

Wildcat Basketball



Millard West Basketball:

We started as a team, ended as a family!

Class of 2015

Mani Adams
Mike Charvat
Caleb Conway
Phil Ehly

Ben Kositzke
Westin Longacre
Chandler Petersen
Max Sealer

Tyler Sharp
Adam Staashelm
Clayton Wederquist
Dylan Zimmerman

Wildcat Review

Varsity Roster

3	Austin Hall	6'2	11
4	Preston Humphrey	5'9	11
5	Mani Adams	6'1	12
10	Max Sealer	5'9	12
12	Logan Anderjaska	6'3	11
14	Simon Hay	6'1	10
20	Phil Ehly	6'3	12
22	Adam Staashelm	6'1	12
24	Tyler Sharp	6'5	12
32	Chandler Petersen	6'1	12
34	Mike Charvat	6'4	12
40	Westin Longacre	6'8	12
42	Caleb Conway	6'4	11
52	Ben Kositzke	6'8	11

COACHING STAFF

Varsity

Bill Morrison
Dan Hall

Junior Varsity

Dale Gall

Reserve

Frank Ryan

Freshman

Ian DeLaet
Bret Siepker

Managers

Dylan Zimmerman
Clayton Wederquist
Gavin Peterson

Pre-Season #10 Is “A Good Place to Start”



The 2014-2015 Millard West Boys Varsity basketball team is ready to begin the season this week. With six of last year's top eight players returning, the Wildcats hope to improve on the 2014-2015 record of 10-14. This year's roster is comprised of ten Seniors and three Juniors.

The Omaha-World Herald has placed Millard West at #10 in their pre-season ratings. "That's a good place to start," Coach Bill Morrison said. "We have a lot of experience back from last year. If we shoot better than last year and defend well, we will have a chance to move up in the ratings. Until then, it is just a number."

The Wildcats will be tested early in the season. They could have a match up with #3 Bellevue West on Saturday and will play #2 Omaha South next week.

The Varsity team played Papillion-LaVista and Gretna High Schools Saturday night in a pre-season scrimmage. The Wildcats came out on top in both exhibition halves that were played. West beat Gretna 30-20 and #7 Papillion 34-27 at Gretna High School.

"I really like our team depth," 6th year Coach Morrison stated. "We have a lot of different parts to this year's team. We can play with a lot of different combinations. We should be able to

create a lot of mismatch-es with our depth and versatility."

The Wildcats have three starters returning from last year's line up.

6'8" center Ben Kositzke led the team in scoring(13), rebounds (7), and blocked shots (2) last season. Ben is entering is 3rd season as a starter and has been recruited by many colleges. Coach Morrison said he will be looking for Ben to become a leader on the floor and to anchor the defense. "Ben is a





**Class A
Pre-Season Ratings**

- 1. Norfolk
- 2. Omaha South
- 3. Bellevue West
- 4. Creighton Prep
- 5. Omaha Central
- 6. Omaha North
- 7. Papio-LaVista
- 8. Lincoln High
- 9. Papio South
- 10. Millard West

KEARNEY — Millard West clamped down on the defense and crushed Kearney High 52-33 Friday night in the Greater Nebraska Shootout’s first round at Kearney High.

“I was very impressed with our defense. I thought we did a good job, especially for the first game,” Millard West coach Bill Morrison said.

“That’s something we’ve preached pretty hard this year because we’re going to have to play good defense.”

The Wildcats held Kearney to 30 percent shooting from the floor and less than that from the 3-point arc where the Bearcats took more than half their shots.

“It was a really tough shooting night,” Kearney coach Scott Steinbrook said. “We’re going to shoot better than that. And we’re probably not going to turn the ball over 25-plus times like we did to-night.

Steinbrook chalked up part of Kearney’s woes to inexperience, first-game jitters, and emotion. Then there was Millard West’s defense.

“They kind of did whatever they wanted to do. They were real physical defensively and disrupted our

really good shot-blocker. He is a really good player and has a chance to be one of the best in the state. He needs to play with a lot of energy.”

Adam Staashelm is another player with three years of Varsity experience. Adam was the 8th man as a sophomore and averaged 8 ppg as a Junior. “Adam has a knack of making the big shot. He moves well without the ball and is tough to guard.

Phil Ehly rounds off the returning starters list. According to Coach Morrison, Phil is a hard worker that always seems to be in the right place. Ehly scored 5.2 points and grabbed 5.2 rebounds per game last year.

Chandler Petersen, Austin Hall, and Logan Anderjaska round out the six players that return to the team with major Varsity playing time experience. They will be joined by Seniors Mani Adams, Mike Charvat, Tyler Sharp, Westin Longacre, Max Sealer, and Caleb Conway and Junior Preston Humphrey on the Varsity team.

“We plan to take one game at a time. To win the close games this year, we are going to have to work together and know our roles. We have a lot of guys that can do a lot of different things. We have to play to our strengths,” Morrison commented.

The Wildcats open their season this weekend. They will play at Kearney Friday night and will play either Bellevue West or Lincoln Southeast at Lincoln Southeast High School on Saturday.

Millard West Defense Clamps Down On Kearney

rhythm. They forced us into turnovers with their full court press,” Steinbrook said.

Then, on offense, the Wildcats repeatedly found 6-foot-8 center Ben Kositzke down low. He finished with 17 points and 13 rebounds and made 7 of 8 free throws.

In all, Millard West shot 23 free throws to Kearney’s three.

“They just pounded it. They just physically pounded us in the paint,” Steinbrook said. “We said that was the No. 1 key. We had to win the battle of the paint — on the boards, getting to the foul line, defending in the post scoring in the post — and they kicked our tails.”

Kearney’s post players, Brian Arp and Brady Johnson, combined for five points. The rest of the points came from perimeter players led by Jake Waller with nine points — all on 3-pointers.

“We said, ‘Every guy shoots the three.’ We tried to extend our defense to try to make every three a tough look,” Morrison said. “We had a big size advantage which also helped us in the paint.

Austin Hall, who hit a pair of threes for Millard West, was the only other player in double figures, scoring 10.

MWHS	18	13	8	13 — 52
KEARNEY	12	6	6	9 — 33

MILLARD WEST (1-0)

Hall 3-6 2-3 10, Ehly 0-2 0-0 0, Staashelm 1-5 0-0 3, Petersen 2-6 0-0 4, Kositzke 5-10 7-8 17, Adams 1-3 4-4 6, Sealer 0-1 1-2 1, Anderjaska 2-3 2-2 6, Sharp 2-5 0-0 4, Charvat 0-2 0-0 0, Longacre 0-2 0-0 0, Conway 0-3 1-2 1. Total 16-47 17-13 52.

KEARNEY (0-1)

Mishou 0-1 0-0 0, Waller 3-9 0-0 9, Po-cock 1-5 0-0 3, Murray 2-7 0-1 4, Arp 1-4 1-2 3, Ryan 2-5 0-0 4, Langin 1-3 0-0 2, Lybarger 1-8 0-0 3, Roseberry 1-1 0-0 3, Johnson 1-1 0-0 2. Total 13-44 1-3 33.

Wildcats Start Out 2-0, Beat #3 Thunderbirds

Two pre-season top ten teams met in the finals of the Greater Nebraska Shootout in Lincoln Saturday night. #10 Millard West beat #3 Bellevue West 60-57. The game was tied 54-54 with 30 seconds left when Mani Adams made four consecutive free throws for the Wildcats



and Tyler Sharp added two more to seal the victory.

Bellevue West led throughout most of the game, but Millard West never let them out of their reach. "Every time they made a run, we seemed to have an answer," Coach Bill Morrison said. "Except for a two minute stretch at the end of the 3rd quarter, our guys played with a lot of poise and confidence."

Millard West struck first in the game and led 4-2 before Bellevue West went on a 6-0 run to lead 8-4. Chandler Petersen made two back-to-back baskets to keep Millard West close. Brad Cluff made two 3-point baskets to help the Thunderbirds hold onto the lead 15-14 at the end of the 1st quarter.

Bellevue West took a 22-16 lead on a basket by Daevon Harker. Ben Kositzke then took over the game for the rest of the half. Kositzke scored 13 points in the last 4:40. "Ben took his game to another level in the 2nd quarter," Morrison said. "Our guys did a great job of getting him the ball and he wasn't going to be stopped." Bellevue West led 30-29 going into the half.

Millard West took their first lead of the game early in the third quarter on an old-fashioned 3-point play by Ben Kositzke. The Thunderbirds forced three straight turnovers and went on a 5-0 run to regain the lead 37-35. Bellevue West scored on their last seven possessions of the 3rd quarter and took a nine point lead, 48-39.

The Wildcats would not give up.

Adam Staashelm made a 3-pointer in transition followed by another trey by Austin Hall on an inbounds play. Logan Anderjaska got a steal and found Staashelm for another three point basket and a 48-48 tie with 6:22 left in the game.

Malik Hluchowecykj converted on two free throws to help Bellevue West regain the lead. The Thunderbirds held the lead for the next four plus minutes of the quarter. Adam Staashelm made his third 3-pointer for the quarter to tie the game at 54-54. "They were really working on taking away Ben in the middle and we found Adam wide open," Morrison said.

The Wildcats got a stop and a rebound and worked the ball around

for 36 seconds before Mani Adams found a crease in the defense and drove to the basket. Adams was fouled and made both free throws for a Millard West lead 56-54. The Wildcats stopped the Thunderbirds again. Mani Adams was fouled on a long rebound with 8.7 seconds left in the game. Adams proceeded to convert on both free throws to give Millard West a 58-54 lead.

CJ Johnson took the ball the length of the court and made a 3-pointer with 3.4 seconds left. The Wildcats inbounded the ball to Tyler Sharp who made two free throws to give Millard West a 60-57. Bellevue West tried to throw the ball the length of the court and Sharp stole the pass to seal the victory.

"Tyler and Mani came up big for us tonight. They did not have any Varsity experience before tonight and performed well under pressure against one of the best teams in the state," Morrison said. "I liked the way our kids reacted to the win. They were excited, but not surprised. They knew they could play with Bellevue West."

BW	15	15	18	9	57
MW	14	15	10	21	60

B West: Jackson 8, Cade Johnson 2, Hluchowecykj 15, CJ Johnson 6, Cluff 14, Harker 4, Strawmier 6.

Mil West: Hall 3, Adams 9, Anderjaska 7, Staashelm 9, Sharp 4, Petersen 5, Charvat 2, Kositzke 21





Millard West Big Man Displaying Big Game

Millard West coach Bill Morrison has been telling post player Ben Kositzke for a few years now that the Wildcats need him to be

the man.

The 6-foot-8, 215-pound senior has tried his best to take on a leadership role on the court. He led the Wildcats with averages of 13 points, seven rebounds and two blocks last season, despite being double-teamed down the stretch.

Then came last Saturday in the finals of the Greater Nebraska Shootout, when Kositzke arrived in a big way.

Kositzke scored 13 points in a 4½-minute span of the second quarter and finished with 21 as Millard West edged defending state champion — and Class A's preseason No. 3 team — Bellevue West 60-57. Morrison said that while Kositzke carried the team on his shoulders he took his game to a new level.

"Things were definitely feeling good," Kositzke said.

He felt like he couldn't miss for a while. That's not a fluke. Kositzke worked hard all summer on his inside game and also on developing a mid-range jumper while playing for the OSA Crusaders.

He's trying to be more aggressive and finish better around the rim.

Morrison said it sometimes takes longer for post players to develop. He's watched Kositzke grow from a player who didn't make the Wildcats' top feeder team in sixth and seventh grades to a person his staff is able to be really tough on as it continues to raise the bar.

The hard-driving philosophy is all about developing confidence. Once Kositzke catches fire and grows more confi-

dent, the sky could be the limit. "We think he could get a lot better," Morrison said.

Kositzke, who has an opportunity to walk on at UNO, takes most things in stride. He plays relaxed and with a cool demeanor. Although he doesn't get worked up on the outside, underneath he's doing everything he can to win.

"We need that to come out more consistently," Morrison said.

Kositzke doesn't have to carry the entire load for the 2-0 Wildcats, not with 10 seniors on the roster. He's one of three returning starters from the squad that lost in a district final last year and started this season ranked 10th. Senior guard Adam Staashelm and senior forward Phil Ehly also are back.

Ten play regularly. Although this group isn't made up of basketball junkies like Morrison had two years ago when Millard West made it to state, it does have talented multi-sport athletes who work well together and are versatile.

Opening opponent Kearney noticed how physical they were, which Morrison said was the result of lots of work in the weight room.

"I thought by the end of the year we'd be a top-10 team and compete for a state tournament," Morrison said. "After beating Bellevue West, and we handled Kearney pretty well, I think we're playing better than I thought we would this early."

Kositzke would love to see his team make the state tournament. There are lots of hurdles ahead, though, like Thursday night's 7:15 contest at No. 2 Omaha South (2-0).

He's expecting a good game. "We have to go in there and try to prove a point that we can beat them," he said. "It will take a lot of confidence and execution."



Omaha South Holds Off Late Rally by Wildcats

Up by 19 on Millard West in the fourth quarter Thursday night, Omaha South appeared to have its third win in the bag.

The Wildcats mounted a frantic comeback to close within five before the Packers held on for a 65-

58 win. Second-ranked South moved its record to 3-0 and handed 10th-ranked Millard West its first loss.

"We didn't close it out the way I would have liked," Packers coach Bruce Chubick said. "But we lost our leader and we're still searching for our identity."

"This is the first game he's just had to sit and watch," Chubick said. "I know it had to be tough, but thankfully he's only a sophomore."

The visiting Wildcats were hurt by early foul trouble against 6-8 center Ben Kositzke. The senior, who entered the game averaging 19 points and 9.5 rebounds, was saddled with two fouls in the first quarter and a third just before halftime.

"He couldn't be as aggressive," Millard West coach Bill Morrison said. "That definitely was a factor in the game."

Kositzke was held scoreless in the first half as the Packers built a 28-21 halftime lead. That advantage grew to 21 in the third quarter with the help of Arop's older brother Makoor, who sank three 3-pointers.

The Wildcats trailed 52-33 early in



the fourth quarter before the tide started to turn. Kositzke, who had scored just two points, had 11 in the final period to help close the gap.

Millard West also started to heat up from behind the arc as Adam Staashelm sank a pair of 3-pointers and Tyler Sharp and Mike Charvat each had one.

The Packers also struggled from the line in the fourth quarter, missing 11 free throws. All that combined to bring the Wildcats within 60-55 with

1:06 left after a 3-point play by Mani Adams.

But South, which scored its final 10 points from the free-throw line, was able to hold on for the win.

"We tried to foul as much as we could and hope they'd miss," Morrison said. "But they made just enough to hang on."

The Packers used a balanced scoring effort, with four players in double figures. Anthony Naimie led the way with 14, Arop had 12 and Karlon McSpadden and Caleal Walker had 10 each.

Staashelm paced the Wildcats with 15 points while Kositzke scored 13.

"Millard West is a good team," Chubick said. "I seeded them second in the (upcoming) Metro tournament, so I knew we were in for a battle."

MW(2-1)10 11 9 28 – 58
OSouth (3-0) 14 14 20 17 – 65

MW: Hall 2-7 0-0 4, Adams 2-4 3-3 8, Anderjaska 1-3 2-3 4, Ehly 1-3 0-0 2, Staashelm 5-12 0-0 15, Sharp 1-7 0-0 3, Petersen 1-1 3-5 5, Charvat 1-3 0-0 3, Conway 0-0 1-2 1, Kositzke 6-7 1-4 13.

OS: McSpadden 3-8 2-2 10, McGary 3-4 2-4 9, Tate 0-0 1-2 1, Arop 4-9 0-2 12, Walker 2-3 6-10 10, Noah 3-5 2-5 8, Naimie 4-8 5-6 14, Lee 0-0 1-2 1.

3-point goals:
MW 8-24 (Hall 0-3, Adams 1-1, Anderjaska 0-1, Staashelm 5-10, Sharp 1-6, Charvat 1-3); OS 8-14 (McSpadden 2-3, McGary 1-1, Arop 4-7, Naimie 1-3).

