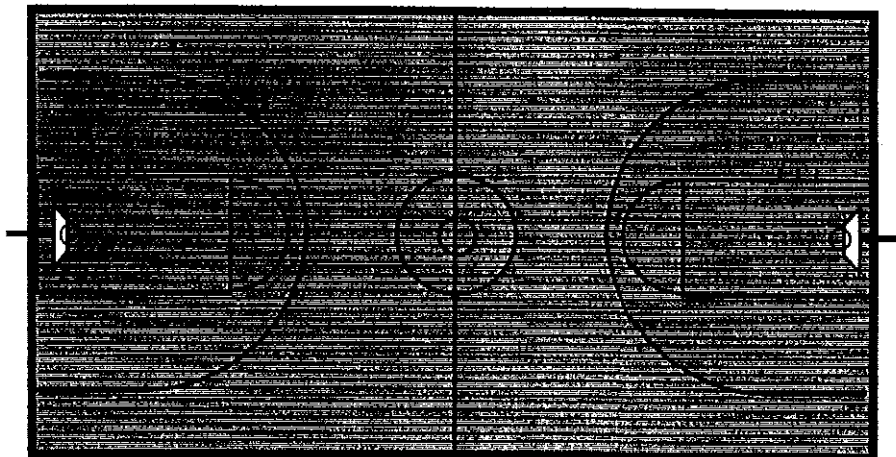


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Millard West solves FHS matchup zone

BY JEFF HUSEN
TRIBUNE STAFF

Millard West coach Rick Hook saw first hand what Fremont Senior High's shooters could do, but he wasn't sure what to expect from his team.

After watching the Wildcats shoot 58 percent from the field — 30 of 52 — in a 79-75 win over the Tigers Friday night, Hook was very happy with the effort he saw.

"What I saw from Fremont last night (a win over Lincoln Southeast) was an unbelievable shooting team," Hook said. "We knew we would see the matchup zone, so we'd have to hit some open shots. And we did."

Fremont's matchup zone, which limited Southeast to a 2 of 24 effort from 3-point range Thursday, didn't cause the Wildcats many problems because of some hot shooting from the perimeter early.

Millard West (1-0) made their first five shots, including two treys, to take a 10-6 lead.

The lead grew to as much as seven points, 19-12, on a Matt Person layup before FHS was able to trim the lead to 22-16 after one quarter.

Tiger coach Joel Parks said the Wildcats handled the matchup zone.

"They shot the ball so well," Parks said. "We got caught, because we had a hard time guarding (6-foot-9 Kyle) Bakker one on one and unfortunately for us they knocked down the open

shot."

Fremont (1-1) wasn't able to take the lead in the second quarter, but a Cody Gallatin 3-pointer cut the Wildcat lead to 33-32 with 31 seconds remaining in the half.

Ben Mussmann, who scored 12 first-half points for Millard West, had a layup late in the half to give the Wildcats a 35-32 half-time lead.

Bakker, who had just eight points in the first half, came alive late in the third quarter with a pair of layups to increase the lead to 51-45.

But Gallatin's turn-around jumper at the third quarter buzzer pulled the Tigers within 55-52.

Fremont never got closer than three points in the fourth quarter, due to Bakker's 18 fourth quarter points.

Bakker finished with a game-high 30 points, nine rebounds, and five block shots.

Derek Hack's 27 points — including 7 of 9 from 3-point range — led the Tigers.

Millard West 22 13 20 24 — 79
Fremont 16 16 20 23 — 75

MILLARD WEST (79)

Person 2-8, 3-6, 1, 8; Mussmann 6-8, 1-2, 3, 16; Armburst 1-3, 0-2, 1, 2; Bagley 4-8, 0-0, 1, 11; Bruce 1-2, 0-0, 0, 3; McLaughlin 3-5, 0-0, 0, 7; Septak 1-2, 0-0, 0, 2; Bakker 12-18, 6-11, 2, 30.
Totals — 30-52, 10-21, 8, 79.

3-Point Goals — Mussmann 3, Bagley 3, Bruce, Person, McLaughlin.

FREMONT (75)

Gallatin 5-14, 0-0, 2, 13; Chmelka 2-3, 0-0, 4, 4; Schiferl 0-0, 0-0, 2, 0; Lamprecht 4-12, 0-0, 3, 10; Hack 8-13, 4-4, 3, 27; Farber 4-10, 0-0, 2, 11; Parks 3-6, 0-2, 2, 6; Flanagan 2-4, 0-0, 4, 4. Totals — 28-61, 4-6, 22, 75.

3-Point Goals — Hack 7, Gallatin 3, Farber 3, Lamprecht 2.

Bakker Helps Wildcats Hold Off Fremont 79-75

BY CLIFF BRUNT
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

Fremont, Neb. — Top 10 No. 8 Millard West and seventh-ranked Fremont dropped 3-point bombs at will Friday night, but Kyle Bakker's inside play was the difference in West's 79-75 win.

Before a reporter-estimated 1,600 at the Fremont gym, Fremont nailed 15 3-pointers to West's nine, but Bakker, a 6-foot-9 junior post, scored 30 points, including 18 in the fourth quarter, to keep the Wildcats ahead.

Twice in the second half, Millard West extended its lead to seven points, once in the third quarter, and once with 3:56 remaining. Both times, Derek Hack, a 6-6 senior, dropped in 3-pointers to cut into the lead. Hack led Fremont with 27 points, including seven 3-pointers.

Millard West made two key baskets down the stretch on long passes. After Fremont closed to within 13-70 on a 3-pointer by Cody Gallatin with 42 seconds left, Bakker threw deep for sophomore Sean McLaughlin, who converted.

The second time, Travis Chmelka scored a layup to cut the West lead to 76-72 before McLaughlin found a streaking Bakker for the basket and a foul with four seconds remaining.

West Coach Rick Hook said Bakker was a key to the fourth-quarter game plan.

"They were in a little bit of foul trouble," he said of Fremont. "We were trying to find (Bakker). He's gotten a lot stronger, and is in a lot better condition than last year. And, he's matured a little bit."

Fremont Coach Joel Parks said Millard West's inside-outside game was difficult to handle. Junior guard Ben Mussmann added 16 points for the Wildcats.

"Millard West shot well from the perimeter," Parks said. "They made it tough for us to guard Kyle Bakker. They came in and put a nice game together."

Millard West (1-0) 22 13 20 24 — 79
At Fremont (1-1) 16 16 20 23 — 75
■ MW — Person 8, Mussmann 16, Armburst 2, Bagley 11, Bruce 3, McLaughlin 7, Septak 2, Bakker 30.
■ F — Gallatin 13, Chmelka 4, Lamprecht 10, Hack 27, Farber 11, Parks 6, Flanagan 4.

Wildcats Face Tough Benson and Prep

Dan Squires
Coulter Jones

Tonight, the Millard West

basketball team will take on Benson in it's home opener. Ranked in the World-Herald's

top 10, the Bunnies will be another tough test for Millard West. After an upset victory at Fremont, the team's hopes are high for a season that eventually could include a trip to Lincoln for the state tournament.

A fast start against Fremont held up throughout the game, as the Wildcats did

not trail at any time over the final three quarters. Several late rallies drew the Tigers within two and four points, but never any closer.

"The next two games are going to be totally different than the Fremont game. Benson and Prep are up-tempo teams and play the forty-eight feet," said assistant coach Kirk Peterson.

Junior center Kyle Bakker leads the way for the Wildcats, scoring 30 points in their 79-75 season-opening win against the Tigers. Also the team's leading rebounder, Bakker is virtually unstoppable in the paint.

The floor leader of the Wildcats is point guard Matt Person. One of the team's two starting seniors. He provides a calm and mature ball-handler, something that any successful team has.

Brian Bagley, the other senior in the starting lineup, is a threat from three-point land, while also possessing the ability to drive to the hoop.

Junior Chris Septak establishes an inside presence in addition to Bakker's. An all-Nebbraska football player, Septak is a force down low for the Cats.

Fellow junior Ben Mussman is perhaps the team's best all-around player. His ability to drive to the basket and pull up for

the open three-pointer adds the final piece to the starting five.

The bench for Millard West may be one of the deepest in the Metro. The third of the co-captains, senior Jon Armbrust provides a lift off the bench for the Wildcats. Best at cleaning up the boards, Armbrust is a quality replacement for Septak in the paint.

Sophomore Sean McLaughlin can make the tough three-pointer when needed.

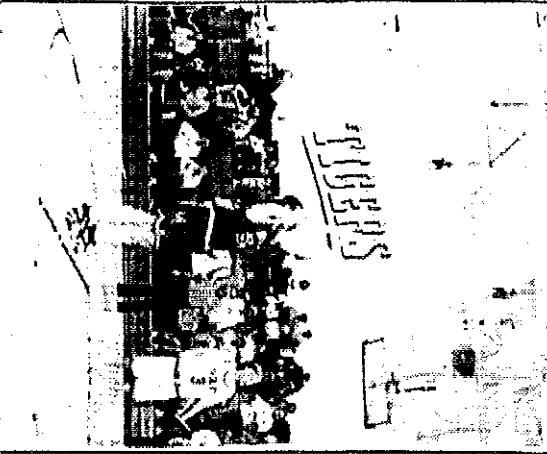
Dan Bruce, a sophomore, adds another long-ball shooter to the lineup, as well as great defensive play.

These players will suit up Saturday night at Omaha Creighton Prep, one of the perennial powers in high school basketball. A win at "the bird cage" could vault the team to a 3-0 start, providing the Wildcats survive their meeting with Omaha Benson.

Said Peterson, "It's the toughest weekend, because it's the next weekend."

With this outstanding depth, and a starting five that can rival any the state has to offer, the Millard West Wildcats will vie for not only a playoff spot, but a state championship.

Chris Septak's 10 Points in OT Help Millard West Past Benson



Chris Septak scored 10 of his season-high 19 points in overtime to lead pre-season Top 10 No. 8 Millard West to an 81-76 win Friday night over visiting Omaha Benson.

Millard West's Matt Person hit a 3-pointer with 14 seconds to play to force the extra session.

Kyle Bakker finished with a game-high 23 points to lead the undefeated Wildcats, who outscored the Bunnies 28-17 in the final period.

Nate Willis scored 18 points to lead three players in double figures for Omaha Benson.

Om. Benson West (2-1) 14 13 21 14 5-14
 A1 Millard West (2-1) 16 13 21 13 5-14
 O8 Saults 17, Davis & Lawson & Thomas 17,
 Boyd & Willis 18
 M. Benson 18, Musstrom 7, Armbrust 5, Booley

Icing the Ball Game...

Junior center Kyle Bakker attempts to drain a critical free throw down the stretch as Fremont's star, No. 3, looks on. (Ashley Arnold)

Om. Creighton Prep 75, Mill. West 67
 Senior Nick Svehla went four for four from the free-throw line, scoring 10 points in the fourth quarter to maintain Class A pre-season No. 2 Omaha Creighton Prep's lead. Svehla finished the game with 27.

Midway through the fourth quarter pre-season No. 8 Millard West switched to a full court press which guard Joseph Ogba was able to penetrate, recording three assists to help the Junior Jays improve to 3-1. Ogba added 13 points.

Kyle Bakker led all scorers with 29 points for the 2-1 Wildcats.

Millard West (2-1) 13 18 14 29-52
 Om. Creighton Prep (2-1) 19 15 20 31-75
 M. West 19, Bakker 27, Musstrom 5, Armbrust 2, Squires 4, Bruce 9, McLaughlin 3, Seick 2,
 CS—Conner 6, Ogba 13, Pryor 5, Schmeiderer 11.

Millard West's Bakker Hits 33 Points in Rout

Kyle Bakker scored a game-high 33 points and Chris Septak added 11 Thursday night to lead host Millard West to a 79-59 boys basketball win over Omaha South.

Millard West improved to 3-1 and held Omaha South to six points in the third quarter.

Nick Gardner scored 17 points to lead three Omaha South players in double figures. Darrielle Greshman scored 13 points and Steve Naujokaitis scored 11 points.

Om. South (0-3)..... 19 28 6 11-57
 At Millard West (3-1)..... 10 23 20 32-79
 OS—Yorpe 3, Naujokaitis 11, Gardner 17, Star 2,
 Greshman 13, Kielton 9, Dalton-Thompson 4.
 MW—Person 6, Mussmann 8, Armbrust 2, Bagley
 7, Bruce 8, Buck 2, Septak 11, Bakker 33.

Bellevue East 77, Millard West 70
 Bellevue East trailed 46-36 although it already had made eight 3-pointers. The Chieftains outscored 3-2 Millard West 14-6 in the third quarter, with Miller making three 3s in five tries, to get back into the game.

Tim Richt, who had 18 points, made back-to-back 3s and Miller made his eighth 3 on the next possession as the 9-point surge early in the fourth quarter staked East to a 62-54 lead.

Millard West drew within 69-67 on Brian Bagley's free throw with 1:58 left, then East's Marcus Taylor scored over 6-9 Millard West junior Kyle Bak-

ker. Miller gave the Chieftains their final six points on free throws.

"It was like they were playing Horse out there," Millard West Coach Rick Hook said. "We had nobody guarding anybody."

