

Wildcat Review

Varsity Roster

3	Joey Koca	5'11"	12
4	Matt Butler	5'9"	12
5	Jake Loberg	6'1"	12
10	Grant Wulf	6'1"	12
12	Max Sealer	5'9"	11
14	Austin Hall	6'0"	10
20	Phil Ehly	6'2"	11
22	Adam Staashelm	6'0"	12
24	Hunter Longacre	6'5"	12
32	Chandler Petersen	6'1"	11
34	Logan Anderjaska	6'2"	10
40	Joey Evans	6'5"	12
42	Caleb Conway	6'4"	11
50	Eric Olson	6'6"	12
52	Ben Kositzke	6'7"	11

COACHING STAFF

Varsity

Bill Morrison
Dan Hall

Junior Varsity

Dale Gall
Chad Mustard

Reserve

Frank Ryan
Pat Freeman

Freshman

Ian DeLaet
Grant Rolfes

Managers

Adam Kotrous
Dylan Zimmerman
Clayton Wederquist
Corey Staashelm

New Year, New Chapter, Same Expectations



The 2013-2014 Wildcat Basketball team will be displaying some new faces this year. But Head Coach Bill Morrison says that his team has the same expectations as any other year.

"We want to be at the state tournament at the end of the season," Morrison said. "Everything we do as a team is done to help us reach that goal."

The Wildcats are coming off of an 18-8 record last year that earned the most wins of any Millard West basketball team and made a trip to the state tournament for the first time since 2003.

Joey Koca, Ben Kositz-

ke, and Adam Staashelm are the only three players that saw much playing time on last year's team.

Morrison is depending on the three returners for leadership. "We expect a lot from them. Varsity is a whole different level than JV. These guys have to set the tempo for us every day in practice."

Kositzke started every game last year for the Wildcats. He averaged 5.6 points and 5.5 rebounds per game last season. "Ben's role will be a lot different this year," Morrison commented. "He is our go-to guy on the inside. We need him to look to score more than he did last

year."

Koca started the year and earned a position in the starting line-up by the end of the season. "Joey is a tough competitor. He is probably our best defensive player. He will also have to handle most of our minutes at point this year," Morrison said. Joey averaged 3.1 points, 2.1 rebounds and 1.2 assists per game last season.

Staashelm is another player that started the





Class A
Pre-Season Ratings

- 1. Omaha Benson
- 2. Omaha Central
- 3. Omaha South
- 4. Bellevue West
- 5. Omaha Westside
- 6. Lincoln Southeast
- 7. Norfolk
- 8. Omaha Burke
- 9. Creighton Prep
- 10. Papillion LaVista

Same Expectations (Cont.)

year on JV but played quality minutes for the Varsity at the end of the season. “Adam is another tough competitor. When he is back to 100% we will expect a lot out of him. He is one of our best outside shooters,” Morrison said. Adam broke his leg in baseball last year and has recently been cleared to play basketball.

Seniors Joey Evans, Jake Loberg, Grant Wulf, and Junior Phil Ehly are also returning letter winners for the Wildcats.

Other Seniors that are on the Varsity are Matt Butler, Hunter Longacre, and Eric Olson.

Juniors Chandler Petersen, Max Sealer, and Caleb Conway, and Sophomore Austin Hall round off this year’s Varsity roster.

The Wildcats have completed two-and-a-half weeks of practice. Morrison commented on his team’s progress. “We have a very balanced team. There are a lot of guys fighting for playing time. If we handle it correctly, that balance can really help us improve as the season goes on.”

There are a lot of questions and a lot of excitement surrounding this year’s team. “We have a ton of potential. I am excited to see how much better we will be in March than we are right now. It will be a fun year for players and coaches!”

Balanced attack sparks No. 6 Southeast past West

For the Class A 6th-ranked Lincoln Southeast boys basketball team this season, everybody plays and everybody finds a way to contribute.

The formula worked in the season opener Friday at Prash Activities Center, as 10 of the 11 Knights who played scored in a 56-51 victory against West.

Coach Jeff Smith’s entire 12-man varsity roster is made up of seniors. Eight Knights scored four or more points.

Smith said, “Even though Millard West made a run there at the end, our kids never panicked. We just needed to make more free throws at the end.”

Southeast never trailed after the first three minutes of the game, as 5-foot-11 guard Clayton Peterson helped the Knights take a 30-20 halftime lead by scoring 10 of his game-high 14 points in that span. Peterson hit all four of his shots in the first half, including back-to-back three-pointers in a 25-second span that gave the Knights a 23-16 lead.

Peterson, finished 5-of-10 from the field and led the Knights to 50 percent shooting (23-of-46). “I got some open looks and took my shots in rhythm.”

Southeast extended its lead to as many as 15 points (41-26) late in the third quarter, taking advantage of some cold shooting by the Wildcats. Millard West missed its first 20 three-point attempts before Austin Hall hit a three to cut Southeast’s margin to 47-39 with 3:18 left in the game.

The Knights seemed to have things under control when Nebraska football recruit Luke Gifford (12 points) scored on a layup to increase the lead to 52-41 with 1:30 to play.

But Millard West responded with a 10-2 run, as Joey Koca and Hunter Longacre each buried three-pointers before Koca (team-high 13 points) capped it with a driving layup to make it 54-51 with 16.1 seconds left.

Peterson, however, sealed the victory with a pair of free throws with 11.5 seconds remaining to produce

the final score. Southeast was 1-of-6 at the free-throw line in the fourth period prior to Peterson’s foul shots.

“We needed to hit some shots earlier,” said Millard West coach Bill Morrison, whose Wildcats finished 3-of-26 from beyond the arc and 16-of-55 overall. “To miss our first 20 three-pointers and still be in it at the end against a very athletic team is pretty amazing. We had the guys we wanted shooting the ball, and we had some good looks. We just couldn’t get anything to fall.”

MW	12	8	10	21	51
LSE	16	14	11	15	56

MW — Koca 13, Kositzke 11, Ehly 8, Hall 7, Evans 5, Staashelm 4, Longacre 3

LSE— Peterson 14, Gifford 12, Day 6, Clare 5, Foster 4, Clare 4, Lepard 4, Beebe 2, Richards 1

Wildcats Pounce Early, Beat Bearcats

The Millard West boys' basketball team jumped out to an early 7-0 lead and never looked back as they beat Kearney 62-53 in the Consolation Game of the Greater Nebraska Shootout. The Wildcats used their inside game to earn the victory. Ben Kositzke scored 13 points and Joey Evans added 10 for West. Damien Austen and Peyton Pocock scored 13 and 11 points respectively.

Seven different Millard West players scored in the first quarter. The Wildcats scored on 13 points on 5 consecutive possessions late in the quarter to build a 22-9 lead. Coach Bill Morrison said his team did a nice job of executing the game plan. "We wanted to come out with a lot of in-

tensity and really attack Kearney with our inside game."

Kearney turned the ball over eight times in the 2nd quarter as the Wildcats were able to extend their lead to as much as 18 points. Hunter Longacre made a 3-pointer and made 3-of-3 free throws after being fouled on another 3-point attempt. He led the Wildcats with 6 points in the quarter. Kearney scored most of their points from the free throw line in the quarter as they were only able to convert on two field goals. Millard West led 38-20 at the half.

Millard West went back to their inside game in the third quarter. Their trio of big guys scored all 11 points in the quarter as Kositzke

scored 7 points and Evans and Caleb Conway each added 2 points. Kearney out-scored West 12-11 in the quarter but still trailed by 17, 49-32.

Kearney started the 4th quarter with a 7-2 run and cut the Wildcat lead to 12. Millard West had a chance to put the game out of reach with a little over 3 minutes left in the game. Kearney committed a foul and were as-

sessed a technical foul. West missed all four free throws and did not score on the ensuing possession.

The Bearcats started to foul to try to get back in the game. West was 5-14 from the line to close out the game. Pocock and David Erickson hit two 3-pointers late in the quarter, but the Bearcats could not cut the lead to less than 9. Millard West won by a final score of 62-53.

Joey Koca led the Wildcats with 7 assists and Adam Staashelm added 4 assists and 3 steals. Evans led West with 6 rebounds. Kearney out-rebounded Millard West 34-23. Thirteen of the Bearcat rebounds came on their offensive end. Millard West committed 12 turnovers to 18 committed by Kearney.

Coach Morrison was happy with the win. "We did a lot of good things tonight. I thought we let up a little in the fourth and we need to shoot it better from the line, but we will always take a win."

KHS	9	11	12	21	53
MW	22	16	11	13	62

KHS – Austen 13, Burchell 8, Pocock 11, Erickson 8, Schrinier 2, Mishou 4, Arp 7

MW – Koca 6, Loberg 2, Hall 6, Ehly 4, Staashelm 4, Longacre 9, Petersen 6, Evans 10, Conway 2, Kositzke 13





Packers Rebound for 2nd Half Victory Over Wildcats

#3 Omaha South overcame a 30-13 halftime deficit to beat Millard west 58-55 in overtime. James Dumes scored all 19 of his game-high points in the 2nd half. Kevin Harkins added 17 for the Packers. Joey Koca led the Wildcats with 15 points. Adam Staashelm and Ben Kositzke added 14 and 11 points for Millard West.

Millard West started out fast and took an early 10-2 lead. West forced Omaha South into 5 first quarter turnovers and led 11-6 after the first quarter.

Coach Morrison was pleased with his teams effort. "We wanted to outwork South. I thought we did a great job of being aggressive in the first half."

Millard West extended their lead in the 2nd quarter by out-soring the pack-

ers 19-7 in the quarter. Six different Wildcats scored in the quarter. The team converted on 7 free throws of the quarter. Joey Koca mad a three-pointer at the buzzer to take a 30-13 lead into the half.

James Dumes, who was in foul trouble in the first half, scored 14 points in the quarter. He made 4 three's including a last second shot from the right wing.

"Dumes and Harkins took the game into their hands in the 3rd quarter," Morrison said. "We knew they would make a run, we just didn't answer it."

Back to back three's by Tyler Hall and Makoor Arop early in the final period gave South their first lead of the game 47-44. South slowed the game down, but committed 3 turnovers late in the game. Kositzke made a basket at the end of regulation to sent the game into

overtime.

West won the tip, but turned the ball over on the first possession of overtime. South scored on all 4 of their possession in overtime. Harkins scored two of their baskets on offensive rebounds.

"We let a great opportunity slip through our hands," Morrison said. "You don't get a chance to beat one of the top team's in the state very often.

OS	6	7	26	12	7	58
MW	11	19	12	9	4	55

OS — Blair 2, Hall 5, M. Arop 3, Dumes 19, Walker 3, A Arop 2, Naimie 7, Harkins 17.

MW — Koca 15, Loberg 1, Hall 5, Ehly 3, Staashelm 14, Petersen 4, Evans 2, Kositzke 11

Lincoln East Hands Wildcats 2nd Close Loss of the Weekend

A foul with 6 seconds left in the game allowed Bryan Reimers two make two free throws and give East a 42-40 victory Saturday night. Reimers led the Spartans with 18 points. Joey Evans led the Wildcats with 14 points.

Lincoln East came out ready to play and took an 11-4 lead in the first quarter. Reimers scored seven points in the quarter. West rallied at the end of the quarter by scoring seven points in their last four possessions to cut the lead to 13-11.

East extended their lead to 17-11 before the Wildcats forced five consecutive turnovers. West scored on their last three possessions and drew within one point at half time,

20-19. "I thought East played with more energy early in the game." coach Bill Morrison said. "Our defense picked up in the 2nd quarter which helped us to stay close."

Millard West took their first lead of the game 26-25 mid-way through the 3rd quarter on a three-pointer by Joey Koca. West led 31-27 at the half.

West held the lead through the first half of the fourth quarter. RJ Dennis made three consecutive baskets culminated by a steal and a dunk that tied the score at 36-36.

