

2018-2019



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Varsity Roster

3	Zach Olson	6'5	11
4	Dom Humm	5'11	10
5	Cam Watson	6'0	12
10	Peyton Buscher	5'11	11
12	Nate Glantz	6'0	11
14	Jacob Harmdierks	6'3	12
22	Aabid Sidiqi	6'1	11
24	Dalys Beanum	6'1	11
32	Max Anderson	6'0	11
34	Tristan Gomes	6'5	11
40	Evan Meyersick	6'5	10
42	James Conway	6'1	10

COACHING STAFF

Varsity

Bill Morrison
Dan Hall

Junior Varsity

Dale Gall
Matt Starks

Reserve

Bret Siepker

Freshman

Pat Freeman
Chris Tauber

Manager

Ethan Hupp
Will Stoneburner

What does it take?



With only 9 points and 5.6 rebounds returning from last year's team, the 2018-2019 Wildcat Basketball team is asking themselves, "What Does It Take?"

The Wildcats started five Seniors and played a 6th off the bench last year. But don't count them out.

"We have enough experience that we won't be shell-shocked when we go into our first game," Coach Bill Morrison said. "And, this group has been very successful the last two years on our lower level teams."

The Millard West JV teams put together two of their best years in school history. Two years ago, the JV team won 17 games, and last year's JV team only lost two games.

Jacob Harmdierks and Cam Watson are the only two Seniors on this year's team. "We will count on them for leadership. They are both hard workers. We want them to help increase our intensity level," Morrison said.

Juniors on the Varsity team include Peyton Buscher, Nate Glantz, Tristan Gomes, Dalys Beanum, Aabid Sidiqi, Max Anderson, and Zach Olson.

Evan Meyersick, Dom Humm, and James Conway are three Sophomores that will round out the varsity team this year.

Coach Morrison is excited about this year's team. "I really like this team. They are competing against each other in practice and cheering each other on at the same time. We have all

of the parts to be good. Our challenge, as a coaching staff, is to fit the parts together," Morrison said.

"I have never had a team quite like this before," Morrison added. "Top to bottom, there is not a lot of difference in talent level. We will play a lot of players early. Maybe, all year."

The Wildcats open their season at pre-season Class B #1 Lincoln Pius on Thursday. They will play their 2nd game at home on Saturday, Dec. 1, at 2:45 against either Lincoln East or Fremont High.

The Wildcats hope to be a contender for the state tournament at the end of the season. "We just need to concentrate on getting better every day," Morrison said.



Junior Varsity

Front Row: Quinn Frost, Ryan Larsen, Dom Humm

Middle Row: Dustin Hatch, Josh Wickstrom, Nathan Bauermeister, Max Anderson

Back Row: Coach Starks, Jacob Jones, James Conway, Skyler Gessert, Coach Gall



Reserves

Front Row: Ben VanRooyan, Tyler Craft, Ben Bizal, Aiden Berggren

Middle Row: Caleb Lemon, Caden Twait, John Cole

Back Row: Coach Siepker, Hunter Strong, Joe Hughes, Ben Kelley, Spencer Fortune



Freshmen

Front Row: Reese Kolar, Aidan Nelson, Jaxson Neumann, Will Holzer, Ben Beresh, Cole Haith, Beau Young.

Middle Row: Nick Weigent, AJ Tauber, Tanner Farrell, Tyler Gracey, Chase Traubel, Collin Schollmeyer, Tyler Spreitzer.

Back Row: Jaxson Cahoy, Tony Failla, Avery Moore, Caden Becker, Blake Miller, Cayden Schaecher, Chase Hultman, Coach Tauber,

Not Pictured: Coach Freeman and Jacob Parker

Varsity

Front Row: Nate Glantz, Cam Watson, Jacob Harmdierks, Dalys Beanum, Will Stoneburner.

Middle Row: Peyton Buscher, Aabid Sidiqi, Dom Humm, Max Anderson, James Conway.

Back Row: Coach Morrison, Coach Gall, Coach Starks, Tristan Gomes, Zach Olson, Evan Meyersick, Coach Hall, Coach Tauber, Coach Siepker

Varsity names from picture on page 1.





Thunderbolts Strike Early in Season Opener

Pre-Season #8, Lincoln Pius jumped out to an early 11-2 lead and went on to beat Millard West 68-54 in both teams season opener.

Charlie Easley led Pius with 25 points and 6 rebounds. Austin Jablonski added 12 points and 9 rebounds, while Kolbe Rada scored 11 points.

Zach Olson led the Wildcats with 14 points. Nate Glantz and Evan Meyersick added 11 and 10 points respectively.

Pius opened the game with back to back 3-pointers to start the game. After extending an 11-2 lead in the first 4 minutes, Millard West settled down and made a run to get back in the game.

Olson and Cam Watson each hit a 3 pointer and Peyton Buscher scored four points to pull the Wildcats to 14-16 at the end of the first quarter.

The 2nd quarter started much like the 1st quarter did for Pius. The Thunderbolts scored on 7 of their first 9 possessions to build a 31-19 lead. West fought back the rest of the quarter and trailed 27-38 going into the half.

"They killed us on the boards," Coach Morrison said. "We didn't seem to get many rebounds in the first half. Really the whole game." Pius scored nine second chance points in the half.

West was the team that started out fast in the 3rd quarter. Meyersick scored 4 points for the Wildcats as they went on an 8-2 run and pulled within six points 35-41.



After a timeout with 4:05 left in the quarter, Pius ran off eight straight points and regained their double digit lead. Pius led 49-37 going into the final period.

Pius started out quick again in the 4th quarter. They extended their lead to 20 points on a put-back off an offensive rebound by Rada with just over 5 minutes left in the game.

"We gave up too many runs to stay with them. Our defense wasn't terrible, but they seemed to capitalize on every mistake and loose ball," Morrison said. "And they were relentless on the boards."

Pius outrebounded the Wildcats 36-22 on the night.

Both teams will play at Millard West on Saturday. Pius will play Lincoln East at 1:00 and West will play Fremont at 2:45.

MW	14	13	10	17	54
LPX	16	22	11	19	68

MW — Olson 14, Watson 3, Buscher 6, Glantz 11, Sidiqi 5, Meyersick 10, Conway 5.

LPX — Pelan 3, Sebek 4, Kluthe 9, Jablonski 12, Rada 11, Easley 25, Harman 2, Unger 2.

Wildcats Get First Win of the Season

Millard West earned their first win of the season with a convincing win over Fremont, 61-32.

All 11 players scored for Millard West, led by Zach Olson with 11 points. Dillon

Dix led the Tigers with 8 points on the night.

Early on, it looked like the Tigers might give West a game. Aidan Queen made a basket with 5:19 left in the opening period to take a 5-4 lead.

But West was able to hold Fremont scoreless for the rest of the quarter. Evan Meyersick led the Wildcats with six points in the quarter, including four in an 11-0 run in the last five minutes of the quarter.

"We didn't like the pace of the game early, so we switched to a full court man defense," Coach Bill Morrison said. "We fouled a little too much in the 2nd quarter, but that sometimes happens when you try to be aggressive."

Fremont was able to score more in the 2nd quarter, but they were not

able to slow down the Wildcats. West outscored the Tigers 10 to 19 in the quarter. Six different Wildcats scored in the quarter. Olson hit two of his three 3-pointers to lead the Wildcats with six points.

West continued to apply the pressure in the 3rd quarter and was able to outscore the Tigers 16-4 in the period. Peyton Buscher headed the attack with 6 points in the period.

"I was happy with our effort in the third quarter. We didn't let Fremont think they had a chance for a comeback," Morrison said.

Fremont outscored Millard West in the final period 13-11. Six different Tigers scored in the quarter. Dom Humm led the Wildcats with 5 points.

Morrison was happy with his team's effort in the game. "We really wanted to concentrate on playing harder than we did Thursday night. The only thing I can com-

plain about is our free throw shooting in the 4th quarter." West was 2-8 from the line in the final period.

FHS	5	10	4	13	32
MW	15	19	16	11	61

FHS — Curry 2, Cortave 4, Callahan 2, Keeney 2, Dix 8, A Queen 5, P Queen 7, Soler 2.