Millard West (3-2)..... 21 25 6 18-79
 Bellevue East (1-5)..... 23 13 14 27-77
 MW—Person 2-4 0-0 3, Mussmann 7-16 9-9 26, Bagley 4-11 1-2 12, Septak 0-4 1-2 1, Bakker 10-17 3-5 23, Armbrust 1-3 1-1 3, Bruce 0-3 0-0 0, Hartman 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 24-58 15-19 70.
 BE—Pearce 1-2 0-1 2, Kessell 5-19 1-1 12, Miller 9-18 6-22, Richt 7-11 0-0 18, Taylor 2-7 0-2 4, Watts 3-9 0-0 9, Ryan 0-0 0-0 0, Finklee 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 27-63 7-10 77.
 3-point goals—MW 7-18 (Person 1-3, Mussmann 3-7, Bagley 3-5, Armbrust 0-1, Bruce 0-2), BE 16-33 (Pearce 0-1, Kessell 1-6, Miller 8-16, Richt 4-5, Watts 3-3). Total fouls—MW 12, BE 14. Fouled out—Bagley. Technicals—none. Turnovers—MW 11, BE 7. Rebounds—MW 38 (Bakker 11), BE 33 (Kessell 10). Field-goal percentage—MW .414, BE .429. Free-throw percentage—MW .789, BE .700. Officials—Mar. Monica.

Consolation Games

Omaha Benson sophomore Arthur Boulds' 21 points led the 3-4 Bunnies to a 74-67 victory over tournament No. 1 seed Omaha North (3-3). Kyle Bakker had 29 points in Millard West's 60-45 victory over Omaha Northwest.

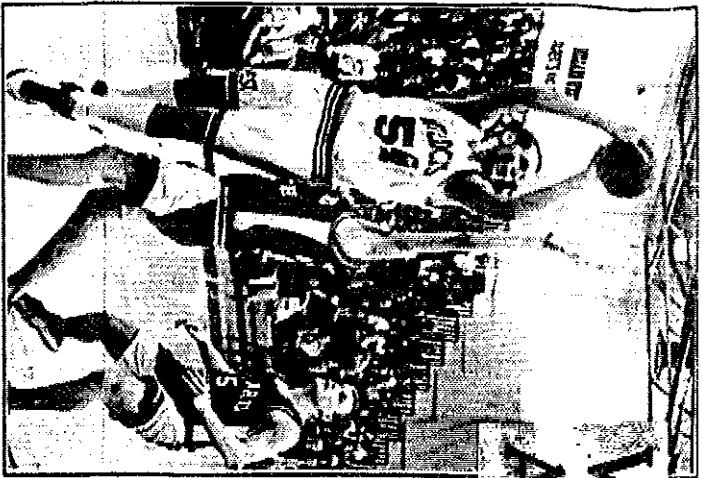
Omaha North (3-3)..... 10 14 15 22-67
 Omaha Benson (3-4)..... 14 19 14 25-74
 N—Walker 3, Starks 14, Wood 13, Baldwin 4, Bynum 13, Albrecht 6, Sutko 12.
 B—Boulds 21, Lawson 10, Gormley 2, Thomas 14, Lollar 5, Sheisia 8, Boyd 6, Willis 8.
 Omaha Northwest (3-3)..... 4 18 12 11-45
 Millard West (4-2)..... 12 12 18 18-60
 NW—Rosco 7, Jones 14, Leeper 4, Sweet 14, Walker 2, Steckler 2, Bird 2.
 MW—Bakker 29, Person 7, Musser 9, Bagley 2, Bruce 3, McLaughlin 6, Septak 4.

Millard West 72, Om. Central 58

Kyle Bakker's 22 points, Ben Musmann's 13 and Matt Person's 12 led Millard West as it improved to 5-2.

Omaha Central led after the first quarter but was outscored 18-10 in the second. Ben Jacobson paced the Eagles with 18 points.

Omaha Central (1-4)..... 18 18 11 17-68
 Millard West (5-2)..... 15 18 19 20-72
 C—Rahaman 5, McMorris 9, Ruffin 11, Smith 2, Mills 12, Dumes 18, Jacobson 18.
 MW—Person 12, Mussmann 13, Armbrust 4, Bagley 4, Bruce 5, McLaughlin 4, Septak 6, Bakker 22.



Wildcats Stake Claim As Top Millard Team

Millard West 60, Millard South 54
 Kyle Bakker scored 14 of his 17 points in the fourth period to lead host Millard West. Brian Bagley added 13. Ben Pearson scored 19 points and Ben Christensen added 15 for Millard South, which was tied with the Wildcats after three quarters.

Millard South (1-2)..... 19 11 11 13-44
 At Millard West 8, Pearson W, Cantlon 7, Christensen 12, Pearson 9, Sepiak 7, Mussmann 9, Basler 12, Bruce 5, Seok 8, Bakker 17



Getting His Two Cents In...
 Boys basketball coach Rick Hook gives the team a little advice during last week's 56-50 defeat of Millard South.
 (Scott Berger)

Free Throws Let Millard West Upset Mustangs

run that put Millard West back on top, 49-46 with 3:20 left.

Millard North's Ben Chestnut, who led all scorers with 19 points, scored on a putback and added a free throw with 1:47 left to tie the game at 49. Chestnut, a 6-5 senior, also pulled down 12 rebounds.

Millard West took the lead for good 11 seconds later when Mussmann lofted a perfect alley-oop pass to 6-4 junior Chris Sepiak for an easy layup and a 51-49 edge.

Chestnut hit the front end of a one-and-one to make it 51-50, but the Wildcats made 6 of 8 free throws in the final 1:03 to seal the victory.

Kyle Bakker, a 6-9 junior who was held in check by a collapsing Millard North defense, hit one free throw for a 52-50 lead.

Chestnut's 3-pointer then bounced off the rim. Bagley and McNaught

both came down with the rebound, and the ball was awarded to Millard West with 36 seconds left.

Person was fouled with 32 seconds left and hit both free throws for a 54-50 lead. Person, who finished with a team-high 15 points, added two more free throws with seven seconds left for the final margin. Bagley, Sepiak and Bakker each finished with eight points for Millard West.

Millard West (2-2)..... 19 18 11 14-44
 At Millard North 1-0, Ben Chestnut 15, Mussmann 11, Sepiak 8, Cantlon 7, Christensen 12, Pearson 9, Sepiak 7, Mussmann 9, Basler 12, Bruce 5, Seok 8, Bakker 17
 At Millard West 8, Pearson W, Cantlon 7, Christensen 12, Pearson 9, Sepiak 7, Mussmann 9, Basler 12, Bruce 5, Seok 8, Bakker 17

BY DON KOHLER WORLD-HERALD CORRESPONDENT

Unranked Millard West completed a sweep of its cross-town rivals Saturday night with a 56-50 Metro Conference basketball victory over Top 10 No. 7 Millard North.

The 7-2 Wildcats, who defeated Millard South Thursday night, hit five free throws in the final minute, and guards Matt Person and Ben Mussmann each scored in double figures.

"This was huge," said Millard West Coach Rick Hook. "We call this 'Millard Week.' It's always big to come away with a victory against your rivals. We were playing for the big brown jug in Millard."

Millard West rallied from a seven-point halftime deficit to claim bragging rights in Millard. The Wildcats made just 5 of 24 shots in the first half but stayed close after hitting 9 of 10 free

throws.

"That's the game of basketball," Hook said. "You're going to have nights when you don't shoot, the ball well, and tonight we had to fight through that."

The Wildcats got going behind the hot hand of Mussmann, who scored 10 of his 14 points in the third quarter, including a free throw that gave Millard West a 38-35 lead.

Matt Kutler and Ben Chestnut scored baskets in the final minute to give the Mustangs a 39-38 lead before a crowd estimated at 2,000 by Millard North Activities Director June Morrissey.

Millard North led 46-43 midway through the final quarter on a 3-pointer by junior guard Andrew Thompson, who scored eight points off the bench, and a layup by 6-4 senior Lance McNaught.

Brian Bagley's 3-pointer keyed a 6-0

W-H Boys Basketball Ratings

By Stu Pospisil



Boys		Top 10/Class A	
	Record		Avg.
1. Lincoln East	10-1	O-D.	72-63
2. Bellevue West	12-0	12-0	72-56
3. Lincoln High	7-3	7-3	65-62
4. Lincoln NE	8-3	8-3	66-57
5. Coluibus	8-2	8-2	62-54
6. Lincoln SE	7-3	7-3	64-54
7. Omaha Bryan	7-3	7-3	64-56
8. Millard West	7-2	7-2	70-63
9. Kearney	7-6	7-6	61-62
10. Omaha North	5-4	5-4	70-63

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

BOYS

No. 7 Bryan Turns Back Wildcats

BY DON KOHLER
WORLD-HERALD CORRESPONDENT

Millard West's Kyle Bakker had a hot hand Friday night, but Top 10 No. 7 Omaha Bryan answered with some shooters of its own.

The Bears posted three players in double figures to offset a game-high 38 points from the No. 8 Wildcats' 6-foot-9 Bakker, as Bryan escaped with a 72-69 Metro Conference victory at Millard West.

Senior guard David Kurcz scored 22 points, including the game-winning free throws with 11 seconds left, to lead Bryan. Jared Andersen, a 6-5 senior, added 21 points and eight rebounds and 6-0 senior Harold Monday chipped in 16 points after hitting 4 of 6 3-pointers. The Bears (8-3) shot 52 percent from the field (26 for 50) and hit 11 of 12 free throws.

"I thought our guys played great tonight," said Bryan Coach Tim Cannon. "It took a great team effort to come out here tonight and beat them on their floor. I wrote it on the chalkboard be-

fore the game that's it's No. 7 against No. 8, and that's why they play these games. It was a big win for us."

Bakker carried the Wildcats, hitting 15 of 19 shots from the floor and all eight of his free throws. Millard West shot 59 percent from the field in defeat.

"Kyle had a good game offensively, but Bryan just completely outthusted us," said Millard West Coach Rick Hook.

The Wildcats hustled to a 19-13 lead after one period, but Bryan stormed back behind its full-court press to out-score Millard West 22-10 in the second period to take a 35-29 halftime lead. The Wildcats had nine turnovers in the second period. The Bears never trailed in the third period while building leads of up to 10 points.

"We went after them in the second quarter and the press helped," Cannon said.

Things got wild in the fourth period, but the Bears answered every Wildcat comeback before a Millard West crowd estimated by Athletic Director Steve

Joekel at 1,100.

Bryan led by eight with 5 minutes remaining when the Wildcats went on a 7-0 run to close the gap to 60-59. Senior guard Matt Person had a 3-pointer and two free throws during the run and Bakker added a basket off a Bryan turnover.

Monday quieted the home crowd with a 3-pointer and followed up with another basket to extend Bryan's lead to 65-59.

Bakker scored five points in a 40-second span to pull Millard West within a point with 1 minute to play.

Kurcz took control for Bryan in the final minute, converting back-to-back breakaway layups and adding a free throw for a 70-65 lead with 46 seconds left to play.

Person made 1 of 2 free throws with 24 seconds remaining to make it a four-point game. After Bryan's Craig Shank missed the front end of a one-and-one, Bakker scored on a putback and converted the 3-point play for a 70-69 score with 12 seconds remaining.

Kurcz was fouled on the inbounds play and was sent to the line for a one-and-one attempt. Kurcz drilled both free throws for the final margin of victory. Bakker had two 3-point attempts bounce off the rim in the final seconds.

"I thought Kurcz looked like one of the best players in the state tonight," Cannon said. "He was really aggressive tonight, but mostly it came down to us playing together as a team. We got solid play from Tom Livermore, Tony Washington and Craig Shank tonight."

The Bears, who were without starting guard Curtis Ogbra on Friday due to injury, play host to Fremont tonight, and Millard West entertains Omaha North.

Omaha Bryan (8-3) 19 16 11 32-52
41 Millard West (7-3) 13 13 12 38-67
08 - Stearns 0-1 0-0 1-1 1-2 2-2
09 - Andersen 1-2 2-2 2-2 2-2 2-2
10 - Kurcz 2-18 2-18 2-2 2-2 2-2
11 - Monday 1-1 1-1 1-1 1-1 1-1
12 - Person 1-2 1-2 1-2 1-2 1-2
13 - Andersen 1-3 1-3 1-3 1-3 1-3
14 - Kurcz 1-2 1-2 1-2 1-2 1-2
15 - Andersen 1-3 1-3 1-3 1-3 1-3
16 - Kurcz 1-2 1-2 1-2 1-2 1-2
17 - Monday 1-1 1-1 1-1 1-1 1-1
18 - Person 1-2 1-2 1-2 1-2 1-2
19 - Andersen 1-3 1-3 1-3 1-3 1-3
20 - Kurcz 1-2 1-2 1-2 1-2 1-2
21 - Monday 1-1 1-1 1-1 1-1 1-1
22 - Person 1-2 1-2 1-2 1-2 1-2
23 - Andersen 1-3 1-3 1-3 1-3 1-3
24 - Kurcz 1-2 1-2 1-2 1-2 1-2
25 - Monday 1-1 1-1 1-1 1-1 1-1
26 - Person 1-2 1-2 1-2 1-2 1-2
27 - Andersen 1-3 1-3 1-3 1-3 1-3
28 - Kurcz 1-2 1-2 1-2 1-2 1-2
29 - Monday 1-1 1-1 1-1 1-1 1-1
30 - Person 1-2 1-2 1-2 1-2 1-2
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Inside Strength Helps Vikings Finish Off a Weekend Sweep

BY STU POSPISIL
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

Top 10 No. 10 Omaha North completed a weekend sweep of road games with Saturday night's 60-56 boys basketball victory at No. 8 Millard West.

The Vikings (7-4), who Friday won 68-57 at Omaha Benson, rode the inside game of Omar Bynum and Justin Albrecht. Bynum had 25 points and 17 rebounds, with four putbacks for baskets. Albrecht had 14 points and 11 rebounds.

"When we're playing well, attacking the boards is our thing," North Coach Terrance Turner said. "We make people have to defend the inside."

All the Wildcats had as an inside defender was 6-foot-9 Kyle Bakker, who had a game-high 27 points to go with 14 rebounds. While Bakker matched Bynum's numbers, the other Wildcats accounted for only 10 baskets and 14 rebounds.

