) | Junior Varsity (5-5) | <u>Varsity (3-7)</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Benson L 53-56 | Bell West W 80-32 | Pap South W 57-38 | Pap South W 48-46 | Pap South L 44-50 |
| Bell West W 54-43 | | Bell West W 67-32 | Bell West L 52-63 | |



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Reserves

The Millard West Boys Reserve team played Papillion-LaVista South in a rematch from last Thursday.

The Wildcats started the game forcing turnovers and creating easy transition baskets and taking an early 11-1 lead. The Titans battled back and only trailed 27-24 at the half.

The 2nd half would prove to be Millard West's best half of the season as they held South to only 14 points and ended up winning 57-38

Carson Hutteger led the team with 16 points. Colvin Zimmerman scored 14 points. Tyson Meier chipped in 9.

The Millard West Reserve team beat Bellevue West 67-32.

The Wildcats started the game attacking and led 17-8 at the end of the first quarter. They extended their lead to 39-14 at the half.

Millard West did not look back in the 2nd half and won by 35 points.

Tyson Meier and Josh Jones led the Wildcats with 16 and 15 points respectively. Colvin Zimmerman added 8 points in the win.



9th A

The Millard West Freshman A-team suffered a set back at Benson in a 56-53 loss. The Wildcats outscored Omaha Benson in each of the first 3 quarters.

Benson used a 21-14 4th quarter to pull ahead at the end of the game.

Eight different Wildcats scored in the game. Vince Long led three players in double digits with 12 points. Nate Marable and Rowen Scholting scored 11 and 10 points respectively.

The Millard West A-team got back to their winning ways by beating Bellevue West 54-43.

West came out strong and built a 16-4 lead in the first quarter. The Thunderbirds used their press to create a 6-0 run and cut the lead to 16-10. Millard West was able to build their lead back up to over 10 points and held off the Thunderbird comeback attempts.

Bryson Williams had the hot hand with 14 points. Josh Fabrikant scored 11 and Rowen Scholting added 9 points for West. Eight different players scored in the game.

9th B

The Wildcats shot the Thunderbirds out of the gym for the 2nd time this season, winning 80-32.

The defense played great again this game only allowing the Thunderbirds 39pts. Chapp and Dickmeyer lead the team in rebounds.

Solomon Baker lead the Wildcats Offense with 11pts. Other Wildcats scoring were Chevis 10, Semanisin 9, Stanton, Teager, McDonald and Samson Baker 8, Ward 6, Morris and White 4 and Cooper 3 pts





Junior Varsity

The JV boys played tenacious defense in the first half to go into halftime with a 19-16 lead.

After halftime, the Wildcats got hot from 3 point land to eventually take a 10 point lead. The Titans did not quit and eventually pulled within 1 with some 3 pointers of their own.

The teams kept battling with the Titans tying the game with a little over 20 seconds left. After a timeout, the Wildcats executed a play in witch Lucas Johnson made a shot with 4.5 seconds left.

The Titans attempted a last second 35 footer that was unsuccessful. West won 48-46. This was the 2nd Wildcat victory over the Titans in less than a week!

Jacob Young led the Wildcats with 14 points. Trey Abara and Jayden Kozney chipped in 9 and 8 points respectively. Lucas Johnson led the team with 4 assists.

The Wildcats suffered a 63-52 loss to the Thunderbirds.

Bellevue West started the game with a 9-0 run. The Wildcats kept battling and cut the deficit to 4 points by halftime.

In the 2nd half, the closest Millard West could get was 6 points with the Thunderbirds hitting 14/16 from the FT line during the 4th quarter.

Reece Carson led with 12 points and 4 assists. Tag Carmichael contributed 9 points and 3 assists.



Rockets Beat Wildcats in Overtime

The Millard West Wildcats mounted two comebacks to force their game with Lincoln Southeast into overtime, but the Rockets were able to pull away and win 76-70.

Four Wildcats scored in double digits. Jaidyn Gaius-Anyegbu led the team with 20 points. Peyton Moore and Cole Kirschner added 11 points each. Zac Grandgenett scored 10 points and dished out four assists.

Lincoln Southeast also had four players score in double digits. Wade Voss led the way with 23 points. Taye Moore scored 17. Bangot Dak and Jake Hilkemann added 11 and 10 respectively.

The Rockets jumped out to and early 10-2 lead by scoring in their first four possessions. West cut the lead to 12-7 on a 3-pointer by Moore, but Southeast was able to get their lead back up to 20-7 with 2:35 left in the quarter. The Wildcats scored the last 4 points of the quarter to trail 20-11.

The Wildcats made three 3pointers in their first four possessions and took a 22-20 lead with 5:30 left in the quarter. The remainder if the 2nd quarter saw three lead changes between the two teams. The score was tied 32-32 at the half.

"We didn't come out of the gate with very much intensity," Coach Bill Morrison said. "But, once again, we battled back to make it a game."

Both offenses were productive in the start of the 2nd half. The score was tied 43-43 after a basket by BJ Bradford with 3:38 left in the quarter. Bradford's 3-pointer spark a 15-5 run to end the quarter with the Rockets leading 55-48.

Southeast opened the final period with a 3-pointer by Moore to make it look like the rockets might pull away from the Wildcats.

West's defense only allowed 5 more points the remainder of the quarter. Five different players scored in the 4th quarter for West.

West was able to force a shot clock violation while trailing 60-59. Max Frohloff drove through the lane and made a lay-up to give West their first lead of the 4th quarter, 61-60, with 41.6 minutes left in the game. Voss scored for the Wildcats with 11.8 seconds left in the game.

The Wildcats inbounded the ball quickly, attacked down the right side and found Gaius flashing through the lane. Gaius was fouled on his shot and made 1 of 2 free throws to send the game into overtime.

West was able to stop Southeast on the first possession of the overtime, but the Rockets would score on each of the following possessions. Voss scored 10 of his 23 points in overtime.

"We had trouble staying in front of the ball handlers in overtime," Morrison said. "Their guards did a good job of finding Voss after we had to rotate and help."

LSE 20 12 23 7 14 76 MW 11 21 16 14 8 70

LSE—Bradford 9, Dak 11, Moore 17, Glet 6, Voss 23, Hilkemann 10.

MW—Kirschner 11, Gassen 9, Frohloff 7, Moore 11, Gaius 20, Grandgenett 10, Fortune 2.



| Freshman A (10-2) | Freshman B (8-2) | Reserves (7-3) | Junior Varsity (7-5) | Varsity (3-8) |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Westview W 63-54 | Bell East W 76-17 | Elk North W 60-49 | Bell East W 59-51 | Bel West L 72-40 |
| Bell East W 83-38 | Westside W 37-35 | | Lin SE W 83-53 | Lin SE L 70-76 OT |

Westside W 62-46

Bellevue West Uses Defense to Stop Wildcats

Millard West traveled to Bellevue West to take on the #23 ranked team in the nation. The Thunderbirds' defense set the tone for the night early in the game. Bellevue West beat the Wildcats 70-42.

Cole Kirschner led the Wildcats with 15 points. Jaidyn Gaius scored 10. Max Frohloff recorded 4 steals and Peyton Moored grabbed 5 rebounds.

Three Thunderbirds scored in double digits. Jaxon Stueve led the way with 16 points. Jaden Jackson and Robby Garcia scored 12 points apiece.

Bellevue West's pressure defense created seven turnovers in the first quarter. The Thunderbirds did not allow a point until Zac Grandgenett made a free throw with 2:17 left in the quarter. The Wildcats trailed 21-1 at the end of the first quarter. "We new that their pressure would be a challenge for us. Not only did we turn the ball over too much, we took three or four bad shots in the first quarter," Coach Bill Morrison said.

Bellevue West extended their lead to 31-3 by scoring on their first three possessions of the 2nd quarter. Kirschner was able to help the Wildcats settle down by making three consecutive 3-pointers midway through the period.

The Wildcats went on a 7-3 run to end the half down 21-45.

"We were able to catch up to their speed a little bit and score some points in the 2nd quarter," Morrison said. "But we still were not able to slow down their offense."

The Cats struggled offensively again the 3rd quarter. But, their defense was able to slow down the Tbirds. Bellevue outscored Millard West 11-8 in the quarter and led 56-29 going into the final period.

Bellevue extended their lead to 66-31 with four minutes left in the game. The Wildcats were able to score 11 points in the final minutes of the game.

"Obviously, we aren't happy with the result," Morrison said. "They are a very good team. They definitely gave us some things we can work on in practice the next couple weeks.

| MW | 1 | 20 | 8 | 13 | 42 |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| BW | 21 | 24 | 11 | 14 | 70 |

MW–Kirschner 15, Gassen 7, Frohloff 3, Moore 2, Gaius 10, Grandgenett 5.

BW-McMorris 6, Poulicek 8, Turner 6, Jackson 12, Stueve 16, Dotzler 8, High 2, Garcia 12.



Wildcats' Lower Levels Go Undefeated This Week

Reserves

The Millard West Boys Reserve team traveled to Elkhorn North and played their best game of the year, coming away with a 60-49 win.