Shane Watcheye made a basket to give the Spartans a 40-38 lead. Phil Ehly was fouled with just under

a minute left and made both free throws to tie the score 40-40.

East held the ball for the last shot. Reimers drove down the right side of the lane and drew a blocking foul with 6 seconds left. Reimers made both free throws.

The Wildcats took the ball the length of the floor, but a shot by Ehly came after the buzzer.

Morrison was disappointed in the loss. "It's tough to lose two games the way we did this weekend," he said. "We have to learn from our mistakes and move on to next week."

MW	11	8	12	9	40
LE	13	7	7	15	42

Varsity Completes Sweep of Mustangs

The Millard West Varsity team beat Millard North 65-60 Friday night. The win was the fifth of five wins over the Mustangs for the Wildcat program.

Adam Staashelm led three players in double digits with 19 points. Ben Kositzke and Phil Ehly added 16 and 10 points for the Wildcats. Kositzke led the team with 8 rebounds.

Millard North led early and never lost the lead in the first quarter. The Wildcats tied the game at 12-12 on a 3-pointer by Hunter Longacre. The Wildcats committed 7 turnover in the first quarter. The Mustangs led 16-14 after the first quarter.

"I thought we played a little tight to start the game," coach Bill Morrison said. "We made some mistakes that we haven't made all year."

The 2nd quarter saw more scoring by both teams. Millard West went on a 7-0 run early in the quarter and led throughout most of the 2nd period. The Wildcats took the biggest lead of

the half 37-33 shortly before the break. Two free throws by Ethan Morrison drew the Mustangs within two at the break 37-35.

"We took better care of the ball, but I didn't think we played very well on defense," Morrison said.

The pace of the game slowed down in the third quarter. West opened up an 8-point lead at the end of the quarter by outscoring North 13-7 in the quarter.

Morrison was pleased with his team's defensive adjustments in the third quarter. "We were able to keep them out of the lane and make them shoot from the outside," he said.

The Wildcats were able to hold onto the lead for the entire fourth quarter, but the Mustangs would not make it easy on them.

Dillon Nelson made a basket to pull the Mustangs to within two, 54-52 midway through the final period. Two free-throws by Nelson brought North within three a minute later 57-54. The Wildcats were 6 of 6 from the foul line and kept North from getting any closer.

With 5.7 seconds remaining, North forced West to call a timeout when they could not inbound the ball. On the next play, Staashelm broke free and made a basket at the buzzer to win the game 65-60.

"I thought we were playing 'not to lose' early in the fourth quarter," Morrison said. "After we relaxed we really played some smart basketball and made some big free throws."

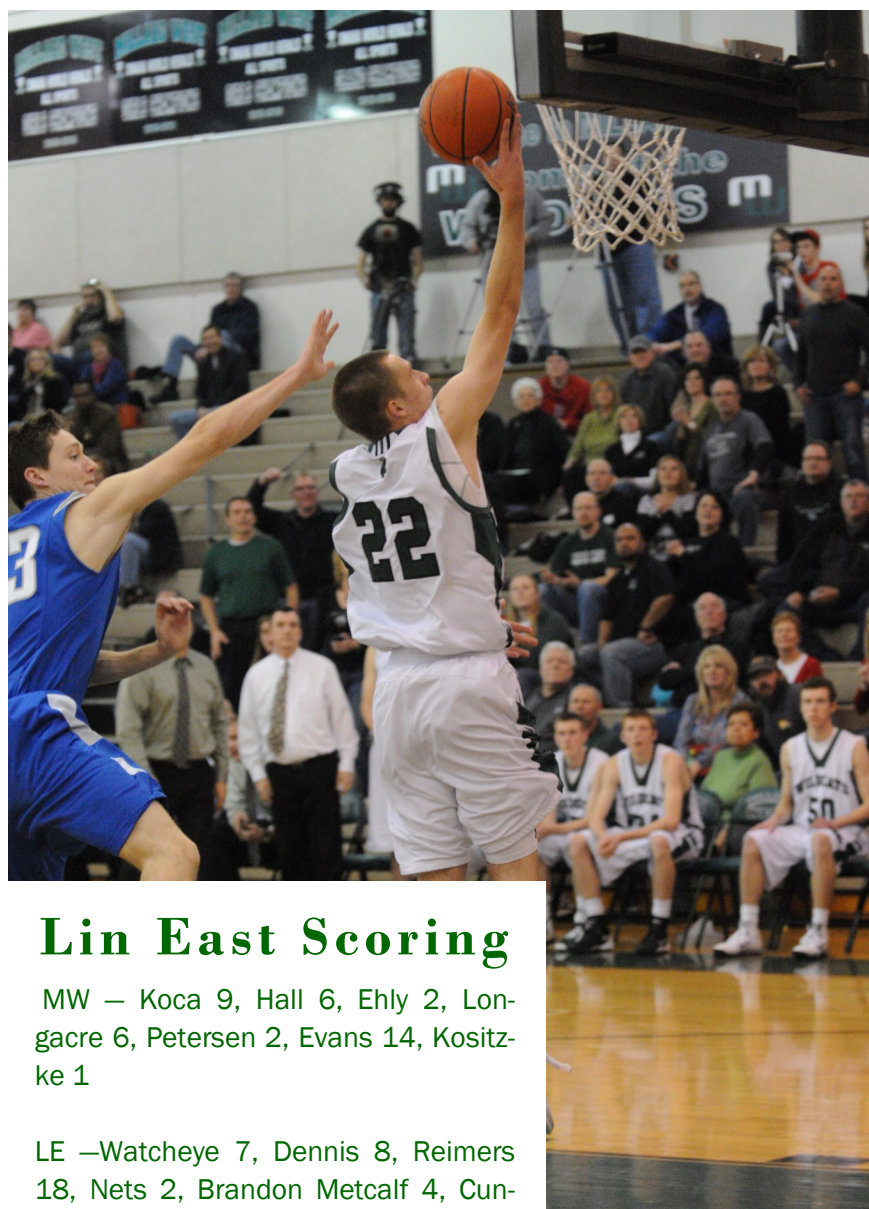
The game moved the Wildcats to 2-3 on the season.. Four of their five games have been decided by five or less points.

"It was nice to come out on top this time.," Morrison said. "We worked on some end of the game situations this week and concentrated on making some free throws."

MN	16	19	7	18	60
MW	14	23	13	15	65

MN — Morrison 4, Nelson 19, Hagge 8, Steed 18, Larson 2, Lenaugh 9

MW — Koca 3, Hall 5, Ehly 10, Staashelm 19, Longacre 3, Petersen 2, Evans 7, Kositzke 16.



Lin East Scoring

MW — Koca 9, Hall 6, Ehly 2, Longacre 6, Petersen 2, Evans 14, Kositzke 1

LE — Watcheye 7, Dennis 8, Reimers 18, Nets 2, Brandon Metcalf 4, Cun-





Simpson Sparks North Star Comeback Victory

Coach Tony Quattrocchi didn't hesitate to put the ball in the hands of Triston Simpson, his sophomore point guard, with the game on the line in the fourth quarter.

Simpson responded with seven of his 15 points to help Lincoln North Star rally for a 55-54 victory against Millard West on Saturday at the North Star gym.

"The directive was for him to create off the dribble. He got us the lead last night doing that, but we couldn't hold on," Quattrocchi said of his team's loss at North Platte.

With North Star trailing 45-42 early in the fourth quarter, Simpson drove for a layup, and after Millard West's 6-foot-7 Ben Kositzke scored, Simpson drove again, this time getting fouled,

my game to help us get this win.

"The first three games, I really struggled at the line, so I started staying after practice to work on that." Simpson was 6-for-6 at the line.

"They were really trying to deny Connor, and that opened more driving gaps for Triston."

After another Kositzke basket, Logan Broeker drove for a layup before Kositzke answered again. Broeker made a pair of free throws with 31 seconds left and Kositzke got a tip-in with two seconds to play.

Kositzke rebounded when Logan Cale missed the front end of a one-and-one, but his full-court heave bounced off the rim as the buzzer sounded.

"For a while we were trading baskets. We needed to get some stops," said coach Bill Morrison. "Part of the reason they got to the basket was because we were out covering their shooters because they all can shoot."

Kositzke led Millard West (2-4) with 24 points and 15 rebounds. Musiel paced North Star with 16 points, and Broeker had 11.

Millard West	16	8	19	11	- 54
North Star	1	3	10	17	15 - 55

MW—Ehly 11, Longacre 3. Evans 8, Kositzke 24, Koca 2, Petersen 6, **Totals** 23-47 7-12 54.

LNS—Bolles 8, Musiel 16, Broeker 11, Simpson 15, Cale 3. **Totals** 18-43 15-17 55.

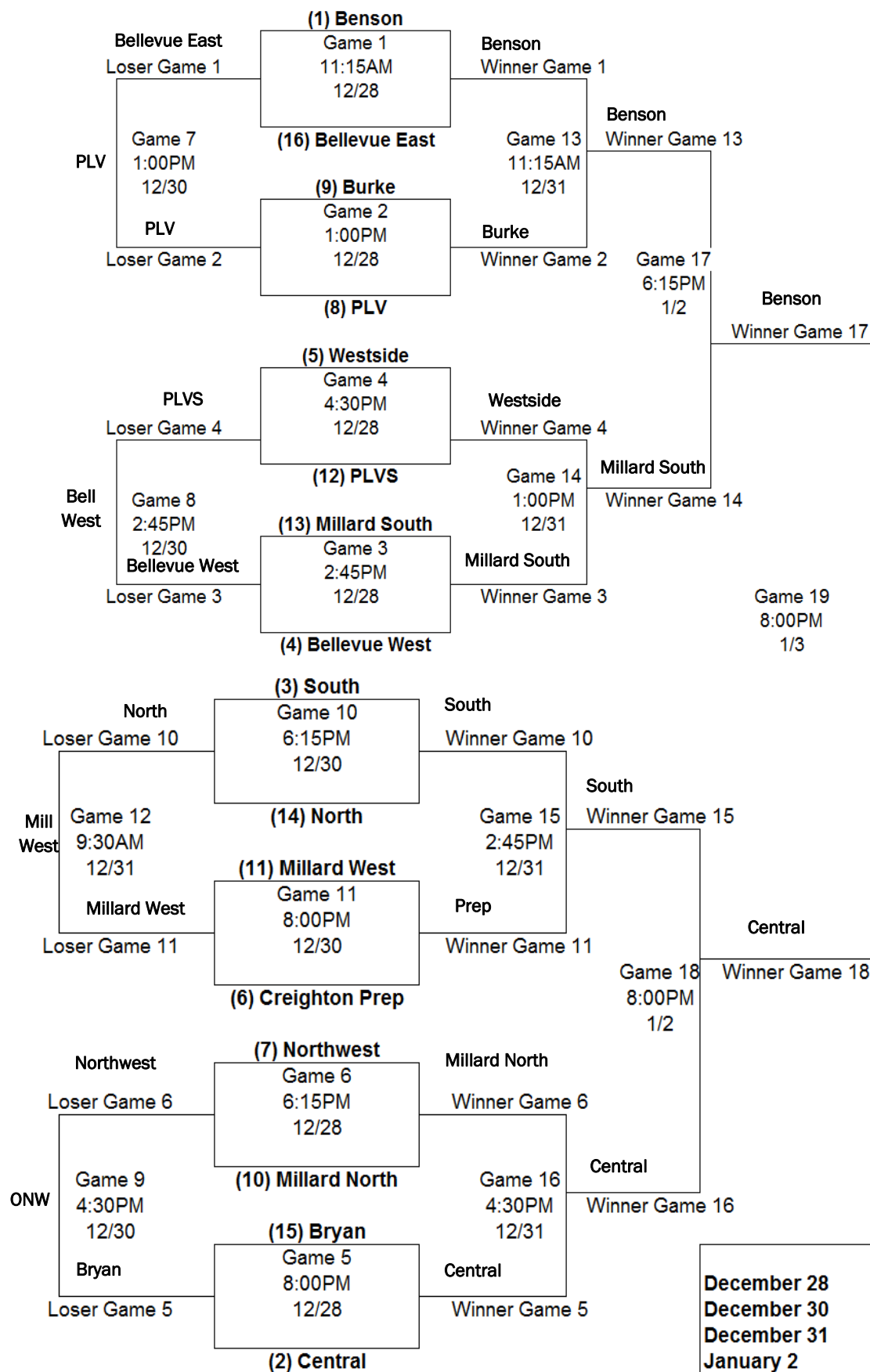


and he made both free throws. After a Millard West turnover, Connor Musiel gave North Star its first lead of the game, 48-47.