"Defense and rebounding. We've been saying that for a month," Millard West Coach Rick Hook said. "Some-time soon we hope that gets through and we make a change. We need to get energy on both ends of the floor, and right now, it's not there."

"We didn't get a body on them checking out on the defensive boards. Bynum, he's hungry. He wants the ball."

A crowd that Millard West Athletic Director Steve Joekel estimated at 1,400 watched the Metro Conference game in the Wildcats' gym.

Millard West (7-4) lost its second game of the weekend, both at home. No. 7 Omaha Bryan won Friday night 72-69.

One indication of the impact Bynum and Bakker had on Saturday's game was in field-goal percentage. Take away their statistics, and North was

316 (12 of 38) and Millard West was 263 (10 of 38).

North gained control with a 13-0 run in the second quarter. While the Vikings' defense was blocking two shots and forcing two turnovers, Bynum scored on an assist from Gregory Wood, Vernon Johnson sank a 3, Bynum and Johnson made a free throw apiece and Albrecht scored on three of North's next four possessions for a 31-22 lead.

"They stepped it up, and we didn't follow suit," Hook said.

Bynum had 11 points, nine rebounds and a steal in the third quarter. He had three putbacks and a 3-point play.

Bakker, who shot 13 times in the first half, ended up shooting only eight times after halftime. He had two chances in the third quarter and made both.

"Bakker is scary to have to defend," Turner said. "He's got great hands and he's not just big. We made a few adjustments on him as the game went on."

Millard West stayed close through the fourth quarter, pulling within 59-56 on Matt Person's 3-pointer with 19 seconds left. Wood made a free throw with 15.5 seconds left to end North's scoring, and Millard West missed on two 3-point attempts after that.

"We have to get more out of our people," Hook said. "When that happens, we'll be a force to be reckoned with."

Omaha North (7-4) 13 27 35 42-52
 At Millard West (7-4) 11 17 22 27-37
 Pischka 0-4 0-0 2, Stokes 2-4 1-4 8, Wood 1-7 1-2
 Bynum 11-13 5-5 22, Albrecht 2-14 2-7 14, Johnson 2-4 3-4 8, Suko 1-3 0-0 2, Valentine 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 23-31 13-28 68.
 MW - Person 4-7 0-0 11, Mussman 1-9 0-2 3, Bagley 2-6 0 3, Spook 1-7 0-0 2, Bakker 11-17 5-7 27.
 McLoughlin 1-4 0-0 2, Bruce 0-2 0-0 0, Hartigan 0-0 0-3 0.
 Armbrust 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 21-55 8-12 54.
 MW 21 points—1-4 (Pischka 0-2, Johnson 1-2).
 MW 4-11 (Person 3-6, Mussman 1-6, Bagley 1-3, McLoughlin 1-3, Bruce 0). Armbrust 0-2. Totals 10-15.
 MW 15. Fouled out—none. Turnovers—N 9, MW 7. Rebounds—N 39 (Bynum 17), MW 28 (Bakker 14). Field-goal percentage—N .451, MW .385. Free-throw percentage—N .500, MW .667. Other stats—Brooks, Vt. Brookfield, A.—1,400 (school est.).

Southeast flat in loss to Wildcats

BY TOM SIMONS
of the Lincoln Journal Star

Lincoln Southeast boys' basketball coach Jeff Smith said his fears were realized.

The Class A third-ranked Knights, coming off a wrenching overtime loss at Lincoln East Friday night, came out flat Saturday at Prasch Activities Center and lost to ratings contender Millard West 72-61 before an estimated 700 fans.

The 8-4 Wildcats never trailed in the game after jumping to an 8-0 lead, built an 18-point lead late in the first half and squelched the 9-5 Knights' only serious second-half threat.

"Obviously, it's something you hear as a coach because we used a lot of energy last night in a very emotional game," Smith said.

"But I know our coaches and our kids are not going to use that as an excuse," he said. "I give Millard West a lot of credit. They came in ready to play. They were focused and shot the ball well."

Millard West Coach Rick Hook said the Wildcats' performance was the kind he's been looking for.

"We finally played both ends of the floor and we rebounded the heck out of the ball against a very good team," he said. "We've been trying to do this for about three weeks.

"We had to be really aggressive (at the start). We lacked some aggressive play last weekend and they were coming off a very emotional game. But we want to play that way every time, regardless of who we play."

Guard Matt Person did most of the early damage. The 5-foot-9 senior scored the Wildcats' first six points and ended up scoring eight of his 17 points in the first quarter (on 2-of-4 field-goal shooting) and had three first-quarter assists.

Junior forward Ben Mussmann came off the bench to lead Millard West with 18 points, including three threes, but it was center Kyle Bakker who was the biggest thorn in Southeast's side through the course of the game.

The 6-9 senior scored 16 points (nine below his average), shared team rebounding honors with Jon Armbrust (with six and had six blocked shots).

Southeast center Chris Wittgren, who didn't start for disciplinary reasons after picking up his second technical foul of the season in the East game, came off the bench to lead all scorers and rebounders with 23 points and nine boards. He was Southeast's only double-figures scorer on a night when LSE shot just 41 percent from the field (to 51 percent for Millard West). The Knights' starters were a combined 8 of 25 from the field.

Fourteen of Wittgren's points came in the third quarter when the Knights cut a 39-24 halftime deficit to 46-39 on a Blake Anderson three with 3:03 left in the period. But Musmann hit a three 12 seconds later to spark a 16-6 Millard West run that all but put the game away.

"Obviously, it makes a difference for us when our leading scorer's not starting the game," Smith said. "We didn't get in a very good rhythm and got off to a 0-8 start.

"We didn't do too badly coming out in the second half when we cut it to seven. But we used a lot of energy doing that and they popped the three to get it back to double figures. That was really kind of demoralizing."

Millard West 72, Lincoln Southeast 61

Millard West.....23 16 16 17—72
Lincoln Southeast.....16 8 17 20—61
Millard West — Person 5-10 7-11 17, Armbrust 3-6 0-0 6, Bagley 1-2 0-0 3, Bruce 2-3 0-0 4, Bakker 7-13 2-4 16, Musmann 6-11 3-4 18, McLaughlin 1-3 4-4 7, Septak 0-0 1-2 1, Hartigan 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 25-49 17-25 72.
Lincoln Southeast — Connell 2-7 2-2 8, Gifford 0-2 0-1 0, Schmidt 2-6 0-0 6, Anderson 2-6 1-2 6, Williams 2-4 0-0 4, Shelley 1-2 0-0 3, Wittgren 9-17 3-4 23, Arter 2-3 0-0 6, Travis 0-1 0-0 0, Ruud 0-1 0-0 0, Muhleisen 1-4 0-0 3, Rathe 1-1 0-0 2, Miller 0-0 0-0 0, Cane 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-64 6-9 61.
Three-point goals — Millard West 5-13 (Person 0-2, Armbrust 0-1, Bagley 1-1, Bruce 0-1, Musmann 3-5, McLaughlin 1-2, Hartigan 0-1), Southeast 11-23 (Connell 2-4, Gifford 0-1, Schmidt 2-04, Anderson 1-1, Shelley 1-2, Wittgren 2-4, Arter 2-3, Muhleisen 1-4). Total fouls — Millard West 16, Southeast 25. Fouled out — none. Technicals — none. Rebounds — Millard West 31 (Armbrust 8, Bakker 6), Southeast 32 (Wittgren 9). Turnovers — Millard West 10, Southeast 13. A — 700 (est.).

W-H Boys Basketball Ratings

By Stu Pospisil



Top 10/Class A

	Record	Avg.
		O.-D.
1. Lincoln East	14-1	72-80
2. Columbus	10-2	63-56
3. Bellevue West	14-1	71-58
4. Lincoln NE	10-4	68-59
5. Omaha North	8-4	69-60
6. Millard West	8-4	69-64
7. Lincoln SE	9-5	64-56
8. Fremont	7-6	64-57
9. Omaha Bryan	9-5	64-59
10. Om. Westside	9-5	66-62

Millard West 72, Lincoln SE 61

At Lincoln — Ben Mussmann scored 18 points. Matt Person had 17 and Kyle Bakker added 16 to lead Millard West.

Chris Wittgren scored a game-high 23 for Southeast.

Millard West (8-4).....23 16 16 17—72
At Lincoln Southeast (9-5).....16 8 17 20—61
Millard West — Person 17, Mussmann 18, Armbrust 6, Bagley 3, Bruce 3, McLaughlin 6, Septak 1, Bakker 16.
LSE — Rathe 2, Arter 4, Muhleisen 3, Connell 8, Schmidt 6, Shelley 3, Anderson 6, Wittgren 23, Williams 4.

Athlete of the Week



Matt Person

Person, a senior, is the court general for the Wildcats. The 5'9" point guard leads the state in assists at 6.8 per game. Person had 16 points in last weekend's victory over Lincoln Southeast.

Millard West 69, Bellevue East 64

Junior Kyle Bakker was 6 of 6 from the free-throw line and finished with a game-high 24 points as Nebraska Class A No. 6 Millard West improved to 9-4.

Chris Kessell led host Bellevue East with 19 points, including two 3-pointers.

Millard West 19 19 13 18-49
 At Bellevue East (3-13) 13 14 9 28-44
 MW—Person 6, Nussman 15, Armbrust & Bagley 12, McLaughlin 4, Sajak 2, Bakker 24.
 BE—Watts 4, Pearce 3, Kessell 19, Miller & Richt 14, Taylor 16, Ryan 2.

Millard West, Westside Set For Showdown

BY STU POSPISIL
 WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

Omaha Westside and Millard West, among the hottest boys basketball teams in the Metro Conference, meet Friday night in the conference's only Top 10 ratings matchup of the weekend.

No. 9 Westside (10-5), which is 8-1 since Dec. 31, visits the No. 4 Wildcats (10-4) for a 7:15 p.m. game. Millard West is 7-2 since Dec. 31.

"Westside has such a great perimeter team," Millard West Coach Rick Hook said. "They have four or five guys who can shoot well, pass well, play well on the offensive end. They'll create tough assignments. I hope we can, too, on our end."

Westside junior guard David Goeschel has had back-to-back games of 28 and 26 points to boost his season average to 19.4 points.

Pete Baldwin leads Class A in 3-point shooting, making 27 of 48 attempts for 56.3 percent, and Grant Hauptman is seventh at 42.4 percent.

The Warriors must defend the conference's tallest starter, 6-foot-9 Millard West junior Kyle Bakker. He leads Class A in scoring by averaging 24.4 points, is fourth in field-goal percentage (.633) and is 69 of 96 on free throws (.719).

Millard West Nips Burke As Bakker Leads Way

Kyle Bakker scored 22 points, Brian Bagley scored 12 points and Dan Bruce scored 10 points Saturday night to lead visiting Millard West to a 69-66 victory over Omaha Burke.

The Top 10 No. 6 Wildcats (10-4) hit 8 of 9 free throws in the fourth quarter while foul trouble hampered Omaha Burke.

Kevin Kobs scored a game-high 27 points. Andy Lund added 12 and Nick Baffett had 11 to lead Burke.

Millard West (10-4) 19 19 13 18-49
 At Omaha Burke 13 14 9 28-44
 MW—Person 6, Nussman 15, Armbrust & Bagley 12, Bruce 10, McLaughlin & Bakker 22.
 OB—Jensenborn 4, Baffett 11, Kobs 27, Violet 2, D. Lund & A. Lund 12, Dada 4.

No. 4 Millard West Gearing for Postseason Play

Millard West secured its first winning season ever in boys basketball — and grabbed its highest-ever Top 10 rating — with Saturday's 69-66 victory over Omaha Burke.

The No. 4 Wildcats are 10-4 with four regular-season games remaining. Their final home game is Friday night against Omaha Westside, then they travel to Omaha Northwest on Saturday, No. 2 Bellevue West on Feb. 19 and Papillion-LaVista on Feb. 20.

Can Coach Rick Hook's team catch the way the school's football team did last fall? It went to the Class A finals at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln.

"It's there. We just have to go get it," Hook said Monday. "We're starting to play better. As far as our football team, they started to play real well late in the

season. That's what you strive for every year and every season.

"No, it doesn't always happen. We'll work to get better tonight and the next night, and go day to day to get better. We have a lot of players who have bought into that."

Hook said Millard West caught Burke on a hot night for the Bulldogs, who opened a double-digit lead in the first half. The Wildcats outscored Burke 21-11 in the fourth quarter to extend 8-7 Burke's home losing string to six games.

The Wildcats had their best night of the season at the line. They made 21 of 25 free throws (84 percent) and were 8 of 9 in the fourth quarter.

Millard West can relate to Burke's home woes. The Wildcats lost their

past two home games, to Omaha Bryan and Omaha North on the same weekend.

"We weren't real pleased, players or coaches, with how we played against Bryan and North," Hook said. "Since then, we've given good efforts."

Millard West was one of three Metro Conference teams that remained in the Top 10 after five were there last week.

Bryan lost its No. 9 ranking for a 76-61 loss at Westside, which rose from 10th to ninth. Omaha North's 60-59 loss at new No. 10 Grand Island cost the Vikings last week's No. 5 ranking.

Since the second weekend of January, Grand Island starters Brian Dunagan and Jeff Nabity and reserve Dan Muessel missed games because of illness. Senior center Scott Jorgensen was

slowed by an ankle injury suffered the second quarter of a close loss Jan. 23 at Lincoln High.

"We basically play six kids, so all that hurt us," Grand Island first-year Coach Dave Oman said. "This win will help us the rest of the season. When you've lost three or four (actually, five) out of your past six or seven games you start questioning yourself as a team."

Bellevue West (16-1) returned No. 2 behind Lincoln East (15-1) which handed last week's No. 2, Columbus, an 85-78 loss. Columbus (10-then lost 81-70 at Kearney and fell eighth.

