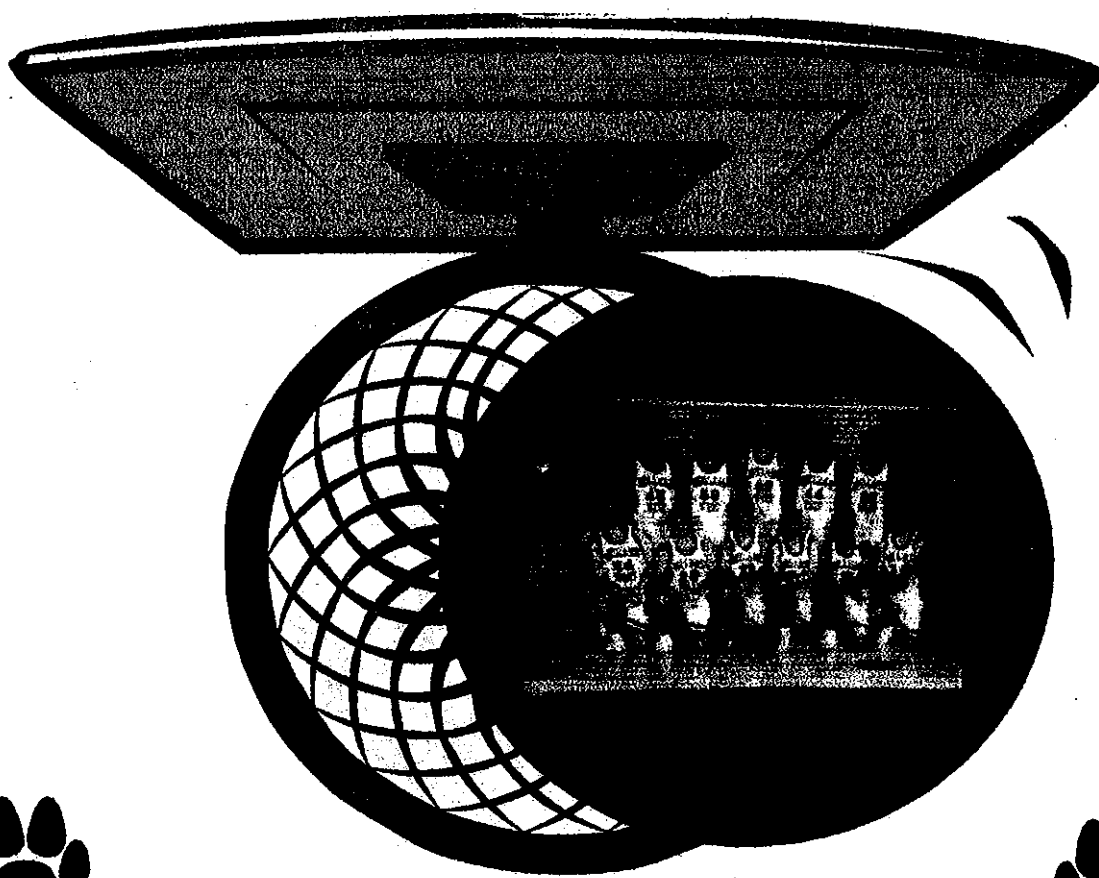


Millard West Hoops

2000-2001



Scrap Book

Preseason Rankings

■ Ratings with teams' 1999-2000 records and final ranking last season:

Top 10/Class A

Team	'99-00 Record	Prv. Rnk.
1. Lincoln Southeast	14-8	7
2. Omaha Benson	8-11	NR
3. Omaha Burke	20-4	2
4. Columbus	11-7	A-10
5. Lincoln High	15-6	4
6. Om. Creighton Prep	11-11	NR
7. Lincoln East	11-8	NR
8. Millard South	8-13	NR
9. Millard West	17-7	5
10. Bellevue West	23-1	1

Class B

1. Beatrice	17-5	5
2. Lincoln Plus X	20-3	1
3. Alliance	18-4	2
4. Aurora	16-7	6
5. Ralston	16-10	NR
6. Firth Norris	13-7	NR
7. Blair	17-7	NR
8. Schuyler	12-7	8
9. Scottsbluff	11-12	NR
10. McCook	20-6	3

Class C-1

1. Columbus LV	16-4	9
2. Syracuse	20-3	5
3. Wahoo Neumann	16-5	NR
4. Pierce	17-9	4
5. Grand Island CC	28-1	3
6. Chadron	18-5	2
7. Raymond Central	6-13	NR
8. DeWitt TC	20-3	NR
9. Albion	19-4	10
10. Milford	16-5	NR

Class C-2

1. Hartington CC	16-7	5
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W-H Boys Basketball Ratings

By Stu Pospisil



2. Brainard EB	21-5	4
3. Laurel	19-3	6
4. Diller-Odell	13-11	NR
5. Oakland-Craig	17-4	7
6. West Point CC	20-5	3
7. North Platte S.P.	8-12	NR
8. Emerson-Hubbard	16-8	NR
9. Friend	16-7	NR
10. Randolph	17-3	8

Class D-1

1. Arapahoe	19-5	*9
2. Sterling	17-6	5
3. Falls City SH	20-5	8
4. Dresher	24-1	2
5. Pleasanton	10-12	NR
6. Curtis MV	16-7	9
7. Humphrey S.F.	18-7	4
8. Kenesaw	17-2	NR
9. Sargent	15-4	NR
10. Johnson-Brock	15-7	7

■ *—Ranking in C-2.

Class D-2

1. Paxton	23-2	*1
2. Sterling	17-6	*5
3. Ewing	22-4	2
4. Waterloo	15-9	*NR
5. Lindsay HF	18-6	3
6. Greeley	18-3	6
7. Chester-HB	22-4	1
8. Litchfield	18-5	9
9. Exeter	13-10	NR
10. Wauson	10-12	NR

■ *—Ranking in D-1.

MILLARD WEST

■ Coach: Rick Hook, sixth year. 99-00 record: 17-7.

■ Lettermen—Seniors: Dan Bruce, 6-0; Jim Eddy, 6-3; Brian McIntyre, 5-10; Sean McLaughlin, 6-6; Adam Stayer,

6-5. Juniors: Scott McLaughlin, 6-4; Zac Robinson, 6-3. Luke Chadwell, 6-1.

■ Outlook: Wildcats, after three seasons with Georgia Tech baseball recruit Kyle Bakker in the middle, will have a different look on the floor. Perimeter game will have to pick up more of the scoring. Hook likes the athletic ability, attitude, work ethic and senior leadership being shown.

Basketball pre-season...