Kositzke made a free throw, but Simpson again came through, this time with a three-pointer from the top of the key.

"I knew they were going to be all over Connor because he's a great player," Simpson said. "I told myself I had to step up

Metro Holiday Basketball Tournament 2013-14 Boys Bracket



SCHEDULE OF GAMES/LOCATIONS	
Dec. 28, 30, and 31	Games 1 – 16 @ Millard South
Jan. 2 and Jan. 3	Games 17 – 19 @ CIVIC



Games	
December 28	1,2,4,3,5,6
December 30	7,8,9,10,11
December 31	12,13,14,15,16
January 2	17,18
January 3	19



Pritchard Powers Prep Past Wildcats in Overtime

Tommy Pritchard got on one of the hottest second-half rolls ever in the Metro Holiday Tournament.

The Prep 5-foot-10 junior made 9 of his final 12 shots, including 5-of-7 on 3s, in scoring 29 of his season-high 32 points.

His final seven points came in overtime, in which the preseason No. 9 Junior Jays outscored Millard West 20-8, for an 82-70 first-round victory Monday night at Millard South.

“He can score in flurries like that,” Prep coach Josh Luedtke said. “Our guards did a good job of penetrating and pitching.”

Isaiah Maxwell added 18 points, including four 3s, for Prep. The Junior Jays made a school-record 14 3s, sinking half of their attempts.

Millard West (2-5) scored the first eight points of the game and had double-digit leads in each of the first three quarters before Pritchard

caught fire.

He scored on six of seven possessions — four 3s, a 3-point play and a basket — with Maxwell making two free throws in the middle as Prep went from trailing 42-30 to leading 49-48 entering the final quarter.

Most of his treys came from the right corner.

“We know the play,” coach Bill Morrison said. “We over-helped a few times. Then one time in there, he got us on a back-door play.”

Prep's final lead of regulation came on Pritchard's last of his six 3s for the game, with 1:53 left. Again from the right corner.

Ben Kositzke, the Wildcats' 6-7 junior, tied the game with 7 seconds left.

Pritchard nearly ended the game in regulation, with his long-range 3 going in-and-out at the buzzer.

Adam Staashelm had 22 points to

lead the Wildcats, who have less than 12 hours before playing Omaha North in a Tuesday morning consolation game.

Joey Evans and Kositzke had 16 points apiece, with Kositzke getting a game-high 15 rebounds.

Scoring

Prep	16	11	22	13	20	82	West
	21	12	15	14	8	70	

P: Pritchard 32, Maxwell 18, Witecy 11, Allbery 7, J Mattern 6, Scott 7, Broderick 1.

MW: Staashelm 22, Hall 7, Peterson 2, Kositzke 16, Evans 16, Ehly 4, Koca 2,.



Lower Level Tournament Results

The **Freshman** Wildcats won their Holiday Tournament at Millard West. On Saturday, they beat Bellevue West 56-39. JJ Schomberg led the team with 13 points.

In the finals, Millard West outscored Millard North 34-16 in the second half and won 50-33. Hay scored 14 of his 15 points in the 2nd half to lead the team.

The **Reserve** team lost to Westside 37-43 in overtime in the first round of their tournament at Creighton Prep. Spencer Lear led the team with 9 points.

The Wildcats bounced back and won the consolation game 57-38 over Papillion-South to take home the 3rd place trophy. Dylan Thompson scored 13 points and Jack Dornmandle added 10.

The **Junior Varsity** team won their Holiday Tournament at Millard North by beating both of the other two Millard schools.

In the opening round West beat South in overtime 47-46. Tyler Sharp led the team with 11 points.

West ran away with the Championship by beating North 59-32. Sharp led the team again with 9 points.

West Wins Consolation Game Over Vikings

Millard West and Omaha North met in the 9:30 AM consolation game of the Metro Tournament Tuesday morning after playing the two late games Monday night. The first half looked as if both teams were still in bed. Millard West won the game 42-27.

Joey Evans led the Wildcats with 11 points and Adam Staashelm added 12. Howard Glass scored 10 for the Vikings.

The 27 points scored by North would have been a new record for low points scored in tournament his-

tory, but Papio South was held to 26 points Saturday night. The record low of 28 was previously held by Millard West.

Both teams started slowly in the first quarter. West was leading 6-4 at the end of the period.

Scoring did not pick up in the 2nd quarter. North outscored Millard West 7-6 in the quarter but trailed 12-11 at the half.

"We settled for a lot of 3's in the first half," Coach Morrison said. "We didn't have any legs and left a lot of shots short."

Millard West was 0-9 from behind the arc and 5-19 total field goals in the first half. Omaha North was 5-16 shooting including 0-5 from 3-point range. Both teams committed 10 turnovers in the half.

"It was a really tough turn-around playing in less than 12 hours. We didn't play very well in the first half. Luckily, they didn't either," Morrison said.

West started the 2nd half with a 12-3 run in seven possessions and extended their lead to 24-14. Adam Staashelm made 2 3-pointers in the quarter, and the Wildcats led 29-21 at the end of the 3rd.

West did most of their damage in the 4th quarter from the free throw line. Eleven of the team's 13 points came from an 11-15 performance from the line.

Morrison was happy with his teams 2nd half performance. "We just came out with more energy on offense. Our defense was pretty good the whole game."

The two teams will meet again at Omaha North on February 8.

MW	6	6	17	13	42
ON	4	7	10	6	27

MW — Koca 8, Sealer 2, Hall 5, Staashelm 10, Evans 11, Kositzke 6.

ON — J. Patton 4, Nash 1, Reed 4, Martin 3, Howard 10, K Patton 5.





Wildcats Start Strong, Never Look Back

Millard West outscored Grand Island 22-13 in the first quarter and continued on to win 63-46 Tuesday Night at Millard West High School. West had three players score in double digits led by Ben Kositzke with 17 points. Adam Staashlem and Austin Hall scored 15 and 11 points for the Wildcats. Pierce Almond led all scorers with 20 points for the Islanders.

Grand Island struck first early in the game and the two teams exchanged baskets to make the score 6-6 early in the game. Staashelm started a 14-3 run by connecting on a 3-pointer. Hall gave the Wildcats a spark by scoring 9 points off the bench in the quarter. West led 22-13 after the first eight minutes of play.

Kositzke led the Wildcats in the second quarter with 7 points. Pierce Almond connected on two 3-pointers to lead Grand Island with 6 of their points. Millard West led 36-23 at the quarter.

"I was happy with our half-court defense in the first half," Coach Bill Morrison said. "Almond makes their team go and we wanted to keep him off balance. I thought we did a pretty good job on him early."

Almond was able to score 10 points in the 3rd quarter for the Islanders, but Grand Island could not cut into the Wildcat lead. Hunter Longacre led West with six points on two 3-pointers in the quarter. West won 50-37 at the end of the 3rd quarter.

"We knew they wouldn't quit. Grand Island is a hard-working team," Morrison said. "Almond

made some really tough shots in the quarter."

The two teams exchanged baskets early in the quarter to make the score 41-52 before West went on a 10-0 run to give the Wildcats their biggest lead 62-41. Staashelm scored the first seven points of the run for West.

West out-rebounded Grand Island 32-28 and only committed 6 turnovers to Grand Island's 12. Phil Ehly led the Wildcats with 10 rebounds

and 5 assists.

GI	13	10	14	9	46
MW	22	14	14	13	63

GI – Almond 20, Shuck 5, Morrow 6, Chol 2, Wojtalewicz 4, Biel 5, Uhing 4

MW – Koca 1, Wulf 1, Hall 11, Ehly 4, Staashelm 15, Longacre 6, Evans 8, Kositzke 17

Eagles Soar Over Wildcats

Central outscored Millard West 24-12 in the 3rd quarter en route to a 63-42 win. Jack Coles led Central with 14 points. Trishaw Thurman and Austin McCaughey scored 13 points each for the Eagles. Ben Kositzke led all scorers with 17 points for Millard West.

The Wildcats had trouble scoring in the first quarter. Central outscored Millard West 16-8 in the first quarter. West was 3-13 shooting in the quarter.

The second quarter was evenly played between the two teams. Central extended their lead by one by outscoring the Wildcats 11-10 in the quarter. The Eagles led by nine, 27-18, at the half.

"We missed a lot of easy shots in the first half," Coach Morrison said. "I thought we were doing things right, but rushed our shots."

Central turned up their defensive pressure in the third quarter. Millard West committed nine turnovers in the quarter including a stretch of six on six straight posses-

sions. Central went on a 10-0 run in that stretch to make the score 45-23.

"Central's press is what makes them good. We had a stretch where we didn't make very good decisions with the ball and they turned them into points," Morrison said.

Central led 51-30 at the end of the 3rd quarter.

West was not able to cut into the Eagle lead in the final period. Central won by a final score of 63-42.

"Central is the measuring stick of high school basketball. We have to learn from our mistakes and move on," Morrison said. "We have two tough games next week that we have to get ready for."

Millard West outrebounded Central 41-25 but struggled in most other categories. The Wildcats committed 23 turnovers to Central's 12. West was 23-50 from the field including 1-16 from the 3-point line.

Wildcats Fall Short to #3 Benson

Millard West had their chances to upset Class A #3 Omaha Benson Friday night, but fell short in a 58-53 loss at Benson High School.

Maurice Buckley led the Bunnies with 18 points, and Tyree Peter added 12. Ben Kositzke led all scorers with 22 points for West. Joy Koca added 11.

The Wildcats trailed by three, 56-53, late in the game but turned the ball over on three straight possessions. West continued to have chances to pull an upset because Benson missed five free throws in a row.

Benson started the game by scoring the first 8 points of the game. The Wildcats were able to match Benson's scoring throughout the rest of the quarter despite five first quarter turnovers. Benson led 18-10 after the first period of play.

The Bunnies started the 2nd quarter with a 6-1 run and build their biggest lead of the game, 24-11. West finished the quarter with a 12-2. The run was capped off by 3-pointers by Koca and Austin Hall. Benson led 26-23 at the half. Ben Kositzke scored 8 of the 11 Wildcat points in the quarter.

"It looked like it was going to be a long night after the first quarter," Coach Bill Morrison said. "But we settled down and hit some shots in the 2nd quarter.

Our defense was also better in the 2nd quarter."

West started the 2nd half on an 8-0 run and took their only lead of the game 31-29. Miles Tiller ended the run with a 3-pointer. Marshawn Stewart added a basket and another 3-pointer to put the Bunnies back in the lead 37-31.

"We hung tough, but they always seemed to have answer when we made a run," Morrison said. "They are very athletic and made some big plays."

Benson looked like they were going to take control of the game by building a 53-45 lead with just under three minutes left in the game. West had one more run in them.

A basket by Hall and two 3's by Koca pulled the Wildcats within three points, 56-53.

Morrison is not discouraged by his team's close loss. "We will get over the hump soon if we keep giving this kind of effort. We still have a lot of season left."

MW	10	13	11	19	53
OB	18	8	11	21	58



MW — Koca 11, Hall 7, Ehly 6, Staashelm 3, Evans 2, Anderjaska 2, Kositzke 22.

