

# Millard West Boys Basketball Wildcat Report

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## Wildcats Start Strong, Get Struck by Pius

The Millard West Boys Basketball team tipped off the season by heading to Lincoln to play pre-season #10 Lincoln Pius X.

The Thunderbolts used a strong 2nd and 3rd quarter performance to beat the Wildcats 67-56 in the season opener.

Charlie Easley led all scorers with a 26 point performance. Joe Burt added 10 points to help lead Pius X.

Peyton Buscher led the Wildcats with 13 points. Brock Burling added 11 points and 8 rebounds for West.

The two teams exchanged baskets early as they were shaking off their first-game jitters. West led 9-8 with 2:50 remaining in the opening period. Jacob Harmdierks came off the bench and scored back-to-back baskets the give West a 13-11 lead.

Buscher scored 5 points in the 1st quarter, including the last basket of the quarter, to give the Wildcats a 15-11 lead.

The Thunderbolts used their defense to go on a 9-0 run to start the 2nd quarter. Pius extended their

pressure and force West into turnovers on their first 9 possessions of the quarter.

The Wildcats were able to settle down and go on a 8-3 run to lead 23-22 with 3:10 remaining in the half.

Pius led 30-27 going into the half. Coach Bill Morrison commented on his team's first half performance. "We played very well in the 1st quarter, then forgot what color jerseys we were wearing. We were fortunate to only be down 3 after committing 11 turnovers in the 2nd quarter."

Turnovers continued to plague the Wildcats to start the 2nd half. Five turnovers and poor shooting allowed the Thunderbolts to lead by as much as 14 in the 3rd quarter. Pius led 46-33 going into the final period.

The Wildcats clawed their way back into the game by scoring on six consecutive possessions, making the score 45-54.

Another scoring run with under 3 minutes to play put the Wildcats in striking distance of Pius.

West trailed 55-63 with the ball and 40 seconds remaining. But another turnover prevented the Wildcats from getting any closer.

West outscored Pius 23-21 in the final period. Pius was able to keep the Wildcats out of reach by converting on 11-13 free throws in the final period.

"I was proud that we didn't give up. We put ourselves in a tough situations with turnovers and poor shot selection in the 2nd and 3rd quarters," Morrison said. "This was the first time playing major minutes for a lot of these guys. We will settle down and fix our mistakes."

MW	15	12	6	23	56
LP	11	19	16	21	67

**MW** – Buscher 13, Burling 11, Harris 8, Schnuerle 8, Connell 7, Meyersick 5, Harmdierks 4.

**Pius** – Easley 26, Burt 13, Rada 8, Robertson 6, Harman 6, Dworak 3, Pieper 3, Pollack 2.

## Scores

### Freshman A

No Games

### Freshman B

No Games

### Reserves

No Games

### Junior Varsity (2-0)

Pius W 54-49

Fremont W 67-45

### Varsity (1-1)

Pius L 56-67

Fremont W 65-49

# Wildcats Win Home Opener

The Millard West Wildcats won their home opener over Fremont 65-49 Saturday afternoon.

Giavonni Guido led the team with 17 points, 9 forced turnovers, and 3 assists. Brock Burling scored 14 points and grabbed 8 rebounds. Hunter Schnuerle added 11 points.

Zach Woehrer led all scorers with

23 points, including five 3-pointers for Fremont.

Fremont jumped out to a 4-0 lead on 2 baskets by Payton Johnson to start the game. Guido stole the ball and scored a lay-up with about 2 minutes left in the opening period to give West a 7-6 lead.

Baskets by Schnuerle and Burling

gave the Wildcats a 12-8 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Both teams had slow starts in the 2nd quarter. West used a 14-6 run late in the quarter to open up a 28-17 lead. A 3-pointer by Woehrer brought the Tigers to 28-20 going into the half.

“We had some trouble scoring in the first half. Their zone really slowed us down early,” Coach Bill Morrison said. “Our pressure allowed us to get some easy baskets and build a lead.”

West used their outside shooting in the third quarter to lead. Five different Wildcats combined on 5 of 8 from behind the arc. The Wildcats led 51-39 going into the final period.

Fremont was never able to put together a run in the 4th quarter to threaten the Wildcats. Schnuerle scored two baskets late in the 4th quarter to end the scoring for West.

“After the first four minutes, I thought our energy level was pretty good,” Morrison said. “We rebounded well the whole game and shot a lot better than we did against Pius. We still had too many turnovers though.”

Fremont	8	12	19	10	49
Mil West	12	16	23	14	65

FHS — Callahan 8, Dix 3, Hansen 3, Harms 4, Woehrer 23, Heineman 4, Johnson 4.

MW — Harris 8, Buscher 4, Guido 17, Connell 7, Beanum 3, Schnuerle 11, Burling 14



## Lower Levels

### JV Team Starts season 2-0

Millard West 54, Lincoln Pius 49

After a slow start, the Team went on a 14-3 run to end the 1st half and only be down by 1 at halftime. The momentum stayed with the Wildcats in the 2nd half, outscoring Pius 33-27. Ryan David led the team with 19 points. Zach Olson chipped in 10 points.

Millard West 67, Fremont 45

The JV Boys were able to get many transition points due to defensive pressure in the 1st half. Zach Olson and Braeden Wiltse led the team with 11 points each



## ***Weekly Practice / Game Schedule***

### Monday, Dec 4

#### ***Practice***

V/JV 3:40-5:40

#### ***Games***

9A @ LNE 5:45  
Res @ LNE 7:30

Bus: 4:00

### Tuesday, Dec 5

#### ***Practice***

Var 3:40-5:40

#### ***Games***

9A vs O South 6:00  
Res @ O South 5:30  
JV @ O South 7:15

Bus: 4:00

### Wednesday, Dec 6

#### ***Practice***

9th 3:30-5:00  
JV R Var 5:00-6:30

#### ***Games***

No Games

### Thursday, Dec 7

#### ***Practice***

V/JV/R 3:40-5:10  
9th 5:10-6:40

#### ***Games***

No Games

### Friday, Dec 8

#### ***Practice***

JV/R/9 3:40

#### ***Games***

Var vs O South 7:15

### Saturday, Dec 9

#### ***Practice***

Boys 10:00-11:00

#### ***Games***

JV @ LSW 5:15  
Var @ LSW 7:00

#### **Busses**

JV: 3:00  
Varsity: 3:45

***Practice/Game times are always subject to change.***