Varsity Boys Basketball Team Returns Talent, Experience

Colin Johnston

Senior Staff Writer

The boy's basketball team went through last year's season very inconsistently. The team went into the season expecting to compete for the state championship. The Wildcats started off with a win over rival Millard South and an easy win over Fremont, showing they were going to be a force. They then dropped three straight games and just under halfway through the season, they were a mediocre 5-5. After making a few adjustments, mainly at the point guard position, the 'Cats finished the season 12-2, losing to Omaha Burke in the state semi-finals at the Devaney Center in Lincoln. The strong finish by the team left them with high expectations for this coming basketball season.

Experience is going to play a key role in the team's hope for a state championship. Among the eight returning lettermen are three seniors who are also returning starters for the team. Seniors Daniel Bruce, Sean McLaughlin and Adam Steyer should provide the needed leadership this year that the team seemed to be lacking at times last year. Joining them will be juniors Zac Robinson and Scott McLaughlin, who also have starting experience. Other returning lettermen are seniors Jim Eddy and Brian McIntyre, and junior Luke Chadwell.

The Wildcats, whose season opens up November 30, with a game against Millard South. Practice starts in mid-November. The team is hoping to once again return to the state playoffs, and improve on their finish the last two years. Two years ago, a team led by Matt Person and Kyle Bakker, the Wildcats made it to the final eight in the state tournament losing to Columbus on a last second shot. Last year the team improved to make it to the final four of the state tournament. If this trend continues, the Wildcats will be playing for the State Championship this year.

"I am excited for this year's team. We are trying to change our style of play a little bit to more of a running game. We are expecting to improve this year, and play more consistent throughout the entire season. If we improve like we should, we will be in the State Finals in March," said junior Zac Robinson.

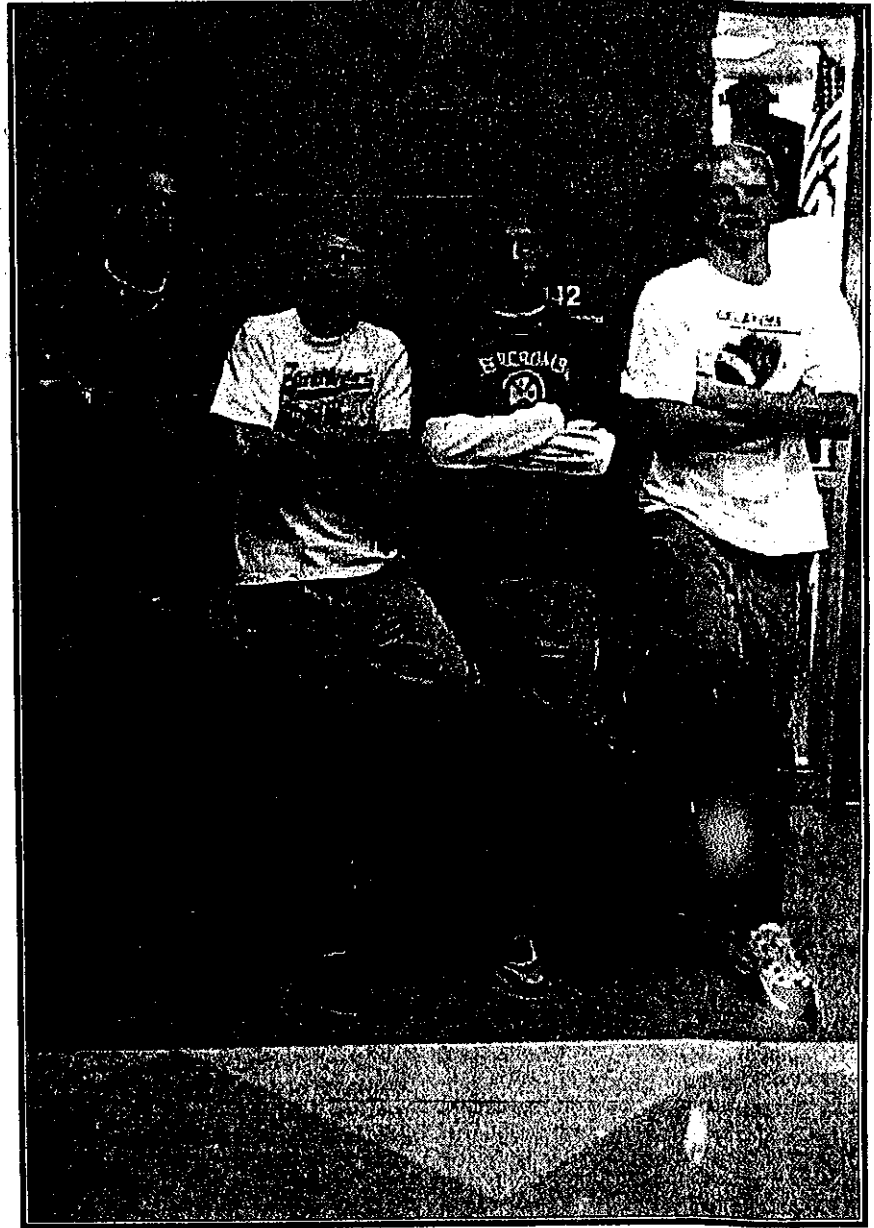


photo by Joe Knust

Seniors Adam Steyer, Dan Bruce, junior Zac Robinson and senior Sean McLaughlin will lead the Wildcat boys basketball team this year. All four are returning starters, and look to lead the team to the State Finals in March.

Curtis Leads Tall Patriot Crew To Win Over Millard West

BY STU POSPISIL
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

Millard South's 68-49 Metro Conference boys basketball victory Thursday night over Millard West indicates the Patriots are picking up where the Indians left off last season.

Patriots Coach Larry Ribble brought back all five starters from the final Millard South team known as the Indians, which went 6-7 in its final 13 games to finish 8-13.

"We were close at the end of last year," Ribble said after his first win over former assistant Rick Hook since the 1996-97 season.

Top 10 No. 8 Millard South's front line, especially in the first quarter and especially with UNO recruit Ryan Curtis for four quarters, was no match for a Wildcat team playing for the first time since 6-foot-9 Kyle Bakker — now playing baseball at Georgia Tech — completed a three-season stay as their inside force.

Curtis had game highs of 24 points, including 12-of-12 shooting on free throws, and 13 rebounds. His first four points came in a 20-5 start for the Patriots in the season-opening game for both teams.