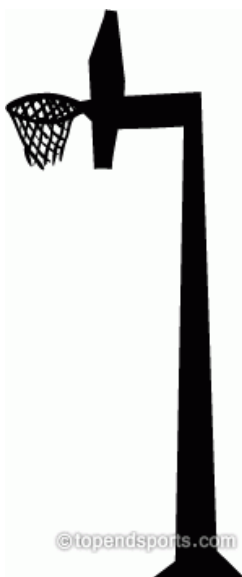
OB — Peter 12, Barfield 2, Bol 9, Stewart 9, Buckley 18, Clayton 8.

Central Scoring

OC	16	11	24	12	63
MW	8	10	12	12	46

OC — Harris 7, turnover 3, Jimerson 5, Sams 2, Coles 14, Polk 1, Agau 3, McCaughey 13, Nyoach 2, Thurman 13

MW — Hall 6, Ehly 9, Longacre 5, Petersen 2, Evans 2, Olsen 1, Kositzke 17



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Warriors Defend Their Home Court

The Millard West Wildcats wanted to go into Westside and take home a victory. Westside would not allow that. From the opening tip, Westside played with a purpose and beat West 72-46.

Four Westside players scored in double-digits. Kevin Metoyer and Michael Herrmann scored 17 points each. Mike Kiger and Jake Meyers added 11 and 10 points respectively.

Ben Kositzke scored 14 points for the Wildcats and Adam Staashelm added 10 points.

Westside opened the game by scoring on eight of their twelve possessions in the first quarter. They started with a 12-3 run and led 19-13 at the end of the period. Joey Koca cut the Warrior lead to six by making a 3/4-court shot at the buzzer.

“That may have been the only good thing that happened all day,” Coach Bill Morrison said.

The Wildcats started the 2nd quarter with three turnovers in their first four possessions. The Warriors extended their lead to 27-15. Westside led 33-21 at the half.

Westside continued their onslaught in the 2nd half. They started the third quarter with a 15-4 run by scoring on six of their first seven possessions. Three different Warriors made three-pointers in that run. The Warriors led 54-35 at the end of the third quarter.

Westside finished the game by outscoring West 18-11 in the 4th quarter.

“That was a very disappointing performance,” Coach Morrison said. “They shot uncontested shots, disrupted our offense all game, and just played harder than us for 32 minutes.”

MW	13	8	14	11	46
OW	19	14	21	18	72

MW — Koca 6, Hall 5, Ehly 4, Staashelm 10, Petersen 4, Evans 3 Kositzke 14.

OW — Nemecek 3, Metoyer 17, Meyers 10, Hermann 17, Kiger 11, T. Meeks 4, AJ Meeks 2, Bratton 6, Matt 2.

Big Ben Blocks Bryan

Ben Kositzke recorded 11 blocks, grabbed 7 rebounds, and scored 16 points to lead the Millard West Wildcats to a 48-37 victory over Bryan.

Akot Riak and Warol Gatdit scored 29 of the Bears’ 37 points. Riak led the way for Bryan with 19 points and 9 rebounds.

“We did a pretty good job on defense,” Coach Bill Morrison said. “We gave up a few too many drives to the basket, but Ben seemed to be there a lot to block or alter the shot.”

Millard West outscored Bryan 8-6 in the first quarter. The Wildcats were 3-7 from the field and 2-4 from the free throw line while committing 6 turnovers in the quarter. Bryan also committed 6 turnovers and was 3-11 from the field.

“We committed some uncharacteristic turnovers tonight and did not shoot the ball very well,” Morrison said. “We just never seemed to get very comfortable on offense tonight.”

Millard West extended their half time lead to nine by outscoring Bryan 14-7 in the 2nd quarter. Riak scored all 7 points for the Bears.

The Wildcats were 5-13 from the field and turned the ball over 7 times in the third quarter. Bryan was 3-13 from the floor and turned the ball over 4 times. Kositzke recorded four of his blocks on one possession early in the 2nd half. West led 32-21 at the end of the 3rd quarter.

West scored on four of five possessions to extend their lead to 42-28 midway through the 4th quarter. Turnovers on three straight possessions by the Wildcats allowed the Bears to stay in the game.

OB	6	7	8	16	37
MW	8	14	10	16	48

OB — Cannon 2, Riak 19, Gatdit 10, Gonzales 1, Mitchell 3, Nekola 2

MW — Koca 2, Hall 4, Ehly 4, Staashelm 6, Petersen 8, Evans 4, Anderjaska 4, Kositzke 16

BEAST Scares Wildcats

Millard West looked sharp early, but Bellevue East gave the Wildcats a scare until the final minutes of the game at Bellevue East Thursday night.

West used their inside game to beat the Chieftains. Ben Kositzke led Millard West with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Joey Evans added 15 points to the winning cause.

Bellevue East had three players score in double-digits. Eric Lenear led the team with 15 points. Trevor Lenear added 14 points, while Brady Pelzer scored 12.

Kositzke scored seven points in a 9-1 Wildcat run to start the game. East started scoring after calling a time-out and switching to a zone defense. They scored with West for the rest of the quarter. West led 16-9 at the end of the first.

The Chieftains started the 2nd quarter with a 10-2 lead and took their first lead of the game 19-18 with 4:33 left in the half. Trevor Lenear scored a basket to close the half and gave East a 23-21 lead at the break. Millard West only scored five points in the quarter.

"We started out great to-night," Coach Bill Morrison said. "When they went to zone, we had trouble scoring. I thought we got some good shots, but they just didn't fall."

Bellevue East built their lead to 30-23 with 4:24 left in the third quarter. Joey Koca hit one of his two three-pointers to cut the lead to four. The Chieftains build their lead back up to six before Koca hit another three-pointer. East held onto

the lead through the period and led 36-34 at the buzzer.

"Joey's 3's were big because it felt like Bellevue was ready to take control of the game," Morrison said.

A basket by Kositzke and two free-throws by Joey Evans gave Millard West the lead 38-36. The Wildcats scored on their first six possessions of the 4th quarter, but could not extend their lead to more than two because of three straight baskets by the Chieftains.

West would not relinquish their lead for the rest of game. Kositzke and Evans both scored six points to lead the Wildcats to a 54-48 victory.

"Bellevue East plays really hard. I was worried about them all day," Morrison said. "It's tough to play with intensity when you think you should win the game. We need to play that hard all the time."

Millard West moved their record to 6-8 on the year. Bellevue East has now lost 32 games in a row. Their last win was the first game of the 2012-13 season.

MW	16	5	13	20	54
BE	9	14	13	12	48

MW — Koca 6, Hall 8, Ehly 1, Staashelm 2, Evans 15, Anderjaska 3, Kositzke 19.

BE — Pelzer 12, E. Lenear 15, Barrett 2, Connor 5, T. Lenear 14.





Wildcats Pounce on Silver Hawks

The Millard West Boys Basketball Team traveled to Lincoln and left with a 21-point victory over Lincoln Southwest, 62-41.

The Wildcats never trailed in the game and were able to go deep into their bench for most of the 2nd half.

Adam Staashelm and Ben Kositzke scored 12 and 11 points respectively to lead West's scoring. Tyler Lenz led Southwest with 11 points.

West started the game with a 7-0 run and did not give up a field goal in the first quarter. Two free throws by Javad Fatemi were the only two points by the Silver Hawks. West led 12-2 at the end of the first.

Southwest fought back in the 2nd quarter and outscored the Wildcats 12-8. Avery Prai and Connor Works hit 3-pointers cut the lead to 12-16. Millard West led 20-14 at the end of the half.

"We did a great job defensively. We wanted to take away the 3-point line. They only made two in the first half," Morison said.

West started the 2nd half with a 6-0 run. Davis Peterson was fouled on a field goal and made the ensuing free throw. The Wildcats scored the next 10 points of the game and took a 36-17 lead with 4:21 left in the period.

Millard West led 42-23 at the end of the 3rd quarter. Austin Hall scored all six of his points in the 3rd quarter.

The starting line up of the Wildcats started on the floor to begin the final period. West scored 11 points on their first seven possessions.

Millard West held their biggest lead of the game, 53-28, before going to their bench.

Twelve different Wildcats scored in the game. West outrebounded the Silver Hawks 41-28. Ben Kositzke led the team with 8 rebounds.

"I think this was the best we have played mentally. The guys followed the game plan, communicated, and made great adjustments," Morrison said.

MW	12	8	22	20	62
LSW	2	12	9	18	41

MW — Koca 2, Loberg 6, Sealer 1, Hall 6, Ehly 6, Staashlem 12, Petersen 3, Evans 9, Conway 2, Anderjaska 1, Olson 3, Kositzke 11.

LSW — Prai 3, Peterson 5, Rowlett 3, Els 4, Fatemi 2, Thomas 3, Conklin 2, Works 5, Shanahan 3, Lenz 11.

Millard South Invades West's Boundaries

Millard West hosted Millard South on a rare weekend home game for the Wildcats, but were unable to defend their home court. South used a strong 2nd quarter to take the lead from West and led throughout the 2nd half for a 55-49 victory.

South's guard tandem of Troy Sedlacek and Wyatt Miller scored 18 and 17 points respectively. Ben Kositzke scored 18 for the Wildcats.

Coach Bill Morrison said his team's game plan was centered around South's two guards. "We knew we had to stop Miller and Sedlacek. They are do a nice job of get-

ting into the lane and keeping their dribble alive."

Millard West started the game with a basket by Kositzke and led throughout the 1st quarter. Both teams had trouble scoring in the quarter. West led 9-7 at the end of the period.

West extended their lead to 14-8 after a 3-pointer by Adam Staashelm and another basket by Kositzke. South called a timeout with 5:53 left in the quarter and switched to a 1-3-1 zone defense.

"We knew when Riley Miller came in, they would switch to a 1-3-1. We

worked on what we wanted to do against it all week," Morrison said.

The plan did not work. South forced 3 turnovers and 2 shots from 25 feet. South took the lead with a 7-0 run and led 15-14 midway through the 2nd quarter. A 3-pointer from Hunter Longacre brought the score to 22-19 with the Patriots leading going into the half.

The two teams continued to play solid defense Through most of the 3rd quarter. South went a seven point run to extend their lead to 33-24. West was able to score six points on their last two possession.



South led 35-30 and the end of the 3rd quarter.

South exploded for 20 points in the 4th quarter. Sedlacek and Miller scored 18 of the Patriot's 20 points.

"They completely controlled the 4th quarter. We couldn't get them to give up the ball," Morrison said of Sedlacek and Miller.

The Patriots led by 13 before West made 3-pointers on each of their last four possessions. They fouled South to try to regain the lead. Sedlacek and Miller made 7 of 8 free throws down the stretch to keep the Wildcats at bay.

MS — 7 15 13 20 55

MW — 9 10 11 19 49

MS — Rudolph 3, W. Miller 17, Sedlacek 18, Sieg 3, Pauli 7, Rockwell 7.

MW — Koca 8, Hall 3, Ehly 2, Staashelm 9, Longacre 3, Evans 6, Kositzke 18.

Bulldogs Blitz the Wildcats

Omaha Burke came out hot against Millard West Friday night and never really looked back. The Bulldogs won 59-49.

Three Burke players scored in double digits. Trey Carr led the way with 15 points, and Noah Fant and Wanjang Tut added 14 and 12 respectively.

Ben Kositzke led the Wildcats with 13 points and 10 rebounds.

After a Millard West turnover, Carr started the Burke scoring with a 3-pointer, and Ryan Poppen added another 3-pointer on the next possession.

The Bulldogs took an early 8-0 lead and led 13-7 at the end of the first quarter.

"We did not come out of the locker room ready to play. Their best two shooters got really good looks to start the game," Coach Bill Morrison said.