Pairs of victories boosted Lincoln Northeast (12-4) from fourth to third.

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Millard West Makes Its Shots Count in 60-54 Win

BY STU POSPISIL
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

The largest crowd ever for a boys basketball game at Millard West watched Friday night as Top 10 No. 9 Omaha Westside took its shots at the state's fourth-ranked team.

Lots and lots of shots. Junior guard David Goeschel — with 29 attempts — put up as many shots as did Millard West as a team. He made five. Millard West made 15, and with those came a 60-54 Metro Conference victory.

Millard West Coach Rick Hook was taken aback by the game's statistics, especially the 75 shots by the Warriors (10-6).

"That's a ton of shots for a college team," Hook said. "We're just happy to win. Westside came in here and both teams were ready to play early. Then we went into a funk for the second quarter and at halftime we were thankful to be down only by two."

Millard West Athletic Director Steve Joekel said 1,766 paid admissions filled the 1,700-seat gym. Counting those with passes, he said, Friday's attendance was 1,800. Doors to the gym had to be closed early in the game and some people had to stand.

Friday's doubleheader began with Westside's girls coming back in the second half for a 59-48 victory.

Millard West (11-4) shot .517 from the field on its limited attempts. Westside fouls sent the Wildcats to the foul line 19 times, with them making 25 of 35 attempts (.714). They were 16 of 18 at the line in the fourth quarter, including 8 of 10 after taking the lead for good at 52-50 on 6-foot-9 junior Kyle Bakker's basket over Westside junior center Ira Cooper with 1:45 left.

Dan Bruce made two free throws after a defensive rebound for a 54-50 lead. Bakker made two for a 56-52 lead and Matt Person two for a 58-54 lead with 21.9 seconds left. Westside missed two free throws and a 3-pointer in the closing seconds, with Bakker's two free throws with 4.8 seconds left completing a 26-point, 11-rebound game.

"We seem to be figuring out score-and-time situations better and some of that experience is starting to show," Hook said. "We didn't play as well as we did last week against Burke."

"So much hype went into this game. A packed gym, everybody excited. It's what high school athletics are about."

Bruce came off the bench in the second quarter and again in the fourth, when he made a 3-pointer and four free throws.



ROADBLOCK: Omaha Westside's David Goeschel, left, is in the path of Millard West's Ben Mussmann. Goeschel made only 5 of 29 field goals in Westside's 60-54 loss to the fourth-rated Wildcats.

"He's had some great practices a we've been waiting for one of those come up on game night," Hook said. "What others might not see is his confidence. We had him on Goeschel."

Westside tried to overcome its poor shooting — .293 overall and .172 (5-29) on 3-pointers — by forcing 23 Millard West turnovers. It made only seven turnovers, but lost the rebounding count 39-37.

"We didn't shoot well but though we played a great defensive game first-year Westside Coach Dan Schmeitzel said. "They have some great players. We wanted to limit how many touches Bakker had. He's so fundamentally sound, keeps the ball high. Matt Person is a tremendous point guard. He did a nice job of taking care of the ball."

Pete Baldwin was hot for Westside the first and third quarters. He made four of his first five shots in the first quarter for 9 points and four of his six in the third quarter for 8 points. He didn't score in the fourth quarter, but three 3-point tries, and ended with team-high 19 points.

Goeschel's two 3-pointers in the fourth quarter — his only baskets in the second half — each gave the Warriors a 4-point lead. They made two of their final 15 shots.

"I thought we had some pretty good looks and the ball didn't go in," Schmeitzel said. "We had the right people shooting at the right times. I thought Millard West executed very well down the stretch."

"I'm not as disappointed as the kids. This has the makings of a pretty good rivalry, a good healthy rivalry."

Omaha Westside (10-4)	11	12	17	14
At Millard West (11-4)	11	13	14	25
W—Suarez 6-3 0-0, Baldwin 9-21 0-1 19, Houtman 1-9 2-4, Goeschel 5-29 3-7 15, Smart 2-4 0-0				
Cooper 4-7 0-1 8, Teske 0-1 0-0 0, Corcoran 1-1 0-0				
Totals 22-75 5-11 54				
MW—Person 2-3 4-7 11, Mussmann 3-5 3-5 11, Ar				
Brust 0-2 0-0 0, Sealey 1-4 0-1 2, Bakker 7-9 12-15				
McLaughlin 1-3 3-2, Bruce 1-3 4-7, Hartigan 0-0				
0, Seolak 0-0 0-0, Totals 15-29 25-35 60				
3-point goals—WS 5-29 (Goeschel 4-8, Baldwin 1				
Houtman 0-2), MW 5-11 (Person 1-2, Mussmann 2,				
Bakker 1-3, Bruce 1-2). Total fouls—WS 27, MW				
20. Turnovers—WS 7, MW 23. Rebounds—WS 17, MW				
11. Field-goal percentage—WS 22, MW 37. Free-throw percentage—WS 13, MW 71. Officials—Monk, Gray.				

BOB BAILE FOR THE WORLD-HERALD

Leeper, Huskies Knock Off No. 4 Millard West

Unranked Omaha Northwest upset visiting Top 10 No. 4 Millard West 72-60 Saturday night in Metro Conference high school basketball.

Jeremy Leeper scored a game-high 24 points, including four 3-pointers, and Mike Sweet scored 16 for the Huskies.

Sweet helped the Huskies hold Class A scoring leader Kyle Bakker of Millard West to 19 points.

Millard West (11-5) 18 21 13 20-49
 At Omaha Northwest (7-18) 13 19 19 31-62
 MW—Person 11, Mussmann 13, Armbrust 2, Bostly 2, Bruce 7, McLaughlin 4, Bakker 19.
 NW—Rasco 13, Gehman 4, Stevanart 3, Jones 10, Leeper 24, Sweet 16, Steckler 2.

W-H Boys Basketball Ratings

By Stu Pospisil



Top 10/Class A

	Record	Avg. O.-D.
1. Bellevue West	17-1	71-57
2. Lincoln East	16-2	72-62
3. Fremont	11-6	65-57
4. Lincoln SE	12-6	63-66
5. Lincoln NE	13-5	66-57
6. Kearney	13-7	63-60
7. Columbus	11-5	65-60
8. Millard West	11-5	68-64
9. Lincoln High	10-8	65-64
10. Grand Island	10-9	66-65

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Defensive Pressure Lifts No. 1 T-Birds

BY STEVE BEIDECK
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Once the Bellevue West defense figured out how to slow down Kyle Bakker Friday night, the top-ranked Thunderbirds were able to roll to a 74-62 Metro Conference boys basketball victory over No. 8 Millard West.

Bakker, the 6-foot-9 junior center, scored 13 of his game-high 32 points in the first quarter to power his team to a 21-14 lead. Then the 18-1 Thunderbirds cranked up their perimeter defense for the next two quarters, and that pressure kept the ball out of Bakker's hands.

In the middle two quarters, Bakker took just three shots (making two) and the T-Birds forced 16 Millard West turnovers before an estimated crowd of 2,300 at the Bellevue West gym. Those turnovers helped the Thunderbirds outscore Millard West 44-19 in that 16-minute stretch to turn a seven-point deficit into 58-40 lead.

"Our pressure began to take effect in the second quarter and we turned it back into a 90-foot game," Thunderbirds Coach Doug Woodard said. "You're not going to stop Bakker when he goes and sits on the block. But we had so much pressure on their perimeter people that they couldn't get the ball into him."

Jon Mauro and Aldone Graham led the charge in the second quarter as Bellevue West rallied for a 38-31 half-time lead. Mauro drilled three 3-pointers and Graham scored seven points as the two seniors went on to lead the T-Birds in scoring with 16 and 15 points, respectively. Zach Fortune and Marty Levinson added 13 points for West.

Woodard said the West defense got a big lift off the bench from forward Jake

Fredenburg against Bakker. The 6-5 junior scored eight points and had seven rebounds while using his strength to help limit Bakker's effectiveness.

"He was really a presence in there," Woodard said. "He got Bakker off the block because he's a lot stronger than our other people."

The game was physical the entire way as the two teams combined for 47 fouls. The rough action took a heavier toll on the 11-6 Wildcats as two starters suffered injuries that will keep them out of tonight's game against Papillion-LaVista.

Senior guard Brian Bagley left the game in the third quarter with an injured right ankle before junior guard Ben Mussman was hurt after being whistled for his fifth foul. Wildcats Coach Rick Hook said Mussman dislocated his left elbow after he fell to the ground and was taken to Methodist Hospital for treatment.

Hook agreed the pressure Bellevue West's defense put on his perimeter players made things difficult to get any kind of offense revved up.

"Their perimeter defense increased and we just had trouble taking care of the ball," Hook said. "If we take care of the basketball, we're fine. The kids played hard and they gave a great effort."

Millard West (11-4) 21 19 9 22-49
 At Bellevue West (17-14) 12 14 22 38-62
 MW—Bakker 16, 14, 12, 11, 22; Armbrust 1-4 0-0 2
 Person 1-2 3-4 5; Mussman 0-3 2-4 2; McLaughlin 3-7
 2-2 9; Septok 3-7 1-4 7; Bruce 1-4 0-2 2; Bagley 1-2 0-0
 3; Totals 20-41 20-37 42.
 MW—Mauro 6-15 1-3 16; Graham 6-11 2-3 15; Fortune 2-12 5-8 13; Perkins 0-2 2-2 2; Levinson 6-10 0-0
 13; Guthrie 1-2 0-0 2; Fredenburg 3-5 2-4 8; Mitchell 0-2
 0-0 0; Severson 1-5 0-2 2; Matthews 1-2 0-0 2; Wisdom 0-1 0-0 0; Jackson 0-0 1-2 1; Totals 26-57 16-23 74.
 3-point goals—MW 2-9 (McLaughlin 1-1, Bagley 1-7, Armbrust 0-1, Mussman 0-3, Bruce 0-2), BW 4-19 (Mauro 3-5, Graham 1-3, Fortune 1-6, Perkins 0-1, Levinson 1-2, Mitchell 0-2). Total fouls—MW 21, BW 26. Fouled out—Mussman, Person, Technicot foul—MW Coach Hook. Turnovers—MW 19, BW 11. Rebounds—MW 40 (Bakker 16), BW 39 (Mauro, Fredenburg 7). Field-goal percentage—MW .625, BW .696. Free-throw percentage—MW .625, BW .696. A-2,300 (est.).

Worth a Look

PREP NOTABLES

■ **Kyle Bakker, Millard West:** Junior 6-foot-9 center had a triple-double of 32 points, 14 rebounds and 10 blocks in a loss to then-No. 1 Bellevue West. Was 10 of 14 from the field and 12 of 16 at the line.

■ **Tanner Engel, Kearney:** Went 12 for 12 at the line during a 36-point game as the Bearcats beat Lincoln Plus X in overtime.

■ **Shawn Redhage, Lincoln East:** His first triple-double of his senior season was with 18 points, 14 rebounds and 10 assists against Omaha Central. The returning All-Nebraska player also blocked four shots.

8 **Millard West 62, Papillion-LaVista 54**
 Kyle Bakker scored a game-high 28 points and Matt Person added 12 to lead visiting Millard West.

Millard West (12-4) 19 19 13 14-49
 At Papillion-LaVista (12-15) 19 19 13 14-49
 MW—Person 12, Harrison 2, Armbrust 2, Bruce 7, McLaughlin 1, Septok 8, Bakker 28.
 PL—Spinoso 9, Kricher 6, McCarty 11, Cooley 2, Berve 2, Birch 22, Reeves 1.

Millard West 76, Millard South 67

Millard West got 31 points from junior center Kyle Bakker, and balanced out the attack with eight 3-pointers.

Bakker went 17 for 23 from the free-throw line for the Wildcats, who out-scored Millard South 31-9 at the charity stripe. Matt Person scored 23 points and hit four 3-pointers for the Wildcats.

Ben Pearson scored 26 points and hit five 3-pointers for the Indians.

Millard South trailed just 24-22 early in the second quarter before a 9-0 run opened things up. The Indians never came closer than six points the rest of the game.

Millard South (1-18)	15	31	19	20	67
Millard West (13-4)	24	11	19	22	76
■ MS—Clatterback 3, Schlaber 4, Bryan 1, Pearson 26, Bakewell 6, Canlon 7, Christensen 14, Curtis 2, Hansen 4.					
■ MW—Person 23, Bagley 3, Bruce 12, McLaughlin 5, Seplak 2, Bakker 31.					

DISTRICT A-2

Bakker Keys Millard West's Victory

BY CLIFF BRUNT
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

Millard West used 80 percent shooting from the field in the second half Tuesday night to defeat Omaha Bryan 73-54 in the District A-2 final and clinch the school's first-ever state basketball tournament berth.

Millard West reached state in the fourth year of the program. Seniors Matt Person, Jon Armbrust and Brian Bagley were the first players to go through the program for four years.

Person, a three-year starter at point guard who scored 17 points and grabbed seven rebounds, said he has waited for Tuesday night for a long time.

"It's a big deal," he said. "I've been through three seasons, and they weren't pretty. It feels good right now. I can't describe it."

Millard West Coach Rick Hook said he has been preparing Person for big-game situations, and it paid off.

"I've probably been harder on him

than any player I've coached, and tonight is the reason why," he said. "He understands that. Some kids don't always appreciate it. He played a tremendous game."

Kyle Bakker, a 6-foot-9 junior, finished with 28 points, seven rebounds and five blocked shots. As the Wildcats cut down the nets after the game at Omaha Westside, Bakker first tried to take his snips without climbing the ladder. As he rethought his strategy and climbed the ladder, the Millard West fans chanted "All-State. All-State."

"It feels great," he said. "I never imagined we'd get this far."

