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# Millard West Boys Basketball Wildcat Report

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## Bulldogs Use 2nd Half to Cage Wildcats



The Millard West Boys Basketball Team set out to upset the #4 team in the state. And, for the first half, it looked as if the Wildcats were going to upset Omaha Burke.

West jumped out to an 8-3 lead and never trailed in the first half despite being short handed.

Starters Chris Connell and Austin Harris both picked up two early fouls in did not play the majority of the first half. The Wildcats were also without starting center and leading scorer Brock Burling due to injury.

"I think this game says a lot for the progress that we have made so far this season," Coach Bill Morrison commented. "We did not have a lot of returning varsity experience. We are working on building our depth and getting the team ready for districts."

Giavonni Guido and the Wildcat defense set the tone early for West. Burke turned the ball over five times in the 1st quarter. A steal and lay-up by Guido gave the Wildcats a 14-5 lead mid-way through the quarter. The Wildcats held an 18-11 lead at the end of the first quarter..

West started the 2nd quarter with a 7-3 run and held their biggest lead of the game, 25-14, with 5:06 left in the half.

Burke started attacking the basket and finished the half by outscoring the Wildcats 16-8, including 7-10 from the free throw line. The Bulldogs cut the lead to 33-30 at the half.

West had trouble scoring in the third quarter and the Bulldogs slowly took control of the game. Burke outscored the Wildcats 17-7 in the quarter and led by seven, 47-40 going into the final period.

West outscored the Bulldogs 6-1 to start the 4th quarter and cut the lead to 46-48 with 5:14 left in the game.

Shareef Mitchell made sure the Wildcats did not complete the upset. Mitchell scored 9 points over the next four minutes to help secure the win for the Bulldogs.

"We settled for too many jumpers in the third quarter and lost the lead," Morrison said. "I thought we did a good job of battling back, but they went on another run and we ran out of time."

Morrison also talked about his team's defensive performance. "The guys did a great job of executing our game plan defensively. A lot of Burke's scores came in transition. When we were able to set up on defense, we did a pretty good job. We did give up too many o-boards though."

Mitchell led all scorers for Burke with 26 points. Guido scored 22 for the Wildcats.

OB	11	19	17	15	62
MW	18	15	7	10	50

OB — Gunter 5, Watts 8, Mitchell 26, Moreano 10, Hickman 7, Kenedy 2, Honz 4.

MW — Harris 2, Buscher 3, Guido 22, Connell 6, Beanum 3, Harmdierks 2, Schnuerle 3, David 2, Meyersick 7

## Scores

Freshman A (7-2)			Freshman B (5-3)			Reserves (8-1)			Junior Varsity (9-1)			Varsity (5-6)		
Mil South	L	53-57	Mil S	L	43-44	Mil S	W	69-43	Mil S	W	56-52	O Burke	L	50-62
O North	W	67-26	O North	W	47-28	O North	W	61-23	O North	W	61-23	O North	W	63-54

## Wildcat's Bench Gives Spark in Win Over Omaha North

With the Wildcat's trailing 38-36 with four minutes left in the third quarter, five bench players for Millard West gave the team a spark. The Wildcat reserves outscored the Vikings 9-3 over the remainder of the period.

"I wasn't happy with our effort at the time and though we needed to make a change," Coach Bill Morrison said. "Those guys gave us what we needed to pull off the win."

Brock Burling led the Wildcats with 16 points and 15 rebounds. Austin Harris and Hunter Schnuerle scored 14 and 12 points for West. Gio Guido led the team with eight assists.

West used a strong first quarter to build a 19-9 lead over the Vikings. Harris helped West get started by scoring 7 points in the first quarter.

North game out strong to start the 2nd quarter. Vernon Johnson led the Vikings on a 10-2 run and helped pull the Vikings to within four, 23-19, with 5:31 left in the half.



West turned the ball over 5 times in the quarter as North outscored the Wildcats 17-12 in the period. The Wildcats held a 31-26 lead going into the half.

North scored the first 8 points of the 3rd quarter and tied the game at 34-34 in the first couple minutes of the 2nd half. West turned the ball over seven times in the quarter to help keep the Vikings close.