Rebounds: MW 29 (Kositzke 7); OS 28 (Walker 6). Turnovers: MW 17; OS 13. Total fouls: MW 24; OS 21. Fouled out: Adams, McSpadden, Fant.

Field-goal percentage: MW .426; OS .514. Free-throw percentage: MW .588; OS .576.

A: 300 (est.)





2nd Half Shooting Helps Wildcats Defeat Spartans

Lincoln East came to Millard looking for an upset. Despite a good effort from the Spartans, Millard West was able to pull away late with a combination of good shooting and solid defense.

“East played really hard tonight. They made us work for everything we got,” Coach Bill Morrison said.

Adam Staashelm scored 8 of his 19 points in the 4th quarter as the Wildcats used a 21-12 4th quarter to pull away from the Spartans.

“We were hoping our depth could wear them out,” Morrison said. “I think it did, but it took longer than I thought it would.

Clay Reimers led Lincoln East with 21 points in the game. He scored 7 points in the first quarter to give the Spartans a 13-12 lead at the end of the quarter.

Reimers added eight points in the

2nd quarter. West outscored the Spartans 19-10 in the quarter. Staashelm scored nine points on three 3-pointers while five other Wildcats added two points apiece.

Down 31-23 at the break, East would not give up. The Spartans forced West into seven 3rd-quarter turnovers.

“I was not happy with our mental approach to start the 2nd half. We started to play like a summer pick-up game and were not very disciplined,” Morrison said.

East pulled to within four 33-29 after a pair of free throws by Reimers. The Wildcats turned the ball over on three of their first five possessions of the 2nd half before Morrison made a whole-sale change.

The Millard West “Reinforcements” went on an 8-2 run and finished the quarter up 42-35.

West scored on 10 of 16 possessions and clamped down on defense to win 63-47.

Millard West is 3-1 on the early season. They play Lincoln North Star on Thursday, Dec. 18 at home before entering the Metro Tournament on the 20th.

The Wildcats drew the 4th seed and will play Westside at Creighton Prep at 2:45 p.m. on Saturday.

LE	13	10	12	12	47
MW	12	19	11	21	63

LE — Netz 13, Bry. Metcalf 5, Stephens 6, McPhail 2, Reimers 21.

MW — Hall 5, Adams 8, Sealer 2, Anderjaska 2, Ehly 1, Staashelm 19, Petersen 8, Charvat 2, Longacre 2, Conway 4, Kositzke 10.

Wildcats Re-Direct Navigators Back to Lincoln

The Millard West Boys Varsity Basketball Team hosted Lincoln North Star Thursday night. From the opening tip, the Wildcats controlled the Navigators and won 74-40.

Three Wildcats scored in double digits led by Phil Ehly with 15 points. Caleb Conway and Ben Kositzke added 12 and 11 points respectively. The Wildcat Bench score 32 points in the contest.

The only Navigator to reach double digits was Jacson Mikaya with 10 points.

After leading 7-5 in the first quarter, Millard West went on a 12-2 run to lead at the end of the quarter 19-7. Six different Wildcats scored in the quarter.

Alex Stogdill opened the 2nd quarter with a 3-pointer for the Navigators. West scored the next 11 points of the quarter to take a 30-10 lead.



North Star (cont.)

North Star scored ten points on their next four possessions behind two 3-pointers by Mikaya. The Navigators could not stop the Wildcats and trailed by 19 at the break.

Millard West held North Star to nine points in the 3rd quarter. Seven different Wildcats scored and extended their lead to 58-29 at the end of the period.

Baskets by Chandler Petersen and Ehly gave the Wildcats their biggest lead of the game,

Conway scored eight points in the final period to lead West to a 74-40 victory.

"Everyone played with a lot of energy and hit the boards tonight," Coach Bill Morrison said. "If we do that every night, we will be a tough team to beat."

The Wildcats outrebounded the Navigators 44-22 on the night. They were 24/35 2-point field goals and recorded 24 assists for the game.

"We did a very good job defensively. The guys held their leading scorer (Tristan Simpson) to three points and didn't let Mikaya score in the 2nd half," Morrison said.

LNS	7	13	9	11	40
MW	19	20	19	16	74

LNS — Brown 2, Mikaya 10, Cole 5, Osmond 3, Simpson 3, Stogdill 9, Golden 8.

MW — Hall 5, Adams 7, Anderjaska 6, Ehly 15, Staashelm 4, Sharp 7, Petersen 11, Conway 12, Kositzke 7.

Westside Upsets Wildcats in 1st Round of Metro Tournament

#13 seed Omaha Westside upset #4 seed Millard West 43-42 after KaVon Neelon made a free throw with 0.3 seconds remaining in the game.

The two teams got off to a slow start in the first quarter. With Westside ahead 8-3, Millard West scored on their last 3 possessions of the period and took an 11-8 lead into the break. Chandler Petersen led the Wildcats with six points and AJ Meeks scored six for the Warriors.

The game continued to be low scoring in the 2nd quarter. Westside committed seven turnovers but still outscored the Wildcats 11-8 in the period.

Trae Meeks scored five points for Westside in the quarter. The game was tied 19-19 at the end of the first half.

The two teams stayed close through most of the 3rd quarter. Late in the quarter, Millard West was charged with a technical foul. Westside scored six points on the possession and followed it with a 3-point basket to close the quarter.

AJ and Trae Meeks scored all 13 of the Warrior points in the quarter. Westside led 32-25 going into the 4th quarter.

Down seven, the Wildcats did not give up. Millard West scored six points in less than two minutes of the 4th quarter to cut the score 32-31.

Millard West took a 39-36 lead with 4:08 left in the game. The Wildcats turned the ball over 4 times in the next five possessions and missed two free throws.

Trae Meeks scored and allowed the Warriors to re-gain the lead, 40-39.

Adam Staashelm made 3/4 free throws in the next two Wildcat possessions. Millard West led 42-40 with under 30 seconds left in the game.

Millard West (4-2) led 42-40 and had gotten the rebound after Warrior sophomore Anthony Bratton missed two free throws with 20 seconds left.

But Westside's Trae Meeks intercepted a pass in the backcourt and tied the game on a layup. He then got a steal as the Wildcats were in their offense, throwing a lead pass to Neelon, who was fouled as he went for the layup.

Coach Bill Morrison was upset with the loss. "We didn't play very well. I thought we had a lot of unforced errors. Westside just took us out of our rhythm and we didn't respond well."

The Wildcats were 10/23 from the line, committed 22 turnovers, and shot 35% from the floor. "And we still had chances to win," Morrison added.

Trae Meeks, who had 20 points, and his brother AJ, with 18, accounted for all but five of the points for the Warriors (3-3).

Ben Kositzke paced Millard West with 11 points.

Westside (2-3)	8	11	13	11-43
Millard West (4-2)	11	8	6	17-42

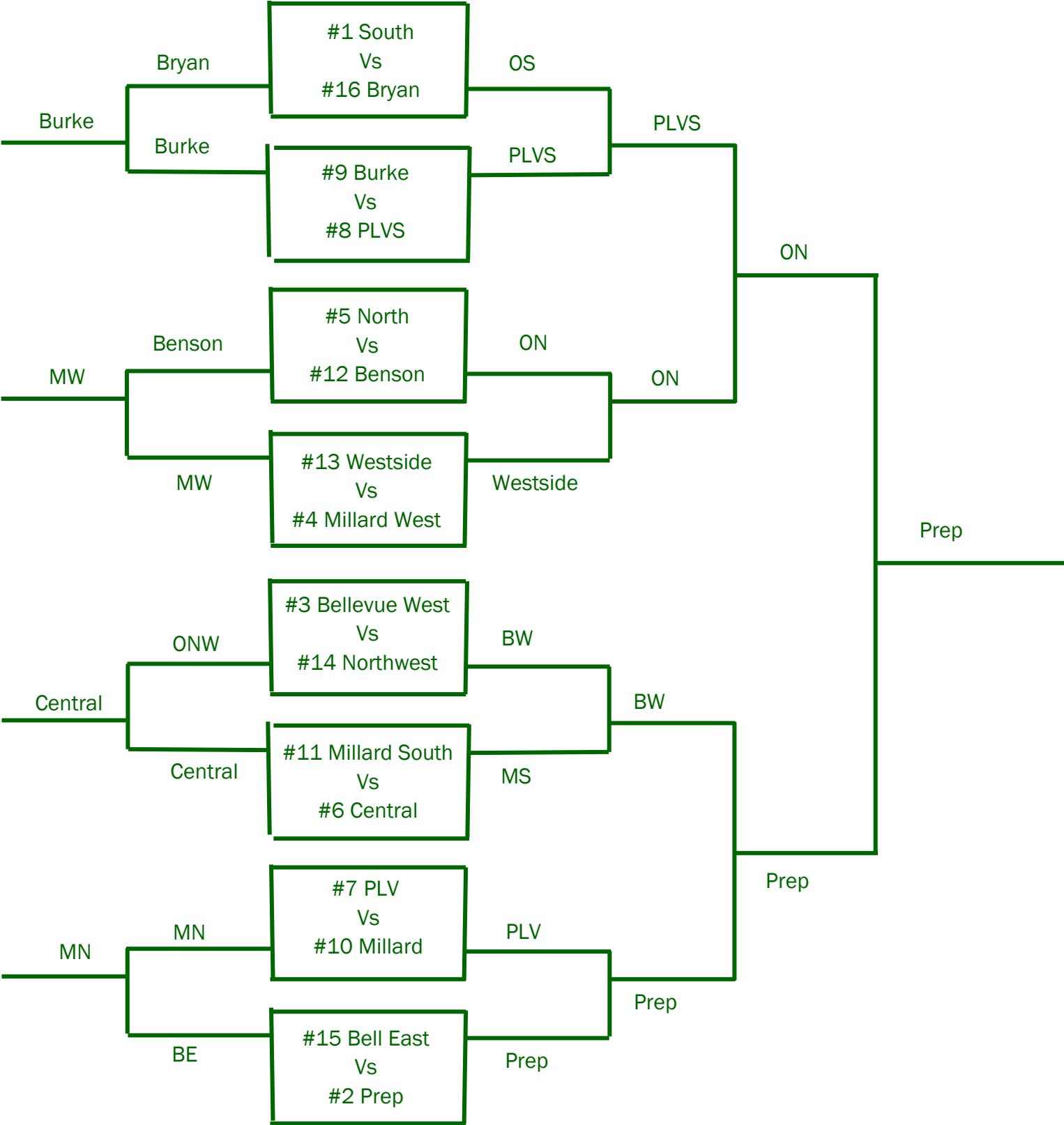
WS: Trae Meeks 20, AJ Meeks 18, Anthony Bratton 2, Mike Waldron 2, KaVon Neelon 1.

MW: Austin Hall 6, Mani Adams 2, Phil Ehly 4, Adam Staashelm 8, Tyler Sharp 2, Chandler Petersen 9, Ben Kositzke 11.





Metro Conference Holiday Tournament



Wildcats Out-Run the Rabbits

Millard West rebounded from their first round loss to Omaha Westside with a 73-47 victory over Omaha Benson in a Metro Tournament consolation game.

All twelve Wildcats scored in the game and were led by Phil Ehly with 15 points. Brandon Reed and Tra’Vaun Henderson score 17 and 16 points respectively for Benson.

The Wildcat defense was aggressive early and forced Benson into 2/13 shooting in the first quarter. West only gave up one offensive rebound in the first quarter. After securing the rebound, the Wildcats were off to the races and scored multiple points in transition.

“I was very pleased with the way we started the game,” Coach Bill Morrison said. “We have not been great in the first quarter, but tonight

we came out and were the aggressors.”

Millard West led 14-7 after the first quarter. The second quarter was very similar to the first.

Benson scored on their first two possessions, but would only score two more field goals for the rest of the half.

Millard West scored most of their points in the paint as they extended their lead to 35-15 at the half.

Morrison said attacking the Bun- nies in the paint was part of the game plan. “We had a size advantage and wanted to concentrate on getting the ball inside,” he said.

Millard West stretched their lead to 46-20 with 3:40 left in the 3rd period. Morrison put five new players in the game and the starters did not see the floor for the rest of the game.

The Wildcat bench outscored Benson 10-8 to finish the quarter and led 56-28.

With 5:34 left in the game, West held a 65-30 lead after a basket by Logan Anderjaska.

Benson were start to score in the final minutes of the game. The Bun- nies outscored the Wildcats 19-17 in the final period.

Benson	7	8	13	19	47
West	14	21	21	17	73

OB: Reed 17, Stewart 2, Price 4, Hearnies 2, Henderson 16, Douglas 2, Barfield 4

MW: Hall 3, Adams 1, Sealer 2, Anderjaska 7, Ehly 15, Staashelm 3, Sharp 8, Petersen 5, Charvat 9, Longacre 6, Conway 7, Kositzke 7





Wildcat Program Ready to Enter January

As the Wildcats finish the first month of games for the 2014-15 season, the program currently holds a combined 22-9 record.

Varsity

The Varsity team has a 5-2 record and is 7th in the NSAA wildcard standings. They have a win over pre-season #3 Bellevue West, but loss a tough game to Westside in the first round of the Metro Tournament.

They will return to action Tuesday with a game at rival Millard North and will travel to Grand Island on Saturday.

Jr. Varsity

The JV team avenged their loss to Bellevue West by beating them in the first round of the Holiday Tournament at Bellevue West.

Simon Hay led the Wildcats with 11 points in the 56-40 victory.

In the Finals, Millard South beat the Jr. Wildcats 49-33 to. Leaders for the game was JJ Schomberg with 9

points.

Reserves

The Reserve team won the Creighton Prep Holiday Tournament by beating Westside 45-24 in the finals on Tuesday.

Leaders for the game were Ryan Buscher with 9 points and Brandon McClintock with 7 points.

In the first round on Monday, the Reserve team won 64-54 over Prep. Christian Hall scored 18 while Simon Hay and McClintock added 11 points each.

The Reserves are undefeated with a 5-0 record.

Freshman A

The Freshman A team beat Bellevue West 74-36 in the 1st round of their Holiday Tournament at Millard West.

Brock Burling led four players in double digits with 12 points. Harley Gordman scored 11 and Giavonni Guido and Austin Harris scored 10 points each.

The A team dominated Millard North in the finals of the tournament with a 67-27 victory. The A Team currently holds a 7-0 record.

Freshman B

The B team won 63-12 over Bellevue West in the opening round of their Holiday Tournament at Millard West.

Leaders were Cade Cutler and Connor Ekborg with 12 and 10 points respectively..

The Mustangs were able to hand the B Team their first loss of the sea-



son by beating the Wildcats 56-52 in an overtime game. Ekborg scored 20 and Cutler added 8 points in the finals.

The B Team took 2nd place in the Holiday Tournament and hold a 3-1 record going into January.

Worth Mentioning

The full court shot that allowed the Millard North JV team to beat West has hit National Media.

The play was the #1 play on the Apple Bee's neighborhood plays on the December 29th edition of Sports Center on ESPN.

ESPN



Wildcats Win Rivalry Game

Solid team defense and an inside attack helped Millard West beat cross-town rival Millard North 59-46 at Millard North on Tuesday.



Ben Kositzke led the Wildcats with 21 points and 8 rebounds. Phil Ehly and Austin Hall added 11 and 10 points respectively.

Ethan Morrison and Carter Larson each scored 12 points for the Mustangs.

Millard West came out to a quick start and led 4-0 in the first minute of the game. They score on four of their first six possession and led 8-3 early in the quarter.

"I really liked the way we came out

of the locker room," Millard West Coach Bill Morrison said. "We have been working on giving consistent effort whether it is a game or practice. I thought our effort was pretty good through most of the game."

Ethan Morrison made three baskets in a row to give North a 10-8 with just under three minutes left in the quarter.

Hall made two 3-pointers and Mike Charvat added a lay up to give the Wildcats a 16-10 lead at the end of the quarter.