Before a crowd estimated by Westside Athletic Director Bob Reznicek at 1,700, Millard West led 30-29 at half-time before the teams started trading baskets. Harold Monday, who hit six 3-pointers, hit three in the third quarter, the last one bringing Bryan to within 40-38.

But Bryan went cold as West was in a rhythm. Led by Bakker's 11 points on 5-for-5 field-goal shooting, the Wild-

cats hit all 10 of their field-goal attempts in the quarter. Bryan missed its last six field-goal attempts of the period as West took a 52-42 lead at the end of the quarter.

West opened the fourth quarter with a 7-0 run to put the game away.

Hook said the team did a better job of finding Bakker, Class A's leading scorer, in the second half.

"We were just a little more patient with the ball," Hook said. In the first half, he said, "we came in locking down on one spot on the floor and tried to do everything in one or two passes. We created a lot of problems for ourselves."

Omaha Bryan (12-9)	13	16	13	12	54
Millard West (14-4)	18	14	22	21	75
■ B — Gaba 3-5 0-0 6, Monday 7-20 0-0 20, Kurcz 2-8 0-2 4, Sorensen 0-1 0-0 0, Andersen 7-22 2-2 19, Washington 0-3 0-0 0, Livermore 1-1 0-0 3, Shank 0-2 1-2 1, Johnson 0-1 0-0 0, Harris 0-0 2-2 2, Totals 20-64 8-8 54.					
■ MW — Person 5-5 7-12 17, Armbrust 4-4 2-2 10, Bruce 3-3 2-2 11, McLaughlin 1-6 0-0 2, Bakker 11-14 6-7 28, Bagley 0-0 0-0 0, Seplak 2-2 1-3 5, Tanner 0-0 0-0 0, Harlan 0-1 0-0 0, Johnson 0-1 0-0 0, Nanflio 0-0 0-0 0, Skarr 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 28-38 18-26 73.					
■ 3-point goals—B 9-26 (Monday 6-16, Andersen 3-14, Gaba 0-2, Kurcz 0-2, Shank 0-1, Sorensen 0-1), MW 3-6 (Bruce 3-3, McLaughlin 0-2, Johnson 0-1). Total fouls—B 23, MW 8. Fouled out—Kurcz. Technicals—none. Turnovers—B 5, MW 13. Rebounds—B 27 (Andersen 9), MW 34 (Bakker, Bagley 7). Field-goal percentage—B .313, MW .664. Free-throw percentage—B .625, MW .692, A—1,700 (est.).					

BOYS STATE BASKETBALL

Millard West Perseveres For 1st State Appearance

BY STU POSPISIL
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

Late-season injuries forced Millard West to start two sophomores in an already young lineup, but the Wildcats clawed their way to a first-ever berth in the Class A boys basketball state tournament.

Only Lincoln Northeast made it to state faster than Coach Rick Hook's fourth Millard West team. Northeast was Class A runner-up in the school's first year of 1941-42.

Lincoln East went to state — and won Class A — in 1969-70, its fourth season.

A trip to Lincoln follows the Wildcats' breakthrough football season, in which they reached the Class A title game.

"There has been a constant buzz from football to now," Hook said. "Our home crowds were great and now that we're at the tournament, it's a reward for the whole school."

Millard West's first three seasons were 1-18, 2-17 and 10-11. It takes a 14-6 record into Thursday's 9 p.m. first-round game against No. 6 Columbus (14-6) at the Bob Devaney Sports Center in Lincoln.

"Last year we were right there and didn't make that one jump," Hook said. "As this season progressed, we told everybody, 'Gentlemen, we have a great opportunity ahead if we work hard,' and they are believing that right now."

Millard West has been without junior Ben Mussmann and senior Brian Bagley in its starting lineup since they were injured in a 74-62 loss Feb. 19 to No. 2 Bellevue West.

Mussmann dislocated his elbow, Hook said, when he landed on it during a play in which he was called for an offensive foul. Bagley sprained an ankle.

Hook has been starting Dan Bruce, a 6-foot sophomore, in place of Mussmann, whose 10.6 scoring average is second behind the 25.2 of Class A scoring leader Kyle Bakker. Hook said Mussmann is questionable for the Columbus game.

Sean McLaughlin, the 6-5 son of Football Coach Dan McLaughlin, has been starting for Bagley, who is getting minutes off the bench.

"In districts, we played 32 minutes each night with intensity. We put our whole game together in districts," Hook said. "The defense had to be ag-

About Millard West

- Nickname: Wildcats
- Coach: Rick Hook
- 1998-99 record: 14-6
- W-H ranking: None
- Leading scorers: Kyle Bakker, 25.2; Ben Mussmann (injured), 10.6; Matt Person, 10.5
- Leading rebounder: Bakker, 5.8
- Other starters: Jon Armbrust, Dan Bruce, Sean McLaughlin
- State titles: none
- Most recent appearance: First time
- First-round opponent: Columbus, 9 p.m. Thursday at Sports Center

gressive, we had to play as hard as we can and rebound and in districts did a better job."

Bakker's play in the 73-54 victory over Omaha Bryan for the district title prompted Bryan Coach Tim Cannon to compare Bakker to former Omaha Benson and University of Nebraska center Dave Hoppen, whose last high school season was 1981-82.

"Kyle definitely came to play," Hook said. "He's probably our best player and any time you have your best player make a little jump, it helps the rest of the team. He wants to win and is doing the little things."



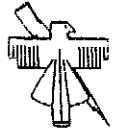





"(Senior guard) Matt Person has stepped up big-time. He's played extremely well the last few games and throughout districts. As a team, we're starting to become a little more patient. When that does happen, we think we're pretty good."

Columbus was ranked as high as No. 2 in The World-Herald Top 10 before a February stretch with three losses in four games. The Discoverers are a wild-card team in the Class A field after losing 63-58 to No. 9 Grand Island in the District A-6 final.

"It has some size," Hook said. "They all run the floor well, pass and catch, play together and all shoot the 3 (-pointer)."

"When you prepare for a lot of teams, most have one or two specific outside threats and Columbus comes in with five. That means everybody has to be on guard. You have to defend them all."

Class A Championship Pairings

	#3 Lincoln Northeast Rockets (15-6)
At: Sports Center • Thursday, 1:30 PM vs.	
	#6 Fremont Tigers (14-6)
	#2 Bellevue West Thunderbirds (19-3)
At: Sports Center • Thursday, 5:00 PM vs.	
	#7 Omaha Burke Bulldogs (13-8)
	#1 Lincoln East Spartans (19-2)
At: Sports Center • Thursday, 7:00 PM vs.	
	#8 Grand Island Islanders (13-9)
	#4 Columbus Discoverers (14-6)
At: Sports Center • Thursday, 9:00 PM vs.	
	#5 Millard West Wildcats (14-6)

SEMIFINALS
At: Sports Center
Friday, 1:30 PM

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH
At: Sports Center
Saturday, 1:30 PM

SEMIFINALS
At: Sports Center
Friday, 5:00 PM

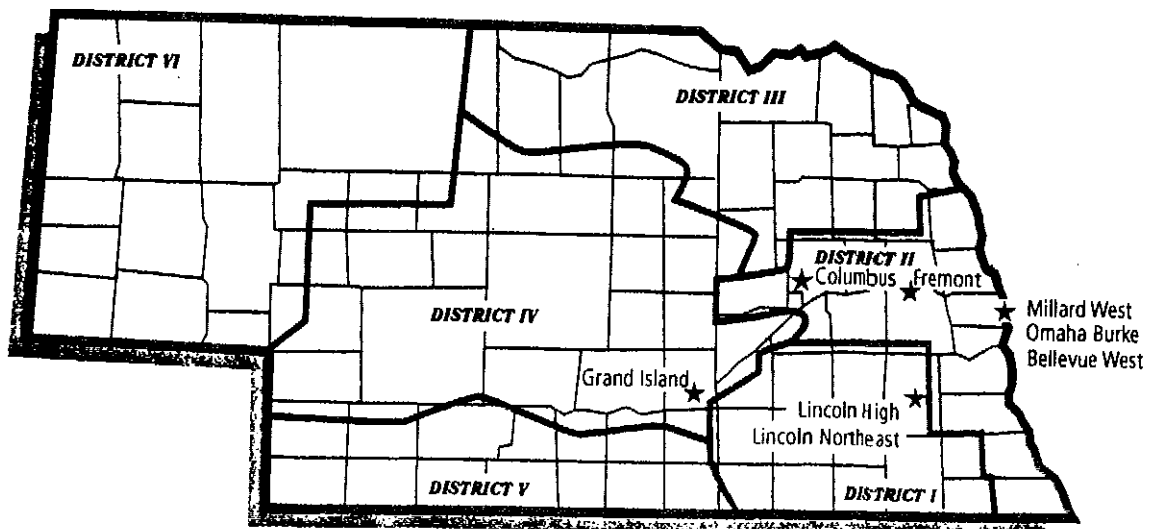
Millard West draws Columbus for its first boys state basketball tournament appearance

BY STU POSPISIL
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

Millard West's first state appearance in boys basketball gives the Wildcats a new opponent to play, unlike the other pairings for the March 11 first round of the Class A state tournament.

The Wildcats are the No. 5 seed and will play No. 4 Columbus in a 9 p.m. game March 11 at the Bob Devaney Sports Center, where all Class A games will be played. Both teams are 14-6.

CHAMPION



Districts are NSAA Administrative Boundaries

State Tournament Insider

A look at some aspects of the 89th Nebraska high school boys basketball tournament, which begins today in Lincoln:

BY THE NUMBERS

- 1.190—Winning percentage (4-17) of Hastings (B). Not since North Platte (3-17) in 1966 has a team reached state after winning only once during the regular season
- 11—Unbeaten team: 24-0 Adams Freeman (C-2)
- 11—School seeking a football-boys basketball double: Norfolk Catholic (C-1)
- 12—Freshman starters for Columbus Lakeview (C-1): Calvin Kapels and Dusty Jura
- 13—Returning state champions: Lincoln Northeast (A), Beatrice (B), West Point Central Catholic (C-2). Filley, part of Adams Freeman, was the 1998 D-1 champion
- 14—Sophomores starting for Arapahoe (C-2)
- 14—First-time qualifiers: Millard West (A), Omaha Skutt (B), Oxford Southern Valley (C-1), Adams Freeman (C-2)
- 15—Tournament coaches with 400 or more wins: Jim Kane of Elkhorn Mount Michael (C-1), Bill Wallace of Kimball (C-1), Larry Pritchett of Grant (C-1), Lyle Nahnen of Randolph (C-2) and Paul Brungardt of Humphrey St. Francis (D-1)
- 15—Teams starting five seniors: Lincoln East (A), Omaha Gross (B), Lincoln Christian (C-1), Humphrey St. Francis (D-1), Nebraska City Lourdes (D-2)
- 16—No. 1 teams in The World-Herald ratings: Lincoln East (A), Beatrice (B), Elkhorn Mount Michael (C-1), Adams Freeman (C-2), Bancroft-Rosalie (D-1), Loomis (D-2)
- 17—Schools sending boys and girls teams to state: Lincoln Northeast (A), Columbus (A), Schuyler (B), Kimball (C-1), West Point Central Catholic (C-2), Chambers (D-1), Falls City Sacred Heart (D-1)
- 18—Teams looking for first-ever state wins: Millard West, Skutt, Chambers (D-1), Curtis MV (D-1), Red Cloud (D-1), Harnsburg (D-2), Lindsay Holy Family (D-2), Nebraska City Lourdes (D-2)
- 12—Consecutive state-tournament victories by four-time champion Lincoln Northeast
- 36—Freshman players on tournament rosters
- 40.0—Elkhorn Mount Michael's state-leading defensive average
- 42—Years since Grand Island's last state-tournament victory (1957)
- 57—State-tournament appearances by Hastings, a state record
- 76—Years since Red Cloud (D-1) last appeared at state (1923)
- 77.1—Offensive average for Adams Freeman, highest at state. Loomis (D-2) is next at 77.0
- 509—Career coaching victories in basketball for Mount Michael's Jim Kane.
- 93,974—Tournament attendance in 1998

FIRST-ROUND SPECIALS

- STUDENT-TEACHER: No. 4 Lincoln Northeast (15-6) vs. No. 3 Fremont (14-6), 1:30 p.m. at Sports Center: Northeast Coach Chip Bahe played for Tigers Coach Joel Parks in 1985, the last time they reached the Class A semifinals. Last month, Fremont won in overtime.
- ROUND THREE: No. 2 Bellevue West (19-3) vs. Omaha Burke (13-8), 5 p.m. at Sports Center. Metro Conference's best series of the season goes an extra game. West won 95-86 in overtime at Burke, with the Bulldogs taking a 72-70 victory in the district finals.

TOURNAMENT SITES

- Bob Devaney Sports Center: On the State Fair Park grounds southeast of 14th Street and Cornhusker Highway. Pershing Auditorium: Centennial Mall (15th Street) between M and N Streets. Parking extremely limited on weekdays. Lincoln Northeast: 63th and Adams Streets. Lincoln East: 70th and A Streets.

ADMISSION

- \$5 for adults, \$4 for students. Books of 10 tickets are \$45 for adults, \$35 for students.