The boys were in a battle early and would end the first quarter down 14-16. The two teams went into the half tied 25-25.

The Wildcats jumped to an 11 point lead in the third quarter and would hold on to the lead for the rest of the game.

Colvin Zimmerman led the scoring attack with 14 points. Carson Hutteger had 13 points. Breck Osborne add 5 points.

Freshmen A

The Freshman A-team Traveled to Omaha Westview and won in a thrilling overtime game, 66-54.

West led 12-10 after the first quarter and held a 23-21 lead at the half. The Wildcats were able to stretch the lead to 38-34 at the end of the quarter.

Westview came from behind and forced the game into overtime. West scored 16 points in overtime including making 5 of 6 free throws to seal the victory.

Bryson Williams and Vincent Long led the Cats with 17 points each. Rowan Scholting added 9 points to the cause. Seven different Wildcats reached the scoring column.

The Millard West A-team was on the road for the 2nd night in a row are was able to win their 2nd game in as many nights with an 83-38 victory over Bellevue East.

The Cats started fast and did not slow down. West led 22-8 at the end of the first quarter and 47-20 at the half. They scored 29 points in the 3rd quarter and were able to initiate the running clock rule for the remainder of the game.

Ryan Beightol's 19 points and Josh Fabrikant's 17 points led the Wildcats. Bryson Williams added 12 points as 9 different players scored in the game for West.

The Wildcats won their third game of the weak as they beat Omaha Westside 62-46.

The Wildcats got off to a great start by outscoring the Warriors 16-2 in the first quarter. They extended their lead by one in the 2nd quarter and went into the half 27-12.

Westside put up a fight in the 3rd quarter and outscored West 18-12, but still trailed by 9 points. The Wildcats scored 23 points in the 4th quarter to complete the victory.

Bryson Williams led the team with 21 points. Nate Marable was also in double-digits with 11 points. Vince Long scored 7 points and Dallas Gaius and Camden Ingebretson both had six points.

Lower Levels

Freshman B

The MW B-team traveled to Bellevue East and came away with a 76-17 victory.

The Wildcats held the Chieftains to single digits in all four quarters of the game. West also had a season high offensive production with 76 points.

Samson Baker led the Wildcats defense on the boards. Evan Ward led the Wildcats' offense with a season high 12 points.

Other Wildcats scoring were Morris and Solomon Baker with 9 points. Stanton and McDonald had 8 points. Chevis, Cooper, and Dickmeyer with 6 each. Chapp and White scored 4. Semanisin and Teager finished with 2 each.

The Wildcats fought their way back to get the win tonight against a great team from Westside.

The Wildcats trailed at the half by 3pts but came out hot in the 3rd quarter and took control of the lead for the rest of the game.

Evan Ward led the Wildcats offensively again tonight with 9 points. Other Wildcats scoring were Stanton 5, Chevis, Chapp, Morris and White each with 4, Cooper 3, Semanisin and Samson Baker had 2 points.





The Wildcats were able to get a victory on a night

that they were cold from deep!

After falling behind early, they used some tenacious defense to pull even by the end of the 1st quarter. The defense continued into the 2nd to get the lead going into halftime. Bellevue East would not go away and nearly took the lead. MW used some transition buckets to pull away in the 4th. The Wildcats were also able to convert from the FT line going 11/14 in the 4th.

Reece Carson led the team with 18 points. Jacob Young contributed 12 points.

The JV boys played a complete game to earn an 83-53 victory over Lincoln Southeast!

Defense was the name of the game to generate energy. The Wildcats executed as a team to take an 11 point lead into halftime.

The 2nd half continued to be the same as the first. Team defense and attacking offensively generated enough in the 3rd to hold a 62-47 lead.

In the 4th, the Wildcats dominated the Knights and outscored them 21-6 in the quarter.

Jayden Kozney led the team with 17 points. Reece Carson and Lucas Johnson contributed 13 and 10 points respectively. All 10 players scored 5 or more points.























Wildcats Beat Chieftains in Overtime

After trailing for most of the first three quarters, Millard West took the lead in the 4th quarter and beat Bellevue East 60-57 in overtime.

Jaidyn Gaius-Anyegbu led the Wildcats with 14 points, 7 rebounds, and 2 blocks. Cole Kirschner had 9 points, 5 assists, and 5 steals. Cooper Fortune scored a career-high 12 points on 5 of 5 shooting from the field and 2 of 2 from the line.

Jacobi Adams led the Chieftains with 17 points. JJ Ball scored 13. Ryan Lenear and Eli Robinson both added 10 points for East.

The Wildcats have lost six games this year in which they were leading at some point in the 4th quarter. They lost to Lincoln Southeast in overtime last Saturday. The win was a relief for the West coaching staff.

"We have had a tough schedule and have had a lot of close games," Coach Bill Morrison said. "I thought our guys showed a lot of character in this game. They stayed composed and just made the simple plays."

In the first quarter, East outscored the Wildcats 13-11 after West held an early lead. Ball and Lanear scored 9 of the Chieftain points in the quarter.

Scores

West pulled to within 13-12 early

in the quarter before hitting a scoring drought. The Wildcats did not score on ten straight possessions and fell behind 20-12. The half ended with East ahead 24-16.

"We had a pretty hard practice yesterday," Morrison said. "Our guys were visible tired. We went harder than we normally do on a pre-game day, but we felt we had to fix some mistakes that have been haunting us."

West came out strong in the third quarter but could not cut down the Chieftain lead. Every time it looked like West would make a comeback, East seemed to have an answer. Two baskets by Fortune at the end of the quarter made the score 34-29.

West's defense forced six turnovers in the first four minutes of the 4th quarter and took a 42-39 lead on a basket by Gaius. East answered with a 3-pointer. But Gaius countered with an "oldfashioned" 3-point play to lead by 3.

West forced a tough shot late in the shot clock, but Robinson got an offensive rebound and a slam dunk while getting fouled to tie the score again.

The Wildcats took a 48-45 lead with 32.3 seconds left in the game on a freethrow by Gaius. On the ensuing possession, Ball got opened for East and made a 3-pointer from the corner with 22.1

South Wins in 4th Quarter

Millard South came from behind in the 4th quarter thanks in part to shooting 14-16 from the line in a 57-55 victory over Millard

Peyton Moore led the Wildcats with 15 points. Max Frohloff added 11. Jordan Gassen and Cole Kirschner score 9 and 8 points respectively.

West.

Millard South was led by Austin Trotter who scored all 15 of his points in the 2nd half. Ben Boudreau and Lance Rucker scored 13 and 12 points.

West game out of the gate on fire and took a 14-2 lead midway through the first quarter behind 4 of 5 shooting from behind the 3point arc. South would settle in and score on five straight possession while forcing three turnovers to cut the lead to 16-10 at the end of the first quarter.

Both teams struggled scoring in the 2nd quarter. The Patriots outscored the Wildcat 9-5 in the quarter. They were able to tie the score 19-19 with 1:05 left in the half. A basket by Gassen gave West a 21-19 lead.

| Freshman A (10-2) | Freshman B (8-2) | Reserves (8-3) | Junior Varsity (7-6) | <u>Varsity (4-10)</u> |
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seconds left. West called a time-out to set up a play. The Chieftains switched defenses and threw West offbalance. Jordan Gassen was able to get a shot off at

the buzzer, but the shot fell short.

"I thought both teams really battled in the 4th quarter," Morrison said. "We got the lead, but East wouldn't let us get control of the game. They had some guys make some big shots."

On the tip to start the overtime, Kirschner gained possession by running across the court and securing the ball. On that some possession, Kirschner drove to the right elbow and made a pull-up jumper to give West the lead.

East answered with a basket by Lenear. Max Frohloff made a 3-pointer from the top of the lead to give the advantage back to the Wildcats. West shot 10 freethrows on their next five possessions and made just enough to hold the lead. East scored on four of their last five possessions. After a free throw by Gassen with 8.3 seconds remaining, Ball took a contested shot from the right wing at the buzzer. The shot hit the backboard and almost went in.

Morrison was happy about his team's performance. "Hopefully this will be a stepping stone for us. A lot of guys stepped up in this game. We have to continue to get better every day."

| MW | 11 | 5 | 13 | 19 | 12 | 60 |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| BE | 12 | 11 | 10 | 14 | 9 | 57 |

MW – Kirschner 9, Gassen 9, Frohloff 6, Moore 9, Gaius 14, Fortune 12, Butler 1

BE - Elmamoun 2, Tolbert 2, Williams 3, Ball 13, Adams 17, Lenear 10, Robinson 10



Diaper Drive Results

| Boys | | Girls | WINNER |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Diapers | 1,427 | Diapers | 3,837 |
| Donations | \$ <u>800</u> | Donations | \$ <u>405</u> |
| Total diapers | 5,427 | Total diapers | 5,862 |
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Totals



5,264 diapers and \$1,205 in donations

This is the equivalent to 11,289 diapers, which will help almost 200 kids! Thank you to all who donated and helped coordinate this event!

