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# Millard West Boys Basketball

## Wildcat Report

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### Navigators Knock Wildcats Off Course

The Lincoln North Star and Millard West boys basketball teams were headed in different directions coming into their game Thursday night at The Swamp.

The Navigators showed they might be turning things around at just the right time with a 61-45 home victory in their next-to-last regular-season game before districts.

Both teams played zone defense in the first half and was played at a slow, deliberate pace.

West got off to an early 8-3 lead behind three-pointers by Chris Connell and Austin Harris. Another 3-pointer by Brock Burling at the buzzer gave the Wildcats a 16-12 lead at the end of the first quarter.

North Star converted on 6 of their first 8 possessions of the 2nd quarter. Back-to-back 3-pointers gave the Navi-

gators a 27-23 lead with 2:43 left in the half. A basket off of an offensive rebound at the buzzer gave North Star a 29-25 lead at the half.

"We didn't seem to have much energy on defense in the first half," Coach Bill Morrison said. "And, for some reason, their zone gave us a lot of trouble in the first half."

North Star outscore West 15-12 in the third quarter. The Navigators built a 36-29 lead early in the 2nd half. West was able to score, but was not able to keep the Navigators from scoring.

West switched to a man-to-man defense in the final period, and the Navigators started to attack the basket. Donny William was 9 of 15 from the line in the 4th quarter as he scored 13 points in the period to help

the Navigators pull away from the Wildcats.

Williams finished with 31 for North Star and Alex Goll added 12.

"We didn't do a very good job on Williams when we switched to man. We didn't help soon enough and ended up fouling him," Coach Morrison said.

Brock Burling was the only Wildcat in double digits with 13 points.

MW	16	9	12	8	45
LNS	12	17	15	17	61

MW — Harris 5, Guido 3, Connell 8, Beanum 2, Gomes 5, Harmdierks 7, Meyersick 2, Burling 13

LNS — Williams 31, Juracek 3, Goll 12, Allick 4, Johnson 3, Lopez 2, Brandt 6



### Scores



#### Freshman A (11-3)

M North W 46-37

PLVS W 61-59

#### Freshman B (10-4)

Mil North L 37-47

PLVS W 49-26

#### Reserves (16-1)

Lin Pius W 63-57

#### Junior Varsity (18-2)

Lin NS L 47-50

Kearney W 67-37

#### Varsity (11-11)

Lin NS L 45-61

Kearney L 54-66

## Bearcats Spoil Senior Night

Kearney used a 23-14 3rd quarter to build a comfortable lead on Senior Night at Millard West.

The Wildcats would not be able to narrow the Bearcat lead in the 4th quarter as Kearney won 66-54.

Kanon Koster led three Bearcats in double digits with 23 points. Seth Stroh and Carson Schwarz added 18 and 12 for KHS.

Brock Burling led the Wildcats with 20 points. Chris Connell also scored 13 points.

Scoring was hard to come by early in the game. Two free throws by Schwarz gave Kearney a 6-4 lead with 4:33 left in the 1st quarter. The Bearcats led 13-7 before Burling scored 4 points to end the quarter and close the lead to 13-11.

West battled to take a lead in the 2nd quarter. Another basket by Burling tied the score at 23-23 with 2:10 left in the period. A three pointer by Giavonni Guido gave West a 27-23 lead going into the half.

"I think our Seniors were a little emotional early and did not play relaxed in the first quarter," Coach Bill Morrison said. "We relaxed in the 2nd quarter and did a good job of battling back."

Kearney came out of the half scoring 13 points in their first five possessions while holding the Wildcats scoreless. The Bearcats led 38-27 after just two minutes of the 2nd half.

"The 3rd quarter has been a problem for us all season. We need to figure that out for districts," Coach Morrison said.

West battled back again and cut the score to 43-41 with 1:05 left in the quarter. Kearney scored 5 points in the last minute to gain a 48-41 lead going into the 4th quarter.

West was not able to get any closer than six points in the final period. Koster took control of the game and scored 10 points in the 4th quarter.

KHS	13	12	23	18	66
MW	11	16	14	13	54

KHS — Schwarz 12, Stute 3, Stroh 18, Obermiller 4, Goree 3, Straka 3, Koster 23.

MW — Harris 4, Guido 9, Connell 13, Gomes 2, Schnuerle 6, Burling 20

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## Lower Levels

### JV

The JV Boys Basketball 14 game win streak was snapped by Lincoln North Star. The Navigators beat West 50-47.

The Wildcats had two chances to tie the score in the last seconds of the game but could not convert.

Nate Glantz led the team with 19 points.

After leading at halftime, 30-25, the JV Boys stepped up their defensive intensity and held Kearney to 12 points in the 2nd half.

Nate Glantz and Braeden Wiltse lead the team with 12 points each.

This was the last JV game of the season and the team finished with an 18-2 record.

### Reserve

The Reserve Boys finished off their season with a home 63-57 win over Lincoln Pius X. The Thunderbolts led 18-15 after the first quarter. West regained the lead and went into the

half up 31-30 before controlling the 2nd half.

Teryn Morrison led the Wildcats with 22 points. It was a great win to end the season. The Reserve boys finished the season with a 16-1 record.

### Freshmen A

The Freshman A team shook off a slow start Monday to earn a hard fought win over Millard North 46-37. The Mustangs led 21-18 at half time, but couldn't hold off the Wildcats in the 2nd half.

James Conway led all scorers with 13 points, including 9 in the 3rd quarter. Dustin Hatch also had 10 points for Millard West.

The Freshman A team finished the regular season in thrilling fashion in winning a 61-59 game at Papillion South.

After getting down by as many as 18 points in the 3rd quarter the Wildcats press proved to be too much for the Titans. Dustin Hatch had 14 sec-

ond half points to lead the charge while James Conway led all scorers with 24 points. Millard West will play in the Prep Tournament next week with their 1st round game Monday night vs Omaha Bryan at 7:45 PM.

### Freshmen B

The Wildcats' Freshman B team moved to 9-4 on the season after a 47-37 lost to Millard North.

Wildcats scoring was lead by Van-Rooyan with 8. Other Wildcat scoring was Determan had 6, Burress and Lemon had 5, Wilson had 4, Strong with 3 and Lodice, Cole and Muligan had 2.

The Millard West Freshman B team ended their season 10-4 with a 49-26 win over Papio South.

West had a great defensive effort, holding the Titans under 10 points in each of the four quarters. The Wildcats scoring was lead by John Cole with 11.

Other Wildcat scoring was Wilson 7, Lodice and Twait each had 6, Burress and Lemon had 5, Determan and Van-Rooyan 4, and Bizal with 1.

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Jordan Gassen and his 6th Grade MBA teammates were special guests at the Millard West vs. Kearney game Saturday night.



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

### Monday, Feb 19

#### ***Practice***

Varsity 3:40

#### ***Games***

9th Prep Tourney  
7:45 vs Bryan

### Tuesday, Feb 20

#### ***Practice***

Varsity 3:40  
9th 3:40

#### ***Games***

No Games

### Wednesday, Feb 21

#### ***Practice***

Varsity 3:40

#### ***Games***

9th Prep Tourney  
4:30

### Thursday, Feb 22

#### ***Practice***

Varsity 3:40

#### ***Games***

Prep Freshman Tourney  
5:45

### Friday, Feb 23

#### ***Practice***

Varsity 3:40  
9th TBA

#### ***Games***

No Games

### Saturday, Feb 24

#### ***Practice***

Varsity TBA

#### ***Games***

Prep Freshman Tourney  
9:30 am

Varsity District Tourney  
TBA

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