MW — Olson 11, Humm 5, Watson 8, Buscher 6, Glantz 4, Harmdierks 4, Sidiqi 3, Beanum 6, Anderson 4, Meyersick 6, Conway 4



South Packs Up Victory Over Wildcats

The Wildcats had a tough time scoring at Omaha South on Thursday night as the Packers beat Millard West 60-47.

Jay Saunder and TaeVeon Anderson led the Packers with 23 and 16 points respectively. Evan Meyersick was the only Wildcat in double digits with 13 points.

Three minutes into the game the score was tied 6-6. Then the Wildcats did not score the rest of the quarter. South had a hard time scoring as well.

The score after the first eight minutes was 10-6.

West seemed to get back on track and pulled to within 15-14 after an offensive rebound and put-back by Aabid Sidiqi. But, the Wildcats would not score in the final four minutes of the half and went into the half down 21-14.

"We played good enough defensively to be in the game," Coach Bill Morrison said. "But when you don't rebound

and don't shoot it well, it's pretty tough to stay in a game."

In the 2nd half, the Packers drove hard to the basket and extended their lead to 30-17. West trailed 39-25 after the 3rd quarter.

The Wildcats kept battling and were able





MW vs O South

to get the lead under 10 points a couple times. South won the game 60-47.

West was 1-18 from behind the 3 point arc for the game and gave up 18 offensive rebounds to the Packers.

"We just couldn't get into a rhythm offensively," Morrison said. We had the right people taking shots. It was just a tough shooting night. That's why you have to be solid on the boards and on the defensive end. There are going to be nights where you don't shoot well."

MW	6	8	11	22	47
OS	10	11	18	21	60

MW — Humm 2, Watson 5, Buscher 4, Glantz 1, Harmdierks 12, Sidiqi 6, Anderson 4, Meyersick 13.

OS — Wilson 2, Anderson 16, Griggs 9, Saunder 23, McNeal 8, Johnson 2.



Wildcats Start Fast, Hold On for Victory

Dalys Beanum helped the Wildcats jump out to an early 12-2 lead in Saturday's game. Lincoln Southwest cut it to 44-41 late in the game, but West held on for a 46-41 win.

Beanum led the Wildcats with 10 points and 5 rebounds on the night. TaeVyn Grixby led the Silver Hawks with 11 points.

Beanum started the game with 7 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, and a steal in the first two-and-a-half minutes of the game..

After West gained their 12-2 lead, Southwest was able to pull back into the game and trailed 15-11 after the first quarter.

The Wildcats were able to hold the Silver Hawks to just 5 points on two field goals in the 2nd quarter. Peyton Buscher and Evan Meyersick led the Wildcat attack with 4 points each in the quarter. West took a 26-16 lead into the half.

"I thought our defense was great in the first half," Coach Bill Morrison said. "We were much more active that we have been so far this year. The guys executed the game plan and made it really tough on (their big guy (Mayuom Buom). We also were able to contest their 3's."

Scoring slowed down for both teams in the third quarter. The two teams only scored seven point apiece. West held

their 10-point lead heading into the final period, 33-23.

Scoring picked up in the 4th quarter. Buscher and Harmdierks scored on the Wildcats' first two possessions and opened up a 37-23 lead.

But a 12-3 run by Southwest allowed the Silver Hawks to pull within five points, 40-35. West had chanced to pull away but were able to convert on only 4 of 11 free throws in the last minutes of the game.

Southwest made a basket with 7.5 seconds left in the game to make the score 43-41. Beanum caught a long pass and was fouled with 3.4 seconds left. He hit the 2nd free throw to give the 'Cats a 3-point lead. A steal and 2 free throws by Dom Humm sealed the victory for West.

"We didn't play perfect, but we made some big steps today," Morrison said. "It was a total team effort. Everyone played a part in this victory."

LSW	11	5	7	18	41
MW	15	11	7	13	46

LSW — Wynn 8, Frederick 5, Grixby 11, McCormack 4, Christensen 2, Buom 6, Jarasz 4, Leader 1.

MW — Olson 5, Humm 2, Buscher 4, Glantz 9, Harmdierks 9, Sidiqi 2, Beanum 10, Meyersick 4.



Warriors Shoot Down Wildcats

After trailing in the first quarter, Omaha Westside used their outside attack to pull away from Millard West in the 2nd quarter. The Warriors made 12 3-pointers in the 61-48 victory.

Chase Thompson led the attack with 21 points. Jadin Booth scored 19, and Carl Brown added 12 for Westside.

Tristan Gomes made the most of his first game of the year. He led the Wildcats with 13 points and seven rebounds. Gomes had not played this season because of a football injury.

Millard West came out strong on their home court.

Aabid Sidiqi led the attack with six points off of the bench in the quarter. The Wildcats built a 16-11 lead before Brown hit a 3-pointer at the end of the quarter to cut the lead to 16-14.

Westside connected on five 3-pointers in the 2nd quarter and held Millard West scoreless for the first four minutes of the quarters. The 14-0 run by the Warriors gave them a 25-16 lead. Booth and Brown each out-

scored the Wildcats with eight and six points respectively.

Coach Bill Morrison said that his offense struggled in the 2nd quarter.



"We just didn't have any flow in the 2nd quarter. Westside's half court defense is really solid. They make it hard to get into the ball into the paint. We settled for too many jumpers," he said.

Westside continued to build their lead in the first part of the second half. A 3-pointer by Booth gave Westside a 38-21 lead. Millard West would outscore the Warriors 12-5 in the last five minutes of the third quar-

ter. Dom Humm led the Wildcats with 5 points in the quarter. Westside held a 43-33 lead going into the last quarter.

Millard West was able to continue scoring, but could not stop the Warriors in the 4th quarter. Westside outscored Millard West 17-11 in the first five-and-a-half minutes of the quarter and held a 60-44 lead. With 2:35 left in the game.

"Westside really passed the ball around well," Coach Morrison said. "We stopped the initial drive, but they found the open guy and made the extra pass a lot."

Westside was 12 of 20 from behind the arc.

OW	14	19	10	18	61
MW	16	5	12	15	48

OW — Booth 19, Ngambi 6, Ross 3, Brown 12, Thompson 21

MW — Olson 9, Humm 5, Sidiqi 9, Beanum 5, Gomes 13, Meyersick 6, Conway 1





Wildcats' Defense Lead to Win over Monarchs

The Millard West defense held Papillion-LaVista to just 30 points Saturday on their way to a 50-30 win. West led 25-17 at half and outscored the Monarchs 25-13 in the 2nd half.

Evan Meyersick led the Wildcats with 13 points. Freshman, Kyle Ingwerson had 11 points for Papillion.

Meyersick scored seven of his points in the first quarter to help West build a lead early. Zach Olson and Dom Humm both hit a 3-pointer to start the scoring for the Wildcats. West led 17-7 at the end of the first quarter.

Point guard, Owen McLaughlin scored five points in the 2nd quarter and helped the Monarchs outscore West 10-8 in the quarter. Nate Glantz and Tristan Gomes each scored four points for West in the quarter.

"I was really happy with our defense in the first half," Coach Bill Morrison said. "They did not get very many good looks."

West opened up the game after half-time by only allowing one field



goal in the 3rd quarter. Four different Wildcats combined for 13 points. West led 38-7 going into the final period.

Coach Morrison said a shift in their defensive game plan at half time disrupted Papillion's offense. "Ingwerson had three 3-pointers in the first half, we didn't want him to get any easy looks, so we didn't help off of him." Ingwerson only scored two points in the 2nd half.

West used their team depth in the 4th quarter to close out the victory. The Wildcats made line changes by subbing five guys at a time throughout the final period. Seven different Wildcats scored in the quarter.

MW	17	8	13	12	50
PLV	7	10	7	6	30

MW — Olson 5, Humm 3, Watson 1, Glantz 8, Harmdierks 1, Sidiqi 4, Beanum 6, Anderson 3, Gomes 6, Meyersick 13.

PLV — McLaughlin 8, Ingwerson 11, Barnett 4, Lindenmeyer 2, Admek 2, Kellogg 3.

Coach Morrison surpasses Rick Hook and becomes Millard West's winningest coach with 119 wins.

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Mustangs Run Away in 4th Quarter

Millard North pulled away from Millard West in the last three minutes of the game to beat the Wildcats 56-44.

Hunter Sallis led three Mustangs in double digits with 21 points. Bret Porter and Jason Green added 10 points each for North.