And our results were much closer than in the past, so great job to the teams for coming out to support!

Lower Levels

Freshmen A

The Millard West Boys Reserve team continued their winning streak with a 64-35 victory over rival Millard South. The win was the fourth win in a row for the Wildcats.

The Cats' half-court pressure flustered the Patriots early in the game and gave them a 14-6 lead at the end of the first quarter. West would continue to keep the pedal down and go into halftime with a 35-12 lead.

The Wildcats have had previous struggles coming out of halftime, however they maintained a solid lead and played hard for all four quarters.

Carson Hutteger led all scorers with 15 points. Colvin Zimmerman and Tyson Meier had 11 points each. Josh Jones added 7 and Nolan Lord contributed 6 points.

Junior Varsity

After a lethargic first half, the Wildcats found themselves down 17 at halftime against Millard South.

The defensive intensity returned in the 2nd half. That, combined with better ball movement on offense during the 2nd half allowed the Wildcats to get back in the game.

Missed free throws by Millard South allowed West to have a shot to force overtime. After a timeout, the Wildcats shot attempt bounced off the rim at the buzzer.

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MW vs MS

"Our offense became stagnant in the 2nd quarter," Coach Bill Morrison said. "We weren't moving the ball very well and we weren't cutting very hard."

Trotter scored eight points in the first four possessions of the 3rd quarter. His first 3-pointer of the quarter gave South their first lead of the game 24-21. Moore responded on the next possession and tied the game back up, 24-24.

West built a 39-31 lead with 2:16 left in the period. Rucker scored six points in the quarter. South went on a 6-0 run including the last two baskets by Rucker to end the period down 39-37.

"We didn't end the 3rd quarter very well," Morrison said. "We had a chance to put the game out of reach."

Trotter scored five points in a row for South to take a 42-41. West would tie the score 43-43 with 4:23 left in the game. South's Boudreau made four free throws to give the Patriots a 47-43 lead with 2:54 left in the game.

Jaidyn Gaius-Anyegbu made a 3-pointer followed by two free throws by Moore to give the lead back to West, 48-47.

On the next possession, Isaac Jensen got open and made a 3-pointer from the top of the key with 1:45 left in the game. That basket provided the only points for the Patriots from a non-starter.

West scored seven points in their last six possession, but South made 7 of their last 8 free throws to keep the Wildcats from regaining the lead.

| MW | 16 | 5 | 18 | 16 | 55 |
|----|----|---|----|----|----|
| MS | 10 | 9 | 18 | 20 | 57 |

MW — Kirschner 8, Gassen 9, Frohloff 11, Moore 15, Gaius 5, Grandgenett 1, Fortune 6.

MS – Anderson 5, Nordstrom 9, Rucker 12, Boudreau 13, Trotter 15, Jensen 3.











Wildcats Flip Script and Hold Off Comeback

Millard West traveled to Omaha Westview and recorded a win in the two schools' first ever meeting. West built a lead early and held on in the fourth quarter to win 63-55.

Peyton Moore led the team with 19 points and 8 rebounds. Cole Kirschner added 16 points and had 3 steals. Jaidyn Gaius-Anyegbu dished out 4 assists, had 3 steals and 3 rebounds. Zac Grandgenett had 5 assists and 4 rebounds.

Westview only had five players score, bur four of them scored in double digits. T Griggs led the way with 15 points. C Healy and T Murphy scored 14 points each. J Sims added 10 points.

West jumped out to an early lead. Their defense held Westview scoreless for the first five minutes of the game. The Wildcats led 14-5 at the end of the 1st quarter.

The Wildcats had trouble scoring in the first part of the 2nd quarter due, in part, to committing four turnovers. Their defense was able to limit the Wolverines' scoring. West led 24-15 at the end of the half.

"Our defense was pretty good in the first half. We did not allow them

to drive into the paint and only gave up offensive rebounds in three possessions," Coach Bill Morrison said. "We had too many turnovers and quick shots on the offensive end. Otherwise, we could have put the game away early.

The Wildcats scored on si of their first eight possessions of the 2nd half to build a 38-22 lead. But Westview answered by scoring 12 points on their last five possessions of the quarter to cut the lead to 41-34.



After two free throws by Healy to make the score 42-41, West scored two easy baskets by breaking the Wolverine press. Westview fought back by making back-to-back 3-pointers and drew to within one, 48-47.

The Wildcats would make eight consecutive free throws and build their lead back up to eight points.

In the last 1:30 of the game, West went cold from the free throw line to allow the Wolverines to stay in the game. The Wildcats made just enough

from the line to hold on to the victory.

"We did a lot of good things tonight," Morrison said. "It would have been nice to hold onto our lead, but we showed some grit tonight and didn't allow Westview to take the lead.

| MW | 14 | 10 | 17 | 22 | 63 |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| OW | 5 | 10 | 19 | 21 | 55 |

MW — Kirschner 16, Gassen 6, Frohloff 1, Moore 19, Gaius 6, Grandgenett 9, Fortune 6.

OW — Griggs 15, Patterson 2, Sims 10, Healy 14, Murphy 14



 Freshman A (11-3)

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 46-43

 Lin East
 W
 62-35

Freshman B (8-3) C Prep L 58-21 Reserves (9-3) Westside W 68-66

| Junior Va | rsit | <u>Varsity</u> | |
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| Westside | L | 51-66 | Gretna |
| Lin NS | W | 63-51 | Westview |
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 Varsity (5-12)

 Gretna
 L
 43-53

 Westview
 W
 63-55

 Lin NS
 L
 60-65

#2 Gretna Beats Wildcats by 10

#2 Gretna came into Millard West's gym and was able to get a 53-43 victory over the Wildcats.

In a low scoring game, Ty Smolinski and Landon Porkorski were the only two players from either team to score in double-digits. They both scored 12 points for the Dragons.

Cole Kirschner and Peyton Moore led the Wildcats with 8 points each.

In the first quarter, three Wildcats made 3-pointers. Two Dragons also connected from behind the arc as the two teams were tied 11-11 at the end of the quarter.

Gretna switched to a 2-3 zone in the 2nd quarter. The Wildcats had trouble getting good looks in the period. West was 0-7 from 3-point land and only scored 6 points in the quarter. In the meantime, Gretna scored 20 points to open up a 31-17 lead going into the half.

"Gretna's offense is so efficient. They screen well, they cut hard, and they move the ball well," Coach Bill Morrison said.

Gretna outscored West 15-11 in the third quarter. Gretna scored 12 points on their first six possessions of the 3rd quarter to take a 43-24 lead midway through the quarter.

West's defense tightened up and got six stops in a row and cut the lead to 43-28. On Gretna's last possession of the 3rd quarter, the Dragons grabbed three offensive rebounds before Derek Deerking hit a 3-pointer from the corner to make the score 46-28.

"That was a big possession," Morrison said. "We talked in the timeout about the importance of getting a stop and a score to end the quarter."

Gretna was able to maintain a 19point lead, 52-33, through the first half of the last period.

In Wildcat fashion, West did not quit. The Wildcats went on a 10-1 run to end the game.

| GHS | 11 | 20 | 15 | 7 | 53 |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|
| MW | 11 | 6 | 11 | 15 | 43 |

GHS—Deerking 5, Wilkins 4, Currie 1, Bains 2, Rozella 6, Smolinski 12, Porkorski 12, Wilcoxen 9, Cook 2

MW–Young 5, Kirschner 8, Gassen 7, Moore 8, Gaius 2, Grandgenett 4, Fortune 6, Ingebretson 1, Johnson 2.

Navigators Hold Off Comeback Attempt

Millard West traveled to Lincoln North Star for their 3rd game of the week. The Navigators built an 11 point lead in the last two minutes of the half and then held off a comeback attempt to win 65-60.

Zac Grandgenett led the Wildcats with 16 points. Grandgenett scored 12 of his points in the 4th quarter on four 3-pointers. Max Frohloff added 10 points for the Wildcats.

Four Navigators scored all but one point for North Star. Antallah Sandlinel led all scoring with 28 points. KG Gatwech scored 14. Lazerek Houston scored 12 and Brennon Clemmons added 10 points.

Peyton Moore scored all five of his points in the first quarter to help keep the Wildcats close early. West trailed 11-9 after the first period. The two teams exchanged baskets through the first six minutes of the 2nd quarter. North Star led 21-18 with 1:51 left in the half. The Navigators went on a 9-1 lead at the end of the half to lead 30-19.

"North Star has two guys that are really big. We did a pretty good defensively on their bigs in the first half, but they really disrupted our offense," Morrison said. "We forced a lot of shots and shot a lot of off-balance shots in the paint."

West came out more aggressive in the 3rd quarter. The Wildcats were able to score 15 points in the quarter. But, as the Wildcat defense tried to shut down the middle, the Navigators were able to make some outside shots and extend their lead to 48-34.