TOP AVERAGES

Scoring		Rebounding	
25.5.....Tanner Anderson, Paxton (D-1)	12.7.....Jared Booe, Loomis (D-2)		
22.2.....Kyle Bakker, Millard West (A)	11.3.....Ben Schafer, Om. Skutt (B)		
20.0.....Tom Cockie, Lin. Christian (C-1)	11.1.....Brandon Wiese, Ad. Freeman (C-2)		
19.9.....Derek Paben, Beatrice (B)	11.0.....Derek Bailev, Ansiev (D-2)		
19.8.....Matt Ekmeier, Dodge (D-2)	10.4.....Isaiah Sicheneger, Chambers (D-1)		
19.7.....Matt Frenad, Chester-NE (D-2)	10.1.....Tae Korn, Wausa (D-2)		
19.6.....Derek Bailev, Ansiev (D-2)	10.1.....Matt Frenad, Chester-NE (D-2)		
19.5.....Jason Duckles, Broken Bow (C-1)	10.0.....Andrew Drevco, Lin. Christian (C-1)		
19.4.....Shawn Redhage, Lincoln East (A)	9.3.....Jeremy Kilham, Col. LV (C-1)		
19.3.....Jared Booe, Loomis (D-2)	9.2.....Brad Hood, Lindsay HF (D-2)		

—Compiled by Stu Pospisil

Boys Basketball Tourney Facts

Class A

Team (Record)	W-H Rank	Head Coach	State App.	Last Time	Best Finish
Bellevue W. (19-3)	2nd	Doug Woodard	5	1996	1991 runner-up
Columbus (14-6)	6th	Bob Hopp	37	1998	3-3 in finals
Fremont (14-6)	3rd	Joel Parks	39	1998	Titles: 1951, 61
Grand Island (13-9)	9th	Dave Oman	36	1998	Titles: 1947, 48
Lincoln East (19-2)	1st	Ed McPherran	16	1998	Titles: 1971, 78
Lincoln NE (15-6)	4th	Chip Bahe	35	1998	11-7 in finals
Millard West (14-6)	NR	Rick Hook	1	Never	None
Omaha Burke (13-8)	NR	Gary Graner	17	1995	Titles: 1977, 86

Team Capsules

BELLEVUE WEST THUNDERBIRDS					LINCOLN EAST SPARTANS				
Starters					Starters				
Player	Ht.	Yr.	Pts.	Reb.	Player	Ht.	Yr.	Pts.	Reb.
Jon Mauro	6-2	Sr.	11.2	2.5	Kyle Karner	5-10	Sr.	7.1	2.0
Zach Fortune	5-1	Jr.	14.3	2.8	Draw Hose	6-4	Sr.	10.7	5.5
Vidone Graham	6-4	Sr.	3.7	4.1	Scott Wenz	6-2	Sr.	12.3	3.6
Todd Severson	6-3	Jr.	3.4	4.1	Shawn Redhage	6-7	Sr.	20.8	9.2
Mary Levinson	6-3	Jr.	15.5	4.7	Jared Calver	6-7	Sr.	7.7	6.0
■ Offensive average: 70.7					■ Offensive average: 72.7				
■ Defensive average: 57.7					■ Defensive average: 64.3				
COLUMBUS DISCOVERERS					LINCOLN NORTHEAST ROCKETS				
Starters					Starters				
Player	Ht.	Yr.	Pts.	Reb.	Player	Ht.	Yr.	Pts.	Reb.
J. Rickert	6-3	Sr.	13.7	4.8	Tee Mason	6-1	Sr.	15.5	7.2
Nathan Pile	6-2	Sr.	8.6	4.6	Vernon Jiles	5-8	Jr.	5.2	2.3
Draw Snyder	6-3	So.	14.8	6.6	Jimmy Motz	6-5	So.	12.0	7.4
J.J. Oberg	6-6	Sr.	14.3	5.3	Luke Hansen	5-11	Jr.	9.2	5.2
Beau Brown	6-6	Sr.	6.4	6.2	Trevor Jonsson	6-5	Sr.	12.2	7.5
■ Offensive average: 64.2					■ Offensive average: 67.0				
■ Defensive average: 58.7					■ Defensive average: 57.5				
FREMONT TIGERS					MILLARD WEST WILDCATS				
Starters					Starters				
Player	Ht.	Yr.	Pts.	Reb.	Player	Ht.	Yr.	Pts.	Reb.
Cody Gallatin	6-0	Sr.	15.4	1.6	Matt Person	5-9	Sr.	10.5	3.7
Adam Lamproot	6-4	Jr.	10.5	4.6	Jon Armbrust	6-3	Sr.	2.5	2.2
Derek Hack	6-6	Sr.	15.3	7.2	Dan Bruce	6-0	So.	4.9	2.0
Aaron Farber	6-3	Sr.	10.2	3.5	Sean McLaughlin	6-5	So.	4.6	3.8
Ehren Parks	6-5	Sr.	6.5	4.6	Kyle Bakker	6-9	Jr.	25.2	8.8
■ Offensive average: 65.7					■ Offensive average: 67.7				
■ Defensive average: 57.8					■ Defensive average: 63.4				
GRAND ISLAND ISLANDERS					OMAHA BURKE BULLDOGS				
Starters					Starters				
Player	Ht.	Yr.	Pts.	Reb.	Player	Ht.	Yr.	Pts.	Reb.
Jeff Nabity	5-11	Sr.	6.6	3.3	Chad Tentenborn	5-10	Sr.	10.0	1.7
Jeff Tesmer	6-2	Sr.	18.4	3.3	Nick Bassett	5-11	Sr.	7.1	1.1
Brian Dulagan	6-1	Sr.	12.7	2.8	Kevin Kobs	6-5	Sr.	18.5	4.3
Todd Luther	6-6	Sr.	10.6	5.7	Danny Lund	6-7	Jr.	2.2	2.6
Scott Jorgensen	6-6	Sr.	13.2	6.5	Andy Lund	6-9	Sr.	14.7	7.1
■ Offensive average: 66.					■ Offensive average: 66.2				
■ Defensive average: 63.					■ Defensive average: 69.7.				

Millard West Wildcats, Forest Green & Black (14-6)

No.	Name, Height	Grade	Total Points	Point Avg.	Rebound Avg.	Start
10-10	Matt Person, 5-9	12	210	10.5	3.7	X
12-12	Jed Hartigan, 5-11	10	7	1	1	
20-20	Jason Johnson, 6-0	11				
22-22	Mike Nanfite, 6-0	10				
24-24	Ben Mussmann, 6-2	11	181	10.6	4.3	
30-30	Jon Armbrust, 6-3	12	50	2.5	2.2	X
32-32	Brian Bagley, 6-3	12	122	6.1	3.5	
34-34	Dan Bruce, 6-0	10	98	4.9	2	X
40-40	Sean McLaughlin, 6-5	10	83	4.6	3.8	X
42-42	Bryan Skar, 6-5	11				
44-44	Corey Buck, 6-4	11				
50-50	Nick Tanner, 6-6	11				
52-52	Chris Septak, 6-4	11	97	4.8	3.6	
54-54	Kyle Bakker, 6-9	11	503	25.2	8.8	X

Coach - Rick Hook

Assistants - Frank Ryan, Kirk Peterson, Ken Kulus, Dan McLaughlin, Dave Cork

Offensive Average - 67.7

Defensive Average - 63.4

3 Year Enrollment - 1300

Conference - Metro

Years At State - 1st

Season Record14-6

Fremont	W (79-75)
Omaha Benson	W (81-76 OT)
Omaha Creighton Prep	L (67-75)
Omaha South	W (79-59)
Bellevue East	L (70-77)
Omaha Northwest	W (60-45)
Omaha Central	W (77-58)
Millard South	W (60-54)
Millard North	W (56-50)
Omaha Bryan	L (69-72)
Omaha North	L (56-60)
Lincoln Southeast	W (72-61)
Bellevue East	W (69-64)
Omaha Burke	W (69-66)
Omaha Westside	W (60-54)
Omaha Northwest	L (60-72)
Bellevue West	L (62-74)
Papillon-LaVista	W (62-54)
Millard South	W (77-67)
Omaha Bryan	W (73-54)

Lincoln Northeast Rockets, Black & White (15-6)

No.	Name, Height	Grade	Total Points	Point Avg.	Rebound Avg.	Start
4-4	Erik Burback, 5-11	12	52	2.5	3.6	
5-5	Jesse Warboys, 5-10	12	4	.2	.1	
10-10	Seth Svendsen, 5-11	11	34	1.6	.6	
21-21	Tee Mason, 6-1	12	309	15.5	7.2	X
22-22	Vernon Jiles, 5-8	11	130	6.2	2.3	X
24-24	Mark Rathe, 6-1	11	8	.4	.1	
30-30	Jimmy Motz, 6-5	10	251	12	7.4	X
32-32	Matt Cruse, 6-2	11	4	.2	.1	
33-33	Luke Hansen, 5-11	11	193	9.2	5.2	X
34-34	David Kanne, 6-2	12	4	.2	.1	
40-40	Ben Dey, 6-3	12	63	3	2.1	
43-43	Trevor Johnson, 6-5	12	208	12.2	7.5	X
45-45	Jerry Dittenber, 5-9	11				
50-50	Ty Thompson, 6-4	12	15	.7	.1	

Coach - Chip Bahe

Assistants - Pat Gatzemeyer, Dan Noble, Doug Kaltenberger, Doug Weatherholt, Bill Robinson

Offensive Average - 67.0

Defensive Average - 57.5

3 Year Enrollment - 1555

Conference - Heartland

Years At State - 35th

Most Recent - 1998

Championships - A: 1949, A/50, A/62, A/68, A/70, A/73, A/82, A/95, A/96, A/97, A/98

Runner-Up - A/1942, A/48, A/56, A/66, A/87, A/90, A/94

Season Record15-6

Hastings	W (61-45)
Kansas City Central	W (94-89 OT)
Keamey	W (66-50)
Lincoln High	L (54-56)
Keamey	W (77-59)
Lincoln East	W (50-58)
Lincoln Southeast	W (67-65)
Lincoln East	L (53-64)
Emporia, KS	W (60-45)
Hastings	W (74-39)
Grand Island	W (75-59)
Columbus	L (55-72)
Norfolk	W (77-55)
Omaha Westside	W (88-74)
Millard South	W (51-44)
North Platte	W (59-49)
Lincoln Southeast	L (53-57 OT)
Millard North	W (66-51)
Fremont	L (65-69 OT)
Omaha Northwest	W (74-54)
Omaha South	W (89-54)

Lincoln East Spartans, Royal Blue & White (19-2)

No.	Name, Height	Grade	Total Points	Point Avg.	Rebound Avg.	Start
3	Jesse Shaw, 6-3	10	13	7	.6	
4	Kyle Kamler, 5-10	12	150	7.1	2	X
5	Drew Hose, 6-4	12	224	10.7	5.5	X
20	Jay Bahm, 5-11	11	30	2.3	.5	
21	Jeff Davis, 6-2	11	3	.2	.2	
22	Dwight Williams, 6-4	10				
23	Rick Dietze, 6-4	11	73	3.7	2	
30	Matt Keller, 6-6	12	3	.3	1.2	
32	Scott Wenz, 6-2	12	259	12.3	3	X
40	Matt Ferris, 5-11	11	2	.1	.2	
42	Shawn Redhage, 6-7	12	416	20.8	9.2	X
44	Jared Calver, 6-7	12	162	7.7	6	X
50	James Fairbanks, 6-6	11				
52	Aaron Froehlich, 6-6	11	192	9.1	6.2	

Coach - Ed McPherran

Assistants - Chris Arent, Jon Heithold, Dave Bell, Jim Elsenner

Offensive Average - 72.7

Defensive Average - 64.3

3 Year Enrollment - 1080

Conference - Heartland

Years At State - 16th

Most Recent - 1998

Championships - A/1971, A/78

Runner-Up - A/1972, A/74, A/80, A/85, A/97

Season Record19-2

Papillon-LaVista	W (56-51)
Grand Island	W (81-70)
Millard North	W (68-62)
Norfolk	L (64-72)
Grand Island	W (71-55)
Lincoln Northeast	W (58-50)
Lincoln High	W (79-74)
Lincoln Northeast	W (64-53)
Hastings	W (82-49)
Omaha Northwest	W (88-47)
Keamey	W (81-68)
Lincoln High	W (74-65)
North Platte	W (75-51)
Lincoln Southeast	W (76-71)
Lincoln Plus X	W (66-59)
Columbus	W (85-78)
Fremont	L (64-73)
Omaha Burke	W (70-59)
Omaha Central	W (81-67)
Millard North	W (78-50)
Omaha Benson	W (66-60)

Omaha Burke Bulldogs, Black & Gold (13-8)

No.	Name, Height	Grade	Total Points	Point Avg.	Rebound Avg.	Start
11-11	Chad Lettenborn, 5-10	12	209	10	1.7	X
13-13	Nick Bassett, 5-11	12	148	7.1	1.1	X
15-15	Matt Graner, 5-8	10	4			
21-21	Darren Hoffart, 6-0	10				
23-23	Kevin Kobs, 6-5	12	389	18.5	4.3	X
25-25	Mitch Urosevich, 6-0	12	23	1.1	.8	
31-31	Marc Violett, 6-1	11	58	2.8	1.5	
33-33	Marcus Riley, 5-10	11	6			
35-35	Tom Kealy, 6-1	11	32	1.5	1.1	
41-41	Danny Lund, 6-7	11	46	2.2	2.6	X
43-43	Jeff Hansen, 6-0	10	1			
45-45	Andy Lund, 6-9	12	309	14.7	7.1	X
51-51	Tola Dada, 6-5	11	131	6.2	2.7	
53-53	Chris DeSpain, 6-6	10	2			

Coach - Gary Graner

Assistants - Kenyon Sharp, Tom Wetzel, Jeff Gustafson, Reid Brakke

Offensive Average - 66.19

Defensive Average - 59.71

3 Year Enrollment - 1320

Conference - Metro

Years At State - 17th

Most Recent - 1995

Championships - A/1977, A/86

Runner-Up - A/1993

Season Record13-8

Omaha Central	W (73-55)
Omaha Northwest	L (53-57)
Omaha South	W (58-57)
Omaha Westside	W (75-72 OT)
Omaha Central	W (69-51)
Millard South	W (58-44)
Omaha Creighton Prep	W (66-57)
Millard North	L (61-71 OT)
Millard North	L (67-69)
Bellevue West	L (86-95 OT)
Omaha North	L (51-64)
Lincoln Southeast	L (63-66)
Papillon-LaVista	W (57-43)
Omaha Creighton Prep	W (86-64)
Millard West	L (66-69)
Omaha Benson	W (62-58)
Lincoln East	L (59-70)
Bellevue East	W (70-56)
Omaha Bryan	W (71-66)
Omaha Westside	W (67-65)
Bellevue West	W (72-70)

CLASS A

Play Doesn't Work, But Columbus Wins

BY CLIFF BRUNT
WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

Lincoln — Columbus senior J.J. Oberg's last-second reverse layup defeated Millard West 52-50 Thursday night in the first round of the Class A boys state basketball tournament.