The Mustangs scored on their first three quarters of the 2nd quarter and took a 17-16 lead. The Wildcats answered by stopping North on their next six possessions and going on an 11-0 run. The West led 29-21 at the half.

North opened the 2nd half with a 3-pointer by Larson and two free throws by Morrison to make the score 29-26. Larson would hit another 3-pointer late in the quarter, but the Mustangs could never regain the lead.

Kositzke scored seven of the Wildcats' 12 points in the quarter. West held an 8 point lead at the end of the 3rd quarter, 41-33.

"We thought we had an advantage inside today. Ben played really well in the paint, but so did Logan, Caleb, and Phil,"

Morrison said. "The whole team played a good game tonight."

Four West players scored on their first five possessions of the final period to help the Wildcats open up a 52-36 lead.

West led 58-41 with 1:30 left in the game before they cleared their bench to end the game.

"As well as we played and beating another Millard school is great, but the best part of the night may have been Dr. Sutfin getting a standing ovation for calling off school tomorrow!" Morrison said.

MW	16	13	12	18	59
MN	10	11	12	13	46

MW — Hall 10, Anderjaska 5, Ehly 11, Staashelm 3, Petersen 4, Charvat 2, Conway 2, Kositzke 21

MN — McSpadden 5, Morrison 12, Timmerman 4, Nelson 8, Steed 3, Larson 12, Anderson 2





Islanders knock off No. 9 Millard West

A night after coming up short against Class A No. 2-rated Norfolk, Grand Island Senior High had to take to the court against No. 9-rated Millard West.

It's fair to say that the Islanders are much happier with how events unfolded down the stretch Saturday as the Islanders came from behind to take a 44-37 upset win over the Wildcats.

Trailing by seven midway through the third quarter, Grand Island responded with a 23-7 run over the final 12 minutes.

Defensively, the Islanders finally got the measure of Wildcat post player Ben Kositzke, who finished with 16 points but could not carry his team offensively through the second half.

The Wildcats (6-3) were hampered by a very rough shooting night, going 0-for-15 from outside the arc and got only two field goals in the final two quarters from someone other than Kositzke.

Of course, a lot of the credit for those offensive struggles was the result of a relentless defensive effort from the Islanders, who frustrated Millard West by the way they were able to slow the game down while still playing physical, in-your-face ball.

Grand Island (4-7) matched the Wildcats point for point in the first quarter, But things began to slide in Millard West's favor in the second,

as the visitors ran off seven points before Tanner Shuck hit a three.

The Islanders found themselves on the wrong end of a 22-16 score entering the second half.

Grand Island got early baskets in the third from Jay Jeffries and Shuck, who hit another three to keep the lead down to five.

Millard West had a chance midway through the period to really build on its lead, as the Islanders' Choul Biel was whistled for a technical.

What could have been a six-point swing for the Wildcats didn't materialize, as they went 2-for-4 at the line and then failed to score on the following possession, as well as the two after that.

But Biel hit a short jumper in the lane, followed by another three from Shuck, and the lead was down to two as the third period expired.

The Islanders continued to battle throughout the opening minutes, after a baby hook from Biel briefly tied the score at 32.

A free throw from Jeffries tied the score with just over two minutes to go, and a steal by Casey Burnham put Grand Island back on the attack.

The Islanders burned nearly 40 seconds before Shuck snaked his way inside to score and give Grand Island a two-point lead. Millard West attempted another three, but Biel snared the rebound.

After a timeout, Grand Island was able to burn more time before Jeffries went to the line and hit both

shots with 27 seconds left.

The Wildcats had no answers offensively down the stretch, and the Islanders hit three more shots from the line to seal the win.

Millard West coach Bill Morrison said his team allowed the Islanders to dictate the tempo of the game. "They do a good job keeping the score down," he said. "We played well defensively, we just couldn't score."

Millard West	11	11	8	7	— 37
Grand Island	11	5	12	16	— 44

MW - Hall 1-6 1-2 3, Adams 2-7 4-6 8, Anderjaska 2-5 2-5 6, Staashelm 1-11 0-0 2, Sharp 0-1 0-0 0, Petersen 1-3 0-2 2, Kositzke 8-14 0-1 16. Totals 15-47 7-16 37.

GI—Almond 2-11 5-6 10, Shuck 5-8 2 -2 15, Jeffries 1-1 4-7 6, Burnham 0-0 1-2 1, Root 0-2 0-0 0, Biel 6-10 0-0 12. Totals 14-32 12-17 44.

3-point shots — MW 0-15 (Hall 0-4, Adams 0-1, Anderjaska 0-1, Staashelm 0-7, Sharp 0-1, Kositzke 0-1), GI 4-13 (Almond 1-6, Shuck 3-4, Root 0-2, Biel 0-1).

Rebounds — MW 29 (Staashelm 5, Kositzke 5), GI 25 (Biel 11, Shuck 6). Assists — MW 8 (Anderjaska 3), GI 9 (Almond 3, Shuck 3). Turnovers — MW 9, GI 9. Personal Fouls — MW 17, GI 10. Fouled Out — MW, Petersen. Technical Fouls — GI, Biel.

Composure, Defense Lifts West over Central

Tuesday's match-up between Omaha Central and Millard West was a meeting of two teams looking to bounce back from difficult losses over the weekend.

The game featured eight lead changes and 12 ties. Neither team led by more than three possessions at any point.

Roman Behrens got the Eagles off to a good start with two buckets and an assist as they took an early 9-6 lead. West countered with a 7-2 run, but Central scored the last five points of the quarter to go up 16-13.

Hall tied the score with a 3-pointer. Central's point guards, Behrens and Harmon, orchestrated an 8-2 run to give Central a 24-18 lead. Millard West fired back with their own 8-2 run to keep Central from pulling away. Maguy Agau's second 3-pointer gave Central a 31-28 halftime lead.

Staashelm scored the first five points of the third quarter before senior guard Chandler Petersen took over. Petersen hit a pair of 3's, cut to the basket for a layup, and hit a free throw to score 9 of his 16 points in the 3rd quarter.

"Chandler was focused, he was dialed in tonight," Morrison said. "That is probably the best game of his career. I hope there's more of that to come."

Central kept pace thanks to transition play as eight of their 12 points came via the open court and two more were from the free throw line as Harmon drew a foul.

Central was not able to string together enough stops and buckets in the fourth and never regained the lead despite drawing within one on more than one occasion.

Central did a good job of holding Millard West's leading scorer, Ben Kositzke, in check as he made just one of his 11 field goal attempts. However, he did get to the line and shot 10-12 to finish with 12 points. He also grabbed a game high 8 rebounds and served as the backbone of Millard West's defense.

"Ben did a great job defensively and hit some big free throws," Morrison said. "They were real physical with him, I thought he should have shot more free throws than he did."

A few too many mistakes by Central and clutch free-throw shooting by Adam Staashelm secured a 61-56 win for the Wildcats.

Central (8-4) had a couple chances in the fourth to regain the lead, but each time the Millard West (7-3) defense locked in and got a stop.

"Our defense has been very solid all year," Coach Morrison said. "Even in two of our losses we held opponents to 43 and 44 points."

West scored the last five points of the 3rd quarter to take a 46-43 lead. The Wildcats maintained a one or two-possession lead throughout the final period. With 2:56 to go, West led 55-50.

K'zhan Jimerson got a layup and cut the lead to three. Central's defense got a stop and the ball back with 1:31 on the clock. Jimerson split a pair of free throws to cut the lead to two 10 seconds later.

Central pressure the Wildcats and nearly forced a turnover, but Millard West was able to maintain possession. Staashelm made one of two free throws with 41.2 seconds on the clock. Agau's 3-point shot came up short and West secured the rebound, but Austin Hall was called for traveling as Central trapped him in the backcourt.

With 25.8 left on the clock, Central called timeout. They were unable to score. Staashelm was fouled and made both free throws.

Behrens attacked the basket and drew a foul, but missed both free throws. Staashelm was fouled and again made both free throws to give West their biggest lead of the game, 60-53.

Jimerson hit a 3-pointer for Central, and Staashelm made another free-throw to make the game 61-56. West forced a turnover and ran out the clock for the victory.

"I told the guys that they did a better job of keeping their cool than I did," Morrison said. "We are working on our mental approach and grew up a lot tonight."

Jimerson led all scorers with 24 points on 9 of 13 shooting and also grabbed a team-best six rebounds. Harmon scored nine points and dished out seven assists.

The Wildcats out-rebounded the Eagles 30-23 and made 17 more free throws.

MW	13	15	18	15	61
OC	16	15	12	13	56

MW — Hall 7, Adams 2, Anderjaska 5, Staashelm 19, Petersen 16, Kositzke 12

OC —Adams 4, Harmon 9, Behrens 6, Jimerson 24, Hall 2, Polk 3, Agau 8.



Wildcats Pounce on Bunnies

Millard West jumped out to a 15-2 first quarter lead over the Benson Bunnies in the first quarter of Thursday night's game. And they

never looked back.

Chandler Petersen led the Wildcat attack with 17 points and Mani Adams added 11.

Marshawn Stewart led Benson with 17 points and Chris Douglas added 11 for the 1-9 Bunnies.

Both teams had trouble scoring to begin the game. West led 4-2 after a basket by Logan Anderjaska just under the 4 minute mark of the quarter.

Seven Wildcats scored in the first quarter. Benson was not able to score a field goal in the opening period.

Millard West led 26-12 with 2:45 left in the half. The Wildcats used a balanced attack in the 2nd quarter as eight different players scored. West led 30-14 at half.

Petersen scored six points in the 3rd quarter to lead the Wildcats. West led 51-26 for their biggest lead of the game with 1:04 left in the 3rd quarter.

West went deep into their bench through much of the 4th quarter. The Wildcats outscored Benson 20-19 in the final period.

"I was happy with our performance," Coach Bill Morrison said. "We gave up too many o-boards and missed a

few bunnies in the first half, but the effort was great."

In the 4th quarter, Morrison succumbed to the chants of the Wildcat Crazies. Morrison cleared his bench as the gym echoed with a "We want Preston" chant.

"I told Preston that I wasn't going to put him in until we the crowd asked for him," Morrison joked. "The crowd did their job too tonight."

Humphrey responded by scoring his first 3 Varsity points for West. Max Sealer also added a career high 4 points in the contest. Westin Longacre led the team with 3 blocked shots.

"It's nice to get the full bench involved, They don't get enough credit for what they do every day in practice," Morrison said.

OB	2	12	16	19	49
MW	15	15	21	20	71

OB — Reed 2, Brewer 6, Stewart 17, Hearn 2, Henderson 2, Douglas 11, Ross 4, Barfield 3, Rom 2

MW — Hall 1, Humphrey 3, Adams 11, Sealer 4, Anderjaska 6, Ehly 2, Staashelm 4, Sharp 7, Petersen 17, Charvat 4, Conway 4, Kositzke 8.

Millard West Avenges Loss to Westside

On an emotional night for the Wildcat Family, Millard West avenged their Metro Conference Tournament loss with a 56-47 victory over Omaha Westside.

"I haven't been this nervous before a game for a long time," Coach Morrison said. "We didn't play well the first time we played Westside, It was our first big home game, and we really wanted to get this one for Tyler and his family"

The Wildcats rose to the occasion and led 13-8 after the first quarter. Chandler Petersen and Ben Kositzke scored all of West's points with 7 and 6 points respectively.

"It felt like a few guys were trying to do too much on the offensive end early," Morrison said. "But our defense was great through the first three quarters.

The Wildcat defense continued to make it tough on the Warriors. Westside had more turnovers than field goals in the 2nd quarter. Kositzke scored 5 points in the quarter. Logan Anderjaska and Phil Ehly each added three points on "old-



Westside (cont.)

fashioned 3-point plays.” West took a 24-17 lead into the half.

Morrison was happy with his team’s first half performance. “The only thing we didn’t do very well is shoot the 3. WE didn’t move the ball enough against their zone and settled for a few too many 3’s,” he said. The Wildcats were 1-11 from behind the arc in the first half.

Millard West’s defense came out of the 2nd half ready to play. Westside turned the ball over eight times in the quarter and only scored two field goals. Austin Hall scored seven points in the midst of a 9-0 run by the Wildcats to end the third quarter and take a 42-26 lead. Kositzke scored eight points in the quarter.

Hall added three free throws to start the third quarter, but the Warriors would not quit. Westside’s offense came alive with the help of Anthony Bratton. Bratton scored eight of his nine points in the final period. Millard West led 48-39 with 1:38 remaining in the game. Westside cut the lead to 50-44 after a 3-pointer by Trae Meeks. Hall scored on a wide open lay up as the Wildcats attacked Westside as they were trying to set up their press.

Four missed free throws by Millard West and a 3-pointer by AJ Meeks allowed the Warriors to cut the lead to 52-47. Ben Kositzke made 4-4 free throws to end the scoring and give West a 56-47 victory.

Kositzke led the Wildcats with 27 points, 8 rebounds, and 2 blocked shots. His 11-11 effort from the line broke Adam Staashelm’s record of a perfect 9-9 against Millard North last season. Hall added 12 points for the Wildcats.

AJ Meeks scored 15 points followed by cousin Trae Meeks with 12 points. Bratton added 9 for the Warriors.

OW	9	8	9	21	47
MW	13	11	18	14	56

MW — Hall 12, Adams 1, Anderjaska 3, Ehly 5, Petersen 8, Kositzke 27.

OW — Greeder 2, Waldron 3, T Meeks 12, McQueen 6, AJ Meeks 15, Bratton 9.

Wildcats Dominate Bears

The Millard West Wildcats set a new school record by holding Omaha Bryan to just 25 points in Tuesday night’s game at Bryan.

The Wildcat Bench outscored the starters 38-32 in the game. Logan Anderjaska recorded seven steals as West forced the Bears into 27 turnovers

Ben Kositzke and Tyler Sharp led the Wildcats with 12 points apiece. Kositzke grabbed eight rebounds and blocked three shots. Goy Lew scored 12 points to lead the Bears.

“We set some defensive goals for the game tonight and the guys really bought into it,” Coach Bill Morrison said. “I was pleased with the execution and the effort .”

In the first quarter, Bryan was 3/9 shooting and turned the ball over six times. The Wildcats did not give up an offensive rebound in the first quarter.

Kositzke led West with four points in the quarter as they took a 13-6 lead after eight minutes.

West led 25-14 mid-way through the 2nd period. The Wildcats finished the quarter with a 13-0 run thanks to their defense forcing turnovers on the Bears’ final seven possessions.

Sharp scored eight points in the quarter.

Bryan was only able to score one point in their first 11 possessions of the 2nd half.

West was able to extend their lead to 56-15 in that time. With a 40-point lead, the continuous clock rule was set into place with just over two minutes left in the 3rd quarter.

The starters did not play the final 13 minutes of the game, but that did not slow the Wildcats down. West outscored Bryan 14-6 in the final period.

“These games are tough because you need to stay sharp. You need to do the little things right and not get sloppy,” Morrison said. “All 13 guys did that tonight.”



MW	13	25	18	14	70
OB	6	8	5	6	25

MW — Hall 6, Humphrey 4, Adams 4, Sealer 4, Anderjaska 8, Ehly 7, Sharp 12, Petersen 7, Charvat 4, Conway 2, Kositzke 12.

OB — Ayul 2, Lew 7, Smith 2, Thok 6, Nekola 2, Mayen 2, Bchiok 4





West Wins 5th Straight Game With Win Over Chieftains

The Millard West boys basketball team wasted no time to set the tempo for their game against Bellevue East Friday night. The Wildcats jumped out to a 16-2 lead and never looked back.

All 14 Millard West players scored in the contest led by Logan Anderjaska with 10 points. Tom Cruz and Eric Lenear led the Chieftains with 12 and 10 points respectively.

Ben Kositzke led the Wildcats to their early lead scoring all nine of his points in the first quarter and dropped two assists to his teammates. West led 23-5 after the first quarter.