It looked as if North Star was going to win the game going away at the beginning of the 4th quarter. Houston completed an old-fashioned three point play to make the score 53-36 with 5:31 left in the game. Millard West was able to mount a 7-0 run and had the ball with a chance to cut the lead to less than 10. Houston got a steal and lay up to put the Navigators up 55-43.

West continued to battle and cut the lead to 56-50 with 2:11 left. After a 3-pointer by Grandgenett with 1:02 left, the Wildcats trailed 60-55. The Navigators would not allow the Wildcats to get any closer as they pulled off the victory.

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Reserves

The Millard West Boys Reserve team were able to overcome a 15 point deficit to beat Omaha Westside 68-66 with a basket at the buzzer.

The Wildcats had a rough start and trailed by 11 at halftime.

The boys adjusted to the physical play but still trailed by 10 going into the 4th quarter.

During the final five minutes of play, the Wildcats started forcing turnovers and creating easy baskets in transition to tie the game at 66-66.

Breck Osborne made an incredible defensive play by stealing the ball with 7 seconds to play and took the ball coast-to-coast to win with time expiring.

The leading scores for West were Carson Hutteger with 19 points, Colvin Zimmerman with 17, and Breck Osborne with 15.

The Reserve team extended their win streak to 7 games with a 48-46 victory over Lincoln East.

The Wildcats started slow and were tied with with Spartans 15-15 at the end of the first quarter.

West would flip the switch in the 2nd quarter and go into the half leading 31-29.

East came out of the half hot and took the lead in the 3rd quarter. The Spartans led 39-38 going into the final period.

West was able to get the lead back at the 4-minute mark and hold onto the lead for the remainder of the game.

Nolan Lord and Carson Hutteger led the team with 8 points each. Tyson Meier add 7 points for the Wildcats.



Junior Varsity

Omaha Westside was able to outscore Millard

West in each of the first three quarters on their way to a 66-51 victory.

It was a physical game! The game started slow with the score 2-2 after a couple of minutes before the intensity picked up and continued throughout the game. The Wildcats continued to battle but had difficulty with limiting dribble penetration.

After halftime, the Wildcats just could not get enough stops defensively to make a comeback attempt.

West traveled to Lincoln and beat Lincoln North Star 63-51 in a physical battle with the Navigators.

After giving up 20 points in the first 6 minutes of the game, the Wildcats buckled in and held the Gators to 31 points in the last 26 minutes.

Lincoln North Star played an aggressive, trapping defense. The key was to handle the pressure and make plays for each other. Many transition offense opportunities were available when the Wildcats finished defensive possessions.

Jayden Kozney led the Wildcats with 21 points. Trey Abara chipped in 10 points.

Freshmen A

The Wildcats had a set back as Prep came from behind and beat the Wildcats 46-43.

West got off to a great start and led 16-9 at the end of the first. Vincent Long and Josh Fabrikant led the way with 6 and 5 points in the first quarter.

West was outscored 11-9 but was able to hold their lead through the

Lower Levels

1st half, leading 25-20 at the break.

Prep came out of the half in attack mode and took a 38-36 lead going into the final period. The teams exchanged leads throughout the 4th quarter, but Prep held the lead at the end of regulation.

Seven Wildcats scored in the game. Long scored 10 points to lead West. Nat Marable and Bryson Williams added 8 and 7 points.

After the first quarter against Lincoln East, the score was tied 11-11. The Wildcats extended the lead to 31-16 due to a combination of good team offense and solid defense.

West outscored the Spartans 14-11 in the third quarter before breaking the game wide open in the 4th quarter. West won the game 62-35.

Vince Long led the team with 16 points. Josh Fabrikant and Nate Marable both added 11 to the cause. Nine Wildcats scored in the victory.

Freshman B

The Bluejays pestered the Wildcats all night and held them to a season low as the Wildcats lost 58-21.

The Wildcats on a positive note did hold the Blue Jays to 0 pts in the 4th quarter.

The Wildcats offensively were led by Connor Morris who had 6 points. Other Wildcats scoring were Chevis, Chapp and Teager each had 3 points. White had 2 points, Ward, Cooper, McDonald and Samson Baker each with 1 point. February 6, 2023



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Wildcat Basketball Program Has Big Week

Five Teams Go 8-0

The Wildcats traveled to Omaha South and came away with a 70-60 victory.

Jaidyn Gaius-Anyegbu led the Wildcats in scoring with 19 points. Zac Grandgenett and Peyton Moore each added 10 points in the win. Max Frohloff recorded six assists, 6 rebounds, and two steals. Cooper Fortune led the team with four steals on the night.

Omaha South only had five players score. Aric Thomas led the Packers with 20 points. Dylan Shear and Keegan Kimble scored 14 and 13 points respectively.

Omaha South built an early 6-2 lead over the Wildcats on two field goals and a pair of free throws. West found their offense and scored on their next seven possessions to complete a 17-3 run and take a 19-9 lead with 3:32 left in the first quarter. The Wildcats led 25-18 at the end of the quarter.

The second quarter was similar to the first in that West put together a 9-0 run to build a 36-22 lead with 4:31 remaining in the half. South was able to cut into the lead and trailed 40-29 going into the break.

"I was pleased with our effort and our offensive execution in the first half," Coach Bill Morrison said. "We tried to apply full court pressure and it seemed to help. South had 14 turnovers in the first half."

The scoring slowed down as West led 47-34 midway through the 3rd quarter. Both teams heated up in the last four minutes of the quarter, and the Wildcats built a 61-44 lead going into the final eight minutes.

Cassas

Millard West won their 2nd game of the week by beating Papillion LaVista 69-51. Four Wildcats scored in double digits as they slowly built a lead throughout the game.

Jaidyn Gaius-Anyegbu led the Wildcats with 16 points, 6 rebounds, 5 assists, 3 steals, and 2 blocks. Cole Kirschner added 15 points and Max Frohloff added 13 for West. Zac Grandgenett scored 10 points, including 7-8 from the line in the 4th quarter. Peyton Moore led the team with 9 rebounds.

Chase Williams paced the Monarchs with 30 points including eight 3-pointers. Eric Ingwerson scored 12 points. The rest of the team only combined for nine points on the night.

West got off to a quick start, 8-2, and forced Papillion to call an early timeout with 6:20 left in the first quarter. The Wildcats took an 18-11 lead after their fourth 3-pointer of the quarter with just under 3 minutes left. The two team remained scoreless until the Monarchs scored on an offensive rebound at the buzzer to cut the Wildcat led to 18-13.

Papillion stayed close early in the 2nd quarter before West went on a quick 6-0 run to extend the Wildcat lead to 30-18 midway through the 2nd quarter. Papillion hit a 3-pointer late in the quarter to make the score 30-23 going into the break.

"We played pretty well in the first half," Coach Bill Morrison said. "Our defense was locked in through

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| Fresh | nmar | n A (13-3) | Fresh | nman | <u>B (10-3)</u> | Res | erves | <u>(10-3)</u> | Junio | r Vars | ity (9-7) | | Vars | <u>ity (7</u> | <u>-12)</u> |
| PLVS | W | 81-76 OT | PLVS | W | 53-31 | PLV | W | 69-27 | PLV | W | 57-50 | 0 S | outh | W | 70-60 |
| PLV | W | 64-20 | PLV | W | 73-35 | | | | | | | PLV | | W | 69-51 |



Wildcats Lose to the Storm in Overtime

After leading throughout much of the game, Elkhorn South's Jackson Moeller-Swan made a 25-foot jumper at the end of regulation to send the game into overtime. The Storm took an early lead in overtime and made free throws down the stretch to win 74 -66.

Zac Grandgenett led all scorers with 28 points. Elkhorn South's "big three" combined for 57 of their 74 points. Alec Noonan let the way with 24, Moeller-Swan had 19, and Cade Stone scored 11 points.

"I thought our guys did a pretty good job of keeping their three best players in check for most of the game," Coach Bill Morrison said. "We didn't finish very well. They got three pretty easy looks in the last minute of the game."

West jumped out to an early 5-0 lead in the first quarter. South tied it back up at 5-5 before the Wildcats got the score back to 9-5. The Storm battled back and tied the game 11-11 to end the quarter.

South took a 15-11 lead on a basket by Stone early in the 2nd guarter. West scored on 9 of their next 11 possessions and build a 29-22 lead. South, once again, battled back and went into the half down 29-25.

"We were happy with our performance in the first half," Morrison said. "They didn't get very many easy baskets and our offense way playing pretty well. Our guys seemed confident coming out of the half."

The Storm hit two 3-pointers to start the 2nd half and took a 31-29 lead. Max Frohloff made a basket to tie the score and West called a time out. The Wildcats were able to build a 43-37 lead with just under two minutes left in the game. Jordan Gassen made a lay up after a crazy sequence of plays to give West a 45-40 lead going into the final period.

Despite four turnovers early in the quarter, West was able to hold onto the lead through. They Wildcats led by as much as 9 points in the final period.

Gavin Hornbacher made a basket to make the score 57-55 in favor of West with under a minute remaining.