Tristan Gomes led the Wildcats in scoring with 13 points. Zach Olson

scored 9 points and Evan Meyersick added 8.

A three-pointer by Max Murrell and a basket by Bret Porter gave North a 14-7 lead with just over 2 minutes left in the quarter. Sallis scored 7 points for the Mustangs in the first quarter. West trailed 14-9 after the first quarter of play.

Five Wildcats scored for West in the second quarter. North had built a 25-16 lead before West went on a 5-0 run to end the half. The Mustangs took a 25-21 lead into the half.

"I thought we played pretty good defense in the first half," Coach Bill Morrison said. "And we rebounded very well. We wanted to focus on limiting North to one shot every time down the court."



The two teams exchanged baskets through the first four minutes of the 3rd quarter. North put together a 8-2 run to extend their lead to 40-31 and led 40-33 going into the final period.

West had the ball trailing 40-46 with less than three minutes left in the game. The Wildcats were not able to convert on consecutive lay ups and the Mustangs were able to score on run-out lay-ups to take a 50-40 lead with 2:06 left in the game.

The Wildcats tried to foul to cut into the lead, but North was 5-7 from the line down the stretch to seal the victory.

“North has a good team. They are tall and athletic,” Morrison said. “We have been getting better every game and are really close to some of these good teams. We just have to make a few more plays to keep the game close.”

Both teams are off the next five days for the NSAA moratorium and will

return to action in the Metro Holiday Tournament at Ralston Arena on December 29th.

MN (5-2)	14	11	15	16	56
MW(3-4)	9	12	12	11	44

MN — Sallis 21, Rueschhoff 2, Jung 6, Porter 10, Murrell 7, Green 10

MW — Olson 9, Humm 3, Watson 2, Sidiqi 2, Beanum 5, Anderson 2, Gomes 13, Meyersick 8.



Omaha South Beats Wildcats in First Round

Omaha South jumped out to a 19-8 lead in the first quarter and never looked back. The Packers ran away with a first round victory by beating the Wildcats 69-42 in the first round of the metro tournament.

Tyreece Griggs led the way for the Packers with 19 points. Jay Sanders added 15 points, and Kyle Hutcherson added 11 off of the bench.

Tristan Gomes led West with 10 points and 9 rebounds.

South outscored West 9-2 in the first four minutes of the game by penetrating the Wildcat defense and scoring inside. Sanders scored 8 of his 15 points in the first quarter.

"We wanted to concentrate on taking away the drive, controlling the boards, and stopping south in transi-

tion," Coach Bill Morrison said. "We didn't play with enough energy in the first half to do any of those things."

West was able to stay even with the Packers in the 2nd quarter, but could not draw any closer. An open 3-pointer by Sanders at the buzzer gave South a 31-18 lead going into the half.

South came out attacking after the half. They scored 5 points in the first 24 seconds of the half. Only two Wildcats scored in the quarter. Gomes led with 7 points and Dom Humm made a 3 pointer. South led 55-28 after three quarters.

West made a mini-run to start the 4th quarter by outscoring South 9-4 in the first three-and-a-half minutes of the quarter. But South answered with

an 11-2 run to keep the Wildcats at bay.

"We need to learn from this loss. We need to practice harder. We need to pay attention to detail if we want to get better," Morrison said.

MW (3-5)	8	10	10	14	42
OS (9-1)	19	12	21	17	69

MW — Humm 7, Watson 6, Glantz 2, Harmdierks 4, Sidiqi 5, Anderson 3, Gomes 10, Meyersick 5.

OS — Wilson 9, Anderson 9, Griggs 19, Johnson 5, Forget 1, Sanders 15, Hutcherson 11.



3rd Quarter Offense Helps Wildcats Win

Millard West used a 17-0 run to start the 3rd quarter to pull away from Omaha Northwest in the Consolation Bracket of the Metro Conference Tournament. West won 61-46.

Kaedyn Odermann led the Wildcats with 17 points in his first career start for West. Evan Meyersick added 12 points to the winning cause. Michael McCroy was the only Husky in double digits with 11 points.

Northwest led 8-7 midway through the first quarter. Cam Watson was fouled on a lay up and converted the three-point play. Then Jacob Harmdierks added a basket and Odermann made a couple free throws to end the quarter on 7-0 run and take a 14-8 lead into the break.

West extended their lead to 22-13, but Northwest answered with 9 points on 4 possessions to tie the score. Meyersick scored two buckets and Aabid Sidiqi added a couple free throws to give the Wildcats a 28-22 lead. The half ended with a last second three-pointer by Meyersick on a

full court inbound play. West led 31-22 at the half.

“Our main focus was to work harder than we did against South,” Coach Bill Morrison said. “We did play harder which caused us to make a few more mistakes.”

West had 15 turnovers and was 6-14 from the line in the first half. “If we could have fixed those two things early, we would have been able to put the game out of reach in the first half,” Morrison said.

The Wildcats controlled the boards on both sides of the court in the first half. Northwest was not able to grab a single offensive rebound in the first half, while West scored 9 second chance points in the half.

West came out of the locker room after half with more energy. The Wildcats scored 13 points on their first six possessions of the half. Zach Olson hit back-to-back 3’s and Dalys Beanum added a third consecutive free throw to ignite the run. West would score the first 17 points of the

half and lead 50-27 at the end of three quarters.

“It really is amazing what energy does to a team. It makes you shoot better, it helps you get loose balls, and it helps you rebound,” Morrison said.

West held their biggest lead of the game, 57-33, on a basket by Dom Humm with 5:31 remaining in the game.

MW (4-5)	14	17	19	11	61
ONW (3-6)	8	15	5	19	46

MW — Olson 6, Humm 4, Watson 3, Glantz 2, Harmdierks 6, Odermann 17, Sidiqi 4, Beanum 5, Meyersick 12, Conway 2

ONW — Rickey 4, Bowden-Laxlace 4, Walker 5, Johnson 8, Marion-Adkins 2, McCroy 11, Cooper 6, Lacy 7

Millard West broke a school record by grabbing 52 rebounds in the game. The previous record was set against Bellevue East in 1996-97.





Bulldogs Hold On to Beat Wildcats

After getting off to a big 1st half lead, the Burke Bulldogs had to fend off a 4th quarter come back attempt by Millard West. The Wildcats were able to cut the lead down to 5, but could not get any closer in the 57-51 loss to the Bulldogs.

David Moreano led three Burke players in double digits with 15 points. Xavier Watts scored 13 and Phillip Cude added 10 to the winning Cause.

Evan Meyersick led the Wildcats with 13 points. Cam Watson and Kaedyn Odermann both score 10 points apiece for the Wildcats.

Moreano scored the first 10 points for Burke on three 3-pointers and a free throw. Baskets by Watts and Cude gave Burke a 14-11 lead at the end of the first quarter.

In the 2nd quarter, the Bulldogs got hot while the Wildcats had a hard time finding the basket. Burke got off to a 10-0 run to start the quarter and extend their lead to 24-11.

Watts made two three-pointers and Moreano and Rienke each hit a long-ball in the quarter. West was 3-

11 shooting from the field in the quarter and 1-4 from the line.

"We had good looks at the basket. We just couldn't make a shot," Coach Bill Morrison said. "And Burke really got hot from behind the arc."

The Bulldogs looked as if they were going to run off with the game early in the 3rd quarter. They extended their lead to 41-19 on another 3-pointer by Moreano with 4:55 left in the quarter.

West was able to score eight straight points on the next three possessions to cut the lead to 41-27.

Watts put an end to the Wildcat run by hitting a 15-foot jumper, stealing a pass, and making a 3-pointer on the ensuing possession. Burke led 48-32 at the end of the 3rd quarter.

Odermann helped West get back into the game as he led an 11-2 run with six points.

The Wildcat defense forced five turnovers to help ignite the run. Watson made a basket on a drive through the lane with 3:02 left in the game to make the score 50-43.

West turned the ball over on their next two possession to put the comeback on hold.

Burke finished the game by shooting 7 of 13 from the line. West made one final attempt at closing in on the Bulldogs. A 3-pointer by Watson and an "old-fashioned" 3-point play by Dom Humm with 1:07 left in the game cut the lead to 54-49.

"Our guys never gave up. They fought hard. We just need to figure out how to be more consistent," Coach Morrison said. "We seem to have had one bad quarter in most of our losses that we couldn't overcome."