The Wildcats scored on their first seven possessions of the 2nd quarter

and took a 22-21 lead. Burke finished the quarter with a 6-0 run and led 27-21.

Adam Staashlem made a 3-pointer for West to pull within three points 33-30.

Millard West did not score a point in the last four minutes of the quarter. Burke led 46-40.

Burke built a lead as big as 17, but the Wildcats did not give up. West cut the lead to 54-46 after a 10-0 run but could get any closer.

MW 7 15 8 19 49

OB 13 14 19 13 59

MW — Koca 5, Loberg 2, Ehly 8, Staashelm 5, Longacre 3, Petersen 5, Evans 7, Anderjaska 1, Kositzke 13.

OB — Carr 15, Henderson 7, Poppen 9, Tut 12, Fant 14, Blankenfeld 2





Wildcats Sink Vikings

The ball seemed to be bouncing the Wildcats way in the first half as Millard West beat Omaha North 56-30 Saturday night.

Joey Evans led the Wildcats with 12 points and 6 rebounds. Justin Patton led the Vikings with 10 points and 7 rebounds.

West jumped out to an early 4-0 lead and North coach, Jared Anderson called a timeout with 5:58 remaining in the first quarter.

The Wildcats used a combination defense to control guard Davion Reed. The Vikings did not score a field goal in the first quarter and led 11-2 after 8 minutes of play.

“The guys did a great job on defense,” Morrison said. “Reed has been playing very well in the past few games. We didn’t want to let him get comfortable.”

In the 2nd quarter, The Wildcats forced six turnovers in the first half of the quarter and extended their lead 18-4. North scored on 4 of their last 5 possessions of the half. West took a 25-13 lead into the locker room.

Morrison said that his team did a good job of being active on defense. “We rebounded well, got a lot of deflections and were the first to the ball through most of the first half,” he said.

Omaha North started the 2nd half with 3 consecutive turnovers. West



was very aggressive in the 2nd half and attacked the basket off the drive. The Wildcats made 6 trips to the free throw line. West was 4 of 10 in the quarter from the line.

West extended their lead six more points in the quarter as they built a 21 point lead and led 42-24 at the end of the 3rd period.

West’s defense continued to prevent the Vikings from scoring in the 4th quarter. Six different Wildcats scored in the quarter as West outscored the Vikings 14-6 in the final period of play.

“We just played with a lot more

confidence tonight,” Morrison said. “We communicated well toning. North did not get many open looks at the basket.

MW	11	14	17	14	56
ON	2	11	11	6	30

MW — Loberg 2, Hall 4, Ehly 8, Staashelm 9, Longacre 3, Petersen 6, Evans 12, Olson.

ON — J. Patton 10, Joe Nash 3, Agnew 3, Reed 4, Martin 2, Jones 2, Glass 2, K Patton 4.

Prep Wins in Overtime

For the 2nd time this season, Creighton Prep beat the Millard West Boys Basketball team in overtime. The Jr. Jays were 11-20 from 3-point land and 25-30 from the free throw line in the victory.

Drew Homa led 3 Jr. Jays in double figures with 25 points,. Tommy Pritchard scored 19 points and made 5-7 3-pointers, and Chad Witecy scored 11 points.

Millard West had four players score in double digits. Joey Koca led the way with 20 points followed by Adam Staashelm with 18 points. Ben Kositzke score 15 points and Joey Evans added 12.

Millard West started the game with an early 8-3 lead. Prep regained the lead 12-10 late in the quarter. Joey Koca hit a 3-pointer late in the quarter to take a 13-12 lead for the West.

The two teams exchanged leads early in the 2nd quarter. Pritchard and Mattern combined to make 5 3's in the quarter. Prep extended their lead to 35-26 going into half-time.

Millard West was able to score 17 points in the 3rd quarter, but could not cut into Prep's lead. Prep extended their lead to as much as 12 in the quarter and led 52-43.

Joey Koca led the Wildcat offensive attack with 9 points in the 4th quarter. The Wildcats outscored Prep 24-16 in the final period.

Prep led 63-56 before the Wildcats made their run. West rebounded the ball after James Scott made 1-2 free throws with just under 20 seconds left.

After a timeout, Joey Koca scored on a lay-up as the final buzzer went off to tie the game 67-67.

Prep won the tip going into overtime and Drew Homa mad a 3-point basket to take the first lead in overtime. West was able to score in overtime, but could not cut into Prep's lead because the Jr. Jays were 12-12 from the free throw line in the overtime

"We played well enough offensively, but we never seemed to be able to get a big stop when we needed it," Coach Morrison "We need to learn to win these games."

CP	12	23	17	16	15	82
MW	13	13	17	24	8	75

CP — Schenken 2, Pritchard 19, Maxwell 2, Allbery 8, Scott 7, Homa 27, Mattern 8, Witecy 9

MW —Koca 20, Hall 2, Ehly 6, Staashelm 18, Petersen 2, Evans 12, Kositzke 15

Fremont Wins in Last Second

Fans packed into Al Bahe Gymnasium on Saturday night couldn't have asked for a more dramatic finish to the boys basketball game between Fremont High and Millard West.

After seeing Millard West tie the game at 44-all on a 3-pointer by Adam Staashelm with 25 seconds remaining, the Tigers called a timeout to set up their final play. Fremont worked the clock down before Mitchell Hahn took an off-balanced shot that hit the rim and bounced into the hands of teammate Wes Spalding.

Spalding's putback attempt with three-tenths of a second left on the clock was good, and with a successful free throw after being fouled on the play, gave the Tigers a 47-44 win.

"We tried to put the ball in our best offensive weapons' (hands)," Fremont coach Mark Williams said. "We tried to have Mitch and Wes work each other out top with a little ball screen action. Mitch got to the corner and got twisted and didn't throw up a great shot."

Midway through the fourth quarter, it didn't look as though a shot at the buzzer would be necessary for an FHS win. The Tigers used a 6-0 run to build a seven-point lead (42-35) – its largest of the game – with 4:35 to play.

Millard West answered with six straight points of its own, including buckets by Joey Koca and Joey Evans, to pull within 42-41 with 2:06 remaining. Fremont's scoring drought ended with 56.2 seconds left when Hahn hit a pair of free throws. Staashelm followed that up with a game-tying trey on the Wildcats' next possession.

The Wildcats, whose starting lineup features 6-foot-7 Ben Kositzke
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Koca Hits Buzzer Beater to Beat Monarchs

Tigers beat Wildcats

The Wildcats, whose starting lineup features 6-foot-7 Ben Kositzke and 6-5 Evans, were the aggressors in the opening minutes of the game. Back-to-back buckets by Kositzke and a putback by Evans gave Millard West a quick 8-2 lead at the 4:47 mark of the first quarter.

The shooting of sophomore Matt Hahn then provided a spark for the Tigers. He scored seven points in the opening quarter, including a 3-pointer that gave FHS its first lead of the game of 13-12.

Staashelm scored the final 10 points for Millard West in the second quarter, including a layup following an FHS turnover that put the Wildcats up 25-23. Millard West did not score again before halftime, though, and the Tigers evened up the game at 25-all when Mitchell Hahn hit a basketball underneath on an assist from Ryan Williams.

Fremont turned up its defense in the second half and held the Wildcats to just two field goals in the third quarter. Staashelm and Evans, who had combined for 18 points in the first half, were both held scoreless in the quarter.

Fremont was led by Matt Hahn with 15 points. Mitchell Hahn scored 12 and Ryan Williams added 11. Staashelm had a game-high 17 points for the Wildcats. Kositzke scored 13 while Evans had 10.

Mil West	12	13	7	12	44
Fremont	13	12	11	11	47

MW — Koca 2, Hall 1, Ehly 1, Staashelm 17, Evans 10, Kositzke 13

FHS — Spalding 9, Ma Hahn 15, Williams 11, Mi Hahn 12 Bristol 3

On a night that did not seem like the Wildcats would be able to pull off a win, Joey Koca hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer to give West a 51-49 victory over Papillion-LaVista.

“That’s why we play the whole game,” Coach Morrison said. “We’ve been on the other end of games like this quite a few times this year. It’s nice to get the win.”

The Monarchs scored on 6 of their first 8 possessions and built up a 13-9 lead. A steal and a basket by Ayo Baker at the end of the quarter gave Papio a 15-9 lead.

Millard West scored on all but one of their possessions in the 2nd quarter, but could not stop Papio. Tyler Dougherty scored 7 points in the 2nd quarter and 11 in the first half. Papio led 29-26.

Papio built a 34-28 lead early in the 3rd quarter when Coach Morrison went to his bench. West put in five substitutes for their starters. The bench scored on five straight possessions and drew to within one point on a 3-pointer by Logan Anderjaska. Another basket by Dougherty ended the quarter with Papio up 42-39.

“I just didn’t think we were playing with much energy. We had to do something different. The bench did a great job of creating some excitement,” Morrison said.

Millard West took their first lead of the game on two free throws by Ben Kositzke. Baskets by Adam Staashelm and Phil Ehly gave the Wildcats a 47-42 lead.

But the game was far from being over.

Caleb Piatkowski made a 3-pointer and Papio called a timeout. West was unable to get the ball inbounds and turned it over on a 5-second count.

The Monarchs turned the ball back over to the Wildcats and fouled Ben Kositzke who made one of two free throws. Dougherty scored for Papillion to cut the lead to 48-47.

West missed the front end of a 1-on-1 free throw to give the Monarchs the ball with 18 seconds left in the game.

West had a foul to give so they fouled with 8.7 seconds remaining in the game. After two time outs, Papio inbounded the ball and got the ball to Dougherty who scored with 2.7 seconds left.

Millard West threw the ball the length of the court but were unable to get a hand on the ball. A Papillion player touched the ball before it hit the ground out of bounds.

West was awarded the ball under their own basket with 2.7 seconds still remaining on the clock. Koca inbounded the ball to Kositzke who gave it back to Koca in the opposite corner. Koca made the basket as the buzzer was going off.



Wildcats Celebrate Victory

"We didn't play great tonight, especially defensively. We need to learn from this and move on," Morrison said. "We have to have more close games than anyone in the state. That will help us in districts."

PLV	15	14	13	7	49
MW	9	17	13	12	51

PLV — Baker 6, Kalina 9, Piatkowski 12, Murphy 5, Dougherty 17

MW — Koca 11, Staashelm 6, Longacre 3, Hall 3, Ehly 6, Petersen 2, Evans 6, Anderjaska 9, Kositzke 5.

Cold Shooting Hurts Wildcats

The bus was hot on the way out to North Platte, but the shooting was not. Millard West shot 33% from the floor in a 44-38 loss to the North Platte Bulldogs.

Kade Erickson led all scorers with 19 points for the Bulldogs. Ben Kositzke scored 11 for the Wildcats.

The 1st quarter saw nine different players score as the score stayed close between the two teams. Adam Staashelm made a 3-pointer to give the Wildcats the biggest lead of the quarter, 7-4. The teams were all tied up, 11-11, at the end of the period.

The 2nd quarter remained close. North Platte switched their defense to a zone and the Wildcats tried to attack from the outside. West was 0-4 from behind the arc in the 4th quarter. The Bulldogs led through most of the 2nd quarter. A basket by Joey Evans tied the score at 20-20. Kositzke gave the Wildcats their first lead of the quarter as the quarter

ended with West ahead 22-20.

The Wildcats held North Platte to two points for the first seven minutes of the 3rd quarter, but they were unable to score enough to get a comfortable lead. Joey Evans made a free throw to give West a 30-22 lead with just over a minute left in the quarter. Erickson kept the game close for the Bulldogs by making a 3-pointer and getting a steal and a lay-up in the last minute of the quarter. West led 30-27 going into the final quarter.

West was able to build their lead to 34-29, but could not get the Bulldogs to quit fighting. North Platte cut the lead to 34-33 before west build their lead back to five points, 38-33.