Peyton Moore scored a lay up in transition after a long rebound. South

pushed the ball up the court and scored within 6 seconds to cut the lead back to 59-57.

West's Frohloff made two free throws, but Elkhorn South recovered the ball after a scramble in the lane. Noonan was fouled on the basket and made the free throw to cut the lead to 61-60 with 5.4 seconds remaining.

Cooper Fortune was fouled on the inbound and made two free throws to give the Wildcats a 64-61 lead with 4.7 seconds left. The Storm inbounded the ball and Swan dribbled the length of the floor and made a 3-pointer to force overtime.

Morrison wasn't happy about the last play. "I should have called timeout when we were shooting free throws. Or at least got a sub up to the table. Our defense wasn't organized and they got a wide open look."

Grandgenett was fouled on the first Wildcat possession and made one of two free throws to take the first lead of overtime.

Noonan answered with a 3-pointer to take a 66-64 lead, only their 3rd lead of the game. West was not able

Scores

| Freshman A (15-3) | | <u>(15-3)</u> | <u>Freshman B (11-3)</u> | <u>Reserves (12-4)</u> | Junior Varsity (10-7) | <u>Varsity (7-13)</u> | | |
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| O North | W | 62-47 | | | | | | |

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Freshman A

The Wildcats used a solid offensive performance to beat Omaha Northwest 76-52 for their 4th straight win.

West led 36-21 at halftime. The Huskies were able to score with the Wildcats in the 3rd quarter. West only increased their lead to 55-39 at the end of the quarter. But West was able to pull away in the 4th quarter by outscoring Northwest by 8.

Vince Long led the wildcats with 26 points. Bryson Williams, Josh Fabrikant, and Rowen Scholting all had 9 points. Nathan Marable and Dallas Gaius added 8 points each.

The Millard West Freshman A team beat Omaha North 62-47 to win their 5th game in a row. Three Wildcats scored in double digits.

After a 14-11 first quarter, the Wildcats used an 18-7 2nd quarter to build a 32-18 lead. The Vikings matched the Wildcat scoring in the 2nd half but could not cut into the lead.

Vince Long led all scorers with 19 points. Bryson Williams and Rowen Scholting both scored 13 for West. John Stanton and Connor Morris scored 7 and 6 points respectively.

Freshman B

The Wildcats won their 11th game of the season with a 67-42 victory over Omaha North.

West led 16-11 after the first quarter, but outscored the Vikings 18-5 in the 2nd quarter to take a 34-16 lead at the half.

The Wildcats were able to increase their lead to 53-26 in the 3rd quarter.

Jackson Semanisin and Connor Morris lead the Wildcats offensively with each scoring a season high. Semanisin had 11pts and Morris had 10pts. Other Wildcats scoring were Beightol 9, McDonald and Chevis 8, Stanton 7, White and Sa Baker 4,

Teager, Chapp, and Dickmeyer 2pts. Evan Ward lead the Wildcats with 8 assist.

shutting down #12 for the Storm. He had 9 of their 15 points in the 1st quarter. For most of the next 3 quarters, Reece Carson drew the assignment. With help from everyone else, #12 was held to 10 more points for the rest of the game.

On the offensive end, seven players scored between 6 to 10 points. Tag Carmichael led with 10 points (last 2 were FT's to ice the game). Nathan Durand and Carter LaBorde finished with 8 points each. Jacob Young, Jace Ingebretson, and D.J. Schiemann chipped in 7 points each while Jayden Kozney contributed 6 points. Reece Carson (7) and Lucas Johnson (4) led the Wildcats in assists.

Lower Levels

Reserves

Junior Varsity

The JV Boys were able to improve to 10-7 with a 62-58 victory over Elkhorn South. The 1st quarter ended with a 6 point lead due to team defense, getting the transition game going, and good ball movement on offense.

The key to our defensive plan was

West started out fast and never looked back. West led 14-3 at the end of the first and 28-8 at the half. West held the Titans to single digits in all four quarters in the 60-22 victory. Ben Schmitz led the team with a career high 10 points. Breck Osborne and Josh Jones each scored 9 in the win.

Elkhorn South vs. Millard West

to make a basket on their next four possessions and South build a 71-64 lead with 1:22 left.

West was assessed two technical fouls during a time out, and the Wildcats were not able to cut into the lead for the remainder of the game.

"This loss is tough to take," Morrison said after the game. "We did so many things well for the first 31 minutes."

| ES | 11 | 14 | 15 | 23 | 11 | 74 |
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| MW | 11 | 18 | 16 | 18 | 3 | 66 |

ES — Noonan 27, Skradis 4, Moeller-Swan 19, Hornbach34 5, Musil 3, Stone 11, Werner 3, Schwarz 2

MW – Kirschner 9, Gassen 6, Frohloff 7, Moore 6, Gaius-Anyegbu 8, Grandgenett 28, Fortune 2.







Wildcats Win on Senior Night!

The Millard West Boys Basketball Team was able to send their Seniors off on a winning note. The Wildcats led by as much as 13 before Omaha Central cut the lead to 1 point late in the 4th quarter. West pulled away at the end and won 57-51.

Cole Kirschner scored 11 points and had four steals. Jaidyn Gaius-Anyegbu also scored 11 points and grabbed four rebounds. Zac Grandgenett dished out 4 assists in the game.

Awit Mamer was the only Eagle in double digits with 15 points.

West scored on their first two possessions to take an early 4-0 lead. But two Wildcat turnovers allowed Central to take a 5-4 lead with 4:35 left in the first quarter. That would be the only lead for Central.

The Wildcats held Central scoreless for the remainder of the quarter and stretched their lead to 12-5 to end the period.

West had trouble scoring early in the 2nd quarter and Central cut the lead to 12-11. The Wildcat defense stepped up again and held the Eagle scoreless for seven straight possessions to build a 20-13 lead.

Central fought back and scored on their last two possessions of the half to cut the lead to 22-17 at the break. "Our defense was really good in the first half," Coach Bill Morrison said. "I wish we wouldn't have given up those last two baskets, but I thought we were in a good place at the break.

In the 3rd quarter, West was able to build a 35-23 lead on a steal and basket by Peyton Moore with 3:07 left in the period. The two teams exchanged scores over the remained of the period and the Wildcats held a 43 -33 lead going in the 4th quarter.

Gaius scored a basket with 5:57 left in the game to build a 48-40 lead. Millard West hit a scoring drought as they committed five turnovers in their next eight possessions. Central cut the lead to 48-47.

"I think everyone was nervous in

the huddle when they cut the game to one," Morrison "We said. have been here so many times this year. Our guys were very composed and did a great job down the stretch."

Kirschner made a 3 pointer that was followed by a basket by Frohloff to build the Wildcat lead back to 53-47. West held onto the lead for the last minute to get the win.

"This was a great win for us. We have had trouble finishing games this year," Morrison said. "It was fun to see the guys able to celebrate after a tough game."

| OC | 5 | 12 | 16 | 18 | 51 |
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| MW | 12 | 10 | 21 | 14 | 57 |

OC – Doss 6, Wayne 5, Mamer 15, Brown 3, Both 7, Holman 9, Pyform4, Ackerman 2.

MW – Kirschner 11, Gassen 9, Frohloff 10, Moore 9, Gaius 11, Grandgenett 7.



Freshman A (15-3) No Games

Freshman B Final Record 11-3 Reserves (13-4) O Central W 63-43

Junior Varsity (11-7) O Central W 57-51 <u>Varsity (8-14)</u> O Westside L 61-86 O Central W 57-51







Westside Attacks Early and Wins Big

Omaha Westside jumped out to a 27-11 first quarter lead and went on to beat Millard West 86-61.

Jordan Gassen led the Wildcats with a career-high 16 points. Cole Kirschner added 10 points for West. Zac Grandgenett led the team with 7 rebounds.

Westside had three players in double-digits led by Tate Odvody with 17 points. K Stubblefield scored 16 points and CJ Mitchel added 15.

Westside scored 23 points in transition and 15 second chance points in the game. They also made 13 3pointers. The Warriors outrebounded West 40-12.

Jaidyn Gaius-Anyegbu converted a 3-pointer on West's first shot attempt to tie the score 3-3 with 6:50 left in the first quarter. Westside would go on a 10-0 run over the next 2 1/2minutes before Kirschner made a layup to stop the run.

West would cut the lead to 17-9, but the Warriors used their transition game and outside shooting to make the score 27-11 at the end of the first quarter. "I was disappointed in the way we started," Coach Bill Morrison said. "We talked about being aggressive right from the start. Westside put a lot of pressure on us all night and we couldn't find an answer."

Westside continued to add to their lead throughout the 2nd quarter. Jordan Gassen tried to lead the Wildcats on offense. He scored 12 of his 16 points in the first half, including 8-9 from the free throw line. The Warriors led 45-24 at the break.

The Wildcats could not make a serious run at the Warriors in the 2nd half. Westside led 65-40 at the end of the 3rd quarter.