MW (4-6)	11	7	14	19	51
OB (4-7)	14	21	13	9	57

MW — Olson 2, Humm 9, Watson 10, Glantz 1, Odermann 10, Anderson 3, Meyersick 13, Conway 3

OB — Hron 4, Watts 13, Moreano 15, Marshall 7, Cude 10, Rienke 3, Kenedy 5



Wildcats Beat #9 Omaha Bryan

The Millard West Wildcats were able to hold on to their lead in the 4th quarter to beat #9 Omaha Bryan 57-55.

Dalys Beanum scored all of his 14 points in the 2nd half to lead West in scoring. Kaedyn Odermann added 10



points and 12 rebounds in the game. Bryan had two players in double digits. Jerome Wallace and Javen Udofia scored 18 and 16 points respectively for the Bears. Odermann helped set the tone early by scoring 6 points and grabbing 7 rebounds in the first quarter. Zach Olson scored six points for the Wildcats in the quarter. Wallace led the attack for Bryan by making three 3-

pointers in the quarter. The two teams were tied, 13-13, after the first eight minutes of play.

The game remained close through the 2nd quarter as both teams had multiple players score for them. Nate Glantz made a 3-pointer in the last minute of the quarter to give the Wildcats a 27-26 lead going into the half.

Millard West had trouble scoring to start the 2nd half as Bryan was able to build a 34-30 lead with 3 minutes left in the quarter. The Wildcats were able to score on five of their last six possessions of the quarter and end the quarter tied at 39-39.

"I thought we settled for too many outside shots early in the 2nd half," coach Bill Morrison said. "Then we started turning the ball over. Luckily, our defense was solid and we were able to survive those first 5 minutes."

Evan Meyersick and Cam Watson were able to combine on back-to-back field goals and take a 43-41 lead with 6 minutes left in the game. A basket by Beanum and another by Meyersick allowed the Wildcats to grab a 47-42 lead with 3:52 left in the quarter.

Beanum scored the next eight points for West and helped the Wildcats keep the Bears from making a comeback.

Watson made two free-throws for West with xxx left to give West a 57-53 lead. Bryan was able to convert on another basket to draw within 57-55 with 3.2 left in the game. West inbounded the ball and was able to run out the clock for the victory.



"It wasn't perfect, but we did a lot of good things in this game. We have been working on being more consistent throughout the whole 32 minutes and I though we did that tonight," Morrison said.

OB (8-5)	13	13	13	16	55
MW (5-6)	13	14	12	18	57

OB — Grixby 9, Wallace 18, Spears 1, Montalvo 3, Udofia 16, Gregory 8

MW — Olson 8, Humm 2, Watson 9, Glantz 3, Odermann 10, Sidiqi 3, Beanum 14, Meyersick 8

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Coach Morrison earned his 200th career victory with the win against Omaha Bryan.





West Wins 3 in a Row and Earn #9 Ranking

Wildcats Weather the Storm to Get Win

Elkhorn South almost overcame a twelve point deficit after three quarters but could not pull off the come back as they missed three shots in the lane in the last 22 seconds of the game.

The Storm made an exciting game out of the contest that was dominated by Millard West for the first three quarters. The Wildcats could have closed the game in the 4th quarter, but they were 5 of 12 from the free throw line.

The Millard West bench

outscored the South bench 27-2 in the game. The Wildcats were led by Cam Watson, Tristan Gomez and Evan Meyersick all the west with 8 points each.

Jace Piatkowski and Zach Lafave led the Storm with 16 and 12 points respectively.

West was able to jump out to an 8-2 lead in the first quarter to start the game. Another 6-0 run later in the quarter helped build a 14-7 lead. In the last seconds of the quarter, Piatkowski was able to pick up a batted

ball and drain a 3-pointer as time ran out to close the gap to 14-10.

"We were nervous about how our guys would come out a play tonight," Coach Bill Morrison said. "It seems like a long time since we have had a game."

The Wildcats had games with Millard South and Omaha North were cancelled last week due to weather.

West stepped up their defensive pressure in the 2nd quarter and held Elkhorn South to 5 points.

Nate Glantz gave the Wildcats a spark as he scored seven points in the period.

The Wildcats built a

26-15 lead by the end of the first quarter

Elkhorn South cut the lead to 30-23 on a free throw by Piatkowski with 3:08 left in the 3rd quarter. The Wildcats answered with an 8-2 run to end the period and appeared to have the game under control.

Piatkowski made two free throws with 3:25 Left in the game. In the last 3 minutes of the game, West combined on only 5 of 12 free throws and gave the Storm a chance to get back in the game.

Piatkowski made another basket to get the score to 44-40 and fouled to stop the clock with 1:13 left in the game.

West was 1 of 2 free throws and Preston Murphy drove the lane to score and bring the Storm to within three points, 45-42.

West was 1 of 2 free throws with 0:51 remaining in the game. Murphy was able to drive into the interior of the Wildcat defense again and score to cut West's lead to 46-44 left in the game.

With 0::22 on the clock, West missed both free throws that could have put the Storm out of reach.

Piatkowski got a good look on a backdoor play, but could not convert. Two teammates for the Storm got rebounds and missed their put-back attempts as the clock ran out.

"Hopefully we learn a lot from this. We did some good things and controlled the clock," Morrison said. "All we needed to do was make our free throws and it would have been a lot easier."

ES (8-8)	10	5	10	19	44
MW (6-6)	14	12	11	9	46

ES — Brown 5, Piatkowski 16, Murphy 5, Lafave 12, Jorgensen 4, Peterson 2.

MW — Olson 1, Humm 3, Watson 8, Glantz 7, Odermann 6, Beanum 1, Anderson 4, Gomes 8, Meyersick 8



Wildcats Tame Tigers for 2nd Time

The Millard West Wildcats had another strong defensive showing and defeated Fremont High School 54-37.

The Wildcats were led by Tristan Gomes with 10 points, 8 rebounds, 3 steals, 3 assists, and 2 blocks. Zach Olson scored 9 for the Wildcats. Cam Watson and Nate Glantz scored 8 points each, and Evan Meyersick added 7 points to the cause.

Caden Curry led all scorers with 12 points for Fremont. The Tigers are now 3-12 on the season.

West started out strong and jumped to a 15-5 first quarter lead. Gomes paced the 'Cats in the early going with 6 points.

Fremont was able to outscore West in the 2nd quarter.

The Tigers cut the Wildcat lead to 23-19 on a basket by Jake Heineman in the final minute of the half. Glantz hit his 2nd 3-pointer of the quarter at the buzzer to give the Wildcats a 26-19 lead going into half.



"Fremont's zone slowed us down in the first half," Coach Bill Morrison said. "In the 2nd quarter, we got some good looks inside, but we couldn't convert on them."

The Wildcats came out of the half and attacked the Tiger zone with some high-low action. West quickly took a 32-21 lead early in the 3rd quarter.

Five different Wildcats scored in the 3rd quarter to give West a 37-26 lead after three periods of play.

Triston Keeney grabbed an offensive rebound and made the put-back midway through the final period to help the Tigers pull to within 8 points, 43-35.

West scored on five of their last possessions to pull away from Fremont for the victory. West converted on 9 of 12 free throws in the final period.

"We have put together a good stretch of three games where our defense really carried us," Coach Morrison said. "Our depth and versatility are also beneficial. I really feel like I can put anyone in the game and not worry about what will happen."

MW (7-6)	15	11	11	17	54
FHS (3-14)	5	14	7	11	37



MW — Olson 9, Humm 2, Watson 8, Glantz 8, Harmdierks 4, Beanum 4, Anderson 2, Gomes 10, Meyersick 7.

FHS — Curry 12, Keeney 4, Dix 5, Sintek 4, Moore 2, A Queen 4, Heineman 6





Wildcats Re-acquire Ownership Rights to Q-Street

The Millard West Boys Basketball Team used a strong defensive effort to run past cross-town rival Millard South. The Wildcats outscored the Patriots 31 to 15 in the 2nd half to secure the 61-42 victory.

Evan Meyer was the only player on either team in double digits for the night with 16 points.

Tristan Gomes helped the Wildcats get off to an early lead. He scored 5 points early in the quarter. A 3-pointer by Zach Olson gave West an early 8-3 lead.