West did not score in the last 3 minutes of the game. The Wildcats missed the front end of two 1-and-1 free throw situations and committed a turnover to allow North Platte to gain a 40-38 lead. North Platte was

8 of 8 free throws in the final quarter and earned the win.

"Our defense was good enough to win tonight, but we just didn't shoot it very well," Coach Morrison said. "Then, at the end of the game, we had some chances to take control of the game and didn't take advantage."

MW	11	11	8	8	38
NP	11	9	7	17	44

MW — Koca 2, Hall 3, Ehly 5, Staashelm 5, Evans 9, Anderjaska 2, Kositzke 11

NP — Mauch 8, Anderson 9, Erickson 19, Callaghan 6, Foote 2





Wildcats Outlast Bulldogs in A-6 Semifinal



SOUTH SIOUX CITY, Neb. — Millard West finally came out ahead in a close game against a ranked opponent.

The Wildcats are a game away from returning to the Class A state tournament after outlasting No. 7 Omaha Burke 43-40 in the District A-6 semifinals at South Sioux City's Mini-Dome.

It was the 13th game for Millard West (10-13) decided by six points or less.

"We've practiced those situations a lot and that came into play this time, I think," Wildcats coach Bill

Morrison said.

In Monday's final, Millard West will play Lincoln Northeast (11-12), which defeated the host Cardinals 61-57 in overtime. Northeast's Connor Springman forced the extra period with a buzzer-beating 3.

The Millard West - Northeast game will be played at 7 p.m. at Bellevue East. Officials at South Sioux, since the school will still get its cut of game revenue, agreed to let the participating schools move the game closer to home.

Millard West gave Burke (14-10) ample chances in the final 30 seconds by going 2 of 6 at the foul line.

After Ben Kositzke went 1 of 2 with 15.7 seconds left, the Bulldogs tried to go inside to Noah Fant. The 6-foot-4 sophomore forward already had eight points in the quarter.

Kositzke intercepted the entry pass, but missed both free throws with 3 seconds left. After the second

miss, the ball bounced to Philip Ehly, who was fouled and made 1 of 2 at the line with 2.3 seconds left.

Millard West then broke up the Bulldogs' final play at midcourt.

"The moment was too big for most of our guys," Burke coach Ben Holting said. "I thought after the first quarter (when Burke trailed 12-5) that we were doing better.

"We tied it up at halftime and had a little lead before they made a little run at us late in the third quarter (and into the fourth) and we never got quite back in it."

Fant finished with 16 points for Burke and Wanjang Tut, a 6-7 sophomore, had 11. Trey Carr, the Bulldogs' leading scorer, mustered five points on 2-of-9 shooting and didn't get a shot in the final quarter.

"They scored a lot inside, but that's because we were trying to take away the outside," Morrison said. "Adam Staashelm and Joey Koca each had him for a while.

"Carr's tough to guard because he can shoot from 25 feet or go around you."

Koca also scored 11 points. Austin Hall came off the bench for nine.

Burke (14-8).....5 14 11 10—40
M West (9-13)12 7 10 14—43

B: Noah Fant 16, Wanjang Tut 11, Dartan Henderson 7, Trey Carr 5, Nick McCulloch 1.

Helmstadter's Late Basket Boosts Rockets to Win

Lincoln Northeast never panicked, even after seeing its seven-point lead vanish late in the fourth quarter.

After Millard West tied the A-6 boys district championship game at 36 with 1:27 remaining Monday, Northeast worked the clock down to 18.9 seconds before calling time out.

Northeast guard Payton Helmstadter then worked his way into the lane and made a soft 8-foot jumper with seven seconds to play that propelled the Rockets to a 38-36 victory that puts them into next week's state basketball tournament.

"We want to win it on our terms, our shot at the end," Northeast coach David Mercer said. "I had so

much confidence in our guys to get it done."

The 12-13 Rockets unofficially will face No. 1 Omaha Benson in one of the four opening-round games at Lincoln's Pinnacle Bank Arena. Northeast will be the only school in the eight-team field with a sub-.500 record.

Helmstadter, who led all players with 15 points, admitted he was surprised he had such an easy look at the game-winning shot.

"I didn't think I'd be that wide open," Helmstadter said. "I thought it would be contested."

Millard West coach Bill Morrison said the Rockets successfully executed a pick that gave Helmstadter the wide-open shot.

"You don't want to give up that easy of a shot, but those things sometimes happen in pressure situations," Morrison said.

Northeast never trailed after taking an 8-7 lead late in the first quarter before an estimated crowd of 1,000 fans at Bellevue East. The 10-14 Wildcats trailed by nine midway through the second quarter before closing to 21-16 at halftime.

Northeast's lead was sliced to 27-25 by the end of the third quarter before an 8-3 run on three layups and a put-back gave the Rockets a 35-28 lead. Millard West responded with an 8-1 run on three layups and

two free throws.

After that, Helmstadter hit his game-winner, giving the Rockets their first state tournament berth since 2006.

MW (10-14)7 9 9 11-36
LNE (12-13)10 11 6 11-38

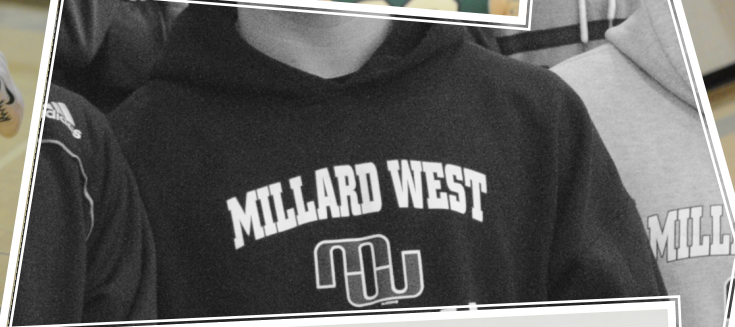
MW: Benjamin Kositzke 6-9 1-1 13, Joseph Evans 2-4 1-2 5, Logan Anderjaska 1-1 1-1 3, Philip Ehly 4-9 1-1 9, Joseph Koca 0-8 0-0 0, Adam Staashelm 1-7 0-0 3, Austin Hall 0-3 0-0 0, Hunter Longacre 0-2 3-3 3. Totals-14-43 7-8 36.

LNE: Derrick Curtis 1-2 0-0 2, Spencer Kirk 2-3 0-0 4, Connor Springman 3-9 1-2 7, Payton Helmstadter 7-12 1-2 15, Tyler Sorenson 1-1 0-0 2, Tyler Keller 2-4 0-0 6, Dalton Hegeholz 1-2 0-0 2. Totals-17-33 2-4 38.

3-point goals: MW 1-16 (Stasshelm 1-6, Koca 0-6, Hall 0-2, Longacre 0-2), LNE 2-8 (Keller 2-3, Springman 0-3, Helmstadter 0-1, Hegeholz 0-1). **Total fouls:** MW 9, LNE 15. **Turnovers:** MW 10, LNE 12. **Rebounds:** MW 20 (Ehly 6), LNE 23 (Springman 5). **Field-goal percentage:** MW .326, LNE .515. **Free-throw percentage:** MW .875, LNE .500. **Attd:** 1,000 (est.)



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		MW	OPP	Rebounds	Assists	Steals	Blocks	Points	Performance
LSE	L	51	56	Kositzke 6	Koca 7	JE/JK 2	Kositzke 2	Kositzke 13	Koca 8.99
KRNY	W	62	53	Evans 6	Koca 7	JE/JK 2	Kositzke 2	Kositzk 13	Kositzke 8.82
O SOUTH	L	55	58	Evans 9	JK/AS 4	Koca 3	Kositzke 3	Koca 15	Koca 12.43
L EAST	L	40	42	Evans 8	Staashelm 4	Staashelm 3	Petersen 2	Evans 14	Evans 9.32
MIL N	W	65	60	Kositzke 9	Kositzke 4	1	Kositzke 3	Staashelm 19	Staashelm 12.60
LN*	L	54	55	Kositzke 13	Koca 7	Koca 2	BK/HL 1	Kositzke 24	Kositzke 24.42
PREP	L	70	82	Kositzke 15	6	1	BK/CP 1	Staashelm 24	Kositzke 19.32
O NORTH	W	42	27	Petersen 6	JK/BK 2	Evans 3	1	Evans 11	Koca 9.05
GI	W	63	46	Ehly 10	Ehly 5	Koca 3	Kositzke 2	Kositzke 17	Kositzke 15.04
CENTRAL	L	42	63	PE/BK 10	Kositzke 3	Koca 3	Kositzke 4	Kositzke 17	Kositzke 21.26
BENSON	L	53	58	Ehly 10	BK/JK 4	Koca 2	Kositzke 5	Kositzke 21	Ehly 5.44
WESTSIDE	L	46	72	Kositzke 9	Ehly 3	1	Olsen 1	Kositzke 14	Kositzke 21.76
BRYAN	W	48	37	Kositzke 7	Ehly 3	Staashelm 5	Kositzke 11	Kositzke 16	Kositzke 20.26
BEL EAST	W	54	48	Kositzke 10	BK/PE 5	Ehly 3	Kositzke 2	Kositzke 19	Kositzke 14.38
LSW	W	62	41	Kositzke 8	JK/BK 3	3	1	Staashelm 12	Kositzke 14.93
MIL S	L	49	55	Kositzke 6	Koca 6	Kositzke 2	Blocks 4	Kositzke 18	Kositzke 8.60
BURKE	L	49	59	Kositzke 9	Kositzke 2	Staashelm 2	BK/ JE 1	Kositzke 13	Kositzke 13.10
O NORTH	W	56	30	Evans 6	4	Koca 4	Kositzke 5	Evans 12	Kositzke 13.10
PREP	L	75	82	Kositzke 8	Koca 5	JK/AS 2	Kositzke 11	Koca 20	Koca 15.76
FHS	L	44	47	BK/JE 4	3	Staashelm 2	Staashelm 1	Staashelm 17	Staashelm 12.65
PLV	W	51	49	LA/BK 3	Kositzke 4	Staashelm 2	Evans 2	Koca 11	Anderjaska 10.55
NP	L	38	44	Staashelm 6	Kositzke 5	1	Kositzke 2	Kositzke 11	Kositzke 7.16
D1: BURKE	W	43	40	Ehly 8	BK / JK 3	BK / JK 2	---	BK / JK 11	Koca 13.21
D2: LNE	L	36	38	Ehly 6	Kositzke 3	Kositzke 3	Kositzke 3	Kositzke 13	Kositzke 15.82
TOTAL		1247	1242	Kositzke 173	Koca 68	Koca 38	Kositzke 53	Kositzke 320	Kositzke 277.11





2013-14 Final Stats



Player	FGM	FGA	FG%	3M	3A	3%		FTA	FT%	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	PTS	PERF
#52 Ben Kositzke	125	243	51%	1	1	100%	69	121	57%	173	59	22	53	48	320	277.11
#20 Phil Ehly	50	107	47%	-	5	0%	24	33	73%	125	40	18	1	29	124	162.00
#3 Joey Koca	50	135	37%	24	71	34%	22	42	52%	67	68	38	3	49	146	120.64
#22 Adam Staashelm	64	186	34%	30	115	26%	43	55	78%	48	47	31	2	31	201	95.88
#40 Joey Evans	70	149	47%				45	78	58%	76	16	16	8	37	185	74.90
#32 Chandler Petersen	21	45	47%	-	14	0%	12	14	86%	34	24	5	7	20	54	55.62
#44 Logan Anderjaska	9	19	47%	1	1	100%	10	19	53%	25	7	7	0	5	29	32.09
#14 Austin Hall	34	97	35%	12	53	23%	33	50	66%	29	19	16	0	25	113	30.30
#5 Jake Loberg	2	8	25%	1	1	100%	8	13	62%	14	4	3	0	4	13	13.55
#24 Hunter Longacre	13	58	22%	13	53	25%	11	11	100%	19	7	2	4	12	50	10.79
#42 Caleb Conway	2	4	50%				-	2	0%	10	0	0	0	1	4	7.44
#12 Max Sealer	1	3	33%				1	2	50%	2	5	2	0	5	3	2.72
#50 Eric Olson	1	3	33%				2	8	25%	5	1	0	1	0	4	1.22
#10 Grant Wulf	-	4	0%	-	2	0%	1	2	50%	0	1	0	0	2	1	(5.50)
#4 Matt Butler	-	10	0%	-	10	0%	-	-		4	3	0	0	3	0	(6.00)
Totals:	442	1071	41%	82	326	25%	281	450	62%	685	301	160	79	278	1247	919.76
Opponents:	453	1048	43%	108	324	33%	228	338	67%	626	162	138	50	282	1242	775.54