West forced seven Chieftain turnovers and grabbed seven offensive rebounds in the 2nd quarter. They extended their lead to 42-12 with under a minute. East made a free throw, and Lenear hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer to make the score 42-16.

West came out of the half by shooting 6/8 from the field and was 3/3 from the line to outscore East 17-8 in the quarter.

East made two 3-pointers and a free throw to start the 4th quarter, but would only score four more points the rest of the quarter.

The coaching match-up had a unique tone in this game. Chad Mustard was an assistant coach at Millard West last season.

West Coach Bill Morrison said, "I think our guys were amped up to play against Coach Mustard. They really came out and played hard."

"Chad will get East playing better. He is part of what made this team so good." Morrison said. "He really pushed the players hard when he was here."

Morrison could have predicted the outcome of the game. "I told the guys that I knew we weren't going to

"I knew we wouldn't get out-coached tonight!"

be out-coached tonight." he joked.

Coach Mustard was very complimentary of his former team. "I am proud of the way they are playing. It was like a clinic the way they played together. It was like we weren't even there. They have a chance to go deep in the tournament."

BE	5	11	8	10	34
MW	23	19	17	16	75

BE — Cruz 12, Lenear 10, L Cunningham 1, Keaton 2, Connor 3, Mengel 2, Cunningham 4

MW — Hall 6, Humphrey 5, Adams 2, Sealer 4, Anderjaska 10, Hay 3, Ehly 8, Staashelm 2, Sharp 7, Petersen 5, Charvat 5, Longacre 3, Conway 6, Kositzke 9



Wildcat Program Extends Win Streak

Wildcats Sweep Westside 298-210 in Five Games	Wildcats Sweep Bunnies 325-192 in Five Games	Wildcats Sweep Bears 368 - 141 in Five Games	Wildcats Sweep Chieftains 317 - 150 in Five Games
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“We Own Q-Street”

The Millard West student section broke into a “We Own Q-Street” chant in the last minute of Friday night’s high school basketball game against Millard South. Millard West won the game 49-37 in front of an estimated crowd of over 2300 fans.



The Wildcats scored 18 points in the 4th quarter to pull away from the Patriots. Ben Kositzke led West with 13 points and 8 rebounds. Mani Adams added 10 points for the Wildcats. Matt Kinkle scored 18 points to lead Millard South.

Millard South was able to control the pace through the first three quarters of the game. “They did a nice job of holding onto the ball to keep the score down.” Coach Bill Morrison said. “I was proud of how disciplined we were on defense. It’s hard to play defense for that long and not break down.”

Noah Dartman made a 3-pointer on South’s first possession of the game. Mani Adams made a jumper from the free throw line to give the Wildcats an 11-9 lead at the end of the first quarter.

South continued with long possessions in the 2nd quarter. West only had the ball six times in the quarter

but scored 11 points. The Wildcats led 22-16 before Kinkle banked in a 3-pointer at the buzzer. West led 22-19 going into the half.

Morrison said that his team didn’t have to make many adjustments at half-time. “We just talked about playing solid defense and making sure we took good shots,” he said.

The 3rd quarter continued at the same pace. West built a 31-24 lead before Kinkle hit another 3-pointer at the buzzer to pull the Patriots within four points at 31-27.

Thanks to a couple missed 3-point attempts and a couple turnovers by South, Millard West was able to build their lead to 36-27 with 5:09 left in the game.

Two free throws by Mani Adams and a lay-up by Mike Charvat gave the Wildcats a 42-31 lead with just under two minutes left in the game.

South scored six points in the final two minutes, but West made seven of ten free throws to hold on for the victory.

“It was a great environment. The crowd was great and both teams played pretty well,” Morrison said. “I wish every game would be like that.”

MW — Hall 5, Adams 10, Ehly 8, Staashlem 2, Sharp 4, Petersen 4, Charvat 2, Kositzke 13.

MS — Miller 2, Pfitzer 2, Harre 4, Dartmann 3, Pauli 7, Kinkle 18.

MW	11	11	9	18	49
MS	9	10	8	10	37





Wildcats Ground Silver Hawks

The Millard West Boys Basketball team won

their sixth consecutive game Thursday night over Lincoln Southwest 53-39.

No players on either team scored in double digits. Ben Kositzke, Austin Hall, and Phil Ehly all scored nine points for the Wildcats. Tyler Lenz led Southwest with nine points.

West started out quickly and jumped to a 9-0 lead early in the first quarter. Southwest scored on their next four possessions and brought the score to 11-9. The quarter ended with West up 16-10.

The Wildcat defense clamped down on Southwest and only allowed five points on two field goals in the 2nd quarter. Millard West led 29-15 at the half.

“I was really please with our defensive effort in the first half,” Coach Bill Morrison said. “We gave up a couple too many offensive rebounds, but we did a nice job of pressuring their shooters.”

After two turnover to start the 3rd quarter, Southwest went on a 5-0 run and cut the lead to 31-20. After a timeout by Coach Morrison, the Wildcats was able to extend their lead to 40-22.

Southwest hit a 3-pointer to stop a 7-2 run by the Wildcats. Westin Longacre answered with a 3-pointer of his own at the buzzer. West held a 43-25 lead at the end of the period.

Southwest would not give up. The Silver Hawks made an 11-2 lead in the first six possessions of the final quarter and cut the lead to 9. West pulled away at the end of the game to win 53-39.

“I would have liked to do a better job closing the game in

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the 4th quarter,” Morrison said. “We were a little short-handed so we may have been a little tired.”

Logan Anderjaska and Adam Staashelm had been fighting the flu early in the week and did not play for the Wildcats.

LSW	10	5	10	14	39
MW	16	13	14	10	53

LSW — Peterson 6, Aguilar 3, Els 2, Works 7, Lenz 9, Dowd 2, Shanahan 8, Raatz 2.

MW — Hall 9, Adams 7, Ehly 9, Sharp 7, Petersen 5, Charvat 4, Longacre 3, Kositzke 9



West Wins in Triple Overtime Game

The Millard West boys basketball team outlasted Omaha Burke and game away with a 68-64 victory after three overtimes. Ben Kositzke scored six points in the final overtime including 4-4 free throws in the last minute of the game.

Kositzke led the Wildcats with 23 points and Austin Hall added 13. Darnell Mitchell and Shareef Mitchell scored 19 and 17 points respectively and Jarron Bradley added 12 for the Bulldogs.

Millard West started out fast and jumped out to an early 8-0 lead in the first quarter. Junub Char made a 3-pionter for Burke, but the Bulldogs were only able to score 5 points in the quarter. West led 13-5 after the first eight minutes of play.

Burke was able to start scoring in the 2nd quarter, but could not slow down the Wildcats. Kositzke scored 8 points in the first half to lead West to a 26-17 lead.

Wildcats Survive Bulldog Attack

"Even though Burke only scored 17 points in the first half, we weren't real happy with the effort we gave in the first half," Coach Bill Morrison said.

West turned the ball over 9 times and gave up 6 offensive rebounds in the half. "Those are hustle stats to me. Burke came to beat us and I don't think we were ready for that," Morrison said.

West's offense struggled in the third quarter. The Wildcats turned the ball over 6 times in the quarter and only scored 3 points in the first six-plus minutes of the quarter.

S. Mitchell hit two 3-pointers to lead Burke in the third quarter. Burke cut the lead to 29-27 with 2:04 left in the quarter. West led 33-30 at the end of the 3rd quarter.

Another 3-pointer and two free throws by S. Mitchell gave Burke their first lead of the game, 35-34, with 6:32 left in the game. The two teams exchanged leads six times in the final period.

After a turnover by each team in the last minute of the game, West called a timeout with seven seconds left in the game.

Trailing 45-46, West got the ball into Kositzke who was fouled on the shot attempt. Kositzke made his 2nd of two free throws to tie the score. Burke had 4 seconds to try to score, but missed on a 30-foot attempt.

Kositzke scored the first basket in overtime for West and Caleb Conway added a free throw to give West a 49-46 lead. D. Mitchell answered with a 3-pointer to tie the score. Neither team scored the rest of the overtime.

The 2nd overtime saw much more scoring. Burke scored first with a jumper from the baseline. West scored five points from the line in overtime. S. Mitchell was fouled and made the free throw to give the Bulldogs a 59-56 lead.

West called a timeout with 10 seconds left to play. Hall missed a 3-point attempt, but Adam Staashelm grabbed the rebound and found Phil Ehly open for the game tying 3-point basket and a 3rd overtime.

The Wildcats isolated Kositzke who was fouled by Wanjang. Tut. The foul was Tut's 5th foul. Kositzke missed the free throw, and West led 61-59. Hall made 3 of 4 free throws to give West a 64-62 lead.

D Mitchell scored for Burke to tie up the game 64-64 on a drive down the right side of the lane.

Staashelm drove the lane for West and found Kositzke on the left block. Kositzke was fouled and made both free throws.

Char drove the length of the floor but was not able to connect on a lay up as Kositzke was waiting and blocked the shot. Kositzke got the rebound, was fouled, and made both free throws to give West a 68-64 win.

"We did a lot of good things at the end of the game and each overtime. A lot of guys made big plays down the stretch," Morrison said.

"I am proud of the win, but we escaped tonight! We need to play better in the first three quarters to win in regulation," he added.

OB	5	12	13	16	3	10	5	64
MW	13	13	7	13	3	10	9	68

OB: Tut 6, Sanders 3, S Mitchell 17, D Mitchell 19, Bradley 12, Char 7,

MW: Hall 13, Adams 8, Ehly 8, Staashelm 2, Sharp 4, Charvat 3, Conway 7, Kositzke 23.

Hiland Game of the Week: Vikings vs. Wildcats

Omaha North and Millard West, which entered the week as the two hottest teams in the Metro, meet on Saturday at Millard West.

No. 5 North (15-3) is on a 10-game winning streak — it plays winless Omaha Bryan on Friday — while No. 7 Millard West (13-3) would be working on an eight-gamer should it defeat Omaha Burke (8-8) on Friday.

The focal points, obviously in the 5 p.m. game, are the big men for both teams — 6-foot-10 Justin Patton for North and 6-7 Ben Kositzke of Millard West.

It gets no easier for the Wildcats, either. They have a Tuesday game at No. 4 Omaha Creighton Prep.





Vikings hit 10 3-pointers to Top West

On a team that's adept at finishing around the rim, coach Jared Andersen knows just how valuable sophomore Anthony Laravie is to Omaha North.

"That's a dimension that I can't even put into words how important he is. When he's shooting the ball well, our scores are very, very high," Andersen said. "

Laravie's long-range shooting made the difference Saturday. He hit four 3-pointers in the first five minutes of the second half, helping the fifth-ranked Vikings regain control on their way to a 66-57 win over No. 7 Millard West.

Laravie finished 6 of 7 from 3-point range, scoring a team-high 18 points.

"We look to drive. We really don't look to shoot 3s. But when he's open, he's going to pull it," said North senior Justin Patton, the Creighton pledge who finished with 11 points, four rebounds and five blocks.

The victory stretched the Vikings' winning streak to 12 games — they haven't lost since Dec. 31 against Omaha Creighton Prep. Millard West saw its eight-game winning streak snapped.

North led 33-32 at halftime, and when 6-foot-8 center Ben Kositzke hit a 10-footer to open the third quarter, Millard West took the lead at 34-33.

On the ensuing possession, Laravie hit the first of his four third-quarter 3s. When he hit his final one with 3:25 left in the quarter, North's lead had grown to 52-42. Millard West never got closer than eight the rest of the way.

"They got loose in transition, and

Laravie, hit four 3s. Three of them were off our press when we didn't find him," Millard West coach Bill Morrison said.

Laravie wasn't alone in knocking down 3-pointers. North went 10 of 14 from behind the arc.

Guard Davion Reed, who was 3 of 5 from 3-point range, scored 11 of his 16 points in the game's first four minutes as North raced to a 19-4 lead. But the Wildcats, who still trailed by 15 early in the second quarter, scored 13 straight points in the middle part of the quarter to grab a 28-27 lead with 2:42 left in the half.

Millard West went 9 of 12 from the field in the second quarter but hit 9 of 28 after halftime.

The Wildcats were coming off a triple-overtime win over Omaha Burke Friday night. Morrison said he didn't think that factored into Saturday's outcome.

"I'm sure we were a little tired, but once the game starts, I think that goes away," he said. "I thought we battled."

Andersen said the way senior Tre Ammons battled for North on the glass also was a huge boost Saturday. Ammons finished with eight points and a game-high 10 rebounds. He had five points and three boards in the fourth quarter.

"That was a great boost," Andersen said. "That kid is nothing but energy. Whenever he gets a chance to be in there, he leaves nothing on the court."

Kositzke, after going scoreless in the first quarter, led Millard West with 21 points

and seven rebounds. Logan Anderjaska added 10 points, all in the second quarter.

ON (17-3).....	20	13	21	12—66
MW(14-4).....	8	24	14	11—57

ON: Justin Patton 4-11 3-4 11, Tre Ammons 2-2 4-5 8, Anthony Laravie 6-8 0-0 18, Marquise Lewis 2-4 0-1 5, Jaylin One Feather 2-5 0-0 4, Kendall Patton 1-3 0-0 2, Davion Reed 6-15 1-2 16, Jordan Nash 1-1 0-2 2. Totals 23-49 8-14 66.

MW: Austin Hall 3-7 0-1 8, Mani Adams 1-8 3-4 5, Logan Anderjaska 2-4 5-5 10, Phil Ehly 0-3 2-2 2, Ben Kositzke 10-21 1-1 21, Chandler Petersen 4-4 0-0 8, Mike Charvat 0-2 0-0 0, Adam Staashelm 0-2 0-0 0, Caleb Conway 1-1 1-2 3. Totals 21-52 12-15 57.

3-point goals: ON 10-14 (Laravie 6-7, Reed 3-5, Lewis 1-1, J. Patton 0-1), MW 3-9 (Hall 2-4, Anderjaska 1-2, Charvat 0-1, Kositzke 0-1, Staashelm 0-1). Rebounds: ON 29 (Ammons 10), MW 29 (Kositzke 7). Total fouls: ON 15, MW 14. Fouled out: None. Technical fouls: None. Turnovers: ON 11, MW 10. Att; 1,000 (est.)



The Millard West Boys Basketball win streak ended Saturday night after 37 consecutive wins.

No Wildcat team had lost since the Varsity trip to Grand Island on January 10th.



Homa Leads Jr. Jays Past Wildcats

Drew Homa scored 18 points in a top ten battle between #4 Creighton Prep and #8 Millard West.

Prep made a couple of late defensive stops and hit 7 of 8 free throws in the final 1:04 to hold off No. 8 Millard West for a 64-59 win at home.

Millard West led 18-12 late in the first quarter as the Wildcats were efficient in getting the ball in the low block to 6-foot-8 center Ben Kositzke, who finished with 19 points and 11 rebounds. Millard West hit seven of its first 10 shots.

But late in the first half, Homa scored three straight baskets on drives to the hoop to give the Junior Jays a 28-22 lead. Prep never lost the lead the rest of the way, but Millard West always stayed close.

"We really wanted to take away their 3-point shooting," Millard West Coach Bill Morrison said. "As a result, we didn't do a very good job of stopping the drive."

Trailing 55-49, Millard West's Chandler Petersen scored on a drive to the basket and two free throws to make it 55-53 with 2:53 left in the game. The Wildcats had a chance to tie it with less than two minutes left, but Petersen shot from low block rolled off the rim.

Prep grabbed the defensive rebound and then started to connect from the free throw line. Nate Schimonitz, Tyson Smiley and Homa each hit 2 of 2 in the final 64 seconds.

"The last few games we've struggled making layups and free throws

and we were giving up a lot of layups and free throws," Luedtke said. "You can't win games that way, kind of living dangerously. But any time you can find a way to win, you got to feel good about it, especially against a team like Millard West."



Coach Morrison said the game was everything he expected. "This was a great high school basketball game. Both teams played well. The crowd was into it," he said. "They just made a few more shots than we did."