Late in the quarter, The Patriots were able to put together a 6-0 run and take a 14-12 lead with 1:24 left in the quarter. A basket by Kaedyn Odermann before Meyersick was fouled on a shot and converted the ensuing free throw gave West a 17-14 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The scoring picked up for both

teams early in the 2nd quarter. West gained a 26-21 lead on another basket by Meyersick after an offensive rebound with less than 40 seconds left in the half.

Two free throws by Meyersick gave the Wildcats a six point lead, but a 3-pointer by Jack Cooper at the buzzer made the score 30-27 at the half.

"I thought we played really well offensively in the first half," Coach Bill Morrison said. "We let them drive the ball into the paint a little too much and they made their shots to keep it close."

West came out of the half more aggressive on offense in the 2nd half. They were fouled shooting on two of their first four possessions and extended their lead to 34-27 with 6:19 remaining in the 3rd quarter.

West then switched to a 1-3-1 zone defense and made it tough for the Pa-

trioti to get good shots.

South only scored 2 points in the 3rd quarter as West extended their lead to 45-29 going into the 4th quarter.

"We wanted to stay aggressive, but manage the clock at the same time in the 4th quarter. We knew they wouldn't quit," Morrison said.

West started the 4th quarter with two turnovers. Two South 3-pointers cut the lead to 47-35 before West took control of the game. The Wildcats scored on eight consecutive possessions including 6 of 6 from the line.

"The West-South game is always a great atmosphere. I was worried that we were a little too excited, but the guy played really hard and still executed the game plan," Morrison said.

"This was probably the best we prepared for a team. We need to take that into the last two weeks of the season and post season," commented Morrison. "When we heard them call a play, we took it away. I thought it was a big step for our team tonight."

MW	17	13	15	16	61
MS	14	13	2	13	42

MW — Olson 5, Humm 2, Watson 4, Glantz 4, Harmdierks 8, Odermann 8, Beanum 5, Gomes 8, Meyersick.

MS — Locum 7, B. Stenger 2, Thompson 5, Benak 8, DeArmond 8, G Stenger 6, Just 3, Cooper 3

Hoops for Hope Game



trioti to get good shots.

"We put our 3 bigs in and went to a zone," Morrison said. "We have been working on it because we wanted to be able to play Gomes, Meyersick, and Odermann at the same time. It worked pretty

Rivalry Win Brings Out Display of Emotions



MW
VS.
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#7 Prep Fends off Challenge From Young #9 Wildcats Team

Omaha Creighton Prep coach Josh Luedtke preaches optimum effort, and his seventh-ranked Junior Jays showed it often enough Tuesday night to post a 59-50 Metro Conference basketball victory over Millard West.

There were moments when Luedtke hoped things might go a bit better — times when the Wildcats would quickly cut into a lead the Junior Jays had just built — but he also understands that maximum focus can be difficult to have in a midweek game.

“Millard West is never going to quit, and we knew they weren’t going to quit on us,” Prep coach Josh Luedtke said. “Overall it seemed like a typical Tuesday night game. It lacked some energy, but overall I thought we did all right.”

Prep went on its first big run early in the second quarter after the opening eight minutes ended with the teams tied at 12. Back-to-back slam dunks by Nebraska recruit Akol Arop and a layup by Robert Peters in the first 1:05 gave Prep an 18-12 lead.

Class A No. 9 Millard West quickly trimmed its deficit to one before Prep bounced back to build a 31-24 halftime lead.

The new-look Wildcats — all five of their starters from the 2017-18 season were seniors — have jelled into a tight unit that, while young, is one of Class A’s most improved squads.

“Our defense is pretty good, and it really wasn’t too bad tonight,” Wildcats coach Bill Morrison said. “They’re such a tough guard because you have to pay

attention to Arop, and they’ve got multiple guys who can shoot. When we got tired, we started making some mistakes.”

Turnovers hurt the 7-7 Wildcats, especially in the second half. The third quarter basically was a draw — the Junior Jays added one point to their halftime lead to take a 44-36 lead — before Prep more than doubled that advantage with a 13-3 run to open the fourth quarter.

Arop and CJ Wolfe, who led all scorers with 13 points apiece, scored all but two of Prep’s points in that run. Wolfe also led all players with 11 rebounds.

Though it was a low-scoring affair, Luedtke said, the team met one of the goals it sets for each game.

“We always preach about trying to get five guys into double figures, and we were able to do that tonight,” Luedtke said.

Spencer Schomers scored 11 points and both Thomas Faber and Peters chipped in 10 for Prep. Senior guard Cam Watson led the Wildcats with 11 points and seven rebounds.

Millard West committed 17 turnovers, including six in the fourth quarter, while Prep turned the ball over just four times.

“We have come a long way and we have a lot of different choices this season,” Morrison said. “But at the same time we have to get better mentally. I still don’t think we’re close to our potential. When one mistake happens,

we tend to make a second mistake.”

Because of some postponements earlier in the season, the Wildcats have kicked off a stretch of eight games in the final three weeks of the season. The next four are against teams with sub-.500 records, but the final three are against Class A No. 10 Papillion-La Vista South, Lincoln North Star and Top 10 No. 3 Kearney.

“Our guys have plenty of fight,” Morrison said. “It’s good to know we still have three weeks, and we’re going to have to beat a team like them if we want to do anything at the end of the season.”

MW (7-7).....12 12 12 14-50
At Prep (16-3)....12 19 13 15-59

MW: Beanum 2-5 0-0 4, Watson 4-11 1-1 11, Glantz 3-10 0-0 6, Anderson 1-2 0-0 2, Gomes 2-4 0-1 4, Olson 2-2 0-0 5, Meyersick 2-6 0-0 4, Humm 2-7 1-2 6, Odermann 1-1 1-1 3, Harndierks 1-1 0-0 2, Sidiqi 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 20-49 5-6 50.

CP: Arop 6-8 1-6 13, Peters 5-10 0-0 10, Faber 3-12 2-2 10, Schomers 4-10 0-0 11, Wiley 0-2 2-2 2, Wolfe 5-11 1-1 13, Grinbergs 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 23-54 6-11 59.

3-point goals: MW 5-12, CP 7-22 Total fouls: MW 6, CP 11. Turnovers: MW 17, CP 4. Rebounds: MW 33, CP 25. FG%: MW .408, CP .426. FT%: MW .833, CP .545. A-300 (est.)

Wildcats Blast Past Rockets in 2nd Half

The Millard West defense made a statement early in the game that they were ready to play.

The Wildcats' defense only allowed

score remained 2-0 in favor of the Wildcats.

"I was really impressed with the way our team started out defensively.



Northeast runs a match up zone that we haven't seen, and we had trouble settling in on offense," Coach Bill Morrison said. "But our defense never let up."

West did a line change at the 4 minute mark and switched to man-to-man defense. The Wildcats led 11-2 at the

"We thought our zone would give them problems, but we wanted to put more pressure on them and try to speed the tempo up in the 2nd half," Morrison said.

The plan worked. The Wildcats forced three more turnovers early in the 3rd quarter and scored on their first six possession to open up a 31-10 lead. West led 45-19 at the end of the quarter.

The Cats stayed aggressive and scored on seven straight possessions to open the final period and extend their lead to 61-26.

"Our defense was really solid this weekend. "We held the other points to 2 points in two different quarters, and held Northeast to just 7 points in the first half," Morrison said.

"We think our defense is what we need to hang our hat on," Morrison added. "This team plays hard and are really starting to gel. It's a good time to do that."

2 points in the 1st quarter and held Lincoln Northeast to 4 points in the half before a 3-pointer at the buzzer made the score 20-7.

Evan Meyersick led West with 13 points. Cam Watson and Tristan Gomes added 10 points each.

Pierce Bazil scored 12 points for Lincoln Northeast.

The game started out at a slow pace. West started in their 1-3-1 zone and made it very difficult for the undersized Rockets to get a good look at the basket.

But West had trouble converting on offense. After 4 minutes of play, the

end of the first quarter.

"Our 5-man substitution in the first quarter was planned," Morrison said. "It was our 3rd game of the week and we wanted to keep our energy level up by playing everyone."

West's defense forced seven turnovers in the 2nd quarter, including five on the first six possession of the quarter as they built a 16-2 lead with 5:47 left in the half.

West was only able to score twice on their last nine possessions. A three pointer by Carson Busch as the time ran out made the score 20-7 at the half.