The Vikings took their first lead of the game on a basket by Darion Murcek with just over 4 minutes remaining in the quarter.

West scored on their first seven possessions of the final period and took their biggest lead of the game, 59-47, on a basket by Burling with 4:16 left in the game. Burling's basket was his third in three possessions for the Wildcats.

"We are working hard on being more consistent and giving more consistent effort," Morrison said of his team.



### Wildcats Sweep Omaha North



Millard West was able to pull off the sweep over the Omaha North basketball program by beating the Vikings in all five games.

Varsity	63-54
Jr. Varsity	50-29
Reserves	61-23
9th A	67-26
9th B	47-28



ON	9	17	15	13	54
MW	19	12	14	18	13

ON — Murcek 9, Jones 3, O'Neal 14, Ellebb 5, Johnson 16, Wright 2, Vinson 5

MW — Harris 14, Buscher 3, Guido 4, Cutler 3, Connell 6, Bealum 2, Harmdierks 1, Schnuerle 12, Meyer-sick 16, Burling 16.





## Lower Levels

### Junior Varsity

The JV Boys were able to get a victory over Millard South for the 2nd time this season with a 56-52 win.

Down 6 going into the 4th quarter, the team was able to force some turnovers and hold Millard South to 7 points. Jacob Harmdierks led the team with 17 points.

The JV team moved to 9-1 with a 50-29 victory over Omaha North. After a fast start offensively, the team continued to play great defense against the previous 6-2 Vikings.

Nate Glantz led the team with 14 points.

### Reserves

It was a good group effort by the Millard West reserve boys team against rival Millard South. The Wildcats won 69-43.

The boys opened up a 23-7 first quarter lead and never looked back. All 11 players scored for the Wildcats with Teryn Morrison leading all scorers with 10 points.

The Reserves beat Omaha North 61-23 Saturday morning. West's full court pressure made it tough on the Vikings to get any rhythm going on offense.

Teryn Morrison led the Wildcats with 15 points in the game.

### Freshmen A

The Freshman A Team could not overcome a slow start on Monday night in a 57-53 loss at Millard South. The Wildcats used a 7-2 run to start the 4th quarter, but Millard South finished the game making 8 for their last 9 from the free throw line, the Patriots made 20 free throws in the contest to 5 for the Wildcats.

James Conway, Dustin Hatch, and Jacob Jones all had 10 points to lead the A team in scoring.

The Freshman A team turned in a strong performance Saturday with a 67-26 win over Omaha North. The Wildcats exploded with a 27 point 2nd quarter to stretch the lead and never looked back.

Dustin Hatch led all scorers with 17 points while Jacob Jones had 12 points and Jack Mulligan pitched in with 10.

### Freshmen B

The Wildcats' Freshman B lose a tough one on the road to Millard South 43-44

Caleb Lemon lead all Wildcat scoring with 20 followed by Nate Wilson with 9.

The Freshman B Wildcats got back on the winning track with a 47-28 win over Omaha North Saturday morning.

The Wildcats scoring was led by Nate Wilson with 12 followed by Kyan Lodice with 11.

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

### Monday, Jan 15

#### ***Practice***

Var 3:00 Meeting  
V/JV/R 3:30 – 5:30  
9th 5:40 – 7:00

#### ***Games***

No Games

### Tuesday, Jan 16

#### ***Practice***

JV/V 3:40—5:40

#### ***Games***

9th A vs Prep 6:00  
9th B vs Prep 7:30  
Res at Prep 4:00

### Wednesday, Jan 17

#### ***Practice***

9th 3:30 – 5:00  
JV/V/Res 5:00 – 6:30

#### ***Games***

No Games

### Thursday, Jan 18

#### ***Practice***

JV/V/Res 3:40 – 5:10  
9th 5:10 – 6:40

#### ***Games***

No Games

### Friday, Jan 19

#### ***Practice***

Boys 3:30—5:00

#### ***Games***

Var vs Mil South 7:15

### Saturday, Jan 20

#### ***Practice***

Var 10:00 a.m.  
JV/Res/9th TBA

#### ***Games***

Var at Bryan 5:15

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