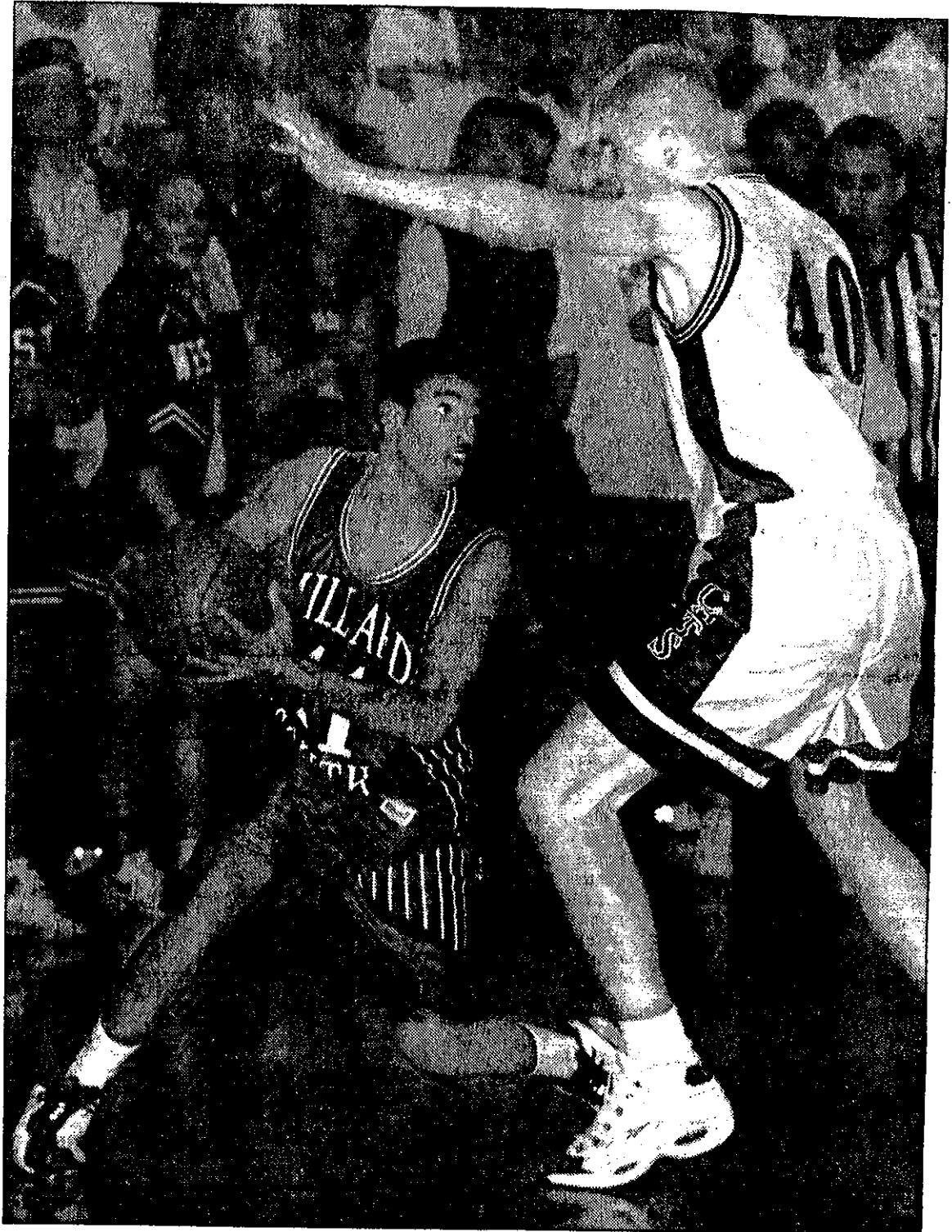
The doubleheader, which started with Class A No. 10 Millard West's girls routing No. 9 Millard South 56-25, drew a capacity crowd that Millard West Principal Rick Kolowski said was about 1,800.

A University of Nebraska at Omaha assistant coach was in attendance to watch Curtis, one of three 6-7 starters for the Patriots.

Patrick Bryan, a junior, scored all eight of his points in the first quarter before eventually fouling out. Adam Briley, a senior, had four of his six points on back-to-back baskets that gave the Patriots an early 12-2 lead.

"We played well defensively, but we fouled a little too much. It's something to work on," said Ribble, beginning his 23rd season at the school. "The kids know we have to do it on defense."

Junior guard Zac Robinson led the Wildcats with 20 points but made only 7 of 18 shots, and the former age-group free-throw champion was only 5 of 8 at the line. Adam Steyer, a 6-4 senior, had 10 points and a team-high seven rebounds but the other three Wildcat starters combined for five points.



LAURA INNS/THE WORLD-HERALD

Millard South's Patriots Charge Past Millard West

Euvon Turner, a 5-foot-9 sophomore guard for Millard South, looks to pass while being pressured by Sean McLaughlin, a 6-foot-6 senior at Millard West, on Thursday night at Millard West, where Millard South won its season-opening boys basketball game 68-49. The Patriots' Turner scored 10 points in a game that drew a capacity crowd of 1,800. Story and other high school basketball results, Page 32.

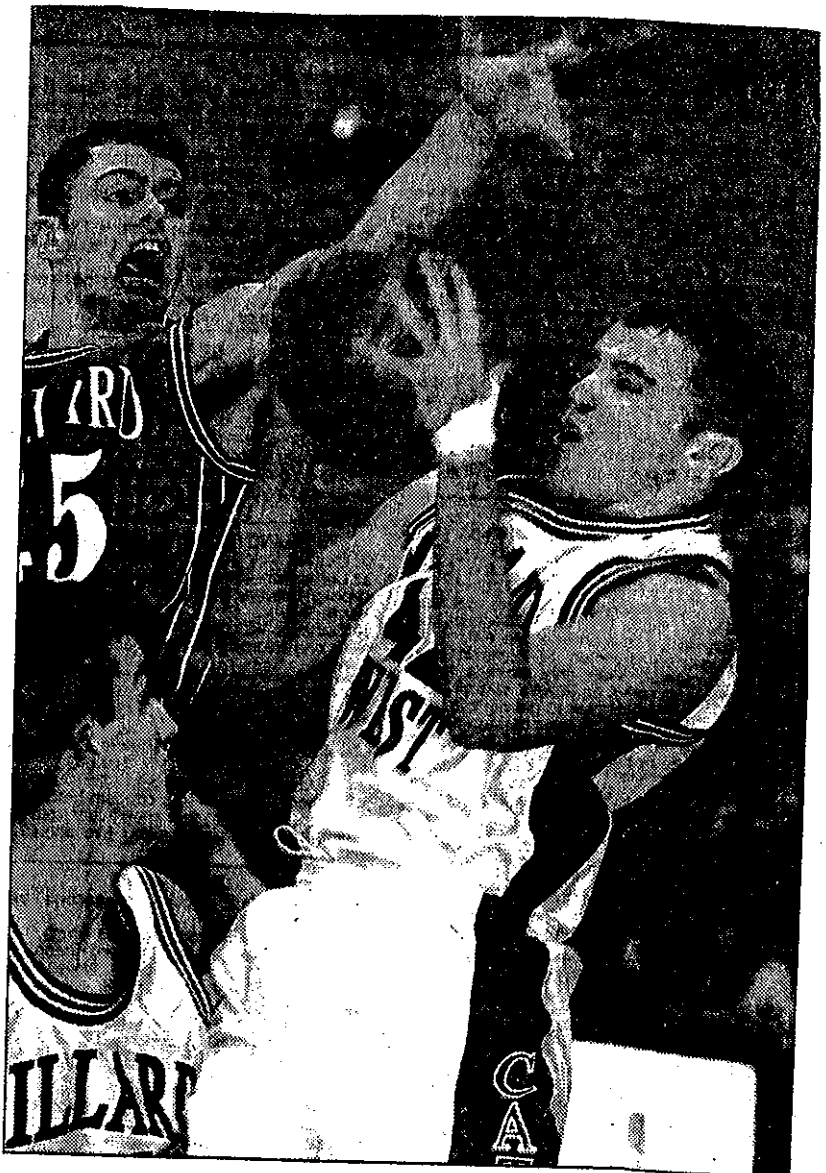
The Wildcats played the first half without Daniel Bruce, a returning starter, for what Hook said was a team issue. Bruce had just gotten into the game in the second half when he hurt himself diving for a loose ball and played sparingly after that.