LNE	2	5	12	13	32
MW	11	9	25	21	66

LNE — Bush 8, Schejbal 4, Bazil 12, Moerer 3, Rnard 2, Fuchs 3

MW — Olson 2, Humm 2, Watson 10, Glantz 8, Harmdierks 5, Odermann 6, Beanum 8, Anderson 2, Gomes 10, Meyersick 13





Wildcats Go 1-2 in Tough Week



Bellevue East Upsets Wildcats

The Bellevue East Chieftains used a strong defensive effort in the 2nd half to upset Millard West 53-50.

Fred Knotts and Joey Skoff did most of the damage for the Chieftains scoring 21 and 15 points respectively.

Millard West's Zach Olson led the way for the Wildcats with five 3-pointers and 17 points.

East jumped out to a 11-3 lead in the first quarter. West was able to battle back with a 7-0 run and close the lead to 11-10.

West opened the 2nd quarter with back to back 3-pointers by Zach Olson. But, the Chieftains scored on four consecutive possessions and led 19-16. The Wildcats led going into the half 24-21.

Gage Dengel scored 8 of his 12 points in the 1st half before Knotts and Skoff took over the scoring in the 2nd half. The two guards scored 28 of the

Chieftains' 32 points in the 2nd half.

West hit another scoring drought midway through the 3rd quarter as East built a 36-32 lead with 2:06 left in the quarter. A basket by Jacob Harmdierks and another 3-pointer by Olson kept the Wildcats within 1, 36-35.

East took the lead for good on a 3-pointer by Skoff with 4:57 left in the game, 44-41.

The Chieftains did most of their damage in the 4th quarter from the free throw line by making 10-11 to help keep West out of reach.

Midway through the final period, the Wildcats forced three consecutive turnovers, but they were unable to score on any of the ensuing possessions.

Olson made his final 3-pointer of the game with 46 seconds left to draw the Wildcats to within 51-50. Knotts made two free throws to give the Chieftains a 53-50 lead.

West worked the ball around and got Olson a contested shot from the corner to tie the game, but the shot did not fall.

"We didn't do a great job of keeping our composure in the 2nd half. We let our emotions get the best of us too many times," Coach Bill Morrison said.

"We were out of timeouts and did not get a good play called on the last play," Morrison continued. "I needed to get us a better chance for a good look. We had plenty of time."

MW (9-8)	10	14	11	15	50
BE (5-14)	11	10	15	17	53

MW — Olson 17, Humm 7, Watson 3, Odermann 2, Beanum 4, Anderson 6, Gomes 2, Meyersick 9

BE — Knotts 21, Skoff 15, Archie 5, Dengel 12

Wildcats Jump Out on Benson

Millard West got back on the winning track by beating Omaha Benson 76-65. The Wildcats led by 13 at half and built their lead up to 23 points before the Bunnies leaped back into the game.

West had three players score in double digits. Zach Olson scored 17 points, and Cam Watson and Tristan Gomes added 14 points each.

Denim Johnson led the way for Benson with 16 points after playing in the first quarter. Jalen Parmer-Watson scored 13 points.

The game started out with a lot of

scoring. West led 12-10 in the first four minutes of the game. The two teams combined for seven 3-pointers in the first quarter. Olson scored 10 points for the Wildcats and helped build a 19-14 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Olson continued to lead the Wildcats in the second period with five points. The offensive showing continued by both teams in the first part of the quarter before West was able to pull away before the half. The Wildcats took a 38-25 lead into the half.

"We scored a lot of points in the first

half, but we weren't satisfied with our effort," coach Bill Morrison said. "We missed a lot of point-blank shots and were 0 for 7 from the line."

"We challenged them to get focused on both ends of the floor and to take care of business," Morrison added.

The Wildcats responded by scoring 18 points in the first six minutes of the 2nd half. They led 56-33 with 2:18 left in the 3rd quarter.

"The first part of the 2nd half was pretty good, but then we lost focus again at the end of the period. It just

Omaha Benson Continued

felt like a pick-up game," Morrison said.

West still held a 69-46 lead with 4:57 left in the game. That is when Benson got back into the game.

Benson went on a 16-0 run over the next three minutes and drew to within seven points. A free throw by Cam Watson and a put-back by Kaedyn Odermann put the game out of reach for Benson.

Morrison said his players played

well in the game. "We had a lot of good individual performances in the game. We did a lot of good things. We just

need to be able to stay disciplined and maintain a lead,"

Gomes had 9 rebounds, 7 assists, three blocks and two steals to go along with his 14 points.

Olson made four three-pointers on the night. Odermann led the team with 10 rebounds, and Dalys Beenum dished out 8 assists.

OB (6-13)	11	11	14	26	65
MW (10-8)	9	19	22	16	76

OB — Ignowski 9, Parmer-Watson 13, Gallion 1, Lewis 5, Henderson 5, Daniels 2, Johnson 16, Adkisson 4, Foard 3, Holston 7

MW — Olson 17, Humm 2, Watson 14, Glantz 4, Odermann 9, Beenum 8, Gomes 14, Meyersick 6, Conway 2

Papio South Conquers West

In an important Wildcard game, Papillion-LaVista South used their defense and long-range shooting to beat Millard West 68-57.

Lok Wur and Jared Mattley combined for 46 points, scoring 25 and 21 points respectively.

Nate Glantz scored 13 points off the bench for the Wildcats and Zach Olson added 12 for Millard West.

In a high-scoring first quarter, West had seven players score, including three different players making a 3-pointer.

South scored 17 points on five 3-pointers. Mattley made three and Graham Cassoutt made two long range shots. West led 18-17 after the 1st quarter.

The Titans took a 29-21 lead with 5:02 left in the half on another 3-pointer by Mattley. (Mattley scored 19 of his 21 points in the first quarter.)

West battled back and came to within 2 at 29-27 before South went on a 10-0 run to end the half.

"We made some uncharacteristic mistakes and the end of the quarter," Coach Bill Morrison said. "We had some unforced turnovers that led to them getting the lead before the half."

The Titans came out of the half aggressively and were able to build a 22 point lead with 2:49 left in the 3rd quarter. Wur scored 12 points in the quarter for Papio South.

The Titans led 56-39 at the end of the 3rd quarter.

"They got physical with our bigs and did a good job of doubling down when they needed to. We wanted to make it tough on Mattley and use other guys to help slow down Wuk." Morrison said about the game plan.

"Crossoutt had a great game for them. He made four 3's

and played very good defense on our bigs. He really sent the tempo for them." Morrison said.

West cut the lead to 60-

50 with 5:30 left in the game after Glantz hit two 3-pointers, and Olson added another..

Cassoutt answered with his fourth 3-pointer of the game. The Titans scored the rest of their points from the free throw line.

The two teams were very close in wildcard points going into the game. The win by the Titans will put them into position to host a first round game in the district tournament.

"We can't worry about that," Morrison said. "We need to figure out what we are good at and what we didn't do well this last week and fix it. We only have two weeks before districts. We need to by playing our best basketball."

PLVS (11-10)	17	22	17	12	68
MW (10-9)	18	9	12	18	57

PLVS — Glenn 5, Mattley 21, Winkler 2, Wur 25, Norblade 1, Cassoutt 12, Lett 2

MW — Olson 12, Watson 9, Glantz 13, Odermann 6, Beenum 9, Gomes 2, Meyersick 6.





North Star Uses 1st Quarter to Beat Wildcats

Lincoln North Star used a 19-3 first quarter to beat Millard West Thursday night. The Navigators led 5-1 early in the quarter before scoring on 6 of their last 7 possessions to finish the quarter.

Donovan Williams and Josiah Allick combined for 12 points in the quarter and 27 in the game to lead North Star.

Millard West was led by Nate Glantz and Tristan Gomes who scored 11 points each in the game.

After the first quarter, The Wildcats were able to match the Navigator scoring. West was able to draw to within 21-10 midway through the 2nd quarter before North Star extended their lead to 30-14 going into the half.

"We had some good looks in the first quarter but couldn't make a shot," Coach Bill Morrison said. "We put ourselves in too big of a hole to come back from early in the game."

West's defense held the Navigator's to 11 points in the 3rd quarter, but could not cut into the lead.

North Star built their lead up to 21 in the 4th quarter. West tried to foul to get back in the game, but North Star made 7 of 13 free throws to keep the Wildcats at bay.