Besides Kositzke, Petersen scored nine of his 12 points in the second half, while Phil Ehly had eight points and 10 rebounds — seven of Ehly's

rebounds were in the fourth quarter.

MW (14-5)	18	8	19	14	59
CP (18-2)	14	17	17	16	64

MW: Austin Hall 1-9 6-7 8, Logan Anderjaska 2-2 1-2 5, Phil Ehly 4-8 0-1 8, Adam Staashelm 1-7 2-3 5, Chandler Petersen 4-7 2-2 12, Mike Charvat 0-2 0-0 0, Tyler Sharp 1-1 0-0 2, Ben Kositzke 6-14 7-8 19. Totals 19-50 18-23 59.

CP: Tommy Pritchard 2-6 1-2 6, Tyson Smiley 0-4 5-6 5, Jacob Mattern 2-2 1-2 5, Will Schenken 2-6 0-0 4, Nate Schimonitz 3-6 2-2 8, Drew Homa 7-11 4-5 18, Joey Machado 3-9 0-0 9, Aguir Agau 1-1 0-0 3, Chad Witocy 3-5 0-2 6. Totals 23-50 13-19 64.

3-point goals: MW 3-15 (Petersen 2-3, Staashelm 1-7, Charvat 0-1, Hall 0-4); CP 5-18 (Machado 3-7, Agau 1-1, Pritchard 1-5, Homa 0-1, Schmonitz 0-2, Smiley 0-2). Rebounds: MW 35 (Kositzke 11); CP 29 (Homa 7). Turnovers: MW 7, CP 4. Total fouls: MW 16, CP 14. Fouled out: none. Att.: 750 (est.)





Wildcats Cage Tigers

The Millard West Boys Basketball team beat Fremont 48-36 at Millard West on Saturday. Austin Hall led all scorers with 13 points.

The two teams made the game look as if it was going to be a high scoring affair in the first quarter. Hunter Horrocks started out the scoring for the Tigers with a 3-pointer. Midway through the quarter, Fremont led 8-4.

West went on an 8-0 run to take a 12-8 lead. But Fremont would score 9 points on their next four possessions to lead 17-15. Two free throws by Logan Anderjaska tied the score 17-17 to end the first quarter.

West picked up the defensive intensity in the second quarter and held Fremont scoreless for the first 6 minutes of the period. Tyler Sharp scored 5 points in the quarter to lead West to a 28-22 half-time lead.

“We played very solid defense in the 2nd quarter,” Coach Bill Morrison said. “They scored on their last two possessions, but both were contested shots.”

Millard West’s press created some turnovers in the 3rd quarter. The Tigers turned the ball over 6 times in the period. Adam Staashelm made two three pointers in the 3rd quarter for West. The Wildcats built a 44-28 lead going into the final period.

West ran a box-and-one on Fremont’s Matt Hahn to start the final period.

“We had talked about playing so combo defenses if we needed to. With (Ryan) Williams out of the game, we thought it would be a good time to try it,” Morrison said.

It worked. Fremont seemed confused and ran over a minute off of the clock before they missed a three-point attempt. West did not make a field goal in the 4th quarter, but led by 19 (47-28) at one time in the period. Fremont was able to score on four straight possessions down the stretch but could not cut the lead to less than 10 points.



FHS	17	5	6	8	36
MW	17	11	16	8	48

F: Horrocks 1-9 0-0 3, Dredge 1-3 0-0 2, Hahn 5-6 1-1 12, Williams 5-11 0-0 11, Burnside 1-2 0-0 2, Hofer 1-2 0-0 2, Cerny 0-1 0-0 0, Schroedter 2-2 0-0 4, Niehaus 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 16-37 1-1 36.

MW: Hall 4-7 3-3 13, Ehly 1-4 0-0 2, Staashelm 3-8 0-0 8, Petersen 1-4 3-4 5, Kositzke 3-6 1-1 7, Adams 2-2 0-0 4, Anderjaska 0-2 2-2 2, Charvat 0-1 0-0 0, Conway 0-1 0-0 0, Sharp 2-2 2-4 7, Longacre 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 16-39 11-14 48.

3-point goals: F 3-13 (Hahn 1-2, Williams 1-3, Horrocks 1-6, Burnside 0-1, Niehaus 0-1); MW 5-16 (Hall 2-5, Staashelm 2-6, Sharp 1-1, Charvat 0-1, Longacre 0-1, Petersen 0-2). Rebounds: F 16 (Hofer 4); MW 25 (Petersen 5). Turnovers: F 11, MW 7. Total fouls: F 9, MW 3. Att: 800 (est.)



Wildcats Shoot Down Monarch Senior Night

So this is how things turn out when Millard West plays four complete quarters.

The Top 10 No. 8 Wildcats (16-5) made two of every three shots, allowed Papillion-La Vista precious few second chances and short-circuited Monarch rallies with baskets at crucial points Tuesday for a 60-44 Metro Conference boys basketball victory.



Millard West made 22 of its 33 field-goal attempts (.667) and took only six 3-point shots. After building a 10-point lead by halftime, the Wildcats let the Monarchs get no closer than three points in the second half.

With junior forward Logan Anderjaska leading a balanced attack — he scored 13 points while three teammates each finished with nine — Millard West did most of its damage with layups.

Wildcats coach Bill Morrison said there have been games where Millard West has played two or three quarters that well. This was the first time the Wildcats have played this

well the entire game.

“We have showed at times we can play like this, but we haven’t put 32 minutes together,” Morrison said. “The offense was moving well, and Papillion always plays hard, so we had to match or beat their intensity.”

The Wildcats slowly wore down and eventually frustrated the Class A No. 9 Monarchs (13-8) before an estimated crowd of 1,000 at Papillion.

After the first quarter, in which the teams combined to make 9 of 14 shots and were tied 10-10, Millard West picked up its defensive intensity and created a cushion that would carry it through the rest of the game.

Seven of West’s eight baskets in the second quarter were layups, including two apiece by Mani Adams and Anderjaska. Those high-percentage shots helped the Wildcats build a 12-point lead that eventually led to a 29-19 halftime advantage.

“I felt lucky we were only down 10 at halftime,” Monarchs coach Dan Moore said. “We were a little off, actually a little more than off. In the first half, they (Millard West) were more aggressive and we weren’t driving to the rim.”

Papio started the second half by scoring the first seven points and cutting Millard West’s lead to 29-26. But the Wildcats didn’t panic, and over the next four minutes built their lead back to 10 points before taking a 39-31 lead into the fourth quarter.

Again it was the high-percentage shots — four layups — that powered

the surge. The Monarchs were showing their frustration at missing several good shots earlier in the game as their chances to rally late continued to slip away.

After making four of their first six shots, the Monarchs made only 12 of 36 in the final three quarters. Senior forward Braxton Murphy led Papio with 15 points.

MW (16-5)	10	19	10	21–60
PLV (13-8)	10	9	12	13–44

MW: Ehly 2-3 2-4 6, Kositzke 3-7 3-4 9, Anderjaska 5-6 3-5 13, Petersen 4-6 1-2 9, Staashelm 2-4 0-1 5, Charvat 1-1 0-0 2, Adams 3-3 1-3 7, Hall 2-3 4-5 9. Totals-22-33 14-24 60.

PLV: Akinwole 2-3 3-4 7, Kalina 1-5 0-0 3, Murphy 6-13 0-0 15, Dougherty 3-7 4-5 10, Paschal 3-5 0-0 6, Burns 1-4 0-0 3, Chang 0-5 0-0 0. Totals-16-42 7-9 44.

3-point goals: MW 2-6 (Staashelm 1-2, Hall 1-2, Anderjaska 0-1, Petersen 0-2), PLV 5-16 (Murphy 3-9, Burns 1-1, Kalina 1-2, Akinwole 0-1, Chang 0-3). Total fouls: MW 13, PLV 18. Fouled out: none. Turnovers: MW 6, PLV 8. Rebounds: MW 23 (Kositzke 5), PLV 21 (Dougherty 7). Field-goal percentage: MW .667, PLV .381. Free-throw percentage: MW .583, PLV .778. A: 1,000 (est.).





Wildcats End Regular Season with Win Over Bulldogs

The Millard West Boys Basketball team ended the 2014-15 season with a 51-36 win over North Platte and ended the season with a 17-5 record.

Logan Anderjaska and Ben Kositzke led the Wildcats with 12 and 11 points respectively. Shane Mauch led all scorers with 20 points for the Bulldogs.

Millard West started the game by attacking the rim in the first quarter. North Platte committed six fouls as the Wildcats were attempting shots. West was 6 of 11 from the line as they led 18-6 at the end of the period.

The Wildcats continued to attack the Bulldogs in the 2nd quarter. West outscored North Platte 16-11 in the period. Anderjaska scored 7 of his 12 points in the quarter. West led 34-17 at the half.

Both teams had trouble scoring to start the second half. North Platte was the first team to score in the period with a basket by Mauch with 3:43 left in the period. West was only able to score one field goal as was 2-2 free throws for four points in the period.

North Platte made two 3-pointers and three free throws for 9 points.

They cut the Wildcat lead to 38-26 at the end of the 3rd quarter.

“I thought we quit playing together in the 3rd quarter,” coach Bill Morrison said. “Playing together is what has made this group so tough.”

The Bulldogs kept fighting and cut the lead to eight (42-34) after two 3-pointers by Mauch. West was able to create some separation from the Bulldogs late in the game. The Wildcats made 5 of their last 6 free throws to finalize the 51-36 win.

Morrison was proud of what his team has accomplished this season. “We have done a lot of great things this year. We have put ourselves in position to make a run for the state tournament and even for the state title.”

NP	6	11	9	10	36
MW	18	16	4	13	51

NP — Letourneau 3, Reyes 3, Mauch 20, Bryant 8, Weaver 2.

MW — Hall 8, Adams 1, Anderjaska 12, Ehly 9, Staashelm 2, Sharp 4, Charvat 3, Conway 1, Kositzke 11.

Class A District Pairings

The pairings for the post season has been released. Millard West finished 9th in the NSAA Wildcard Standings.

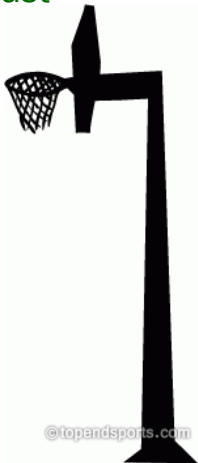
Millard West will host a first round game against Lincoln North Star. The game will be played at 5:00 p.m.

The winner of the West-North Star game will play the winner of 6th seeded Lincoln High and Lincoln Southeast on Tuesday. The time and location of that game will be determined after the first-round contests.



Final Regular Season Basketball Rankings

1. Norfolk
2. Omaha South
3. Creighton Prep
4. Omaha North
5. Bellevue West
6. Lincoln Northeast
7. Millard West
8. Lincoln High
9. Gretna
10. Beatrice



Freshman Tournament

The Freshman earned the 2nd seed of the Prep Tournament behind host Creighton Prep. Their only loss on the season was a 56-67 loss to Prep.

The tournament will run throughout the week with the Wildcat's first game being held on Tuesday at 5:00 vs. Bellevue East.

The tournament is single elimination with the finals held on Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m..

Freshman Take 2nd in Prep Tournament

1st Round

Millard West won the opening round of the tournament with a 59-12 win over Bellevue East.

The Wildcats go out to a 23-4 start and never looked back. Cade Cutler led all scorers with 14 points. The Chieftains only scored 2 points in the 2nd half.

Quarter Finals

Millard West beat Omaha North 60-55 in the quarter finals of the tournament.

Brock Burling had 16 points and Tyler Bandiera had 6 of his points in overtime to lead the Wildcats past the Vikings.

Semi-Finals

The Wildcats won another close game in the semi-finals with a 43-41 win over Omaha Skutt.

Millard West overcame a 4-point deficit in the final two minutes and got a stop as time expired to advance past the Sky Hawks.

Finals

Host Creighton Prep beat Millard West in the finals of the tournament 50-48. The two teams played in an "instant classic" as the Wildcats tried to avenge their only loss of the season.

Creighton Prep started the game hot from behind the arc and jumped out to an 11-point lead and held the lead through most of the first half.

Millard West used their own 3-point assault to fight back in the 3rd quarter and took the lead from the Junior Jays.

The Wildcats led by eight late in the 4th quarter before Prep made a late comeback. They hit the game winning shot with three seconds remaining on the clock. Brody Belt and Chris Connell each had 12 points for West. Austin Harris pitched in 10 points in the game.

Millard West finished the season with a 20-2 record.

Reserves Complete Undefeated Season





Wildcats Shine Over North Star

Millard West didn't give up a big game to Triston Simpson and didn't give up much of anything to his teammates.

The No. 7 Wildcats held their eighth opponent of the season to less than 40 points while defeating Lincoln North Star 58-36 in Saturday's District A-6 semifinal at Millard West.

Simpson, who scored 20 points in the fourth quarter last Saturday against Lincoln East, needed a full game to match that total. The Wildcats made him work for it, too, sending the 6-foot junior point guard to the line to make 9 of 11 free throws.

Other than senior Jacson Mikaya, who had 13 points, the Gators lacked bite. The rest of the team shot 1 of 7 for three points.

"Our game plan was to stop Simpson. Somebody else had to beat us," Millard West coach Bill Morrison said. "Our goal was to not let Simpson drive and then make sure we stay on the ground against him."

"The first half we were jumping to block his shots and he's very good at drawing contact. We did a better job in the second half."

Ben Kositzke led Millard West with 15 points and 13 rebounds, topping the 12 North Star had for the game.

Millard West (18-5) learned later Saturday that it will host the district final at 7 p.m. Tuesday against Lincoln Southeast (7-17), which upset No. 8 Lincoln High 57-50 Saturday night.

It will be a winner-take-all game for the Class A state tournament. Millard West was eliminated Saturday from wild-card consideration.

The Wildcats trailed only after the opening field goal and opened a 19-11 lead after the first quarter. Chandler Petersen had all eight of his points in the period on a basket, a three-point play and a 3-pointer.

"We were disappointed because we thought we had a pretty good game plan," North Star coach Tony Quattrocchi said. "Their physicality, their depth — they play 10 guys — and they're a veteran team. That seemed to get in our heads a bit.

"They were extraordinarily physical with Triston, which that type of team will do that with him. To his credit, he was still able to draw fouls and get to the free-throw line because he is that kind of player. We needed to have the

other players step up around him quite a bit and that didn't happen tonight."

Millard West started the second quarter with a 10-0 run for a 29-11 lead. North Star's points were six free throws by Simpson before he made the Gators' only field goal of the period with 2 seconds left.

Mikaya's basket to open the second half made it 31-21, and North Star went cold again. The Wildcats scored the next 14 points, five by Austin Hall and four by Kositzke, for a 24-point lead.

North Star	11	8	5	12	36
Millard West	19	12	14	15	58

NS: Jacson Mikaya 4-11 3-4 13, Logan Cale 0-2 0-0 0, Triston Simpson 5-12 9-11 20, Alex Stogdill 0-2 0-0 0, Dillon Brandt 1-3 0-0 2, Dayton Golden 0-1 0-0 0, Jackson Hartley 0-0 1-2 1, Grant Baker 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 10-33 13-17 36.

MW: Austin Hall 2-5 5-6 9, Phil Ehly 4-6 1-1 9, Adam Staashelm 0-4 0-0 0, Chandler Petersen 3-4 1-1 8, Ben Kositzke 7-9 1-2 15, Mani Adams 4-6 0-0 9, Logan Anderjaska 3-5 0-1 7, Tyler Sharp 0-1 0-0 0, Michael Charvat 0-0 0-0 0, Caleb Conway 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 23-40 8-11 58.

3-point goals: NS 3-12 (Mikaya 2-6, Cale 0-1, Simpson 1-3, Stogdill 0-1, Baker 0-1), MW 4-12 (Hall 1-3, Staashelm 0-4, Petersen 1-2, Adams 1-2, Anderjaska 1-1).
Turnovers: NS 10, MW 11.
Rebounds: NS 12 (Stogdill 4), MW 29 (Kositzke 13).
Field-goal percentage: NS .303, MW .575.
Free-throw percentage: NS .765, MW .800. A: 600 (est.)