"Millard South played us very aggressive," Hook said. "We played hard, but not like we practiced."

The Patriots also used 10 points apiece from returning starters Matt Schieber and Euvon Turner, although Ribble kept Turner on the bench for the game's first two minutes, and seven from Matt Turner.

Steyer twice cut the Patriots' lead to eight in the third quarter and the Wildcats were still within 45-36 before two free throws and a basket by Curtis restored a 13-point lead to take into the final quarter.

Millard South (1-0)..... 28 18 11 15-38
 Millard West (0-1)..... 27 18 11 15-38
 MS—Turner 3-11 4-9 2-2 10, Schieber 3-5 2-2 10,
 Euvon 3-3 2-4 1-2 12 12 20, Briley 3-4 2-0 4,
 E. Turner 3-5 4-10, Claindrick 0-1 0-0 0, Navin 0-1
 2-1, Fessak 0-0 0-0 0, Holz 0-0 0-0 0, Johnson 0-0 0-0 0,
 Krause 0-0 0-0 0, Balwant 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 21-44 22-38
 MW—Robinson 7-19 5-9 20, Morrissey 0-2 0-1 0, Se.
 McLaughlin 1-1 1-2 3, Steyer 3-7 4-4 10, Se.
 McLaughlin 1-3 0-2 2, Eddy 0-3 0-0, Chadwell 0-1 0-0
 0, Junge 1-2 3 3, Ebert 1-1 0-2 2, Roberts 0-1 0-0 0,
 Quiser 0-0 0-0 0, Bruce 0-1 0-0 0, McIntyre 0-1 0-0 0,
 Bannhauer 1-1 0-1 2. Totals 12-49 17-39 49.
 3-point goals—MS 1-1 (M. Turner 1-1), Schieber
 2-3, Briley 1-1, MW 2-1 (Robinson 1-3, Junge 1-3,
 Chadwell 0-1, Bruce 0-1, McIntyre 0-1). Total
 fouls—MS 24, MW 24. Fouled out—Euvon, Chadwell.
 Technicals—none. Turnovers—MS 15, MW 14.
 Rebounds—MS 37 (Curtis 13), MW 33 (Steyer 7).
 Field-goal percentage—MS .419, MW .547. A—1,500
 (cap.).



THREE'S A CROWD: Millard South's Brett Navin, top left, leaps to defend against Millard West's Mickey Roberts. Millard West's Andrew Ebert is at lower left. Millard South jumped to a 13-point halftime lead.

LAURA INNS/THE WORLD-HERALD

Second-quarter surge boosts Millard West

BY TAMMY GREUNKE
TRIBUNE STAFF

A second-quarter scoring surge proved to be the difference maker for Millard West's boys Saturday night.

The Wildcats outscored Fremont High 21-7 in the second quarter and went on to pick up a 58-45 win.

Coming off a 72-24 loss to Lincoln Southeast Thursday night, the Tigers took advantage of their outside shooting early on as the teams were tied at 15 after one quarter. Matt Bunn hit a pair of 3-point baskets and Jake Pinkelman and Jake Nieman each added one in the first quarter.

Pinkelman's basket with 7 minutes, 20 seconds left in the second quarter put Fremont up 17-15. The Tigers would next score three minutes later and then were held scoreless for another three minutes before Bunn would score with 1:32 left in the half. Fremont trailed 36-22 at halftime.

Millard West guard Zac Robinson scored 21 of his

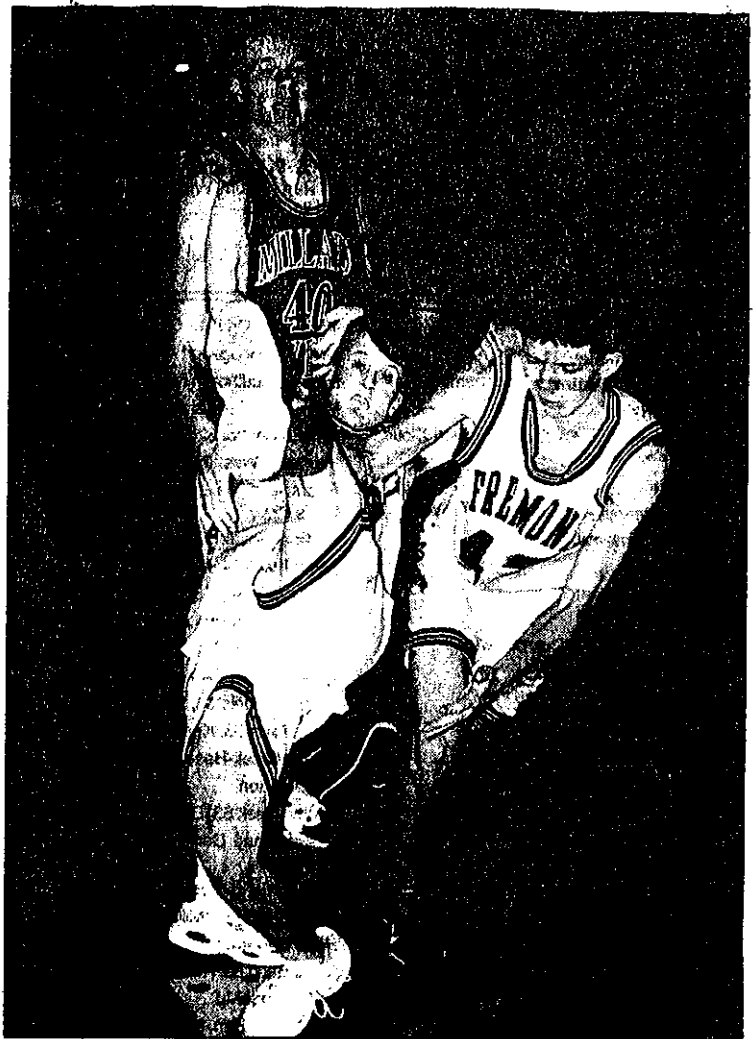
game-high 29 points in the first half, including 14 points in the second quarter.