LNS	19	11	11	20	61
MW	3	11	11	18	43

LNS — Brown 3, Abdelkarin 9, Williams 19, Baker 3, Allick 18, Best 6, Lopez 3

MW — Olson 4, Humm 2, Watson 5, Glantz 11, Odermann 2, Beanum 6, Gomes 11, Jones 1.

Thank you, Seniors!





MILLARD WEST

Kearney Tops Wildcats in Last Regular Season Game

KEARNEY — 6-foot-8 senior, Shilo Robinson notched his 14th double-double this season with a 26-point, 10-rebound performance in Kearney's 75-58 victory over Millard West on Friday night at Kearney High.

Besides Robinson, Carson Schwarz and Jack Johnson each tallied 12 points to lead the Bearcats' offense.

The Wildcats were able to break the Bearcat press for lay ups and forced a timeout about two minutes into the game.

After the timeout, the Bearcats (19-4) used an inside-out approach and rallied to score 14 of the next 16 points to hold a 20-10 advantage with two minutes left in the first quarter.

Millard West (10-11) pulled within six points in the second period but couldn't keep up with the Bearcats. Seth Stroh's 3-pointer at the first-half buzzer gave the Bearcats a 39-27 advantage.

Kearney used a 14-8 run in the

middle of the 3rd quarter to pull away from Millard West. The Bearcats led by as many as 23 points in the second half.

Robinson played a critical role in holding Millard West to 45 percent shooting. He was a force inside and made it difficult for the Wildcats to drive to the hoop, finishing with five blocks.

Evan Meyersick led Millard West with 12 points and Kaedyn Odermann added 10.

"With Shiloh at the rim, it's hard because, even if you get by your guy, he's right there," Millard West coach Bill Morrison said. "They do a lot of double teams with him too. He's hard to get around. I thought our guys handled the pressure well, but he changed a lot of our shots."

Friday's game marked the end of the regular season for both teams. The Bearcats enter postseason play on an eight-game winning streak.

MW (10-11)	15 12 17 14 — 58
KHS (19-4)	25 14 18 18 — 75

MW — Zach Olson 8, Dominic-DeAngelo Humm 8, Cam Watson 2, Nate Glantz 7, Dalys Beanum 6, Tristan Gomes 2, Evan Meyersick 12, Quinn Frost 3, Kaedyn Odermann 10.

KHS — Carson Schwarz 12, Seth Stroh 7, Colin Murray 9, Preston Pearson 2, Jackson Johnson 12, Nate Jacobsen 4, Shiloh Robinson 26, Grant Tighe 3.





District Tournament Set for Varsity Boys

After finishing the regular season 10-11, the Millard West Wildcats are set for post-season play. The Wildcats are looking forward to playing Papillion South, who beat them 68-57 on Feb. 9.

"I think we have a good shot of winning the first round game. They beat us a couple weeks ago. They shot the ball very well that night and we were not very disciplined on defense," coach Bill Morrison said. "I think we have a good set of getting an upset."

In the first game, Lok Wur and Jared Mattley combined for 46 points, scoring 25 and 21 points respectively. But it was Sophomore Graham Cassoutt who

surprised the Wildcats with 12 points on 4 three pointers.

"Mattley shot better from behind the arc than we thought he would, and we didn't have Cassoutt as a shooter in our scouting report," Morrison said. "We had to extend our defense which made it tough to guard Wur."

Gretna and Lincoln Northeast are on the other half of the district. Gretna earned the #1 seed by building a 15-3 record. Lincoln Northeast is the 4 seed with a 5-17 record.

If the Wildcats can upset Papillion South, they could have a good chance to make it to the state tournament this

year. Gretna build their 15-3 record on a predominately Class B schedule. West played Northeast earlier in the year and won 66-32.

"We don't have time to think about that. We have our hands full with Papio South," Morrison said. "There is a lot of talk about Gretna being over rated. They are a good team and have some good players. I don't care who you play, it is not easy to go to 15-3."

The Wildcats and Titans will face off on February 23, at Papillion South at 6:00 p.m.

West has been in the district finals in each of the last eight years and have

Titans End Season for Wildcats

The Papillion-LaVista South Titans ended the Millard West boys basketball season by beating them 53-45 in the opening round of post-season play.

Luk Wur led the Titan attack by scoring 26 points and grabbing 13 rebounds. 15 of Wur's points came in the 4th quarter. Graham Cassoutt added 12 points for Papio South.

Tristan Gomes was the lone Wildcat in double-digit scoring with 16 points. Gomes also grabbed eight rebounds and had two steals.

Both teams' defenses made it very hard for the other team to score throughout the game.

Papio South took an early 4-1 lead and led through much of the first quarter. A 6-0 run midway through the opening period allowed the Wild-

cats to take their first lead of the game 8-6 with just under three minutes left in the quarter.

Millard West had the ball for the last shot but turned it over with 8 seconds remaining in the period. South's Jared Mattley put the Titan's back on top, 11-10, with a three-pointer at the buzzer.

The Wildcats were able to outscore the Titans 14-10 in the 2nd quarter. Dalys Beanum led the Wildcat attack with six points in the quarter.

In the last minute of the quarter, Mattley got loose for another 3-pointer to help the Titans close the lead to 22-21. A steal in the last seconds and an offensive rebound and put-back by Beanum finished the scoring for the first half. The Wildcats led 24-21 at the break.

"We had a week to prepare for South and our guys did a great job defensively," Coach Bill Morrison said. "We did some things that we hadn't done all year to try to limit Wur and Mattley's scoring."

Wur and Mattley only scored 5 and 6 points respectively in the first half. Two weeks earlier in the teams' first match up, the tandem combined for 37 points for the Titans.

Cassoutt and Wur hit the offensive boards early in the 2nd half and erased the Wildcat lead with 2nd-chance baskets.

A 3-pointer by Dom Humm gave the Wildcats their lead back 27-25 with 5:52 left in the quarter. Both teams hit a scoring slump before Wur scored on back-to-back possessions to tie the game again 29-29.



PAPIO SOUTH BEAT LINCOLN NORTHEAST IN THE DISTRICT FINALS TO EARN A TRIP TO THE STATE TOURNAMENT.

Cam Watson and Tristan Gomes finished the scoring in the quarter by scoring field-goals and giving the Wildcats a 33-29 lead going into the 4th quarter.

Scoring by both teams increased early in the final period. Zach Olson gave the Wildcats a 40-37 lead with 5:12 left in the quarter after making a pull-up jumper from the right wing.

Wur made a 3-pointer to tie the game with 3:52 left in the game and continued on to score five more points in the next two possessions as the Titans took a 45-40 lead.

The Wildcats broke a 3-minute scoring spell with a free throw by Watson. West scoring on the next two possessions to make the score 45-49 in favor of the Titans with 1:00 left in game.

Wur turned the ball over for the Titans, but West was not able to score on the ensuing possession to cut into the 4-point lead.

The Wildcats had to foul to try to extend the game. Ryan Winkler and Thaison Glenn made 4-of-4 free throws to keep the Wildcats from making a come back.

"Our defense was great. We just had too hard of a time scoring," Morrison said.

Both teams had trouble scoring from the floor. West shot 35% including 1 of 19 from 3-point range, and Papio South was 34% on the night.

The difference in scoring came at the free throw line. West was 12-20 while the Titans were 18-27.

West ends their season with a record of 10-12. Papio-South will play Lincoln Northeast, who upset Gretna, in the finals of the district on Monday night.

MW	10	14	9	12	45
PLVS	11	10	8	24	53

MW — Olson 4, Humm 3, Watson 7, Odermann 2, Beanum 7, Anderson 4, Gomes 16, Meyersick 2.8,

PLVS — Glenn 3, Mattley 8, Winkler 4, Wur 26, Cassoutt 12.