The sequence that led up to his final shot left him unsure of whether or not his shot counted.

After Millard West's Ben Mussmann scored on a power move under the basket to tie the score with 40 seconds remaining, sixth-ranked Columbus took possession, then called timeout with 23.5 seconds remaining.

Columbus' Nathan Pile lost control of the ball in what looked like something halfway between a shot attempt and a pass. He regained control of the ball and fired out to Beau Brown, who missed everything on a 3-point attempt.

Oberg was there waiting for the miss, and scored as time expired. He said the play did not work according to the plan.

"It wasn't for me, that's for sure," he said. "Nate threw the ball to Beau Brown, he put up a shot, and I just happened to be under the hoop. I grabbed it. I thought the buzzer already rang, but I just put it up anyway."

Millard West Coach Rick Hook said his team was unprepared for the mishandle by Pile.

"I think when that happened, that's how we lost position on the rebound," he said. "Then, they throw that shot up, and it's an air ball. Our defense moved to two loose balls."

Mussmann, a junior guard who had been out for three games with a dislocated left (non-shooting) elbow, came off the bench to score 14 points, all in the second half.

Hook said Mussmann played well. "I was happy to see him," Hook said. "He gave us a lift, gave us a chance."

Mussmann kept Millard West in the game with two 3-point bombs that came after Columbus took five-point leads in the fourth quarter.

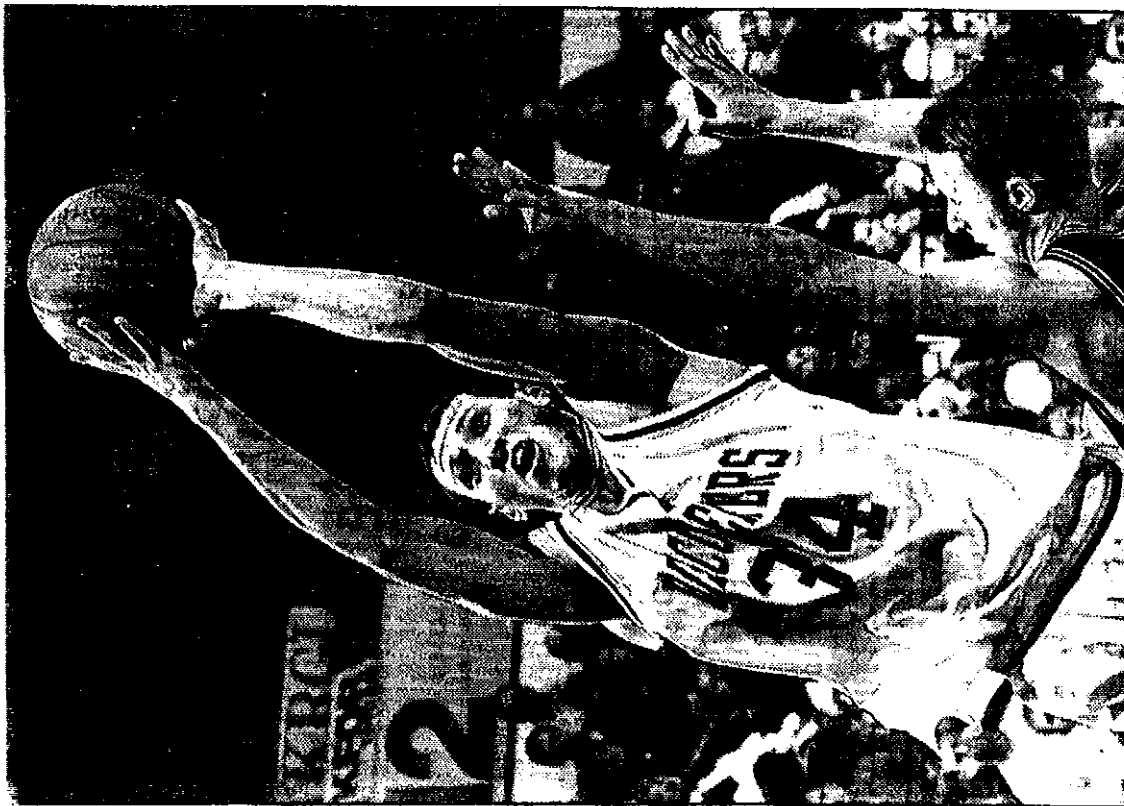
Columbus hit its first four field goals of the second half and took a 33-25 lead, forcing a Millard West timeout. Millard West center Kyle Bakker responded with an assist to Sean McLaughlin and two baskets to key a 6-0 run that cut the deficit to 33-31 and forced a Columbus timeout.

The Wildcats continued their run when Mussmann tied the game on a steal and layup at the 2:30 mark. Millard West then took its first lead since it was 6-4 in the opening minutes on a breakaway layup by Mussmann with 42 seconds left in the third quarter.

Oberg was fouled on a shot attempt with four seconds left in the quarter. He made both free throws to tie the score at 35 heading into the final period.

COLUMBUS ST. MILLARD WEST 50

Millard West (14-7)	12	11	12	15	50
Columbus (15-6)	13	12	16	11	52
Millard West scorers: 14, Kyle Bakker, 13, Ben Mussmann, 12, Sean McLaughlin, 7, Jan Armbrust, 5, Chris Smith, 2, J.J. Oberg, 1, J. Rickert, 7, Nathan Pile, 7, Reason Woodrick, 3.					



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DRIVING FOR BASKET: Columbus' Drew Snyder, left, shoots over Millard West defender Jon Armbrust in the first quarter.

Buzzer Beater Ends Wildcats' Season

Bill Knust

The clock ticked down to zero last Thursday, and the Wildcats' hopes were still in the air literally. Shortly after the buzzer, Columbus senior forward J.J. Oberg's desperation reverse layup fell through the net giving the Discoverers a 52-50 first round victory over the Wildcats.

The ball wound up in Oberg's hands unintentionally. After an air ball three point attempt, Oberg found himself in control of the ball and let it go before the final buzzer sounded. As the shot fell through the hopes and dreams of this year's team had come to an end, as a couple players lay on the floor realizing their career had come to an end.

The Discoverers started the second half on an 8-0 run to take a 33-25 lead and force a quick Wildcat timeout. The Wildcats responded with a 6-0 run of their own cutting the lead to two, 33-31. The run was keyed by junior center Kyle Bakker's two

baskets and an assist to sophomore Sean McLaughlin.

The Wildcats were also led by junior Ben Mussmann, who came off the bench to score 14 points in the second half. Mussmann had missed West's last three games with a dislocated elbow. Mussmann continued the run when he tied the game on a layup off of a steal at the 2:30 mark of the third quarter. He then gave the Wildcats their first lead since it was 6-4 in the first quarter on a layup 42 seconds into the fourth quarter.

"He really gave us a spark. We were having a little trouble finishing on some stuff and he got the job done," said Bakker.

Bakker was held below his season average, as the Discoverers double and triple teamed him the entire game. Bakker found the most success when he received early entry passes and caught Columbus off guard.

The Wildcats finished the season

at 14-7, their best record in their four year history. With Bakker, Mussmann, sophomores McLaughlin and Dan Bruce coming back, the outlook is good for next years team. The only

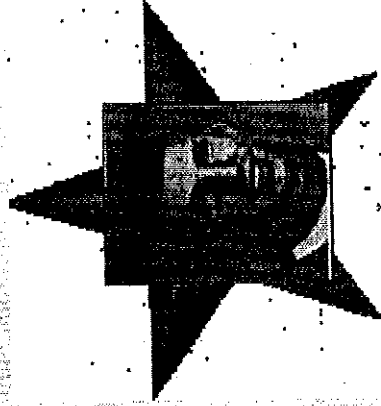
thing the Wildcats will lack is the presence of a true point guard like senior Matt Person.



Rising Above the Competition..

Junior center Kyle Bakker, shoots over a Columbus Discoverer at last Thursday's 52-50 defeat. The Wildcats lost on a last second shot in the first round of the state playoffs at the Bob Devaney Center in Lincoln. (Ashley Hayden)

Athlete of the Week



Ben Mussmann

Mussmann came back from a dislocated elbow for the opening round of the State High School Boys Basketball Tournament. He had missed three previous games but scored all 14 of his points in the second half of last Thursday's matchup against Columbus,

Scoring Leaders

Class A

Player	PTS	Games	AVG
Shawn Redhorse, Lincoln East	48	24	2.0
Kevin Kabis, Om. Burke	47	17	2.8
Mary Levinson, Bellevue West	32	16	2.0
Jeff Tesmer, Grand Island	30	15	2.0
Scott Meyer, Lincoln East	28	15	1.9
Brian Dunsmuir, Grand Island	28	14	2.0
Ben Mussmann, Millard West	28	14	2.0
Scott Fortune, Bellevue West	27	14	1.9
Jimmy Morz, Lincoln NE	27	14	1.9
Scott Fortune, Bellevue West	26	13	2.0
Aldene Gronnau, Bellevue West	26	13	2.0
Kyle Bakker, Millard West	23	13	1.8
Luke Heitzen, Lincoln NE	21	11	1.9
Terrence Jillich, Lincoln NE	17	11	1.5
Clayton Collier, Lincoln East	16	10	1.6
Marc Violette, Om. Burke	16	10	1.6



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ALL-NEBRASKA TEAM: Members of the All-Nebraska teams are, front row from left, Amanda Buchholz of Ogallala, Tee Mason of Lincoln Northeast, Christy Neneman of Omaha North, Tanner Engel of Kearney, Shawn Redhage of Lincoln East and Katie Robinette of South Sioux City. Back row, Stephanie Jones of Omaha Benson, Tom Cockle of Lincoln Christian, Carla Bennett of Omaha Westside and Kyle Bakker of Millard West. More, Pages 8 and 9.

Talent Fills All-Nebraska Teams

World-Herald All-Nebraska Teams

BY STU POSPISIL
WORLD HERALD STAFF WRITER

It never reached a formal challenge, but the girls on The World-Herald's All-Nebraska basketball team had an urge to take on the boys in a five-on-five game.

Had such a game happened during the annual photo shoot, which took place this year at Lincoln East, it could have been entertaining. Not because the boys lack talent — that's not the case — but because this year's All-Nebraska players reflect the progress of girls basketball.

There was Stephanie Jones of Omaha Benson, the 6-foot-2 Nebraska recruit, warming up by popping 3-pointers. Katie Robinette of South Sioux City, a sophomore who was on the first team as a freshman,

Boys FIRST TEAM			
Player	School	Ht.	Yr. Avg.
Shawn Redhage	Lincoln East	6-7	Sr. 21.0
Tanner Engel	Kearney	6-6	Sr. 22.9
Tee Mason	Lincoln NE	6-1	Sr. 15.2
Kyle Bakker	Millard West	6-9	Jr. 24.6
Tom Cockle	Lincoln Christian	6-5	Sr. 23.6
■ Honorary captain: Redhage.			

Girls FIRST TEAM			
Player	School	Ht.	Yr. Avg.
Amanda Buchholz	Ogallala	5-7	Sr. 21.7
Stephanie Jones	Omaha Benson	6-2	Sr. 19.7
Christy Neneman	Omaha North	5-10	Jr. 16.2
Katie Robinette	South Sioux City	6-2	So. 19.0
Carla Bennett	Omaha Westside	6-3	Sr. 17.1
■ Honorary captain: Buchholz.			

soon walked over and consistently sank 15-footers.

Carla Bennett of Omaha Westside, junior Christy Neneman of Omaha North and point guard Amanda Buchholz of Ogallala, too, have skills that set them apart in

their sport.

They were good, too, in making the day's mood light, especially when trying to get the boys team to loosen up for its photos.

Finally, the All-Nebraska boys first team of Shawn Redhage of

Lincoln East, Tanner Engel of Kearney, Tom Cockle of Lincoln Christian, Tee Mason of Lincoln Northeast and Kyle Bakker of Millard West grinned in unison.

Forget the game. They're all on the same team.