"The key for us is improvement, gaining some confidence in our execution and, above all, we have to have the effort," Fremont coach Joel Parks said. "I think we did improve tonight on some of the things we did. Except for one little stretch in the second quarter, I thought we pretty much played right with them."

The Wildcats built a 19-point lead midway through the third quarter after a basket by Mickey Roberts. Pinkelman would pick up his fifth foul with 4:42 left in the third quarter.

Fremont kept plugging away in the fourth quarter, cutting the gap to 54-44 with 4:23 remaining on a basket by Anton Melgoza. The Tigers also forced five turnovers.

"We had a good physical effort," Parks said. "I'm proud of the way the kids keep hus-



EVAN NORDSTROM/FREMONT TRIBUNE

Jake Nieman, left, and Andrew Clements of Fremont try to control a loose ball while Millard West's Sean McLaughlin looks on.

PLEASE SEE BOYS, B2

BOYS: Millard West tops FHS

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tling and working. If we keep doing that, we'll get better as the year goes on. It will pay off for us."

Three players scored in double figures for FHS. Bunn hit four 3-point baskets to lead the way with 12 points. Churchill scored 11 and Pinkelman added 10.

Robinson was 9 of 12 from the field and 9 of 11 from the free throw line to pace Millard West. Sean McLaughlin recorded nine points and Adam Steyer compiled seven

Fremont (0-2) plays at Bellevue West Tuesday.

M. West 15 21 19 9 — 58

Fremont 15 7 11 12 — 45

MILLARD WEST — Chadwell 1-2, 0-1, 1, 2; Junge 1-3, 0-0, 2, 2; Robinson 9-12, 9-11, 2, 29; Morrissey 0-1, 0-0, 2, 0; Eddy 2-3, 1-2, 3, 5; McLaughlin 3-7, 3-6, 1, 9; Roberts 2-3, 0-0, 4, 4; Steyer 2-5, 3-4, 2, 7. Totals — 20-36, 16-24, 17, 58.

3-Point Goals — Robinson 2.

Millard West 58, Fremont 45

At Fremont, Neb. — Zac Robinson scored 29 points to lead Millard West, No. 9 in the Top 10.

Millard West (1-1) 18 27 19 9-58
At Fremont (0-2) 15 7 11 12-45
M. West — Chadwell 1, Junge 2, Robinson 29, Eddy 5,
McLaughlin 9, Roberts 4, Steyer 7,
Fremont — Melgoza 5, Churchill 11, Bunn
12, Nieman 3, Clements 4.

Kanting and Kaving...

Basketball

Year begins

Joe Knust

Sports Editor

The Millard West boys and girls basketball teams started out their season at .500. Both the guys and girls are at 1-1 before heading into the Prep, Marian and Lincoln Northeast games.

Unfortunately, the guys opened up with one of the top teams in the state. Millard South has three players 6'6" and above, which came into effect against the smaller Wildcats. Junior Zac Robinson scored 20 points in the game to lead the Wildcats. Next in line was senior middleman Adam Steyer with 10 points. Everybody can say what they want about how we are doomed without Bakker, but the fact of the matter is we are going to go on without him and we will be successful. With one of the best shooters in the state, Robinson, and a team full of multiple two-to-three sport players, West is loaded with athletic ability. It's a team full of people who can run the court all game. The Millard South game proved to be a learning tool for the 'Cats on how not to play if they want to win. It doesn't seem that the 'Cats lack any effort, but after throwing in lob passes for three years to Bakker, it's going to be difficult to change everyone's mindset of just dribbling down and looking for the "tall kid," but now to attack the hoop every play.

Second game of the year the 'Cats traveled to Fremont for a game that was supposed to boost the Wildcats' confidence a bit. Led by Robinson once again he poured in a very strong performance with 29 points. After watching this game the 'Cats showed the fans (the fans who were there anyway) how capable they are of being a top-ranked team. With senior Brian McIntyre out with an ankle injury and Dan Bruce out after he dove for a loose ball in the Millard South game, they are without some help and leadership they could use.

From Downtown..

