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Millard West Boys Basketball

Wildcat Report

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Wildcats Fall Short in Upset Bid

Class A #1 Creighton Prep came to Millard West Friday night hoping to keep their nine game winning streak in tact. West had a different idea.

The Wildcats used a strong 2nd and 3rd quarter to go into the final period tied 53-53. Prep was able to get, and hold onto, the lead to record a 74-63 victory.

West was led by Giavonni Guido with 20 points and Brock Burling with 18.

Prep had three players score in double digits. Akol Arop led the Blue jays with 20 points. Grant Matthies and Jaylin Hunter scored 16 points each.

The two teams played evenly early in the game. Two free throws by Jaylin Hunter tied the score at 9-9.

West turned the ball over on two consecutive possessions which started a 14-5 run to end the first quarter.

"We had a couple turnovers that led to baskets in the first quarter, and they go out to their lead early," Coach Bill Morrison said.

Prep built a 29-18 lead in the 2nd quarter after another basket by J. Hunter.



West would settle down and score on seven of their last nine possession of the quarter including. Prep was able to keep the Wildcats at bay by scoring on five of their last seven possessions.

Prep took a 42-35 lead into the half. Morrison was happy with his team's first half effort. "We played hard. We always do against

Prep. I know they are rally good offensively, but I think our defense could have been better," he said.

In the 2nd half, Prep led 46-40 at the 5:30 mark of the 3rd quarter. West went on another run, scoring on five of six possessions and taking a 50-46 lead.

A 3-pointer by Matthies and a basket by Arop got the Blue jays the lead

back at 51-50. The Wildcats outscored Prep 18-11 in the period. The two teams were tied 53-53 going into the last period.

The teams exchanged baskets to start the final period. Another three pointer by Matthies gave the Blue jays a 58-55 lead.

Prep would score on four consecutive baskets to build a 67-57 lead with 3:30 left in the game. Prep made 5 of 6 free throws down the stretch to keep the Wildcats from making a come back.

"We spent so much energy in the 2nd and 3rd quarter that we didn't have much left in the 4th quarter," Morrison said. "We need to start these "big" games better and control our emotions better."

CP	23	19	11	21	74
MW	14	21	18	10	63

CP — Arop 20, Moes 1, Luedtke 7, Matthies 16, Faber 5, Temme 9, Hunter 16

MW — Harris 7, Guido 20, Cutler 5, Connell 5, Schnuerle 1, Meyersick 7, Burling 18.

Scores

Freshman A 9-3

No games

Freshman B 9-3

Skutt W 47-41

Reserves 12-1

Mil N W 60-36

Junior Varsity 16-1

Mil N W 68-67 OT

Prep W 51-43

LNE W 71-53

Varsity 8-9

Prep L 63-74

LNE W 64-61

Wildcats Escape With a Victory over Lincoln Northeast

Millard West had to get a defensive stop on the last possession of the game to seal the victory over Lincoln Northeast.

The Rockets trailed 64-61 with 16 seconds left and the ball under West's basket. Bradley got a wide open look from 25 feet. The shot was long. Vacasek grabbed the offensive rebound and gave it to Jake Bard, who missed an off balanced shot at the buzzer.

The win moved the Wildcats to 8-9 on the season, while the Rockets remain winless at 0-20 for the year.

Brock Burling and Giavonni Guido scored 13-11 points to pace the Wildcats.

Northeast had four players score in double digits. Aiden Glenn led the way with 16 points. Carson Busch score 14 points. Yashua Bradley and Tobin Vacasek added 11 and 10 points each.

The scoring started off slow for both teams. Northeast held an early 7-4 lead before West went on an 8-0 run the take a 12-4 lead. Back to back baskets by Hunter Schnuerle helped give the Wildcats a 17-9 lead.

Lincoln Northeast attacked the Wildcat defense and outscored West 17-16 in the 2nd quarter. Glenn led the way for the Rockets with 8 points.

After the half, Northeast wasted no time getting back into the game. The Rockets started the half with a 10-3 run and tied the score at 36-36 in the first three minutes of the quarter.

The two teams were even the rest of the quarter and went into the final period tied 46-46.

"Northeast didn't play like an

0-19 team tonight," Coach Bill Morrison said. "They were aggressive. They were physical. They really put us on our heels."