The Warriors had their biggest lead of the game, 29, with just over four minutes left. West was able to Match the Warriors scoring in the 4th quarter, but they could not get enough defensive stops to cut into the lead.

"We have played a lot of good teams close this year," Morrison said. "Our schedule has been tough, but we have been in most of the games this year. We didn't have it tonight."

| MW | 11 | 13 | 16 | 21 | 61 |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| OW | 27 | 18 | 20 | 21 | 86 |

MW – Abara 1, Kirschner 10, Gassen 16, Frohloff 3, Carson 7, Moore 4, Gaius 3, Carmichael 3, Grandgenett 5, Fortune 7, Butler 2

OW – Loftin 5, Benning 4, Stubblefield 16, Mitchell 15, Crawford 9, Evans 2, Anderson 13, Odvody 17, Barfield 3, Ty Odvody 2



Lower Levels

Reserves

The Millard West Reserve Boys Basketball team ended the year on a high note with a 63-43 victory over Omaha Central.

The Wildcats led Central by 17 at the half. Central made a run to start the 3rd quarter and would cut the Wildcat lead to 10 points. West was able to get the lead back to 20 points for their 14th victory of the year.

Colvin Zimmerman led the Wildcats with 15 points while Carson Hutteger would have 14 points. Tyson Meier chipped in 13 points.

West ended the season with a record of 14-4.

Jr. Varsity

The JV Boys were able to start fast and get many transition points to end the 1st quarter with a 16 point lead. Central kept chipping away, but the Wildcats were able to hang on for the 57-51 victory over Omaha Central.

All 11 team members scored in the game. Trey Abara led the team with 12 points. Tag Carmichael scored all 8 of his points and had a couple offensive rebounds to extend possessions in the 4th quarter.

The Wildcats won the last four games of the season to end the year with an 11-7 record.



Wildcats' Season Ends After Another Close Game

Millard West traveled to Lincoln Southwest for the first round game of the Class A-5 district.

Early on, it looked as if Southwest was going to make quick work of the Wildcats. But, like in many games earlier this season, West was able to make the game close in the 4th quarter.

Southwest won 68-62 to advance to play Lincoln East in the finals. West ended the season with an 8-15 record.

The Wildcats were led by Jaidyn Gaius-Anyaegbu with 15 points. Cole Kirschner added 12 points for West. Jordan Gassen grabbed six rebounds, and Max Frohloff dished out three assists in the game.

Southwest was led by Braden Frager with 19 points. Chuck Love and Bhan Buom added 18 and 12 points respectively.

Southwest wasted no time setting the tempo of the game. West called a timeout with 5:37 left in the first quarter and already down 11-2.

The Silver Hawks scored on all but one possession in the first quarter. The Wildcats were able to put some points on the board in the second half of the quarter and trailed 27013 after the first quarter.

"We talked about it in our morning shoot around," Coach Bill Morrison said. "We knew they would come out aggressive. Our #1 concern was to stop their transition game. We didn't do that in the first quarter."

West's defense buckled down in the 2nd quarter. They were able to hold the Silver Hawks to just 10 points until they made a 3-pointer at the buzzer in transition to make the score 40-27 at the half.

"The first time we played them, we were down big in the 1st half and came back to make it close," Morrison said. "We knew it was a possibility if we played good defense and got some offensive boards in the 2nd half."

Millard West was unable to cut into the lead through the first five minutes of the 2nd half. But, after trailing 48-32, the Wildcats put together a 11-2 run to end the half and cut the score to 50-43. Southwest appeared to take control of the game early in the 4th quarter. They started the final period with a 6-0 run to give themselves a 56-43 lead with 6:45 left in the game.

The Wildcats were able to score on six straight possessions and cut the lead down to four points 61-47 with 1:49 left in the game.

Southwest scored on a jumper to make the score 63-47. West was not able to convert on their next possession and had to resort to fouling. Southwest was 6-9 from the line to finish the game and win 68-62.

"There is no quit in these guys," Morrison said. "They showed that all year. We were so close in so many games."

| MW | 13 | 14 | 16 | 19 | 62 |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|
| LSW | 27 | 13 | 10 | 18 | 68 |

MW—Kirschner 12, Gassen 7, Frohloff 4, Moore 8, Gaius 15, Grandgenett 8, Fortune 5, Butler 3.

LSW–Helms 7, Love 18, Buom 12, Chamberlain 5, Smith 7, Frager 19.



 Freshman A (17-4)

 Prep B
 W
 51-50

 Westside
 W
 56-49

 Prep A
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 51-53

Freshman B Final Record 11-3 Reserves Final Record 13-4 Junior Varsity Final Record 11-7 <u>Varsity (8-15)</u> Lin SW L 62-68

Freshmen Finish 2nd in Prep Tournament



Opening Round

Millard West beat the Creighton Prep B team 51-50 in quarter finals of the Prep Freshman tournament. West looked to have the game under control in the 4th quarter, but the Wildcats struggled from the free throw line late in the game.

Two Blue Jay 3-pointers put the game to within one point. The Blue Jays did not have any timeouts remaining and West won the game as time ran out.

Millard West was led by Bryson Williams with 13 points. Josh Fabrikant and Nate Marable both scored 10 points. Vince Long and Rowan Scholting added 8 points each.

In the first quarter, the two teams exchanged baskets. Neither team was up by more than 2 points in the quarter. Prep scored with 9.8 seconds left to take a 14-12 lead. Bryson Williams advanced the ball quickly down the court and found Josh Fabrikant open for a 3pointer at the buzzer to put West up 15-14.

The Wildcats led 18-17 before Prep put together an 8-0 run to make the score 25-18. West scored twice late in the half to cut the lead to 25-23.

West used their outside attack to start the 3rd quarter with an 8-0

run on two 3-pointers. After a basket by the Jays, Williams made his third '3' of the quarter to make the score 35-26.

Prep put together a few baskets to end the quarter down 39-31.

West started the 4th quarter by missing their first three '3's' while Prep cut the lead to 42-37. The Wildcats scored six points in a row but could not shake the Jays.



Prep started to foul the Wildcats in the last 2 minutes of the game. West was only able to make 3 of 10 free throws.

Prep converted on two 3's in the last 25 seconds to cut the game to one. After a discussion by the officials, the game was ended and the Wildcats advance to the semi-finals.

| CP-B | 12 | 13 | 6 | 19 | 50 |
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| MW | 14 | 9 | 16 | 12 | 51 |

Semi-Finals

Millard West advanced to the Finals of the Prep Tournament with a 56-49 win over Westside. The win marked the Wildcats' 7th consecutive win.

West led throughout most of the game. The held a 15-6 lead after a strong start in the first quarter. The Warriors battled back in the 2nd quarter and cut the lead to 29-26 at the break.

The Wildcats increased their lead to 45-39 at the end of the 3rd quarter. Westside used a 9-0 run at the end of the 3rd quarter and beginning of the 4th quarter to cut the score to 45-44.

West led 50-46 with 2:25 left in the game. A 3-pointer by Westside made the score 51-49 with 31 seconds remaining. The Wildcats scored the last five points of the game to seal the victory.

West had balanced scoring in

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the game. Josh Fabrikant and Nate Marable led all scorers with 11 points each. Vincent Long scored 10 points. Rowan Scholting and Bryson Williams added 9 and 8 points respectively.

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Finals

Millard West lost to the Creighton Prep A Team 53-51 in the finals of the Prep Tournament.

Nate Marable scored 20 points for the Wildcats. Josh Fabrikant and Vince Long added 11 points each. Bryson Williams added 7 points.

West dominated the first quarter. The Wildcats held a 11-6 lead with 2:32 before going on a 6-2 run to end the quarter. Marable scored 9 points in the first quarter.

The Wildcats had trouble scoring in the 2nd quarter, but their defense helped them hold onto the lead early in the quarter. A 3-pointer by Williams with 4:54 left in the game gave West a 21-13 lead. Prep ended the quarter strong by making an 8-1 run to go into the half down 22-21.

Prep used a strong 3rd quarter to take control of the game. The Jays scored on their first four possessions of the half. West's scoring was also more efficient. West trailed 29-27 after a basket by Fabrikant



with 5:19 left in the quarter.

Marable completed an old-fashioned 3-pointer to give West the lead back at 31-29. The Jays got a stop late in the game and scored on a break-out lay up to take a 34-33 lead going into the 4th quarter.

