

# Millard West Boys Basketball Wildcat Report

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## Wildcats Deliver OT Defeat to Monarchs

Despite trailing for most of the game, Millard West was able to force Papillion La Vista into overtime with a 3-pointer by Austin Harris in the last seconds of their first round game of the Metro Tournament.

After a timeout with 7.6 seconds left in the game. Chris Connell found Harris open in the corner. Harris was able to convert the 3-pointer over the outstretched hands of Peyton Priest.



The Monarchs made 1 of 2 free throws to score first in overtime. Brock Burling scored on an offensive rebound to give the Wildcats a 71-70 lead. West would hold on to the lead for the rest of the game and win the game 78-76.

Burling scored 29 points and grabbed 6 rebounds to lead the Wildcats. Austin Harris added 18 points to the cause. Hunter Schnuerle scored 12 points for the Wildcats. Giavonni Guido scored 10 points, recorded 10 assists and had five steals.

Caleb Feecken led four players in double digits for the Monarchs with 29 points.

Burling helped the Wildcats get off to a good start in the first quarter by scoring six of their first 9 points. After leading 14-12, Papillion made three 3-pointers to take a 21-14 lead. Burling was able to convert on a basket to close the Monarch lead to 21-16 after the first quarter.

Fifteen of the Monarch's points in the first quarter came from behind the three point line. "Papillion was hot from long range early. We told our

guys we had to extend our defense and make sure we have good weak side help in the 2nd quarter," Coach Bill Morrison said.

The Monarchs were only able to make one 3-pointer in the 2nd quarter. Papillion built their biggest lead of the game, 35-24 on a three-point play by Cole Lansman.

Two baskets by Burling, who scored 7 of West's 12 points in the quarter, brought the Wildcats back to 35-28 at the half.

The Monarchs held onto their seven point lead with 2:55 left in the third quarter as the two teams exchanged baskets throughout the first part of the period. West was able to cut the lead to 46-43 with 2:05 left in the period.

West's defense forced seven turnovers in the 4th quarter. The Wildcats cut the lead to one point several times but were unable to gain the lead throughout the 4th quarter.

Papillion was able to hold onto their lead in the 4th quarter due in part to making 10-11 free throws in the period.

## Scores

<u>Freshman A</u>	<u>Freshman B</u>	<u>Reserves</u>	<u>Junior Varsity</u>	<u>Varsity</u>
Mil North W 67-47	Mil North L 55-63	Westside W 62-38	Mil South W 64-20	Pap LV W 78-76 OT
Mil South W 52-44	Bell West W 69-31	Cr. Prep L 56-62	Mil North W 63-48	
<b>1st Place</b>	<b>3rd Place</b>	<b>2nd Place</b>	<b>1st Place</b>	

## Wildcats Win First Round Game of Metro Tournament

Hayden Bahl made two free throws with 15 seconds left in the game to give Papillion a 69-66 lead. The Wildcat's 3-pointer at the buzzer forced the game into overtime.

Leading 71-70, West's Hunter Schnuerle converted on a 3-point play to give the Wildcats a 74-70 lead. West scored on their next three possessions and led 78-74.

Priest scored on an offensive rebound to draw the Monarchs to 78-76. After a timeout, West turned the ball over on a long inbounds pass.

A final 3-point attempt fell short for Papillion and the offensive rebound fell out of bounds as the game ended.

"This was a great win for our guys," Coach Morrison said. "We could have quit a lot of times, but kept fighting back."

MW	16	12	15	26	9	78
PLV	21	14	13	21	7	76

MW — Harris 18, Guido 10, Connell 4, Schnuerle 12, Meyersick 5, Burling 29

PLV — Carter 6, Priest 14, Feeken 29, Lansman 12, Bahl 15



## Lower Levels

### Freshmen A Tournament

The Millard West Freshman A team used a 30-9 3rd quarter to run away with a 67-47 win over Millard North in the 9th Grade Holiday Tournament.

The Wildcats were led by a balanced scoring effort with James Conway, Dustin Hatch, Spencer Fortune, and Jacob Jones all scoring in double digits.

The A Team was able to win the Championship Trophy with a win over Millard South in the finals.

The Freshman won a hard fought battle with Millard South 52-44. Spencer Fortune led all scorers with 13 points while James Conway and Dustin Hatch each were in double figures.

### Freshmen B Tournament

The Freshman B lost their opening round game of the Holiday Tourna-

ment to Millard North 63-55.

Ben Bizal lead the Wildcats with 15 points.

Wilson and Lemon each had 11 points.

The B team won the consolation game over Bellevue West 69-31.

The Wildcats got back on the winning track with a big win over Bellevue West.

Caleb Lemon lead all Wildcat scoring with 17 followed by Twait and Strong with 12.

### Reserve Tournament

The Reserve team handled Omaha Westside in the first round of the Holiday Tournament with a 62-38 victory.

Baylor Brannen led the Wildcats with a season high 16 points. The big man had a "Big Yer" versus the Warriors.

The Wildcats fell short versus Prep

in the championship of the holiday tournament, losing 56-62. Baylor Brannen led all scorers with 14 points.

### JV Tournament

The JV team won the first game of their Holiday Tournament with a 64-20 victory over Millard South

The team played great defense in their victory over Millard South. Tristan Gomes led with 12 points. Nate Glantz and Jacob Harmdierks chipped in 11 and 10 points.

The JV team won their Tournament with a 63-48 win over Millard North.

Another outstanding effort on the defensive end allowed the team to hold another opponent below 50 points.

Jacob Harmdierks led the squad with 13 points. Zach Olson and Braeden Wiltse contributed 12 and 10 points each.

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

### Monday, Jan 1

#### ***Practice***

Varsity – 1:00

#### ***Games***

No Games

### Tuesday, Jan 2

#### ***Practice***

Varsity – 10:30 am

Reserve – Noon

9th – 12:30 pm

#### ***Games***

Varsity –

3:30 vs Prep at Ralston

Be at school at 1:30

### Wednesday, Jan 3

#### ***Practice***

Var/JV – 8 am

Reserve – 8 am

9th – 3:30

#### ***Games***

Varsity Semi-Finals –

6:30 at Ralston Arena

Shoot Around 11:30 am

### Thursday, Jan. 4

#### ***Practice***

Var/JV – 10 am

Reserve – 10 am

9th – 3:30 pm

#### ***Games***

Varsity Finals –

5:15 at Ralston Arena

Shoot Around 11:30 am

### Friday, Jan. 5

#### ***Practice***

Var/JV – 9:30 am

Reserve – 9:30 am

9th – TBA

#### ***Games***

No Games

### Saturday, Jan. 6

#### ***Practice***

Var/JV – TBA

Reserve – TBA

9th – TBA

#### ***Games***

No Games

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