West forced three turnovers to start the 4th quarter and built a 51-46 lead. But Northeast would score on their next three possessions to tie the score 53-53 with 5:19 left in the game.

Northeast seemed to have an answer every time West scored. The Wildcats were able to get to the free throw line in the 4th quarter, but had trouble converting. West was only 10-17 from the line, which allowed the Rockets to stay close.

Two free throws by Guido gave West a 63-58 lead, but Busch made a 3-pointer for Northeast with 25 seconds left.

Chris Connell made 1 of 2 free throws with 16 seconds left to make the lead 64-61 going into the last pos-

session.

"We just didn't play hard enough tonight. Our defense has to be better," Morrison said. "We have 5 games in the next two weeks. If we play solid defense we can win all five of the games.

Gio Guido had 4 steals in the game and broke the single season steals record. He currently has 55 steals on the season. The record was held by Colton Johnson (06-07) and Shae Wyatt (16-17).

MW	17	16	13	18	64
LNE	9	17	20	15	15

MW — Harris 9, Guido 11, Connell 7, Beanum 5, Harmdierks 7, Schnuerle 6, Meyersick 6, Burling 13.

LNE — Bradley 11, Busch 14, Vacasek 10, Rose 7, Glenn 16, Fuchs 3.



Lower Levels

Junior Varsity

The Wildcat JV team had an exciting overtime victory over Millard North. West came out on top, 68-67.

With under 10 seconds left in regulation, Jacob Harmdierks got a steal and passed the ball ahead to Nate Glantz. Nate made the layup to force overtime.

Dalys Beanum clinched the victory in overtime by making a free throw with 9 seconds left and Millard North out of timeouts.

Nate Glantz, Jacob Harmdierks, Evan Meyersick, and Dalys Beanum all scored in double figures.

The JV team outscored Prep in the first three quarters on their way to a 51-43 victory.

The Wildcats were able to build an 18 point lead in the 3rd Quarter, and was able to withstand a comeback by Prep.

Zach Olson led the Wildcats with 13 points. Dalys Beanum and Braeden Wiltse contributed 11 and 10 points respectively

The JV won their 3rd game of the week by beating Lincoln Northeast 71-53. After leading 30-28 at half and 47-43 after 3 quarters, the JV Boys were able to break open a close game by making 15/19 free throws in the 4th Quarter.

Nate Glantz led the team with 21 points. Zach Olson and Braeden Wiltse contributed 11 and 10 points.

Reserves

Millard West jumped out to a 23-10 1st quarter lead, and a 34-16 half-time lead over Millard North on their way to a 60-36 victory.

Trey Wilbeck led the charge against the rival Mustangs of Millard North. He led all scorers with 20 points. Teryn Morrison chipped in 12 as the Reserve Wildcats close out January undefeated.



Freshmen B

The Freshman B team beat Skutt 47-41 Saturday morning.

The Wildcats were down by 2 at half, but they came out strong in the third quarter to out score the Skyhawks 22 to 4 and take a 39-23 lead after three quarters.

The Skyhawks fought back in the 4th quarter but fell short in their comeback bid.

Wildcat scoring was lead by John Cole with 10 points. Lodice had 8, Lemon 6, VanRooyan 5, Strong 4, Bizal and Twait 3. Andrews, Buress, Wilson, and Determan each had 2.



6th Grade Spicer team Wins the January Jam!



BASKETBALL

Weekly Practice / Game Schedule

Monday, Feb 5

Practice

Var — 3:40

Games

JV vs Burke 6:00
9A vs Burke 6:00
Res vs Burke 7:30
9B vs Burke 7:30

Tuesday, Feb 6

Practice

Boys 3:30

Games

Var vs Bell East 7:15

Wednesday, Feb 7

Practice

Res/9th 3:30-5:00
JV/Var 5:00-6:30

Games

No Games

Thursday, Feb 8

Practice

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

Games

Res vs Bennington 7:30

Friday, Feb 9

Practice

Boys 3:30

Games

Var at Benson 7:15

Saturday, Feb 10

Practice

Need Gym!!!! TBA

Games

Var at Papio South 3:45

Practice/Game times are always subject to change.