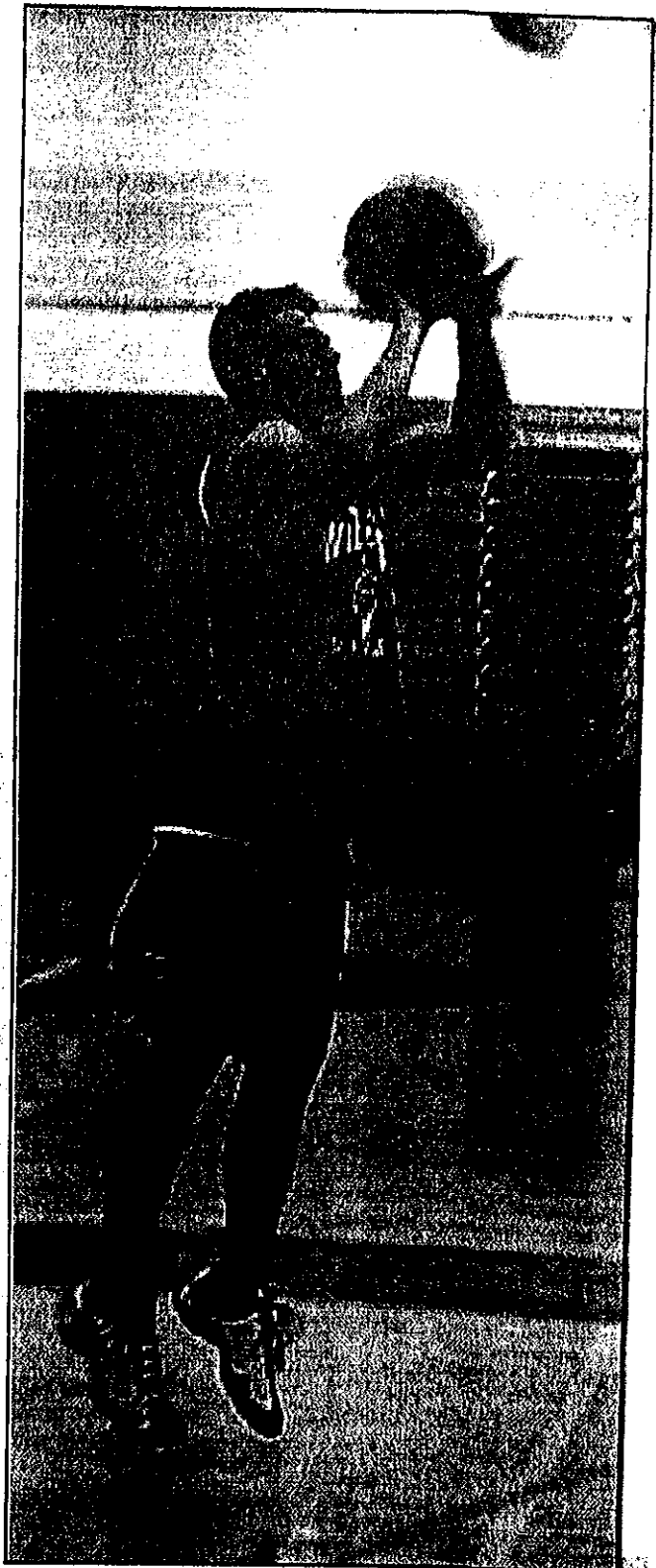


photo by Nicole Halper

Junior Zac Robinson works on his jumpshot during a pre-game shoot around. Robinson put forth 49 points in the opening two games of the Wildcats' season.

Bench Gives Junior Jays a Boost

BY ROD HENKEL

WORLD-HERALD CORRESPONDENT

The starters for Omaha Creighton Prep and Millard West fought for the momentum for almost a quarter Thursday night before the Junior Jay bench grabbed it.

Jared Ruffin and Dan Povondra came off the bench and combined for 14 second-quarter points as Prep built a 15-point lead on its way to a 66-55 victory.

The Junior Jays improved to 2-2 after opening the season at a tournament in California.

The lead changed hands seven times in the first quarter before Prep went on an 11-2 run, taking a 22-14 lead on Povondra's 3-point basket 37 seconds into the second period.

Millard West cut the deficit to 24-21 before Ruffin and Povondra combined for the next 11 points. Ruffin, normally a starter, finished with 13 points and Povondra had 11. The Junior Jay lead eventually grew to 20 points before Millard West whittled it down.

"In the early part of the game, we want to wear the opponent down," said Creighton Prep Coach Reggie Morris. "In the second quarter, we have to have new guys come in. They did such a great job. They stepped right in. The bench was very, very big for us."

Millard West (1-2) made 9 of its first 18 field-goal attempts before going the final 5:42 of the second quarter without a basket.

The Wildcats committed five turnovers during that time and missed all four of their shots. Dan Bruce's free throws with 1:28 left in the half ended Prep's 12-point run.

"We're not executing on offense like we need to, yet," said Millard West Coach Rick Hook. "It's coming, but we have to get there. Really, the whole key is, had we rebounded better, we'd be right in the ballgame."

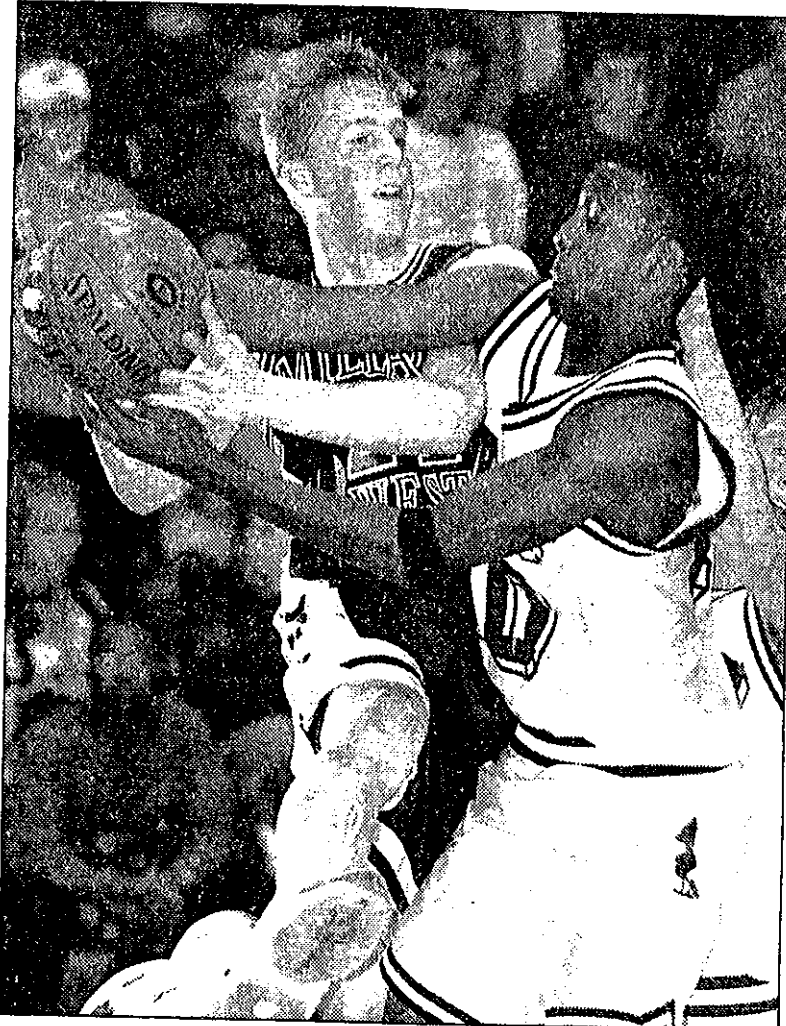
Prep owned a 36-26 rebounding advantage, with the Junior Jays grabbing 15 offensive rebounds.

Titus Adams led Creighton Prep with nine rebounds, while six of Steve Linberg's seven rebounds were on the offensive end.

"We couldn't rebound well at all last year," Morris said. "To go and get (15) tonight, that's just great. That's (15) second-chance opportunities. We ask them to do the small things: it's just an effort thing."

Millard West switched to a 1-3-1 zone defense in the second half and attempted to pick up the pace.

But Prep's lead grew until the Wildcats' Zac Robinson hit a last-break layup off an Adam Steyer assist with 2:20 left in the third quarter. The basket sparked a 24-13 Wildcat run that took the lead to single digits.



KENT SIEVERS/THE WORLD-HERALD

GIVE ME THAT: Creighton Prep's Damione Liddell, right, fights for a rebound with Rob Morrissey of Millard West on Thursday night. Prep brought down 15 of offensive rebounds in its 66-55 win.