West regained the lead 35-34 on their first possession of the quarter. Prep used their outside attack to build a 43-39 lead. He two teams were tied 47-47 with 2:13 left to go. Prep made two 3-pointers to build a 53-49 lead with 1 minute left.

| MW | 17 | 5 | 11 | 18 | 51 |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| CP | 8 | 13 | 13 | 19 | 53 |





Seniors — Class of 2023





#3 Cole Kirschner
#24 Cole Butler
#14 Peyton Moore
#22 Zac Grandgenett
#14 Jaidyn Gaius-Anyegbu





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| Opponent | W/L | Us | Them | Assists | Blocks | Rebounds | Steals | Points | Performance |
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| Lincoln East | _ | 53 | 55 | Kirschner - 4 | 1 | Moore - 8 | Kirschner - 2 | Moore - 9 | Kirschner - 15.21 |
| Omaha Westside | _ | 40 | 46 | Frohloff - 3 | 1 | Moore - 7 | Kirschner - 4 | Moore - 9 | Moore - 9.95 |
| Omaha Bryan | Λ | 45 | 35 | Frohloff - 3 | 0 | Carmichael - 10 | Frohloff - 4 | Kirschner - 18 | Moore - 11.52 |
| Omaha Benson | Λ | 43 | 33 | Fortune - 4 | Moore - 1 | Fortune - 9 | Kirschner - 7 | Frohloff - 9 | Fortune - 12.73 |
| Millard North | _ | 47 | 61 | £ | 0 | Grandgenett - 5 | Gaius - 4 | Grandgenett - 18 | Gaius - 9.44 |
| Creighton Prep | _ | 39 | 40 | Fortune - 4 | Moore - 2 | Moore - 10 | Kirschner - 2 | Grandgenett - 13 | Gauis - 10.44 |
| Lincoln Southwest | _ | 65 | 72 | Grandgenett - 5 | Moore - 1 | Moore - 9 | Grandgenett - 6 | Grandgenett - 17 | Moore - 20.71 |
| M1: Elkhorn South | _ | 59 | 61 | Grandgenett - 5 | 1 | Fortune - 5 | Grandgenett - 2 | Kirschner - 12 | Fortune 10.66 |
| M2: Bellevue East | Λ | 65 | 40 | 2 | Gaius 2 | Moore - 10 | Frohloff - 3 | Grandgennett - 15 | Grandgenett - 11.29 |
| Papillion South | | 44 | 50 | Kirschner - 4 | Butler - 2 | Frohloff - 6 | 1 | Grandgenett - 15 | Frohloff - 6.41 |
| Bellevue West | _ | 42 | 70 | 2 | 1 | Moore - 5 | Frohloff - 4 | Kirschner - 15 | Moore - 7.22 |
| Lincoln Southeast | LOT | 70 | 76 | Grandgenett - 4 | 0 | Gaius - 4 | Gaius - 3 | Gaius - 20 | Gaius- 13.16 |
| Bellevue East | W OT | 60 | 57 | Kirschner - 5 | Gaius - 2 | Gaius - 7 | Kirschner - 5 | Gaius - 14 | Gaius - 16.43 |
| Millard South | _ | 55 | 57 | Gaius - 3 | 0 | 4 | Frohloff - 4 | Moore - 15 | Moore - 8.29 |
| Gretna | _ | 43 | 53 | Gaius - 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 8 | Fortune - 8.30 |
| Omaha Westview | Ν | 63 | 55 | Grandgenett - 5 | Fortune - 1 | Moore - 9 | 3 | Moore - 19 | Moore - 12.69 |
| Lincoln Northstar | | 60 | 65 | Frohloff - 4 | Moore - 2 | 5 | 2 | Grandgenett - 16 | Fortune - 8.08 |
| Omaha South | Ν | 70 | 60 | Frohloff - 6 | 1 | Frohloff - 6 | Fortune - 4 | Gaius - 19 | Moore - 13.10 |
| Papillion LaVista | Ν | 69 | 51 | 5 | Gaius - 2 | Moore - 9 | Gaius - 3 | Gaius - 16 | Gaius - 23.18 |
| Elkhorn South | LOT | 99 | 74 | Frohloff 2 | Moore - 2 | Grandgenett - 6 | Kirschner - 5 | Grandgenett - 28 | Moore 11.30 |
| Westside | | 61 | 86 | 4 | Butler -1 | Grandgenett - 7 | Kirschner - 2 | Gassen - 16 | Kirschner - 7.66 |
| Omaha Central | Ν | 57 | 51 | Grandgenett - 4 | 0 | Gaius - 4 | Kirschner - 4 | 11 | Moore - 9.99 |
| D1:Lincoln SW | _ | 62 | 68 | Frohloff - 3 | Gaius - 1 | Gassen - 6 | Gaius - 3 | Gaius - 15 | Gaius - 12.25 |
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| Butler, Cole | 16 | З | 24 | ∞ | 10 | б | 5 | 0 | 4 | 12 | 33.3% | 1 | 9 | 16.7% | 8 | 12 | 66.7% | 19 |
| Fortune, Cooper | 23 | 28 | 56 | 13 | 38 | 21 | 5 | 2 | 36 | 80 | 45.0% | ю | 18 | 16.7% | 18 | 22 | 81.8% | 66 |
| Frohloff, Max | 23 | 16 | 45 | 34 | 43 | 36 | 0 | 1 | 32 | 91 | 35.2% | 22 | 69 | 31.9% | 23 | 33 | 69.7% | 153 |
| Gaius-Anyegbu, Jaidyn | 20 | 21 | 52 | 35 | 34 | 33 | 8 | 14 | 57 | 120 | 47.5% | 9 | 11 | 54.5% | 45 | 67 | 67.2% | 177 |
| Gassen, Jordan | 23 | 15 | 56 | 35 | 34 | 16 | 5 | 0 | 49 | 105 | 46.7% | 12 | 35 | 34.3% | 45 | 67 | 67.2% | 179 |
| Grandgenett, Zac | 20 | 13 | 51 | 64 | 49 | 21 | 2 | ß | 45 | 109 | 41.3% | 25 | 95 | 26.3% | 42 | 99 | 63.6% | 207 |
| Kirschner, Cole | 23 | 20 | 35 | 24 | 39 | 46 | 4 | ß | 26 | 54 | 48.1% | 50 | 153 | 32.7% | 16 | 21 | 76.2% | 218 |
| Moore, Peyton | 23 | 39 | 63 | 14 | 26 | 25 | 10 | 7 | 55 | 94 | 58.5% | 15 | 41 | 36.6% | 29 | 50 | 58.0% | 184 |
| Carmichael, Tag | 12 | 8 | 23 | 4 | ю | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 10 | 40.0% | 1 | 15 | 6.7% | 2 | 4 | 50.0% | 13 |
| Young, Jacob | 10 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 7 | Ч | ъ | 20.0% | 2 | Ŋ | 40.0% | 4 | 9 | 66.7% | 12 |
| Ingebretson, Jace | 6 | 1 | 2 | З | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 1 | 0.0% | 1 | 2 | 50.0% | 1 |
| Johnson, Lucas | 7 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ч | ĸ | 33.3% | 0 | 1 | 0.0% | 0 | 0 | | 2 |
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| Carson, Reece | 2 | 0 | 2 | З | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0% | 1 | 1 | 100.0% | 2 | 4 | 50.0% | 7 |
| Team | 23 | 166 | 415 | 241 | 285 | 213 | 39 | 35 | 311 | 684 | 45.5% | 138 | 451 | 30.6% | 236 | 357 | 66.1% | 1272 |
| Opponent | 23 | 201 | 511 | 326 | 251 | 134 | 32 | 2 | 307 | 588 | 52.2% | 155 | 478 | 32.4% | 237 | 353 | 67.1% | 1316 |





| Offensive Rebounds Peyton Moore 39 Free Throws Jaidyn / Jordan 45 | Peyton Moore | 39 | Free Throws | Jaidyn / Jordan | 45 | FT Percentage Jaidyn / Jordan 67.2% | Jaidyn / Jordan | 67.2% |
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| Defensive Rebounds Peyton Moore 63 2-point FG's Jaidyn Gaius | Peyton Moore | 63 | 2-point FG's | Jaidyn Gaius | 57 | 2FG Percent | Peyton Moore 58.5% | 58.5% |
| Total Rebounds | Peyton Moore | 102 | 3-point FG's | Peyton Moore 102 3-point FG's Cole Kirschner | 50 | 50 3FG Percentage Peyton Moore 36.6% | Peyton Moore | 36.6% |
| Assists | Zac Grandgenett | 49 | Blocks | Peyton Moore 10 | 10 | Steals | Cole Kirschner | 46 |
| Charges Taken | Jaidyn Gaius 14 | 14 | Points | Cole Kirschner 218 | 218 | | | |