New School Records and Leaders



Game Records / Leaders

1st	Team	27	Points Allowed
1st	Team	11.6	TO's per Game
1st	Adam Staashelm	9/9	Free Throws
1st T	Ben Kositzke	11	Blocks
2nd	Team	51.8	Defensive PPG



Season Records / Leaders

3rd	Ben Kositzke	61	Off. Rebounds
4th	Ben Kositzke	53	Blocks
5th	Adam Staashelm	78.2%	FT Percentage
7th	Joey Koca	38	Steals
7th	Ben Kositzke	112	Def Rebounds
7th	Ben Kositzke	173	Rebounds
8th	Ben Kositzke	69	FT's Made
9th	Ben Kositzke	124	2FG's Made
9th	Ben Kositzke	320	Points
10th	Adam Staashelm	30	3FG's Made

Career Records / Leaders

2nd*	Adam Staashelm	76.3%	FT Percentage
2nd	Ben Kositzke	96	Blocks
3rd	Ben Kositzke	172	FT's Made
4th	Ben Kositzke	115	Off Rebounds
5th	Ben Kositzke	202	Def Rebounds
6th	Ben Kositzke	317	Rebounds
6th	Ben Kositzke	181	2FG's Made
7th	Joey Koca	69	Steals
8th*	Ben Kositzke	9.3	Points Per Game
10th	Ben Kositzke	466	Points



	Season Leader	Stat
Made Free Throws	Ben Kositzke	69
Free Throw Percentage	Adam Staashelm	78.2%
2-Pointers Made	Ben Kositzke	124
2-Point Percentage	Ben Kositzke	51.4%
3-Pointers Made	Adam Staashelm	30
3-Point Percentage	Joey Koca	33.8%
Points	Ben Kositzke	320
Assists	Joey Koca	68
Blocked Shots	Ben Kositzke	53
Rebounds	Ben Kositzke	173
Steals	Joey Koca	38



Wildcat Basketball

JV

Front Row: Chase Bishop, Cole Stobbe, Mani Adams, Logan Anderjaska

Back Row: Coach Gall, Tyler Sharp, Cole Neville, Preston Humphrey, Westin Longacre, Mike Charvat, Coach Mustard



Reserve

Front Row: Jonathan Short, Tommy Ho, Connor Hargis, Robert Hay

Middle Row: Kyle Stevens, Matt Loberg, Dylan Thompson

Back Row: Coach Ryan, Spencer Lear, Alec White, Jack Domandle, Andrew White, Coach Freeman

Not Pictured: Chris Russell



Freshmen

Front Row: Sam McCoy, Ryan Hitchens, Andrew Dubas, Brandon Hargis, Simon Hay, Christian Hall

Middle Row: Bryce Bonner, Ryan Koltas, Brandon McClintock, Sammy Scharff, Sean Michel, Brandon Dewispelare, Blake Minden

Back Row: Coach DeLaet, Cory Staashelm, Ryan Buscher, Garrett Kocis, J.J. Schomberg, Omid Sidiqi, Brock Collins, Michael Dickmeyer, Caden Frank, Coach Rolfes

Varsity Roster				
#	Name	Ht.	Gr.	Pos.
3	Joey Koca	5'11"	12	G
4	Matt Butler	5'9"	12	G
5	Jake Loberg	6'1"	12	F
10	Grant Wulf	6'1"	12	G
12	Max Sealer	5'9"	11	G
14	Austin Hall	6'0"	10	G
20	Phil Ehly	6'2"	11	F
22	Adam Staashelm	6'0"	11	G
24	Hunter Longacre	6'5"	12	G
32	Chandler Petersen	6'1"	11	G
40	Joey Evans	6'5"	12	F
42	Caleb Conway	6'4"	11	F
50	Eric Olson	6'6"	12	C
52	Ben Kositzke	6'7"	11	C

Junior Varsity Roster				
3	Preston Humphrey	5'8"	10	G
5	Mani Adams	6'0"	11	G
10	Cole Stobbe	6'2"	10	G
12	Max Sealer	5'9"	11	G
14	Austin Hall	6'0"	10	G
22	Logan Anderjaska	6'2"	10	F
24	Tyler Sharp	6'3"	11	G
34	Mike Charvat	6'3"	11	F
40	Westin Longacre	6'8"	11	F
42	Caleb Conway	6'4"	11	F
44	Cole Neville	6'6"	11	C
50	Chase Bishop	6'3"	11	F

Reserve Roster			
#	Name	Ht.	Pos.
2	Robert Hay	5'8"	G
4	Jonathan Short	5'8"	G
10	Connor Hargis	5'7"	G
12	Tommy Ho	5'9"	G
21	Kyle Stevens	5'11"	F
22	Dylan Thompson	6'0"	G
30	Spencer Lear	6'3"	F
32	Chris Russell	6'1"	F
33	Matt Loberg	6'0"	F
44	Andrew White	6'3"	F
50	Alec White	6'5"	C
55	Jack Domandle	6'4"	C

Freshman Roster			
1	Ryan Hitchens	5'6"	G
3	Christian Hall	5'6"	G
5	Simon Hay	5'8"	G
11	Brock Collins	6'2"	C
12	Brandon Dewispelare	5'10"	F
14	Brandon Hargis	5'9"	G
15	Sam McCoy	5'2"	G
20	Garrett Kocis	6'4"	C
22	Bryce Bonner	6'1"	F
23	Sammy Scharff	5'10"	F
24	Andrew Dubas	5'7"	G
25	Brandon McClintock	5'11"	F
32	Ryan Koltas	5'11"	F
34	Ryan Buscher	6'2"	F
35	Sean Michel	5'8"	G
40	Caden Frank	6'1"	F
42	Blake Minden	5'10"	F
45	Michael Dickmeyer	6'0"	F
51	Omid Sidiqi	6'5"	C
52	JJ Schomberg	6'3"	C



Week 1

The **JV** team is off to a 2-0 start after the first weekend of play.

The JV's led LSE the entire game and fought off a 4th quarter come-back attempt to win 51-48. Austin Hall led the team with 8 points and Mani Adams and Westin Longacre both scored 7 points.

In their second game, the JV team outscored the Kearney Bearcats 21-6 in the 4th quarter for a come-from-behind victory, 51-39.

Tyler Sharp scored all 8 of his points in the 4th quarter. Cole Stobbe led the team with 10 points.

Week 2

The **JV** team split this week's games. They lost to Omaha South 49-56. Logan Anderjaska led the Wildcats with 12 points.

Against Lincoln East on Saturday, the JV won 53-39. Logan Anderjaska score 20 points and Preston Humphrey added 11 for the Wildcats.

The **Reserves** won their only game of the week. Spencer Lear scored 11

points in a 61-59 victory. Tommy Ho scored a basket in the last seconds to seal the win.

The **Freshman A** team is 2-0 after the first week. Sammy Scharff led the team to a victory over Omaha South with 14 points.

The Wildcat 9ers beat Lincoln Northeast 57-44 on Thursday. West outscored the Rockets 23-4 in the 3rd

quarter to break away from a halftime tie. Scharff again led all scorers with 14 points and Christian Hall added 13.

The **Freshman B** team won their first game of the season over Omaha South 40-35. Omid Sidiqi led the team with 11 points.

Week 3

The Freshman and Reserve teams traveled to Fremont on Monday and both came home with victories.

The **Freshman** won 67-62 in overtime. Millard West outscored Fremont 10-5 in Overtime to secure the victory. Brandon McClintock led Millard West with 13 points, Caden Frank and Christian Hall each pitched in 12 points a piece.

The **Reserves** had an easier time with the Tigers and won 49-27. Matt Loberg scored 11 points and led the team in rebounding.

On Tuesday, all four lower level teams beat Millard North.

The Millard West **Freshman A**

team turned in a fantastic defensive effort, holding the Mustangs to single digits in 3 of the 4 quarters. The Wildcats had 10 players score in the game, led by Ryan Buscher with 10 points. The A team won by a final score of 46-33.

The **B team** won 60-48. Andrew Dubas and Bryce Bonner led the Wildcats with 17 and 13 points.

The JV and Reserve games were very similar. Both teams fell behind in the first quarter and had to battle back for their wins.

The **JV's** used their press to get back in the game after giving up 21 points in the 1st quarter. West held

Millard North to 25 points in the last 3 quarters to win 59-46.

After trailing by 6 points with 1:35 left in the game, the **Reserves** went on a 12-0 run and won 54-48. Dylan Thompson made a 3-pointer with 2.6 seconds left in the game. Thompson led the team with 16 points.

The **JV** played Lincoln North Star on Saturday and won in overtime 51-46. Cole Stobbe converted an and-one with .5 seconds to send the game into overtime. Stobbe led the team with 13 points. Mani Adams and Max Sealer both scored 10 points.

Lower Level Tournament Results

The **Freshman** Wildcats won their Holiday Tournament at Millard West. On Saturday, they beat Bellevue West 56-39. JJ Schomberg led the team with 13 points.

In the finals, Millard West outscored Millard North 34-16 in the second half and won 50-33. Hay scored 14 of his 15 points in the 2nd half to lead the team.

The **Reserve** team lost to Westside 37-43 in overtime in the first round of their tournament at Creighton Prep. Spencer Lear led the team with 9 points.

The Wildcats bounced back and won the consolation game 57-38 over Papillion-South to take home the 3rd place trophy. Dylan Thompson scored 13 points and Jack Domanle added 10.

The **Junior Varsity** team won their Holiday Tournament at Millard North by beating both of the other two Millard schools.

In the opening round West beat South in overtime 47-46. Tyler Sharp led the team with 11 points.

West ran away with the Championship by beating North 59-32. Sharp led the team again with 9 points.

Week 5

The **JV** team beat Grand Island 62-25. They were led by Max Sealer and Preston Humphrey with 9 points each. All 12 Wildcats scored in the game.

The JV team also beat Central on Thursday to move their record to 9-1. The Wildcats won 64-46. Logan Anderjaska and Tyler Sharp both scored

11 points and Max Sealer added 9.

The **9th grade A team** beat Central in overtime Tuesday night 65-60, Brandon McClintock scored 11 of his 13 points in the 4th quarter and overtime. Simon Hay pitched in 10 points for the 7-0 Wildcats

The **9th grade B team** also beat Central 52-39. Andrew Dubas and

Omid Sidiqi scored 11 and 10 points apiece to lead 3-0 Millard West.

The **Reserves** won their only game of the week by beating Central 58-50. Andrew White scored 11 points for the Wildcats and Chris Russell and Matt Loberg added 10 points each.

Week 6

Both Wildcat Freshmen teams beat Omaha Benson Tuesday night. The **B-Team** won 63-35. Andrew Dubas led with 18 points and xx Dewispelare added 12. Christian Hall and Brandon Hargis led the **A-Team** with 10 points apiece in their 61-33 victory

The Freshmen continued on their winning streaks by beating the two Westside teams Saturday morning. The **A team** won 61-54. Simon Hay scored 18 points. Brandon

Dewispelare led the **B team** with 11 points in a 50-34 victory over Westside.