Robinson scored 13 of his game-high 25 points during the fourth quarter, while Sean McLaughlin contributed a pair of 3-point baskets. Steyer contributed six points and team-highs of seven rebounds and four assists.

A quicker pace "gives us better looks at the basket," Hook said. "It gets us motivated. I felt we played hard."

Millard West (1-2)	14	9	18	24	55
At Creighton Prep (2-2)	19	17	18	19	53
MW — Jake Dugger	0-1	2-2	2	0	0
— Luke Chadwell	0-0	0	0	0	0
— Zac Robinson	7-14	10-12	25	10	11
— Rob Morrissey	0-1	0-0	0	0	0
— Tim Eddy	2-3	0-0	4	0	0
— Dan Bruce	2-11	2-7	7	0	0
— Sean McLaughlin	4-5	1-2	9	0	0
— Mickey Roberts	1-3	0-0	2	0	0
— Adam Steyer	3-3	0-0	6	18	18
CP — Jared Ruffin	4-9	6-7	13	0	0
— Jeff DeHarty	0-1	0-0	0	0	0
— Dan Povondra	4-8	0-0	11	0	0
— Nedu Onyeuku	2-5	2-2	6	0	0
— Dan Burns	1-3	0-1	2	0	0
— James Berry	2-3	0-0	0	0	0
— Steve Linberg	6-10	1-2	15	0	0
— James Gilson	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
— Titus Adams	2-8	1-0	10	17	24
— Zac Robinson	1-5	1-5	3	0	0
3-point goals — MW 4-16 (Robinson 1-5, Bruce 1-0, McLaughlin 2-2), CP 5-18 (Ruffin 1-3, DeHarty 0-2, Povondra 3-5, Onyeuku 0-3, Liddell 0-1, Burns 0-2, Berry 0-1, Linberg 1-1). Total fouls — MW 18, CP 17. Fouled out — Onyeuku 1. Technicals — None. Turnovers — MW 17, CP 16. Rebounds — MW 31 (Steyer 7), CP 36 (Adams 9). Field-goal percentage — MW 40, CP 40. Free-throw percentage — MW 83, CP 90. AH - 900 (est.)					

Millard West 69, Om. North 62
 Dan Bruce scored 13 of his game-high 23 points in the first quarter to lift Millard West.

Andrew Ebert added 15 points for the 6-5 Wildcats, who may be without leading scorer Zac Robinson for the rest of the season. Robinson learned Friday that he has a fractured fibula.

Omaha North (0-10) pulled to within three points with a minute to play but could not get closer as Dante Bogard, who finished with a team-high 18 points, fouled out.

Millard West (6-3)	23	15	12	12	42
At Omaha North (0-10)	19	17	12	12	40
MW—Dugger 6, Chadwell 4, Eddy 9, Bruce 23, McLaughlin 7, Steyer 5, Ebert 15.					
ON—Coleman 4, Jones 3, Bogard 18, Hall 12, Jimmerson 15, Callahan 7, Albrecht 1, Stapleton 2.					

Om. South 49, Millard West 43

Clydell White scored seven of his 17 points in the fourth quarter as visiting Omaha South (6-7) held off Millard West (7-6).

Daniel Bruce scored 13 points for Millard West.

Omaha South (6-7)	9	15	10	15	49
At Millard West (7-6)	6	14	8	17	45
OS—Archie 2, Rachwalk 6, White 17, Hudson 9, Williams 7, DeLeon 3, Petersen 5.					
MW—Dugger 2, Richardson 6, Eddy 2, Bruce 13, McLaughlin 10, Snyder 2, Ebert 8.					

Bellevue East 79, Millard West 70

John Vanderslice scored 30 points, including five 3-pointers, and Eddie Ceaser added 26 to lead Bellevue East.

The Chieftains (8-7) sank 10 3-pointers for the game.

Dan Bruce and Jim Eddy scored 16 points each to lead Millard West.

Millard West (7-9)	22	17	8	23	70
At Bellevue East (8-7)	19	21	9	30	79
MW—Dugger 1, Chadwell 10, Richardson 4, Morrissey 2, Eddy 16, Bruce 16, McLaughlin 6, Steyer 7, Ebert 8.					
BE—Douglas 4, Vanderslice 30, Mathews 1, Aiston 5, Ceaser 26, Simon 6, Kohn 7.					

Om. Bryan 60, Millard West 54 OT

Kevin Turner's three-point play broke a tie with 1 minute, 40 seconds left in overtime and keyed the Bears to the win.

Turner led Bryan with 18 points while teammate Andy Wilson contributed 15 points and eight rebounds.

Dan Bruce paced Millard West with 21 points.

Millard West (7-10)	8	18	16	8	44
At Om. Bryan (5-11)	8	18	16	8	50
MW—Morrissey 2, Eddy 11, Bruce 21, McLaughlin 10, Roberts 1, Steyer 2, Ebert 2.					
OB—Wilson 15, Howard 6, Andersen 1, Turner 18, Never 5, Cunningham 5, Harris 5, Schoecher 4, Bianchard 1.					

Millard West 62, Papillion-La Vista 52
 Daniel Bruce and Andrew Ebert each scored 14 points to pace Millard West.
 Brothers Sean and Scott McLaughlin scored 13 and 10 points, respectively, for the Wildcats, who as a team were 19 for 21 from the free-throw line.
 Iowa State football commitment Davis led Papillion-La Vista with 13 points and Erik Thomas added 12.

Om. Benson 63, Millard West 42

Arthur Boultis scored 24 points and grabbed six rebounds and Cameron Lollar scored 10 and hauled in nine rebounds to lead Nebraska Top 10 No. 4 Omaha Benson.

The Bunnies (9-4), playing in the Benson Garden, led 29-16 at halftime against Millard West (7-7), which lost both of its weekend games.

Millard West (7-7)	7	8	10	16	41
At Omaha Benson (9-4)	14	15	18	16	63
MW—Dugger 4, Chadwell 1, Junge 1, Morrissey 2, Danenhauer 2, Eddy 2, Bruce 8, McLaughlin 6, Roberts 2, Snyder 5, Ebert 9.					
OB—Boultis 24, Ooba 4, Owens 2, Parsons 2, Smith 8, Bischo 3, Ramacciari 2, Lollar 10, E. Williams 4, Pollock 2, R. Williams 2.					

Om. Central 64, Millard West 54

Schlyer Thomas scored 12 points, all in the second half, to lead Omaha Central. He made 8 of 9 free throws down the stretch.

Kris Kuhn added 11 points and Dominique Johnson added 10. The Eagles, 10-5, collected 22 offensive rebounds.