Millard West Hopes Home Court Helps vs. Lincoln Southeast

Home court could be the perfect antidote for a high-intensity Lincoln Southeast basketball team, Millard West Coach Bill Morrison says.

The teams meet tonight at 7 at Millard West with the boys District A-6 title and a berth at state on the line.

The Knights (7-17) upset No. 8 Lincoln High on Saturday night to reach the final. Coach Dan Noble said his team was outworked.

“Our goal is to match their intensity,” Morrison said. “They’ve been playing pretty well lately. They are very athletic and they play hard.”

Morrison doesn’t think the Wildcats will have a hard time getting up for tonight’s game. They’re 9-1 at home and they don’t have a safety net.

Millard West (18-5) isn’t eligible for a wild card if it loses.

“The guys were pretty loose yesterday,” Morrison said of his team. “I don’t know if that’s good or bad. I think they are ready to play.”

Morrison and his staff have scouted Southeast. He said the Knights like to run, so his team needs to get back on defense. The Wildcats also have to box out every time and make sure they don’t shy away upon contact.

Morrison said his team is also physical, has a strong inside game with a tall lineup and plays well together. A different player seems to step up to lead the offense every game.



And then
there is that
home court
edge!





Millard West Trounces Lincoln Southeast for District A-6 Title

Taking it to the hoop instead of settling for short jumpers Tuesday night cleared the path for Millard West to return to the Class A state basketball tournament.



Mani Adams and Benjamin Kositzke each scored 10 points to lead the Wildcats to a 51-29 victory over Lincoln Southeast in the championship game of the District A-6 tournament before an estimated 1,100 at Millard West.

It gives the Wildcats their second state tournament berth in three years and fifth overall.

“I thought in the second half when we started going into the paint was much better than what we were doing in the first half, settling for 10-footers in the paint,” Millard West coach Bill Morrison said.

“Once we got the lead, we tried to spread it out and make them pick who they wanted to guard, and Mani had a great game.”

Adams did his damage driving to the hoop, scoring six of his 10 late in the second and third quarters to help pad the Wildcats’ lead at the breaks.

Millard West (19-5) got off to a quick start, taking a 7-3 lead. But Southeast (7-18) — which earned its berth in the title game with Saturday’s upset of Lincoln High — responded with a pair of baskets to go up 8-7. The Wildcats bounced back and finished the quarter with a 7-1 run that gave them a 14-9 lead.

Both teams went ice cold at the start of the second quarter. There was only one field goal apiece in the first five minutes before Adam Staashelm made a layup with 2:56 to go before halftime to put West ahead 18-11.

The third quarter also got off to a cool start as neither team was able to score in the first 2:30. Things picked up

in the final minute, and Chandler Petersen put in a follow shot with one second to go to give the Wildcats a 34-26 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

Millard West took over from there, outscoring the Knights 17-3 in the final eight minutes and not allowing a field goal.

Morrison said with such a wide-open Class A field, he likes the Wildcats’ chances if they continue to play defense the way they have the past few weeks. Southeast was the fourth out of five opponent the Wildcats have held to fewer than 40 points.

“I think that’s why we have a good chance at state,” Morrison said. “It’s whoever is playing best next week. I like our chances.”

Lin Southeast	9	6	11	3 — 29
Millard West	14	10	10	17 — 51

LSE: Sam Morris 6, Trevor Dockum 10, Jace Anderson 6, Noah Kulhanek 4, Sterling Smith 2, Andrew Miller 1.

MW: Austin Hall 6, Mani Adams 10, Simon Hay 2, Philip Ehly 7, Adam Staashelm 5, Chandler Petersen 8, Michael Charvat 3, Benjamin Kositzke 10.



Boys A-6 District Basketball: Millard West Pulls Away From Southeast

OMAHA — Lincoln Southeast looked on the verge of another upset and a possible state tournament berth Tuesday when the Knights cut Millard West's lead to five points with 2:50 left in the third quarter.

But upset stomachs and Millard West altered those hopes with a sprint to the finish of a 51-29 victory in the Class A-6 district final at Millard West.

Southeast was missing starting point guard Brady McDonald, and a few other players were limited by food poisoning, Southeast coach Jeff Smith said.

"We had to change things up and we did OK for a while, but Millard West just ran away from us in the end," he said.

"Millard West is a really good team and they deserved this and we have no excuses."

The Wildcats (19-5) outscored Southeast 18-3 in the final 8:01 of

the game.

"We got there with a lot of effort and then just kind of lost our legs," said Smith, whose team stunned Lincoln High, the top-seeded team in the district, Saturday night. "We were hanging in there and I'm thinking a three or a steal and a layup, and all of a sudden they score on everything and we couldn't get to the basket."

Millard West gave up a three-point basket by Jace Anderson with 31 seconds left in the third quarter and didn't allow the Knights to score again until Anderson hit two free throws with 2:40 left in the game. Southeast (7-18) scored just three points in the fourth quarter.

"We thought we were going to get T-shirts that said 'Back to the Bank' with another trip to Pinnacle Bank Arena this year," said Southeast junior guard Trevor Dockum. "We had to move some people

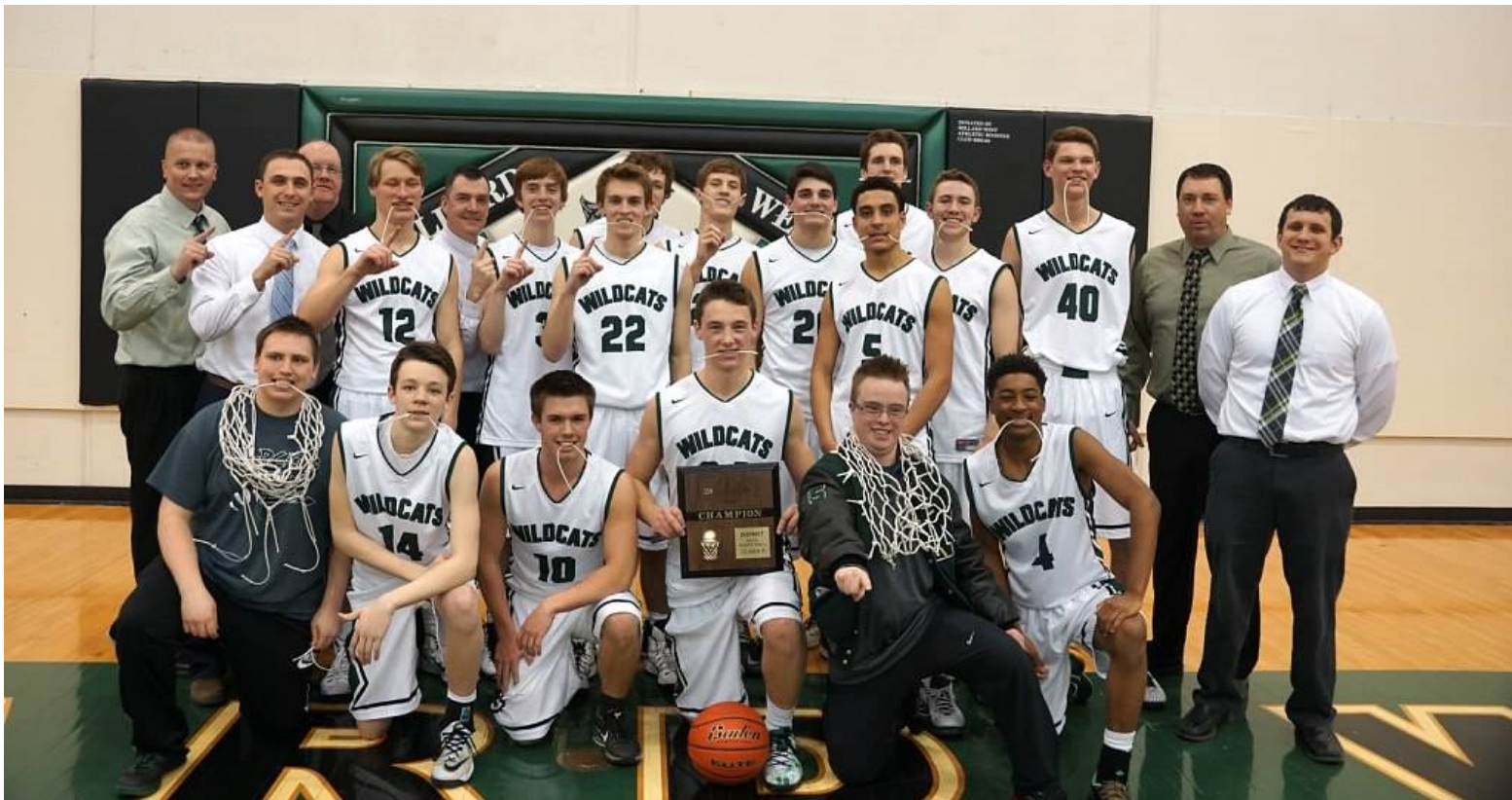
around because of the sickness and we still hung in there. But Millard West took over inside and we couldn't get going again."

The Wildcats counted on a couple of blocked shots by 6-foot-8 senior Ben Kositzke to stop to Knight drives and turn those into breakaway layups by Mani Adams, who had five steals and scored on five drives to the basket in the game.

"We started to attack and we all wanted to play better defense," said Adams. "With this kind of defense, we think we can beat anybody."

Millard West coach Bill Morrison agreed.

"We have been playing some great defense and held our last four opponents to under 40 points," he said. "I think that's why we have a good chance at state. There isn't a clear cut favorite, but if I had to bet, I'd bet on us."





Pritchard Shoots Down Wildcats at State



It took Creighton Prep a while to find itself, but when the Junior Jays did, it was perfection.

Prep didn't miss from the field or the free-throw line in the third quarter, when the Junior Jays pulled away from Millard West for a 67-55 victory in the first round of the Class A state tournament Thursday at Pinnacle Bank Arena.

Tommy Pritchard made a 3-pointer for Prep to start the scoring in the first quarter. Ben Kositzke scored on a jumper followed by a 3-pointer by West's Adam Staashelm.

Millard West, playing without two starters, its sixth man and three other players who were suspended last weekend, led most of the first half.

West would not trail the rest of the half until Prep forced a turnover with their press, and Jacob Mattern made a lay-up to go up 24-23 at the half.

Ben Kositzke led all scorers in the first half with 10 points for Millard West. Joey Machado score 9 points

on three 3-pointers for Prep.

"I thought we settled down and the first 10 possessions of the second half really helped us get the lead a little bit," said Prep coach Josh Luedtke.

"Any time you can get Tommy (Pritchard) going and he can hit three or four threes in a row, it gives us a spark. That's what we've done all year."

The third-ranked Jays will play in the 8:45 p.m. semifinal against defending champion Bellevue West, which defeated Omaha North.

Pritchard hit three straight three-pointers to end the third quarter, the final one banking in at the buzzer.

The Junior Jays were 8-for-8 from the field, 4-for-4 from three-point range and 5-for-5 at the line after leading by one point at halftime.

"You have to give a lot of credit to Millard West. They played hard under the unfortunate circumstances they were in," Luedtke said.

Logan Anderjaska scored on a tip-in to put Millard West in front to start the 2nd half, but Prep then ran off 12 straight points to take control.

"We played great on defense in the first half," Millard West coach Bill Morrison said. "But then it seemed like they made everything in the third quarter,"

Prep built a 55-34 lead early in the 4th quarter, but West did not give up. Austin hall scored 12 points in the final period on two 3-pointers and making 6 of 6 free throws.

Pritchard finished with 19 points, hitting 6 of 8 three-pointers. Will Schenken had 16 points for Prep (25-2). Austin Hall had 15 points and Ben Kositzke added 14 for Millard West (19-6).

Prep	11	13	25	17	67
M. West	14	9	9	23	55

OCP: Tommy Pritchard 19, Tyson Smiley 2, Jacob Mattern 2, Will Schenken 16, Nate Schimonitz 2, Drew Homa 9, Joey Machado 9, Aguir Agau 2, Chad Witecy 6.

MW: Austin Hall 15, Logan Anderjaska 8, Simon Hay 2, Adam Staashelm 3, Tyler Sharp 5, Caleb Conway 6, Ben Kositzke 14, Colby Gomes 2.

Officials: Bojanski, Beamon, L. Wells

State Tournament Scores

First Round

O. South	So. Sioux City	68-34
Lincoln NE	Norfolk	61-43
Cr. Prep	Millard West	67-55
Bel. West	O. North	70-53

Semi-Finals

O. South	Lincoln NE	61-38
Cr. Prep	Bel. West	75-48

Finals

Cr. Prep	O. South	46-41
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Final Ratings

1. Creighton Prep
2. Omaha South
3. Norfolk
4. Bellevue West
5. Lincoln Northeast
6. Omaha North
7. Millard West
8. Lincoln High
9. Winnebago
10. Hastings St. Cecilia



State Basketball

2015

Millard West Wildcats





Pinnacle Bank Arena



55—67

Prep vs. Millard West





One Team One Speed



2014-15 Team Accomplishments

New School Records

Mani Adams	18 Consecutive FT's Made
Ben Kositzke	11/11 FT's in a Game
Chandler Petersen	63.3% Career 2FG%

25	Points Allowed vs. Omaha Bryan
19	Wins
.760	Winning Percentage
46.0	Defensive Average
41.6%	Opponent 2-Point Field Goal Percentage
365	Free Throws Made
10.5	Turnovers Per Game

Other Accomplishments

8 Game Winning Streak
 #7 in OWH final ratings
 Held Opponents to 40 or less points in 10 Games
 District Champions / State Qualifier

Program Record (76-21)

Varsity	19-6	Most Wins in School History
JV	12-10	
Reserve	16-0	Undefeated
9th A	16-2	2nd in Prep Tournament
9th B	13-3	

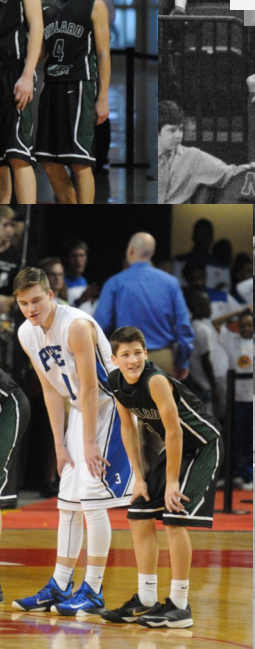


Class of 2015











2014-15 Final Stats



Name	GP	Pts	2FG	2FGA		3FG	3FGA		FT	FTA		Off	Def	Reb	Ast	Blk	Stl	TO	Perf.
					Points									Rebounds				Other	
Team Totals	25	1459	427	824	51.8%	80	310	25.8%	365	525	69.5%	260	529	807	361	96	176	262	1248.0
Ben Kositzke	25	340	129	252	51.2%	0	2	0.0%	82	114	71.9%	60	110	173	63	57	17	34	310.00
Austin Hall	25	186	26	59	44.1%	25	89	28.1%	59	79	74.7%	11	52	65	77	5	28	40	132.16
Chandler Petersen	22	165	55	89	61.8%	7	14	50.0%	34	50	68.0%	32	32	64	27	9	6	24	122.35
Phil Ehly	22	138	53	102	52.0%	1	6	16.7%	29	42	69.0%	24	86	110	36	1	24	25	157.88
Logan Anderjaska	24	132	36	71	50.7%	7	14	50.0%	39	56	69.6%	22	46	68	21	7	24	17	120.22
Mani Adams	23	130	40	90	44.4%	2	7	28.6%	44	60	73.3%	15	34	50	61	4	27	41	101.50
Adam Staashelm	24	123	13	34	38.2%	25	104	24.0%	22	31	71.0%	12	42	54	31		17	19	57.13
Tyler Sharp	25	88	29	46	63.0%	3	25	12.0%	21	38	55.3%	17	27	44	10	4	13	15	50.98
Caleb Conway	25	56	21	36	58.3%				14	21	66.7%	28	27	57	7	3	5	10	71.36
Mike Charvat	24	46	12	21	57.1%	6	31	19.4%	4	10	40.0%	15	26	41	13	1	10	19	36.26
Westin Longacre	18	14	2	5	40.0%	3	10	30.0%	1	1	100.0%	2	9	11	3	5	1	3	16.84
Preston Humphrey	16	12	3	6	50.0%	0	2	0.0%	6	8	75.0%	1	5	6	8		1	5	9.12
Max Sealer	20	18	4	9	44.4%				10	15	66.7%	1	3	6	3		1	5	3.98
Simon Hay	9	7	2	2	100.0%	1	6	16.7%				1	2	3			1	1	2.77
Colby Gomes	1	2	1	1	100.0%														1.22
Christian Hall	1																1		1.00
Brandon McClintock	1														1			1	0.00
Giaovanni Guido	1																		0.00
JJ Schomberg	1																		0.00
Brandon Hargis	1																	1	-1.00
Team Stats	24	2	1	1	100.0%							19	28	55				2	54.22