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| Om. Westside | L | 40 | 46 |
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| Om. Benson | W | 43 | 33 |
| Mil. North | L | 47 | 61 |
| Cr. Prep | L | 39 | 40 |
| Lin. Southwest | L | 65 | 72 |
| M1: Elk South | L | 59 | 61 |
| M2: Bel. East | W | 65 | 40 |
| Papio South | L | 44 | 50 |
| Bel. West | L | 42 | 70 |
| Lin. Southeast | LOT | 70 | 76 |
| Bel. East | W OT | 60 | 57 |
| Mil. South | L | 55 | 57 |
| Gretna | L | 43 | 53 |
| Om. Westview | W | 63 | 55 |
| Lin. Northstar | L | 60 | 65 |
| Om. South | W | 70 | 60 |
| Papio LaVista | W | 69 | 51 |
| Elk South | LOT | 66 | 74 |
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| Skutt Catholic | W | 49 | 47 | |
| Om. Burke | W | 57 | 38 | |
| Om. Central | W | 69 | 43 | |
| Mil. South | W | 55 | 53 | |
| Mil. North | W | 63 | 52 | |
| Om. Benson | L | 53 | 56 | |
| Bel. West | W | 54 | 43 | |
| Om. Westview | W | 66 | 54 | |
| Bel. East | W | 83 | 38 | |
| Om. Westside | W | 62 | 46 | |
| Cr. Prep | L | 43 | 46 | |
| Lin. East | W | 62 | 35 | |
| Papio South | W | 81 | 76 | |
| Papio-LaVista | W | 64 | 20 | |
| Om. Northwest | W | 76 | 52 | |
| Om. North | W | 62 | 47 | |
| Cr. Prep B | W | 51 | 50 | |
| Om. Westside | W | 56 | 49 | |
| Cr. Prep | L | 51 | 53 | |
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| Lin. East | L | 52 | 57 |
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| Om. Benson | W | 62 | 56 |
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| Lin. Southwest | L | 55 | 61 |
| Mil. North | L | 45 | 59 |
| Papio South | W | 56 | 49 |
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| Om. Westside | L | 51 | 66 |
| Lin. North Star | W | 63 | 51 |
| Papio LaVista | W | 57 | 50 |
| Elk South | W | 62 | 58 |
| Om. Central | W | 57 | 51 |
| Record: 11-7 | | 1043 | 978 |

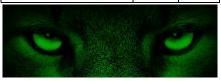
Millard West

| Varsity | 8 | 15 | 1217 | 1316 |
|---------|----|----|------|------|
| JV | 11 | 7 | 1043 | 978 |
| Soph | 13 | 4 | 961 | 715 |
| 9A | 17 | 4 | 1254 | 992 |
| 9B | 11 | 3 | 769 | 481 |
| | | | | |
| Total | 60 | 33 | 5244 | 4482 |
| | | | | |



Freshmen B

| Gretna | W | 54 | 40 |
|----------------|---|-----|-----|
| Elk South | L | 39 | 42 |
| Skutt Catholic | W | 46 | 31 |
| Om. Burke | W | 60 | 24 |
| Om. Central | W | 54 | 15 |
| Mil. South | L | 37 | 52 |
| Bel. West | W | 72 | 27 |
| Bel. West | W | 80 | 32 |
| Bel. East | W | 76 | 17 |
| Om. Westside | W | 37 | 35 |
| Cr. Prep | L | 21 | 58 |
| Papio South | W | 53 | 31 |
| Papio-LaVista | W | 73 | 35 |
| Om. North | W | 67 | 42 |
| Record: 11-3 | | 769 | 481 |



| 1st | 2223 | Team | 35 | | Charges Taken | Season |
|------|------|-----------------------|--------|---------|--------------------|--------|
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| 2nd | 2223 | Jaidyn Gaius-Anyaegbu | 14 | | Charges Taken | Season |
| 4T | 2223 | Cole Kirschner | 50 | | 3-pointers Made | Season |
| 5T | 2223 | Peyton Moore | 7 | | Charges Taken | Season |
| 6th | 2223 | Cole Kirschner | 46 | | Steals | Season |
| 12T | 2223 | Cole Kirschner | 5 | | Charges Taken | Season |
| 12T | 2223 | Zac Grandgenett | 5 | | Charges Taken | Season |
| 15th | 2223 | Peyton Moore | 198.31 | | Performance Rating | Season |
| 16T | 2223 | Frohloff, Max | 36 | | Steals | Season |
| | | | | | | |
| 2nd | 2223 | Jaidyn Gaius-Anyaegbu | 19 | | Charges Taken | Career |
| 5th | 2223 | Cole Kirschner | 93 | | 3-pointers Made | Career |
| 6th | 2223 | Peyton Moore | 59.2% | 125/211 | 2-point Percentage | Career |
| 8th | 2223 | Cole Kirschner | 81 | | Steals | Career |
| 9th | 2223 | Peyton Moore | 9 | | Charges Taken | Career |
| 11T | 2223 | Zac Grandgenett | 8 | | Charges Taken | Career |
| 14th | 2223 | Peyton Moore | 76 | | Offensive Rebounds | Career |
| 16T | 2223 | Cole Kirschner | 6 | | Charges Taken | Career |
| 17T | 2223 | Cole Kirschner | 62 | | Games Played | Career |
| 17th | 2223 | Peyton Moore | 126 | | 2-pointers Made | Career |
| 19th | 2223 | Cole Kirschner | 33.2% | 93/280 | 3-point Percentage | Career |
| 20th | 2223 | Cole Kirschner | 431 | | Points Scored | Career |





2022-23 Millard West Coaching Staff

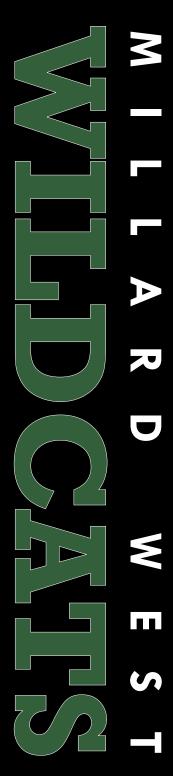
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Cole Kirschner

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Cole Butler 2022-2023







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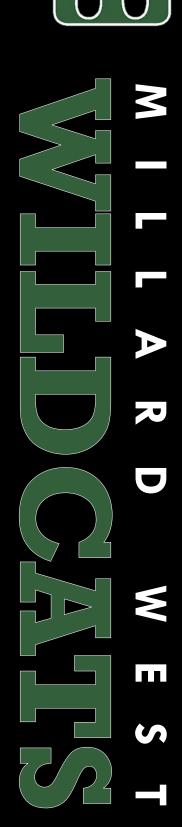
Zac Grandgenett 2022-23





Jaidyn Gaius-Anyaegbu 2022-23





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<u>All-Metro 1st Team</u>

| Josiah Dotzler | Bel West |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Landon Pokorski | Gretna |
| Jaden Jackson | Bel West |
| Elijah Gaeth | Mil North |
| Alec Noonan | Elk South |

<u>All-Metro 2nd Team</u>

| Tate Odvody | Westside |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Derek Rollins | Mil North |
| Kevin Stubblefield | Westside |
| Bryson Bahl | Papio South |
| A'mare Bynum | Bryan |

All-Metro 3rd Team

| Neal Mosser | Mil North |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Alex Wilcoxson | Gretna |
| Dillon Claussen | Prep |
| Awit Mamer | Central |
| Lance Rucker | Mil South |
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2022-2023 Final Rankings

- 1. Bellevue West
- 2. Millard North
- 3. Gretna
- 4. Westside
- 5. Lincoln East
- 6. Creighton Prep
- 7. Elkhorn South
- 8. Lincoln Southeast
- 9. Lincoln North Star
- 10. Papio South



<u>NCPA</u> Max Frohloff Cole Butler



Honorable Mention

All—Metro

Peyton Moore

Cole Kirschner

Jaidyn Gaius-Anyegbu

Zac Grandgenett

Max Frohloff

All—State

Peyton Moore

Cole Kirschner

Jaidyn Gaius-Anyegbu



<u>All-Nebraska First Team</u>

Josiah Dotzler Bel West Connor Mililkan Platteview Jake Brack Landon Pokorski Gretna

Skutt Jaden Jackson Bel West



State Tournament

| #1 Bellevue West #8 Lincoln North Star | 68 46 | CLASS A |
|---|----------|------------------|
| | 40 | Bellevue West 74 |
| | | Westside 41 |
| #4 Lincoln East | 54 | |
| #5 Westside | 84 | Bellevue West 64 |
| | | Millard North 41 |
| #2 Millard North | 81 | |
| #7 Elkhorn South | 70 | |
| | | Millard North 54 |
| #3 Gretna | 60 | Gretna 52 |
| #6 Lincoln Southwest | 53 | |

All-Nebraska 2nd Team

| Elijah Gaeth | Mil North |
|---------------------|------------|
| Alec Noonan | Elk South |
| Antallah Sandlin'el | North Star |
| Tate Odvody | Westside |
| Derek Rollins | Mil North |

All Nebraska 3rd Team

| Carter Tempelmeyer | Lin East |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Kevin Stubblefiel | Westside |
| Brooks Kissinger | AG |
| JJ Ferrin | Skutt |
| Bryson Bahl | Papio South |

Class A 1st Team

| Josiah Dotzler | Bel West |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Landon Pokorski | Gretna |
| Jaden Jackson | Bel West |
| Elijah Gaeth | Mil North |
| Alec Noonan | Elk South |

Class A 2nd Team

| Antallah Sandlin'el | North Star |
|---------------------|------------|
| Tate Odvody | Westside |
| Derek Rollins | Mil North |
| Carter Tempelmeyer | Lin East |
| Kevin Stebblefield | Westside |

Wildcat Basketball Class of 2023