Daniel Bruce paced Millard West with 13 points and Sean McLaughlin added 12.

Om. Central (10-5)	9	17	19	20	65
At Millard West (7-9)	10	17	11	16	54
C—Grixby 6, Thomas 12, Kuhn 11, Bell & Johnson 10, Ford & Ryks 2, LaFlore 7.					
MW—Dugger 2, Morrissey 2, Eddy 5, Bruce 13, McLaughlin 12, Roberts 3, Steyer 4, Ebert 13.					

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Bruce Lifts Millard West to 46-42 Win

Daniel Bruce scored 15 of his game-high 24 points in the fourth quarter Monday night to give host Millard West a 46-42 boys basketball victory over Millard North.

Troy Grover had 12 points to lead Millard North.

Millard North..... 4 11 13 32-42
 At Millard West 18-10
 MN—Barion 2, Neeson 2, Odenrieder 2, Myers 6,
 McAndrew 12, Santo 6, Grover 12
 MW—Dugger 4, Morrissey 3, Eddy 5, Bruce 24,
 McLaughlin 6, Steyer 2

Lincoln East 62, Fremont 45

At Fremont, Neb. — Jesse Shaw scored 13 of his 17 points in the first half to lead Lincoln East past Fremont.

Bryce Meyers scored 10 of his 17 points in the second quarter for the winning Spartans.

Lincoln East..... 15 15 14 19-42
 At Fremont 13-13
 LE—Shaw 17, Meyers 17, Kins 4, Crieor 11,
 Williams 13
 F—Leband 7, Churchill 16, Bunn 16, Meyer 2,
 Huffman 4

Om. Northwest 47, Millard West 46

Omaha Northwest's Greg Stevenart hit the winning basket with four seconds to play.

Om. Northwest..... 17 18 13 15-47
 At Millard West 17-14
 ON—Harrington 6, Suss 3, York 2, Stevenart 9,
 Brown 6, Walker 2, Probst 4, Brinjin 6
 MW—Dugger 7, Chawell 3, Morrissey 2, Eddy 5,
 Bruce 4, McLaughlin 11, Roberts 2, Steyer 7,
 Albert 4

BOYS DISTRICT BASKETBALL

Millard West 68, Millard North 47
 Millard West, which held Millard North to four points in the second quarter while taking a 30-15 lead, got 15 points from Andrew Ebert, 11 from Sean McLaughlin and 10 from Adam Steyer.

Troy Grover scored 15 points for the Mustangs.

Millard North (4-16) 11 4 14 18-47
 Millard West (9-11) 23 23 17 38-68
 MW—Barton 3, Freeman 3, Nelson 2, Odenreider 1, Meyers 4, McAndrew 7, Santo 4, Brand 2, Grover 15
 MNW—Duggar 3, Chadwell 9, Richardson 1, Morrissey 2, Eddy 9, Bruce 5, McLaughlin 11, Steyer 10, Snyder 4, Ebert 15.

DISTRICT A-2 BOYS

Top-Ranked Southeast Rolls Past Millard West

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It would be tough to find any Lincoln Southeast basketball fan who would object to moving next week's Class A boys state basketball tournament from Lincoln to Omaha Burke.

The Top 10 No. 1 Knights earned a second straight trip to the state tourney with Monday night's 94-61 rout of Millard West in the District A-2 final there.

And it was the third time this season that Southeast rolled over a Metro Conference opponent at the Burke gym.

On Jan. 12, Coach Jeff Smith's Knights blasted then-No. 2 Burke 92-65 on the Bulldogs' home court. They returned Saturday night for a 62-47 win over Omaha Bryan in the A-2 semifinals.

Southeast will enter the state tournament at the Bob Devaney Sports Center in Lincoln with the Class A top seed and a 20-1 record.

The Knights shredded Millard West with 53 percent shooting (35 of 66) and a smothering defense that never let the 9-12 Wildcats get closer than 28 points in the second half.

"We told the kids they needed to work hard for 32 minutes tonight," Smith said, "and they really responded to that. We have 10 seniors on this team, and some of them should be playing more than they are, but that just shows the kind of leadership ability they have."

The Knights are three wins away from the school's first-ever state championship in boys basketball.

It took Southeast less than three minutes to build a 14-0 lead before an estimated crowd of 700. Six different players scored at least three points each as the Knights took a 26-8 lead.

Four more players scored in the

second quarter as Southeast's lead grew to 54-22 at halftime. Center Erik Kohl and forward Andrew Heckman both scored 11 points and eventually led the Knights in scoring with 18 and 16 points, respectively.

Three of the 6-foot-5 Kohl's baskets were 3-pointers from the top of the key. Smith said it's not unusual for his center to hit a 3-point or two, but he couldn't recall Kohl, who led the Knights with 18 points, ever making four in one game.

"He's a very versatile player," Smith said. "We didn't start him against Bryan because he was injured and didn't play in the last regular-season game. Other kids started stepping up and hitting their shots as well."

Southeast made 13 of its 29 3-point attempts, with Kohl (4 of 6) and guard Scott Wandzilak (3 of 3) leading the way. The Knights' largest lead was 37 points on three occasions in the third quarter.

Wildcats Coach Rick Hook said if Southeast continues to play as well as it did against his team, it won't be hard to figure out which team will win the state championship next week.

"If they shoot like that there's nobody in five states that can beat them," Hook said. "They're a great team, one of the best teams I've seen in a long time."

Dan Bruce led the Wildcats with a game-high 19 points.

Millard West (9-12) 23 14 15 38-61
 Lincoln Southeast (20-1) 71 45 36 94-61
 LSE—Bruce 19, Ebert 15, Morrissey 12, Snyder 11, Eddy 9, Richardson 7, Santo 4, Chadwell 3, Grover 15, Odenreider 1, McAndrew 7, Brand 2, Grover 15
 MW—Heckman 11, Kohl 18, Muntelien 16, Doney 12, Bane 9, Schulte 3, Gordon 2, Wandzilak 3, Ebert 15, Grover 15, Odenreider 1, McAndrew 7, Brand 2, Grover 15
 3-point goals—MW 13, LSE 13
 (Richardson 1, Chadwell 1, Bruce 1, Eddy 2, Kohl 4, Muntelien 2, Kohl 1, Wandzilak 3, Gordon 1, Ebert 1, LSE 1, Gordon 2, Hill 1)
 Technicals—none
 Fouls out—none
 Rebounds—MW 25 (Steyer 11, Kohl 5, Ebert 5, Morrissey 2, Eddy 2, Bruce 5, McLaughlin 11, Steyer 10, Snyder 4, Ebert 15)
 Free-throw percentage—MW .667, LSE .786, A-.700 (est.).