	Season Leader	Stat
Made Free Throws	Ben Kositzke	82
Free Throw Percentage	Austin Hall	74.7%
2-Pointers Made	Ben Kositzke	129
2-Point Percentage	Chandler Petersen	61.8%
3-Pointers Made	Austin/Adam	25
3-Point Percentage	Austin Hall	28.1%
Points	Ben Kositzke	340
Assists	Austin Hall	77
Blocked Shots	Ben Kositzke	57
Rebounds	Ben Kositzke	173
Steals	Austin Hall	28

New School Records and Leaders



Game Records / Leaders

25 Points Allowed
11/11 Free Throws

Ben Kositzke

1st
1st



Season Records / Leaders

19 Wins
.760 Winning Percentage
10.5 Turnovers Per Game
365 Free Throws Made
46 Points Allowed Per Game
41.6% Defensive Field Goal Percentage

18 Consecutive Free Throws Mani Adams
61.8% 2-point Field Goal % Chandler Petersen
60 Offensive Rebounds Ben Kositzke
57 Blocked Shots Ben Kositzke
82 Free Throws Made Ben Kositzke
173 Total Rebounds Ben Kositzke
129 2-point Field Goals Ben Kositzke
110 Defensive Rebounds Ben Kositzke
340 Points Ben Kositzke
77 Assists Austin Hall
74.7% Free Throws Austin Hall

1st 63.3% 2-point Field Goals
1st 75 Games Played
1st 175 Offensive Rebounds
1st 153 Blocked Shots
1st 183 Free Throws Made
1st 312 Defensive Rebounds
487 Total Rebounds
310 2-Point Field Goals
163 Assists
73.3% Free Throws
56 3-Point Field Goals
10.7 Points Per Game
126 Assists

Chandler Petersen 1st
Ben Kositzke 2nd
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Ben Kositzke 4th
Mani Adams 4th
Adam Staashelm 6th
Ben Kositzke 6th
Austin Hall 10th





2014-2015

Scores & Leaders

Opponent		We	They	Assists	Blocks	Rebounds	Steals	Points	Performance
Kearney	W	52	33	Adams -- 5	Kositzke -- 4	Kositzke -- 14	Adams/Ehly -- 3	Kositzke -- 17	Kositzke -- 17.90
Bellevue West	W	60	57	2	Kositzke -- 2	Adams -- 6	Anderjaska -- 2	Kositzke -- 21	Kositzke -- 12.18
Omaha South	L	58	65	Hall -- 5	1	Kositzke -- 7	Staashelm -- 3	Staashelm -- 15	Kositzke -- 11.50
Lin East	W	63	47	Ehly -- 4	Kositzke -- 3	Kositzke -- 10	Hall/Ehly -- 2	Staashelm -- 19	Kositzke -- 17.68
Lin Northstar	W	74	40	3	Kositzke -- 4	Ehly -- 9	Logan/Mike - 2	Ehly -- 15	Ehly -- 15.52
M1: Westside	L	42	43	Kositzke -- 4	Kositzke -- 4	Kositzke -- 8	Hall -- 4	Kositzke -- 11	Anderjaska -- 7.00
M2: Benson	W	73	47	Hall -- 4	Logan/Mike -- 2	Ehly -- 8	Phil/Ben -- 2	Ehly -- 15	Ehly -- 18.94
Millard North	W	59	46	Adams -- 4	Kositzke -- 3	Kositzke -- 8	Staashelm -- 2	Kositzke -- 21	Kositzke 13.18
Grand Island	L	37	44	Hall/Adams -- 2	Petersen -- 2	Kositzke -- 5	2	Kositzke -- 16	Kositzke -- 12.76
Central	W	61	56	Hall -- 7	Kositzke -- 1	Kositzke -- 7	Hall/Anderj -- 2	Staashelm -- 19	Petersen -- 14.92
Benson	W	71	49	Hall 5	Longacre -- 3	Kositzke -- 10	Hall/Adams -- 3	Petersen -- 17	Kositzke -- 10.06
Westside	W	56	47	Adams -- 5	Kositzke -- 2	Kositzke -- 8	2	Kositzke -- 27	Kositzke -- 19.16
Bryan	W	70	25	Charvat -- 4	Kositzke -- 3	Kositzke -- 8	Anderjaska -- 7	Ben/Tyler -- 12	Kositzke -- 20.32
Bellevue East	W	75	34	Kositzke -- 4	Kositzke -- 2	Conway -- 6	Conway -- 2	Anderjaska -- 10	Kositzke -- 12.88
Lin Southwest	W	53	39	Kositzke -- 7	Kositzke -- 2	Kositzke -- 7	Hall -- 4	9	Kositzke -- 16.29
Millard South	W	49	37	Mani/Ben -- 3	Kositzke -- 1	Kositzke -- 8	Mani/Mike -- 1	Kositzke -- 13	Kositzke -- 14.93
Burke	W	68	64	Hall -- 5	Kositzke -- 5	Phil/Mike -- 7	Hall -- 2	Kositzke -- 23	Kositzke -- 15.23
North	L	57	66	Adams -- 5	Kositzke -- 2	Kositzke -- 8	Ehly -- 2	Kositzke -- 21	Kositzke -- 15.63
Prep	L	59	64	Hall -- 5	Kositzke -- 3	Kositzke -- 11	1	Kositzke -- 19	Kositzke -- 17.19
Fremont	W	48	36	Hall/Adams -- 3	---	Petersen -- 5	Adams -- 3	Hall -- 13	Hall -- 10.33
Papio-LaVista	W	60	44	Austin/Ben -- 5	Kositzke -- 1	Ehly -- 7	1	Anderjaska -- 13	Kositzke -- 11.83
North Platte	W	51	36	Hall -- 6	Kositzke -- 4	Kositzke -- 8	Staashelm -- 4	Anderjaska -- 12	Kositzke -- 12.11
D1: Lin Nstar	W	58	36	Hall -- 5	Kositzke -- 2	Kositzke -- 13	Charvat -- 2	Kositzke -- 15	Kositzke -- 19.95
D2: LSE	W	51	29	Hall -- 3	Kositzke -- 4	Ehly -- 7	Adams -- 4	Mani/Ben - 10	Adams -- 12.88
S1: Prep	L	55	67	Austin/Ben -- 4	Kositzke -- 1	Conway -- 8	1	Hall -- 15	Kositzke -- 7.54
Record		1460	1151	Hall	Kositzke	Kositzke	Hall	Kositzke	Kositzke
19-6		58.4	46.0	77	57	170	28	340	310

One Team

. One Speed

FRESHMEN A			FRESHMEN B		
Lincoln North-east	W	65-46	Omaha South	W	53-25
Omaha South	W	73-40	Millard North	W	41-29
Lincoln East	W	58-24	Bellevue West	W	63-12
Fremont	W	69-16	Millard North	L	52-56
Millard North	W	67-49	Omaha Central	W	56-39
Bellevue West	W	74-36	Benson	W	47-34
Millard North	W	67-27	Westside	W	58-28
Omaha Central	W	62-25	Bellevue East	W	62-23
Benson	W	72-24	Bryan	W	76-21
Westside	W	63-55	Elkhorn South	W	66-47
Bellevue East	W	63-23	Millard South	W	64-36
Bryan	W	78-27	Burke	W	62-39
Millard South	W	66-47	Omaha North	W	69-32
Burke	W	60-45	Creighton Prep	L	43-47
Omaha North	W	58-50	Ralston	W	66-38
Creighton Prep	L	56-67	Papillion-LV	L	65-67
Ralston	W	63-21			
Papillion LaVista	W	61-58			
Bellevue East	W	59-12			
Omaha North	W	60-55			
Skutt Catholic	W	43-41			
Creighton Prep	L	48-50			

RESERVES		
Omaha South	W	66-37
Fremont	W	43-40
Millard North	W	48-26
Creighton Prep	W	64-54
Westside	W	45-24
Central	W	70-35
Benson	W	67-32
Westside	W	65-34
Bellevue East	W	65-30
Bryan	W	79-30
Millard South	W	61-30
Burke	W	60-31
Omaha North	W	61-41
Creighton Prep	W	70-59
Elkhorn South	W	58-47
Lincoln Pius X	W	68-43
Papillion LaVista	W	78-56

JUNIOR VARSITY		
Kearney	W	49-45
Bellevue West	L	46-62
Omaha South	L	66-70
Lincoln East	L	55-58
Millard North	L	60-61
Lincoln North Star	L	45-52
Bellevue West	W	56-40
Millard North	L	
Millard South	L	33-49
Central	L	62-64
Grand Island	W	51-42
Benson	W	67-53
Westside	W	56-46
Bellevue East	W	52-40
Bryan	W	65-38
Millard South	W	50-45
Lincoln Southwest	W	68-57
Burke	W	58-38
Omaha North	W	61-56
Creighton Prep	L	50-68
Fremont	W	55-30
Papillion LaVista	L	40-44
North Platte	W	64-46

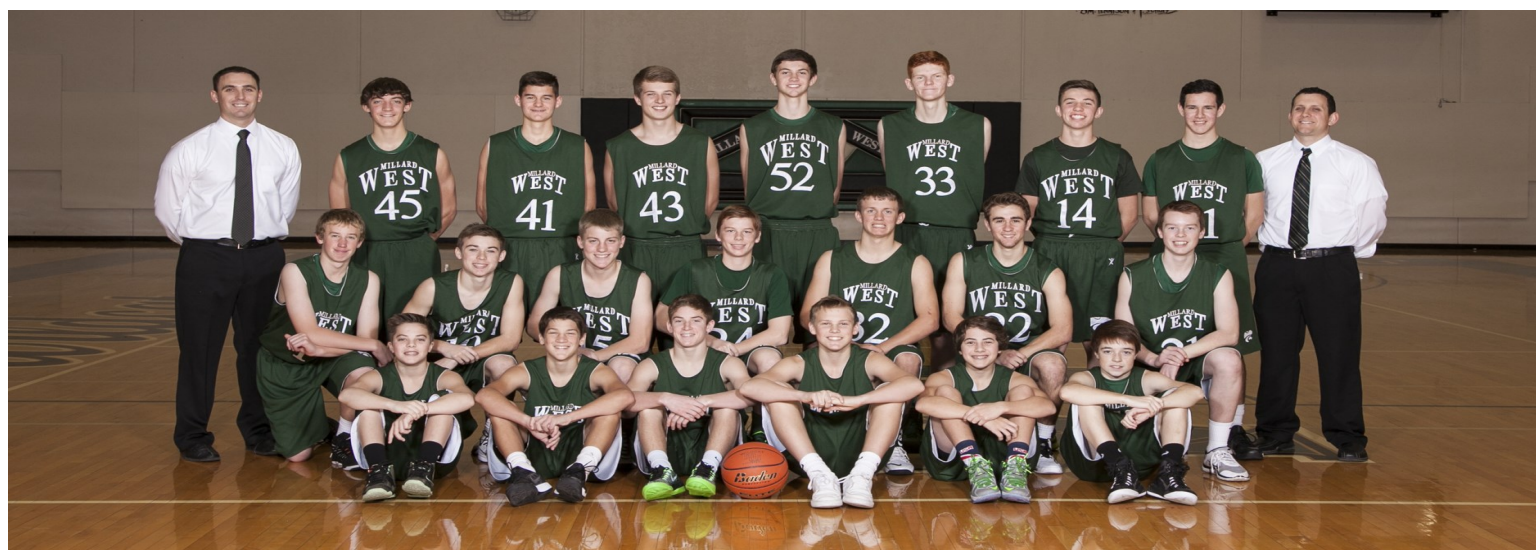




JV/Reserve

First Row – Ryan Hitchens, Christian Hall, Preston Humphrey, Brandon Hargis, Tommy Ho, Dylan Thompson

2nd Row – Ryan Buscher, Chris Russell, Sean Michel, Brandon McClintock, Sammy Scharff, Simon Hay, Bryce Bonner



Freshman

Front Row -- Jono Gordman, Giavonni Guido, Cade Cutler, Hunter Schnuerle, Harley Gordman, Nolan Engelbart

2nd Row – Paul Hinton, Brody Belt, Easton Young, Jared Ott, Tyler Bandiera, Brendan Tauber, Chris Connell

3rd Row – Coach Ian Delaet, Austin Collins, Peyton Wendell, Connor Ekborg, Brock Burling, Craig Sullivan, Austin Harris, Franklin Shue, Coach Bret Siepker Not Pictured: Brennan Askew

Junior Varsity/Reserve Roster				
3	Tommy Ho	5'10	11	G
4	Preston Humphrey	5'9	11	G
5	Dylan Thompson	6'1	11	G
10	Christian Hall	5'10	10	G
12	Brandon Hargis	6'0	10	G
14	Ryan Hitchens	5'8	10	G
20	Simon Hay	6'1	10	G
22	Sean Michel	5'11	10	G
24	Brandon McClintock	6'0	10	G
30	Garrett Kocis	6'4	10	F
32	Sammy Scharff	6'1	10	F
34	Bryce Boner	6'4	10	F
40	Chris Russell	6'2	11	F
42	Brock Collins	6'3	10	F
44	JJ Schomberg	6'6	10	F
50	Ryan Buscher	6'3	10	F
52	Omid Sidiqi	6'5	10	F
54	Colby Gomes	6'5	9	F

Freshman Roster			
1	Harley Gordman	5'4	G
2	Giavonni Guido	5'7	G
3	Jono Gordman	5'1	G
5	Nolan Engelbart	5'4'	G
10	Brody Belt	5'9	G
11	Cade Cutler	5'5	G
12	Paul Hinton	5'10	F
13	Hunter Schnuerle	6'0	F
14	Austin Harris	6'0	F
15	Easton Young	5'8	G
21	Chris Connell	6'0	F
22	Brendan Tauber	5'10	F
24	Jared Ott	5'8	G
25	Brennan Askew	5'11	F
31	Franklin Shue	6'0	F
32	Tyler Bandiera	5'11	F
33	Craig Sullivan	6'5	C
41	Peyton Wendell	6'1	F
43	Connor Ekborg	6'2	F
45	Austin Collins	5'11	F
52	Brock Burling	6'6	C
M	Gavin Peterson		

Varsity Picture (from page 1)

First Row – Adam Staashelm, Mani Adams, Preston Humphrey, Max Sealer, Clayton Wederquist

2nd Row – Logan Anderjaska, Phil Ehly, Austin Hall, Chandler Petersen, Mike Charvat, Dylan Zimmerman

Back Row – Coach Bret Siepker, Coach, Frank Ryan, Coach Dale Gall, Caleb Conway, Westin Longacre, Ben Kositzke, Tyler Sharp, Coach Bill Morrison, Coach Dan Hall, Coach Ian Delaet





Week 1

JV

The Millard West JV team won their opening game by beating Kearney 49-45.

The team was trailing through most of the first three quarters but were able to battle back for the victory.