2018-2019 Final Stats



Player	GP	2FGM-A	3FGM-A	FTM-A	REB	AST	BLK	STL	TO	CT	PTS
ANDERSON	22	8-12	7-23	3-10	29	20	1	19	20	2	40
BEANUM	22	37-75	4-21	29-47	68	49	4	27	38		111
BUSCHER	4	7-17	1-9	3-6	8	14	1	2	10		20
CONWAY	19	6-15		5-10	21	4	1	8	4		17
FROST	2	1-1		1-1							3
GLANTZ	22	16-48	17-55	26-42	42	22	1	14	35		109
GOMES	15	53-108	1-10	22-40	82	27	15	26	21		131
HARMDIERKS	15	22-40		11-19	32	2	6	5	11		55
HUMM	22	22-52	8-35	11-16	46	30	2	16	22	1	79
JONES	2	0-1		1-2	1						1
LARSEN	2										
MEYERSICK	22	66-149	1-5	46-78	98	31	11	29	26	6	181
ODERMANN	16	41-82	0-1	9-26	63	17	9	1	16		91
OLSON	22	17-32	37-109	11-20	64	19	21	13	24		156
SIDIQI	13	13-25	2-5	13-19	25	12	4	7	6		45
WATSON	22	29-68	16-42	22-42	41	45		28	23	2	128
TEAM	22	336-725	94-315	213-378	662	292	76	162	256	11	1167
OPPONENT	22	285-613	126-412	216-348	647	275	45	147	301	10	1164

Assists	Blocks	Rebounds	Steals	Points	Performance
Beanum 49	Olson 21	Meyersick 98	Meyersick 29	Meyersick 181	Meyersick 128.73
Made 2's	2-pt %	Made 3's	3-pt %	Made FT	FT %
Meyersick 66	Harmdierks 55%	Olson 98	Watson 43%	Meyersick 46	Beanum 62%

New School Records and Leaders

Rank	Year	Player	Stats		Category	Time
1st	2019	Team	52		Rebounds	Game
10th	2019	Zach Olson	37		3FG's Made	Season
T12	2019	Zach Olson	21		Blocks	Season
T6	2019	Evan Meyersick	6		Charges Taken	Season
20th	2019	Cam Watson	38.1%	8/21	3-Point FG Percentage	Season
T19	2019	Zach Olson	37.0%		3FG's Made	Career
T17	2019	Zach Olson	21		Blocks	Career
T19	2019	Evan Meyersick	19		Blocks	Career
T12	2019	Evan Meyersick	152		Defensive Rebounds	Career
T9	2019	Evan Meyersick	7		Charges Taken	Career
T17	2019	Tristan Gomes	21		Blocks	Career

2018-2019 Wildcat Basketball Stats

Opponent		MW	Op	Assists	Blocks	Rebounds	Steals	Points	Perf.
Pius X	L	54	68	Glantz 3	ZO, EM 1	Meyersick 8	Conway 4	Olson 14	Meyersick 10.25
Fremont	W	61	32	Buscher 4	Meyersick 2	Glantz 5	CW, MA 3	Olson 11	Anderson 7.44
Omaha South	L	47	60	Buscher 3	Sidiqi 2	DB, EM 8	Anderson 3	Meyersick 13	Meyersick 12.89
Lincoln Southwest	W	46	41	Buscher 5	1	5	JH, EM 2	Beanum 10	Olson 6.66
Westside	L	48	61	Watson 4	Meyersick 1	Gomes 7	Meyersick 3	Gomes 13	Gomes 10.25
Papillion LaVista	W	50	30	2	1	Gomes 6	Meyersick 5	Meyersick 13	Meyersick 8.75
Millard North	L	44	56	Meyersick 3	Gomes 2	Gomes 7	2	Gomes 13	Gomes 8.25
M1: Omaha South	L	42	69	Watson 3	Olson 2	Gomes 9	Watson 2	Gomes 10	Sidiqi 12.05
M2: Omaha NW	W	61	46	DH, DB 4	Olson 2	Humm 10	Sidiqi 2	Odermann 17	Odermann 13.19
Omaha Burke	L	51	57	2	Olson 2	Odermann 8	1	Meyersick 13	Humm 9.63
Omaha Bryan	W	57	55	3	1	Odermann 12	Watson 3	Beanum 14	Odermann 9.10
Elkhorn South	W	46	44	Watson 3	Odermann 4	Meyersick 11	Watson 3	8	Meyersick 11.52
Fremont	W	54	37	Meyersick 4	2	8	Gomes 3	Gomes 10	Gomes 14.74
Creighton Prep	L	50	59	Glantz 2	1	Watson 7	1	Watson 11	Watson 5.53
Millard South	W	61	42	3	1	Gomes 7	Gomes 3	Meyersick 16	Gomes 11.02
Lincoln Northeast	W	66	32	Beanum 7	1	Glantz 5	2	Meyersick 13	Beanum 13.34
Bellevue East	L	50	53	3	1	Glantz 3	Glantz 4	Olson 17	Olson 9.01
Benson	W	76	65	Beanum 8	Glantz 3	Odermann 10	Gomes 2	Olson 17	Gomes 25.34
Papio South	L	57	68	Beanum 4	Olson 3	Meyersick 6	Gomes 3	Glantz 13	Olson 11.32
Lincoln North Star	L	43	61	2	1	5	2	11	Beanum 10.16
Kearney	L	58	75	Odermann 3	Olson 2	Odermann 4	Beanum 4	Meyersick 12	Odermann 7.36
D1: Papio South	L	45	53	2	Olson 1	Gomes 8	Meyersick 3	Gomes 16	Gomes 10.68



Seniors





WILDCAT BASKETBALL

Juniors





Sophomores — Class of 2021







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All-Metro 1st Team

John Tonje	Central
Akol Arop	Cr. Prep
Chucky Hepburn	Bel West
Chase Thompson	Westside
Jay Saunders	O South

All-Metro 2nd Team

Lok Wur	Pap South
Jadin Booth	Westside
Hunter Sallis	Mil North
Latrell Wrightsell	Central
Nico Felici	Bel West

All-Metro 3rd Team

Ty Griggs	O South
TaVion Anderson	O South
Javen Udofia	Bryan
Jace Piatkowski	Elk South
Max Polk	Central

2018-2019 Final Rankings

1. Omaha South
2. Omaha Central
3. Lincoln Pius X
4. Bellevue West
5. Omaha Westside
6. Lincoln North Star
7. Creighton Prep
8. Kearney
9. Millard North
10. Omaha Roncalli

Scholar Athlete Awards

Lincoln Journal Star

Tristan Gomes
Kaedyn Odermann

NSAA

Tristan Gomes
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Metro Conference

Honorable Mention

All—Metro

Evan Meyersick
Tristan Gomes
Zach Olson
Dalys Beanum
Dom Humm

All—State

Evan Meyersick
Tristan Gomes
Zach Olson

2018-19 Post Season Honors

All-Nebraska First Team

John Tonje	Central
Akol Arop	Cr. Prep
Chucky Hepburn	Bel West
Charlie Easley	Lin Pius
Baylor Scheierman	Aurora

All-Nebraska 2nd Team

Tyson Gordon	Skutt
Shiloh Robinson	Kearney
Jay Saunders	O South
Chase Thompson	Westside
Donovan Williams	North Star

All Nebraska 3rd Team

Jadin Booth	Westside
Brady Danielson	York
Jack Dotzler	Roncalli
Hunter Sallis	Mil North
Lok Wur	Pap South

State Tournament

#2 Creighton Prep (22-4) 44.5000 Game 1 – Pinnacle Bank Mar 7 – 2:00 PM	North Star 56-43	CLASS A
#7 North Star (16-8) 41.9583	Game 5 Mar 8 – 7:00 PM Pinnacle Bank	Omaha South 59-54
#6 Omaha South (18-6) 43.1250 Game 2 – Pinnacle Bank Mar 7 – 3:45 PM	Omaha South 69-55	Game 7 6:30 PM Mar 9 Pinnacle Bank
#3 Kearney (20-5) 43.6000		Omaha South 58-56 Champion
#1 Bellevue West (25-1) 45.1923 Game 3 – Pinnacle Bank Mar 7 – 7:00 PM	Bellevue West 70-59	Omaha Central 71-57
#8 Papio-LV South (14-11) 40.8400	Game 6 Mar 8 – 8:45 PM Pinnacle Bank	
#5 Westside (19-5) 43.2083 Game 4 – Pinnacle Bank Mar 7 – 8:45 PM	Omaha Central 66-63	
#4 Omaha Central (20-5) 43.3600		

Class A 1st Team

John Tonje	Central
Akol Arop	Prep
Chucky Hepburn	Bel West
Shiloh Robinson	Kearney
Donovan Williams	North Star

Class A 2nd Team

Chase Thompson	Westside
Jay Saunders	O South
Jadin Booth	Westside
Lok Wur	Pap South
Hunter Sallis	Mil North



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