The **Reserve** team split their two games this week. They beat Benson 47-39. Dylan Thompson led the Wildcats with 15 points and Andrew White added 12.

Westside beat the Reserves 43-46 in overtime. Dylan Thompson and Spencer Lear scored 8 points each for Millard West.

The **JV** team lost to Benson by one, 68-69. The Wildcats led going into the final period but were outscored 24-15 to end the game. Logan Anderjaska led West with 20 points, and Tyler Sharp added 11 points.

On Saturday, the JV team lost their second close game of the week. Omaha Westside outscored the Wildcats 50-48 in

Week 7

The Millard West Boys Basketball teams completed a 9-0 record across all five levels of the program. They outscored their opponents 528-318.

The **JV Team** beat Bellevue East 76-40. Cole Stobbe led the way with 24 points while Mike Charvat and Logan Anderjaska scored 13 points each.

The **Reserve Team** beat the Chieftains 52-37. Andrew White led the team with 10 points.

The **Freshman A Team** won 64-45. Brandon McClintock had 19 points and Garrett Kocis added 11. The B Team also beat East 55-42. Three Wildcats scored in double digits. Ryan Koltas and Michael Dickmeyer each had 14 points. Brandon Dewispelare scored 13.

The **Freshman A team** won 67-19. Brandon Hargis led with 13 and JJ Schomberg pitched in 11 for West.

The **JV team** won 66-26. Chandler Peterson led the way with 16 points and Caleb Conway scored 11.

The **Reserve** team completed the undefeated week for West with a 46-24 victory at Bryan High School. Spencer Lear led the team with 8 points, and Chris Russell registered 8 steals.

Week 8

The two Freshman teams kept their undefeated season in-tact with big wins over district rival Millard South.

The **A team** won 60-38. Brandon Hargis led a balanced Wildcat attract that had five players score 7 or more.

The **B team** topped the Patriots by the score of 62-39. Brandon Dewispelare hit five 3-pointers while

leading his team to victory.

The **Reserve** team lost their only game of the week to Millard South. 36-38. Spencer Lear led the team with 9 points..

The **JV team** split their two games this week. They suffered a close loss to the Patriots Tuesday night.

Millard South won 57-54 in double overtime. Tyler Sharp scored 17

points and Mani Adams followed with 10.

Lincoln Southwest gave the JV team another close game on Thursday night. This time, the Wildcats won 50-46. Tyler Sharp led the team again with 12 points and Max Sealer added 9 points.

Week 9

The two freshman teams remained undefeated by beating Omaha North in two close games.

Simon Hay led the **A-team** with 15 points in a 54-47 victory.

The **B-Team** won 48-44. Ryan

Hitchens scored 11 points and Brandon Dewispelare added 10 points.

The Reserves and the JV Team both lost to Omaha North Saturday afternoon.

The **Reserves** lost 32-36 to the

Vikings. Dylan Thompson was the leading scorer with 7 points.

The **JV team** lost 53-52. Chase Bishop scored 13 and Mike Charvat added 11 points for the Wildcats.

Week 10

Both **Freshmen** teams lost to Creighton Prep this week and along with it lost their bids for undefeated seasons. The A Team lost 41-55 while the B team lost 46-51.

The **Reserve** team played three games this week and went 2-1 on the week. They lost to Prep on Tuesday 40-57.

Spencer Lear scored 12 points

and Alec White and Connor Hargis scored 9 points apiece in a 61-51 victory over Burke on Thursday.

Andrew White led the Wildcats with 12 points as they beat Lincoln Pius X 50-37 on Saturday.

The **JV** team also went 2-1 on the week. Prep used a come-from-behind effort to beat the Wildcats 59-62. Tyler Sharp led the way with 12 points

for West.

Sharp led the way again against Burke with 16 points. Mike Charvat, Mani Adams, and Caleb Conway all added 8 points in the win.

Charvat scored 15 points in the first quarter and 19 points total in a 60-46 win over Fremont on Saturday. Sharp added 10 points and Sealer chipped in 9 or West..

Week 11

Both Freshmen teams ended the regular season with two wins this week.

The **A team** beat Papio 62-48 and the B-team won 58-53.

They also played Burke on Thursday. The A team won 62-58. Simon Hay scored 14 and Brandon McClintock had 10 points.

The **B team** won 73-45. Bryce Bonner had 16 and Brock Collins added 14 to lead the Wildcats.

The B team ended the season with a 10-1 record.

The **Reserve** team won their final game of the season in a game that went down to the wire. Papio missed a half-court shot at the buzzer that would have won the game. West won 40-38. Tommy Ho led the team with 7 points.

The Reserve team ended the season with an 11-5 record. Four of their five losses were by 6 or fewer points.

The **JV** team put together a solid defensive effort against Papio and won 55-37. Mike Charvat led the team with 15 points.

They beat North Platte 69-38 on Friday. Tyler Sharp led the team with 20 points and Austin Hall added 10. Five guys made at least one 3-pointer.

The JV team ended the season with a 16-6 record. Five of their six losses were by a total of 10 points.

Junior Varsity 16-6

Reserves 11-5

Freshman A 19-1

Freshman B 10-1

56-13

Freshmen Win Prep Tournament

The Millard West Freshman Basketball Team finished up a spectacular season this past week by winning the Creighton Prep City Tournament. The team won four games to claim the championship trophy.

Christian Hall and Brandon Hargis with 10, Brandon McClintock 11, and Simon Hay 12.

1st Round: Millard West 47, Creighton Prep B 42

After getting out to a 9-0 start the Wildcats all they could handle from a pesky Prep B squad.

The Wildcats never trailed in the game and were led by JJ Schomberg and Simon Hay with 9 points each.

Semi Finals: Millard West 42, Omaha North 39

Millard West gutted out their 3rd win in 3 days against a very stingy Omaha North team. After watching the offense stay in neutral most of the night, Christian Hall had 5 points down the stretch, and Brandon Hargis hit the go ahead basket with 24 seconds to go on a backdoor lay up.

Hall and Hargis each finished with 8 points a piece, and Sammy Scharff pitched in 7.

Quarter Finals: Millard West 62, Omaha Burke 48

The Wildcats played their most complete game all year against the Bulldogs. Millard West jumped out to a 28-16 halftime lead and held off a strong Burke rally in the fourth quarter. Four players for Millard West scored in double figures in the game (season high), they were:

Finals: Millard West 56, Creighton Prep 49



RESERVES		
Omaha South	W	61-59
Fremont	W	49-27
Millard North	W	54-48
Westside	L	37-43
Papio South	W	57-38
Central	W	58-50
Benson	W	47-39
Westside	L	44-46
Bellevue East	W	52-37
Omaha Bryan	W	46-24
Millard South	L	36-38
Omaha North	L	32-36
Creighton Prep	L	40-57
Burke	W	61-51
Lincoln Pius X	W	50-37
Papio LaVista	W	40-38

JUNIOR VARSITY		
Lincoln Southeast	W	51-48
Kearney	W	51-39
Omaha South	L	49-56
Lincoln East	W	53-39
Millard North	W	59-46
Lincoln North Star	W	51-46
Millard South	W	47-46
Millard North	W	59-32
Grand Island	W	62-25
Omaha Central	W	64-46
Omaha Benson	L	68-69
Westside	L	48-50
Bellevue East	W	76-40
Omaha Bryan	W	66-26
Millard South	L	54-57
Lincoln Southwest	W	50-46
Omaha North	L	52-53
Creighton Prep	L	59-62
Omaha Burke	W	61-50
Fremont	W	60-46
Papio LaVista	W	55-37
North Platte	W	

FRESHMEN A			FRESHMEN B		
Omaha South	W	49-36	Omaha South	W	40-35
Lin Northeast	W	57-44	Millard North	W	60-48
Fremont	W	67-62	Omaha Central	W	52-39
Millard North	W	46-33	Benson	W	63-35
Bellevue West	W	56-39	Westside	W	50-34
Millard North	S	50-33	Bellevue East	W	55-42
Omaha Central	W	65-60	Millard South	W	62-39
Benson	W	61-33	Omaha North	W	48-44
Westside	W	61-54	Cr. Prep	L	46-51
Bellevue East	W	64-45	Papio LaVista	W	59-53
Bryan	W	67-19	Burke	W	73-45
Millard South	W	60-38			
Omaha North	W	54-47			
Creighton Prep	L	41-55			
Papio-LaVista	W	62-46			
Burke	W	62-58			
Cr. Prep B	W	47-42			
Burke	W	62-48			
Omaha North	W	42-39			
Creighton Prep	W				

Future Wildcats





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All-Metro 1st Team

Khyri Thomas	Benson
TreShawn Thurman	Central
Kevin Metoyer	Westside
Malik Hluchowecykj	Bell West
James Dumes	O South

All-Metro 2nd Team

Michael Hermann	Westside
Tommy Pritchard	Prep
Kevin Harkins	O South
Tyree Peter	Benson
Thik Bol	O Benson

All-Metro 3rd Team

Trey Carr	Burke
Jarek Coles	Central
Troy Sedlacek	Mil South
Ronney Barnes	Northwest
Justin Patton	O North

2013-2014 Final Rankings

1. Bell West
2. Omaha Westside
3. Omaha Benson
4. Omaha South
5. Omaha Central
6. Lincoln Southeast
7. Norfolk
8. Creighton Prep
9. Omaha Skutt (Burke)
10. Elkhorn South (Fremont)

Scholar Athlete Awards

NSAA

Jake Loberg
Grant Wulf

Metro Conference

Grant Wulf
Eric Olson

Honorable Mention

All—Metro

Ben Kositzke
Joey Koca
Phil Ehly
Joey Evans
Adam Staashelm

All—State

Ben Kositzke
Joey Koca
Phil Ehly



All-Nebraska First Team

Khyri Thomas

Benson

Mitchell Hahn

Fremont

Malik Hluchowecykj

Bell West

Kevin Metoyer

Westside

TreShawn Thurman

Central

State Tournament

All-Nebraska 2nd Team

Ty Danielson	York
James Dumes	O. South
Michael Draum	Kimball
Rylee Reinertson	Gibbon
Matt Thomas	Elk South

All Nebraska 3rd Team

Drew Callaghan	N Platte
BJ Day	Lin SE
Tyler Hagedorn	Norfolk
Grant Lahm	Scotus
Logan Power	Lin Chrstn

Class A 1st Team

Khrrri Thomas	Benson
Mitchell Hahn	Fremont
Malik Hluchowecykj	Bell West
Kevin Metoyer	Westside
TrShawn Thurman	Central

Class A 2nd Team

James Dumes	O South
Drew Callaghan	N Platte
BJ Day	Lin SE
Tyler Hagedorn	Norfolk
Michael Herrmann	Westside

#1 O. Benson (23-3) 44.0000 Game 1 – Pinnacle Bank Mar 13 – 2:00 PM #8 LNE (12-13) 39.1200	Omaha Benson 73-58 Game 5 Mar 14 – 7:00 PM Pinnacle Bank	CLASS A Westside 67-63 OT
#5 Westside (19-5) 43.4583 Game 2 – Pinnacle Bank Mar 13 – 3:45 PM #4 LSE (20-5) 43.4800	Om. Westside 63-56 Norfolk 70-66 3OT Game 6 Mar 14 – 8:45 PM Pinnacle Bank	Game 8 6:30 PM Mar 15 Pinnacle Bank Bell. West 56-50 OT Champion Bellevue West 60-49
#2 O. South (20-5) 43.8400 Game 3 – Pinnacle Bank Mar 13 – 7:00 PM #7 Norfolk (20-5) 42.6400	Bellevue West 68-50	Omaha Benson Game 7 Benson 67-62 Lincoln East Norfolk
#3 O. Central (22-4) 43.8077 Game 4 – Pinnacle Bank Mar 13 – 8:45 PM #6 Bell. West (18-6) 43.1250		