Class A



Redhage



Engel



Mason



Bakker

FIRST TEAM

Player	School	Ht.	Yr.	Avg.
Shawn Redhage	Lincoln East	6-7	Sr.	21.0
Tanner Engel	Kearney	6-6	Sr.	22.8
Tee Mason	Lincoln NE	6-1	Sr.	15.2
Kyle Bakker	Millard West	6-9	Jr.	24.6
Chris Wittgren	Lincoln SE	6-5	Sr.	20.4
■ Honorary captain: Shawn Redhage, Lincoln East.				
SECOND TEAM				
Jared Andersen	Om. Bryan	6-6	Sr.	20.1
Omar Byrum	Om. North	6-6	Sr.	19.6
Marty Lewinson	Bellevue West	6-3	Jr.	15.8
Jeff Tesmer	Grand Island	6-2	Sr.	17.7
Nick Svehla	Om. Cr. Prep	6-6	Sr.	20.0



Wittgren

Boys Basketball Honorable Mentions

Class A

■ Chris Kessak; Eric Mellan, Bellevue East; Zach Futura, Ardmore Graham; Jon Mauro, Bellevue West; T.J. Ripont, Drew Snyder, J.L. Obern, Beau Brown, Nathan Pile, Co. Hendrick, Cody Galatin, Derek Hack, Aaron Fathor, Adam Langrock, Fremont; Scott Jorgensen, Brian Duranaga; Todd Lusher, Jeff Nishly, Grand Island; Nick Salko, Drew Kemnitz, Kearney; Scott Wenz, Deer Hoop, Kyle Pess, Lincoln High; Trevor Johnson, Jimmy Moltz, Vernon Jiles, Luke Hansen, Lincoln NE; Ben Charnell, Millard North; Ben Pearson, Millard South; Ben Pearson, Ben Muesmann, Millard West; Luke Olson, Steve Brown, Danner, Bouchin, Shane Potts, Norfolk; Nick Boush, Brock Wurl, North Platte; Arthur Bouris, Jason Boyd, Om. Benson; David Kurcz, Harold Mondak, Justin Opatz, Om. Bryan; Macy Lund, Om. Central; Greg Wood, Justin Rabiner; James Mills, Om. Central; Mike Sweet, Gary, Om. South; Terry Leapor, Om. Northwest; Nick Garza, Om. South; David Goswami, Om. Westside; Jason Burck, Fayetteville-Ly.

Kyle Bakker

Class A's scoring leader averaged 24.6 points in leading Millard West to state for the first time in its four seasons of competition.

College baseball coaches, however, will have better chances than their basketball counterparts to woo the 6-9, left-handed pitcher, a potential high pick in pro baseball's 2000 draft.

"So far, he's balancing the sports real well," Wildcats Coach Rick Hook said. "He gave basketball everything he could give. He started baseball this week, and I know he'll give it everything he can give."

"He had a lot better attitude to becoming a better player every day, matured a lot, and we hope we see even more maturity next year. It will be his senior year. Time to be the leader."

Bakker is Millard West's career leader in scoring, rebounding and blocked shots. He improved his free-throw accuracy from 63 percent to 73 percent, making 130 of 179 attempts. "He has shot 3-pointers pretty well in practice, but we like him down inside," Hook said.

ACADEMIC ALL-STATE

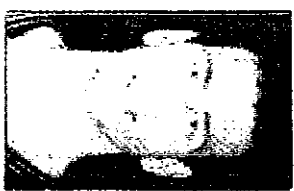
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MILLARD SOUTH
 Jared Bakeman, 4.02, 21/456
MILLARD WEST
 Matt Person, 3.88, 38/452
 Jon Amptjes, 3.79, 85/452
 Ben Muesmann, 4.03, 12/401
 Kyle Bakker, 3.79, 76/401

Captains of All-Metro Teams Follow Different Paths

Kyle Bakker Stars In Baseball, Too

BY STU POSPISIL,
WORLD HERALD STAFF WRITER

Basketball probably never will steer Kyle Bakker from college or pro baseball, but the Millard West junior is doing exceptionally well in his second sport.



The 6-foot-9 Bakker — whose left

arm can throw a fastball upwards of 85 mph — averaged 24.6 points and 8.8 rebounds for the Wildcats' first team to play in the Class A boys basketball state tournament.

"It could be real easy to become complacent with one's self," Millard

Bakker says. "If he motivates himself to make the same amount of improvement as he did from sophomore to junior year, he'll be a real force for everybody to start."

World-Herald All-Metro Basketball Teams

BOYS FIRST TEAM				GIRLS FIRST TEAM			
Player	School	Ht.	Yr. Avg.	Player	School	Ht.	Yr. Avg.
Kyle Bakker	Millard West	6-9	Jr. 24.6	Stephanie Jones	Om. Benson	6-2	Sr. 19.7
Marty Levinson	Bellevue West	6-3	Jr. 16.1	Christy Nememan	Om. North	5-10	Jr. 16.3
Jared Anderson	Om. Bryan	6-5	Sr. 20.1	JarNae Mosley	Bellevue East	5-5	Sr. 16.8
Omar Bynum	Om. North	6-6	Sr. 19.2	Carla Bennett	Om. Westside	6-3	Sr. 17.1
Nick Svehla	Om. Cre. Prep	6-6	Sr. 20.0	Raeven King	Om. Westside	5-8	Sr. 10.3
Honorary captain: Bakker.				Honorary captain: Jones.			
BOYS SECOND TEAM				GIRLS SECOND TEAM			
Player	School	Ht.	Yr. Avg.	Player	School	Ht.	Yr. Avg.
Ben Jacobson	Om. Central	6-6	Jr. 21.1	Laura Spanheimer	Om. Marian	5-8	So. 13.9
David Goeschel	Om. Westside	6-1	Jr. 19.2	Kate Knapp	Millard South	6-1	Sr. 15.0
Ben Chesnut	Millard North	6-4	Sr. 17.8	Laura Ferguson	Millard West	5-7	Jr. 18.5
Kevin Kobs	Om. Burke	6-5	Sr. 18.5	Kelli Roehrig	Papillion-LV	6-2	So. 15.3
Zach Fortune	Bellevue West	6-1	Jr. 13.8	Kim Burts	Om. North	5-9	Sr. 11.4

Bakker, however, is not planning to play summer basketball for one of the state's select teams. Those teams have schedules that conflict with Millard West's summer American Legion junior baseball team.

"Baseball is playing a tournament almost every weekend and you figure he'll pitch at least once, so it would be tough to be on any basketball team," Hook said. "He has to be with his (baseball) team. Kyle is just a talented athlete doing both sports."

Bakker is the honorary captain of The World-Herald's All-Metro Conference boys basketball team. Also on the first team are seniors Nick Svehla of Omaha Creighton Prep, Marty Levinson of Class A runner-up, Bellevue West, Jared Anderson of Omaha Bryan and Omar Bynum of Omaha North.

On the second team are seniors Kevin Kobs of Omaha Burke and Ben Chesnut of Millard North and juniors David Goeschel of Omaha Westside, Ben Jacobson of Omaha Central and

Zach Fortune of Bellevue West. Observations by World-Herald staff writers and nominations by league coaches are used in selection of the All-Metro teams.

Bakker owns many of the season and career records for 4-year-old Millard West. He shot 66.1 percent from the field and 73 percent from the free-throw line.

"He's thrown up the numbers and done it time and time again," Hook said.

See ALL-METRO Page 21

All-Division Teams

Boys			
AMERICAN DIVISION			
Player	School	Ht.	Yr. Avg.
Marty Levinson	Bellevue West	6-3	Jr. 18.1
Omar Bynum	Om. North	6-6	Sr. 19.2
Nick Svehla	Om. C. Prep	6-6	Sr. 20.0
Kevin Kobs	Om. Burke	6-5	Jr. 18.5
Zach Fortune	Bellevue West	6-1	Jr. 13.8
Honorable mention: Jon Mauro, Albion Graham, Bellevue West; Andy Lund, Chad Terpenhorn, Papillion-LV; Chris Quinn, Thomas, Nate Willis, Marquette; Om. Burke; Joe Ogden, Om. Creighton Prep; Greg Wood, Justin Albrecht, Vernon Johnson, Om. North; Danielle Gresham, Nick Gardner, Om. South.			
FEDERAL DIVISION			
Player	School	Ht.	Yr. Avg.
Ben Chesnut	Millard North	6-4	Sr. 17.1
Jason Burts	Papillion-LV	6-5	Jr. 12.1
Arrud Escurs	Om. Benson	6-2	So. 17.1
Nike Swerk	Northwest	6-5	Sr. 14.1
Chris Kessel	Bellevue East	6-4	Jr. 16.1
Honorable mention: Eric Miller, Bellevue East; Ryan J. R. Jensen, Quinn Thomas, Nate Willis, Marquette; J.R. O. Benson; Grayling Jones, Jereem Leeper; Taylor Gehman, Om. Northwest.			
NATIONAL DIVISION			
Player	School	Ht.	Yr. Avg.
Kyle Bakker	Millard West	6-9	Jr. 24.6
Ben Jacobson	Om. Central	6-6	Jr. 21.1
Jared Anderson	Om. Bryan	6-5	Sr. 20.1
David Goeschel	Om. Westside	6-1	Jr. 19.2
Harold Monday	Om. Bryan	5-10	Sr. 17.1
Honorable mention: Ben Pearson, Millard South; Matt Peterson, Ben Mussmann, Millard West; David Kurts, Curtis Ogden, Om. Bryan; Brian Rahner, James Mills, Om. Central; Grant Hauptmann, Omaha Westside.			

Bakker versatile

Kyle Bakker is a mighty presence on a basketball court. He's even more menacing on the mound of a baseball diamond. A 6-foot-9 left-hander with an 88-mph fastball, Bakker's future seems certain to be in baseball.

But that hasn't kept the junior from being one of the premier basketball players in the state. In addition to his 24.7 scoring and 9.0 rebounding averages, he blocked four shots a game.

"He was a better-than-average player inside as a sophomore with an amazing offensive presence," said Wildcats Coach Rick Hook. "He put on some weight, got stronger, his coordination became better and everything came together this year. He's seeing the game with more experience now and with a maturity."

And he's gaining that experience in both venues.

"Some of my court presence, where you have to see the floor and find the open man, comes from baseball," Bakker said. "In baseball, you really have to pay attention to details and basketball is an instinct kind of thing."

Hook said he expects even greater leaps of improvement from Bakker for his senior year.

"I think the two sports complement and help each other for him," Hook said. "In baseball, he has time to evaluate and basketball is more of a reaction. Both things help in the other sport. He'll work on increasing his body, work on a higher vertical jump and get a little stronger."

Redhage wasn't the only Journal Star first-team Super-State player to make a quick transition to another sport. Kyle Bakker of Millard West is one of the premier pitchers in the state. The 6-foot-9 left-hander has an 88-mile-per-hour fastball. For him, the toughest part of the spring transition is the size of the basketball compared to a baseball.

"The baseball feels awfully small right after basketball," Bakker said. "I don't get much basketball in during the summer, but it is a little

easier in the fall." Redhage plays soccer because he enjoys it, even though basketball is his future. For Bakker, baseball is his future and basketball simply provides an outlet for him.

"I like to play basketball. Baseball is my favorite sport and always has been," said Bakker. "Besides, I think basketball helps me when I'm pitching. When I'm out on the court under pressure, I learn how to act and react."

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SUPER-STATE BASKETBALL

BOYS' FIRST TEAM

Player, school	Ht.	Yr.	Pts.	Reb.
Shawn Redhage, Lincoln East	6-7	Sr.	21.0	9.4
Kyle Bakker, Millard West	6-9	Jr.	24.7	9.0
Tee Mason, Lincoln Northeast	6-1	Sr.	15.2	7.1
Tom Cockle, Lincoln Christian	6-5	Sr.	24.0	5.2
Tanner Engel, Kearney	6-6	Sr.	23.0	9.0

Honorary captain — Shawn Redhage, Lincoln East

BOYS' CLASS A ALL-STATE

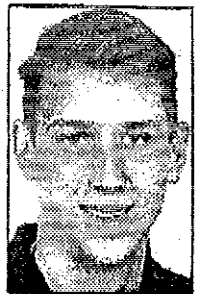
First team

Player, school	Ht.	Yr.	Pts.	Reb.
Shawn Redhage, Lincoln East	6-7	Sr.	21.0	9.4
Kyle Bakker, Millard West	6-9	Jr.	24.7	9.0
Tee Mason, Lincoln Northeast	6-1	Sr.	15.2	7.1
Tanner Engel, Kearney	6-6	Sr.	23.0	9.0
Chris Wittgren, Lincoln Southeast	6-5	Sr.	20.0	7.0

Honorary captain — Shawn Redhage, Lincoln East

Second team

Wared Anderson, Omaha Bryan	6-	Sr.	20.1	8.5
Jeff Tesmer, Grand Island	6-2	Sr.	17.7	3.7
Marty Levinson, Bellevue West	6-3	Jr.	16.2	4.2
Ty-Graham, Lincoln High	5-8	Jr.	18.2	2.5
Omar Bynum, Omaha Northwest	6-6	Sr.	19.6	11.7



REDHAGE



BAKKER



ENGEL



MASON



WITTGREN

1998-1999 HIGHLIGHTS

STATE TOURNAMENT QUALIFIER
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FINAL RATINGS (8TH)

SCHOOL RECORDS BROKEN: TEAM

BEST RECORD 14-7
MOST WINS 14
FIELD GOAL % - 54% 380/703
3 PT. % - 38% 104/273
FREE THROW % - 71% 331/468
POINTS SCORED 1,403 (66.8 AVG.)
TOTAL REBOUNDS 644
SINGLE GAME STEALS - 10
SEASON BLOCKED SHOTS - 103
SINGLE GAME BLOCKS - 13
ATTENDANCE - SHUT THE DOORS

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS BROKEN:

MATT PERSON - ASSISTS/SEASON - 125 (6 AVG.)
CAREER ASSISTS - 271
CAREER 3PT. % - 42% 45/108

KYLE BAKKER - SEASON/FG % 67% 193/290
CAREER/FG % 64% 350/549
CAREER / FTH. % - 70% 183/263
SEASON TOTAL POINTS - 516 (24.6 AVG.)
CAREER TOTAL PTS. - 883
SINGLE GAME TOTAL PTS. - 38
SEASON TOTAL REBOUNDS - 185
CAREER TOTAL REBOUNDS - 309
SINGLE GAME TOTAL REBOUNDS - 15
SEASON TOTAL BLOCKS - 83
CAREER TOTAL BLOCKS - 147
SINGLE GAME TOTAL BLOCKS - 11

BEN MUSSMANN - CAREER TOTAL STEALS - 59
SINGLE GAME STEALS - 6

SEAN MCLAUGHLIN - SEASON / FTH. % - 86% 30/35