Dylan Thompson and Simon Hay helped seal the victory by going 4 for 4 from the line in the last 30 seconds.

JJ Schomberg led the team with 11 points.

On Saturday, Bellevue West was able to beat the Wildcat JV team 46-62.

Simon Hay led MW scoring with 13 points.

Week 2

Freshman A

The Freshman A team is off to a 3-0 start and outscored their opponents by an average of 26.7 points.

The young Wildcats beat Lincoln North-east 65-46 on Monday. They outscored the Rockets 36-10 in the 2nd quarter.

On Tuesday, they beat Omaha South 73-40. Brock Burling led the team with 23 points and Chris Connell scored 13.

In their 3rd game of the week, The Frosh team beat Lincoln East 58-24. Tyler

Bandiera scored 16 points and Giavanni Guido chipped in 11.

Freshman B

The Freshman B team won their opener over Omaha South 53-25. Connor Ekborg led the team with 17 points and Jono Gordman added 10.

JV

The JV lost to Omaha South 70 to 66. They led 49 to 46 going into the 4th. Brandon

McClintock led in scoring with 16 pts.

Lincoln East beat MW 58 to 55 in OT. Brandon McClintock scored 12 points, while Omid Sidiqi chipped in with 10 points.

Reserve

The Reserve Team won their only game of the week by beating Omaha South 66-37. Simon Hay scored 10 points and Sammy Scharff and Brock Collins added 9 points apiece.

Week 3

JV

Millard North beat our JV team 61-60. Preston Humphrey had made two free throws to give the Wildcats a 60-58 lead with 2.5 seconds remaining. The Mustangs made a shot from 67 feet away at the buzzer to win the game.

The Wildcats had balanced scoring led by Humphrey with 14 and Simon Hay with 11. Brandon Hargis and Omid Sidiqi both scored 9 points and Dylan Thompson added 8.

On Thursday, the JV team lost another close game. Lincoln North Star outscored the Wildcats 52-45. JJ

Schomberg and Simon Hay led the team with twelve points each.

Reserves

The Reserve Team hosted Fremont on Monday night and won 43-40.

Millard West scored their last eight points from the free-throw line. Sammy Scharff led the team with 10 points in the game.

On Tuesday, the reserves beat Millard North 48-26. Scharff led the team with 11 and JJ Schomberg added 8.

Freshman A

The Freshman A team beat Fremont 69-16 on Monday.

On Tuesday, they beat Millard North 67-49. The Wildcats outscored the Mustangs 23-12 in the 3rd quarter en route to their victory.

Freshman B

The Millard West B-bombers beat Millard North 41-29. Connor Ekborg led all scorers with 10 points. Paul Hinton added 8 for the Wildcats.

Lower Level Tournament Results

Jr. Varsity

The JV team avenged their loss to Bellevue West by beating them in the first round of the Holiday Tournament at Bellevue West.

Simon Hay led the Wildcats with 11 points in the 56-40 victory.

In the Finals, Millard South beat the Jr. Wildcats 49-33 to. Leaders for the game was JJ Schomberg with 9 points.

Reserves

The Reserve team won the Creighton Prep Holiday Tournament by beating Westside 45-24 in the finals on Tuesday.

Leaders for the game were Ryan Buscher with 9 points and Brandon McClintock with 7 points.

In the first round on Monday, the Reserve team won 64-54 over Prep. Christian Hall scored 18 while Simon Hay and McClintock added 11 points each.

The Reserves are undefeated with a 5-0 record.

Freshman A

The Freshman A team beat Bellevue West 74-36 in the 1st round of their Holiday Tournament at Millard West.

Brock Burling led four players in double digits with 12 points. Harley Gordman scored 11 and Giavonni Guido and Austin Harris scored 10 points each.

The A team dominated Millard North in the finals of the tournament with a 67-27 victory. The A Team currently holds a 7-0 record.

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Freshman B

The B team won 63-12 over Bellevue West in the opening round of their Holiday Tournament at Millard West.

Leaders were Cade Cutler and Connor Ekborg with 12 and 10 points respectively..

The Mustangs were able to hand the B Team their first loss of the season by beating the Wildcats 56-52 in an overtime game. Ekborg scored 20 and Cutler added 8 points in the finals.

The B Team took 2nd place in the Holiday Tournament and hold a 3-1 record going into January.

Week 5

Freshmen

The Freshman teams played Omaha Central on Tuesday. Both the A and B teams came away with victories.

The A Team won 62-25. Three Wildcats scored in double digits: Tyler Bandiera (15), Chris Connell (12), and Brock Burling (11).

The B Team won 56-39. Cade Cut-

ler led the team with 16, and Peyton Wendell added 11 for the Wildcats.

Reserves

The Reserve team beat Central on Friday 70-35. Sammy Scharff led the Wildcats with 11 points. Christian Hall and JJ Schomberg both scored 10 in the win. Bryce Bonner led the team with 13 rebounds.

Junior Varsity

The Jr. Wildcats lost to Central 62-65 in overtime on Thursday.

On Saturday, they were able to record a victory of Grand Island by winning 61-52. Omid Sidiqi and Brandon McClintock led the team with 9 points each. Dylan Thompson chipped in 8 points.



Week 6

Freshmen

He 9th A teama remained unde-
feated by beating Benson 72-24.
Giavonni Guido, Brody Belt, Tyler Ban-
diera, and Brock Burling all scored in
double-digits.

Our 9th B team beat Benson 47-
34. Connor Ekborg and Cade Cutler
both had 11 points in the victory.

Saturday morning, both teams
beat Westside.

The A team won their closest game
of the year so far by the score of 63-

55. After a slow start, the Wildcats
outscored the Warriors 60-40. Brock
Burling led all scorers with 21 points.

In the B game, Craig Sullivan
scored 10 points to lead the Wildcats
to a 58-28 victory. Peyton Wendell
and Connor Ekborg added eight
points each.

Reserves

The Reserve team beat Benson
Monday night 67-32. Brock Collins
led three players in double figures
with 13 points. Bryce Bonner and
Sammy Scharff added 11 and 10
points respectively.

On Saturday, Bryce Bonner led the
Wildcats with 14 points, including 6-
6 free throws, to a 65-34 win over
Westside.

Junior Varsity

The JV team won two games this
week to move their record to 5-7.

The Jr. Wildcats beat Benson 67-
53 behind 15 points from Simon
Hay. Dylan Thompson and Preston
Humphrey added 10 points each.

The JV team also beat Westside
56-46. JJ Schomberg led the team
with 17 points.

Freshmen

The 9th Grade A-team advanced
their record to 12-0 with two wins this
week.

The Wildcats beat Bellevue East
63-23 with eight guys scoring six or
more points.

All 12 players scored in a 78-27
victory over Omaha Bryan. West led
60-11 at halftime.

The 9th Grade B-team also won
two games this week. They beat
Bellevue East 62-23. Peyton Wendell
and Craig Sullivan let the team with
11 points each.

On Saturday, the B team beat
Omaha Bryan 76-21. Jared Ott and
Sullivan both scored 13 points.

Reserves

The Reserves moved their record
to 10-0 with two wins this week. On
Monday, they beat Bellevue East 65-
30. Brandon Hargis let the team with
19 points.

The Reserve team beat Bryan 79-
30. Brock Collins scored 13 points
and Omid Sidiqi added 11.

Week 7

Junior Varsity

The JV team beat Bellevue East 52
-40 on Monday. Simon Hay led the
team with 11 points. Preston Humph-
rey and Colby Gomes added 8 points
each.

Saturday the Wildcats beat Bryan
65-38 after trailing 13-11 at the end
of the first quarter. Colby Gomes led
West with 15 points.

The JV team moved their record to
7-7 on the season.

Week 8

Q-Street Dominance

All four lower level teams traveled
to Millard South and beat the Patriots
on Tuesday.

The Freshmen A Team won the Q-
Street Rivalry game 66-47. The Wild-
cats outscored South 21-5 in the 2nd
quarter.

Brody Belt led four players in dou-
ble digits with 19 points. Chris Con-

nell scored 13 followed by Brock Burl-
ing and Giavonni Guido with 11 and
10 points respectively.

The 9th B-team won 64-36. Frank-
lin Shue led the team with 10 points.

The Reserve team beat Millard
South by the score of 61-30. Brock
Collins led the team with 12 points.

The JV team avenged their loss to
Millard South in the Holiday Tourna-
ment with a 50-46 victory. Preston
Humphrey led the team with 10
points .

Jr. Varsity

The JV also beat Lincoln Southwest
this week 68-57. Brandon McClintock
led the Wildcats with 14 points.

Freshmen B

The B-bombers beat Elkhorn South
66-47 on Monday. Conner Ekborg led
the team with 12 points and Engel-
bart scored 10 for the Wildcats.

Week 9

Junior Varsity (10-8)

The JV team beat Omaha Burke 58-38. JJ Schomberg led the team with 17 points, and Colby Gomes scored 13 for the Wildcats.

On Saturday, Omaha North beat the JV team 61-56. Brandon McClintock and Simon Hay scored 15 and 12 points respectively.

Reserves (13-0)

The Wildcat Reserve team beat Burke 60-31. Sammy Scharff scored 15 and Bryce Bonner added 14 points to lead the way.

The Wildcats remained undefeated

with a 61-41 win over Omaha North. Brandon Hargis led the team with 13 points and Sammy Scharff scored 10 in the victory.

Freshman A (15-0)

The 9A team won two games this week. They beat Burke 60-45. Brock Burling scored 16 points and Brody Belt and Tyler Bandiera added 10 points apiece.

Belt scored 14 points in the 2nd half against Omaha North and led all scorers with 16 points in a 58-50 victory over the Vikings.

Freshman B (12-1)

The 9B team added two wins to their record by beating Burke and Omaha North this week.

Connor Ekborg scored 13 points and Peyton Wendell added 10 in a 62-39 victory over the Bulldogs.

The Wildcats beat Omaha North 69-32. Ekborg and Austin Collins scored 10 points each and Paul Hinton added 9.

Week 10

Freshman B (13-2)

The B team lost to Prep 43-47. Cade Cutler led the Wildcats with 9 points and Peyton Wendell added 8.

On Thursday, the B team beat Ralston 66-38. Connor Ekborg scored 15 points while Cutler and Jono Gordman scored 10 points each.

Freshman A (16-1)

The Millard West A team lost their first game of the season to Prep 56-67. Giavonni Guido led the Wildcats

with 17 points. Chris Connell and Brody Belt scored 13 and 11 points respectively.

On Thursday, they bounced back and beat Ralston 63-21. Peyton Wendell lead the team with 13 points. Easton Young and Austin Harris both hit double digits as well.

Reserves (15-0)

The Reserve team beat Creighton Prep 70-59. Brandon Hargis led the way with 17 points, and Ryan Hitchens scored 11.

They also beat Lincoln Pius X 68-43. Ryan Buscher scored 14 points.

Brandon Hargis added 12 points and Christian Hall scored 11 for the Wildcats.

JV (11-9)

The JV team split a pair of games this week. They lost to Prep 50-68 and beat Fremont 55-30.

Colby Gomez scored 13 points against Prep. Brandon McClintock and JJ Schomberg scored 12 and 11 points each.

Simon Hay led West against the Tigers with 12 points, and Brandon Hargis chipped in 10 points.

Jr. Varsity (12-10)

The JV team lost to Papillion-LaVista Monday 40-44. Simon Hay led the Wildcats with 15 points.

The Jr. Wildcats beat North Platte 64-46 in their final game. JJ Schomberg (13), Christian Hall(12), Simon Hay (11), and Brandon Hargis (10) all scored in double digits.

Reserves (16-0)

The Reserve team finished the season undefeated by beating the Monarchs 78-56. Three Wildcats

scored in double-digits. Christian Hall led the way with 20 points while Brandon Hargis scored 19 points. Omid Sidiqi also scored 12 points.

Freshman A (17-1)

The A team won their last game of the regular season over PLV 61-58. Giavonni Guido scored 16 points. Chris Connell and Brock Collins Scored 15 and 11 points.

Week 11

Freshman B (13-3)

The B-Team lost in overtime in their final game of the season. The Monarchs beat the Wildcats 65-67. Cade Cutler scored 20 points and Connor Ekborg added 12 points for Millard West.

The Freshmen B-Team finished the season 13-3. Two of their losses came in overtime and the third loss was by four points.







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All-Metro 1st Team

Ben Kositzke

Drew Homa

Malik Hluchowecyj

Karlon McSpadden

Justin Patton*

All-Metro 2nd Team

Tommy Pritchard

Aaron Rothermund

Maguy Agau

Ayo Akinwale

Noah Fant

All-Metro 3rd Team

Makoor Arop

CJ Johnson

Trae Meeks

Anthony Naimie

Tyson Smiley

2014-2015 Final Rankings

1. Creighton Prep
2. Omaha South
3. Norfolk
4. Bellevue West
5. Lincoln Northeast
6. Omaha North
7. **Millard West**
8. Lincoln High
9. Winnebago (Papio)
- 10.H. St. Cecilia (PLVS)

Scholar Athlete Awards

NSAA

Ben Kositzke

Austin Hall

Metro Conference

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Honorable Mention

All—Metro

Austin Hall

Adam Staashelm

Logan Anderjaska

All—State

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Basketball Scholar-Athlete of the Year

Class A First Team

* Tyler Hagedorn, Norfolk, 6-9, Sr., 17.3

Drew Homa, Creighton Prep, 6-6, Jr., 11.5

Malik Hluchowekyj, Bell. West, 6-0, Sr., 15.6

Ben Kositzke, Millard West, 6-8, Sr., 13.6

Justin Patton, Omaha North, 6-11, Sr., 14.1

State Tournament

#6 So. Sioux City (16-9) 42.6800

Pinnacle Bank — 3/12 — 2:00 pm

#3 Omaha South (21-3) 44.6087

Omaha South 68-34

Pinnacle Bank

3/13 7:00 pm

Omaha South 61-38

#2 Norfolk (25-0) 44.7200

Pinnacle Bank — 3/12 — 3:45 pm

#7 Lin. Northeast (20-5) 42.6400

Lin. Northeast 61-43

Pinnacle Bank

3/14 6:30 pm

Creighton Prep 46-41

#1 Cr. Prep (24-2) 44.7692

Pinnacle Bank — 3/12 — 7:00 pm

#8 Millard West (19-5) 42.5833

Creighton Prep 67-55

Pinnacle Bank

3/13 8:45 pm

Creighton Prep 75

#4 Omaha North (23-3) 43.7692

Pinnacle Bank — 3/12 — 8:45pm

#3 Bell. West (19-6) 42.9200

Bellevue West 70-53

All Nebraska 1st Team

* Tyler Hagedorn, Norfolk

Adam Dykman, Fre. Bergan

Drew Homa, Creighton Prep

Malik Hluchowekyj, Bell. West

Justin Patton, Omaha North

All-Nebraska 2nd Team

Youhanna Ghaifan, GICC

Ben Kositzke, Millard West

Grant Lahm, Columbus Scotus

Johnny Trueblood, Elk. South

David Wingett, Winnebago

All Nebraska 3rd Team

Pierce Almond, Grand Island

Ryan Garver, Lincoln Northeast

Jake Scheef, Wahoo

Jaxon Simons, Wah. Neumann

Triston Simpson, Lin. No. Star

Class A 1st Team

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Drew Homa, Creighton Prep

Malik Hluchowekyj, Bell. West

Ben Kositzke, Millard West

Justin Patton, Omaha North

Class A 2nd Team

Pierce Almond, Grand Island

Ryan Garver, Lin. Northeast

Karlon McSpadden, Om. South

Triston Simpson, Lin. No. Star

Jason Towery, Lincoln High

***Somewhere, there is a young boy
watching every move you make.***

***You probably don't even know
that it is happening.***

***He wants to grow up to be a Wildcat.
A Wildcat just like you!***

***Whether you know it or not,
whether you want to be or not,
you are his role model.***

***You are part of something
bigger than yourself.***

You are part of a team.

You are a Wildcat!