# 2019-2020



Wildcat

Basketball

### Congratulations to Zach Olson, Future Morningside Mustang



Zach Olson signed his letter of intent Wednesday morning to continue his basketball career at Morningside College after graduation. Zach is a 6'6" shooting guard for the Wildcats.

Olson was a regular starter for the Wildcats last season and averaged 7.1 points per game and a 1.0 blocks per game. Zach shot 53% from 2-point range and 34% from behind the 3-point line.

Pictured above: Coach Bill Morrison, Michelle Olson, Zach Olson, and Coach Jim Sykes.

Other hoopers who signed letters of intent were Max Anderson and Tristan Gomes. Max will be playing baseball for Texas A&M, and Tristan will also be playing baseball for Cal State—Fullerton.



# Multi Sport Athletes Compete in the Football Playoffs

Good Luck to the Millard West football team as they compete in the Semi-Finals of the State Tournament. The Wildcats will compete against Bellevue West at 8:00 p.m. on Friday Nov. 15, at Buelll Stadium.

Basketball players on the football team include:

Dalys Beanum Tristan Gomes
Kaedyn Odermann Skyler Gessert
James Conway Jacob Jones
Evan Meyersick Dustin Hatch
Chase Hultman Jaxson Cahoy
Collin Schollmeyer Reese Kolar
Jaxson Neumann Beau Young



# WILDCAT BASKETBALL

**SEASON STARTS NOV. 18** 

# Wildcats Set to Start Season

With multiple key parts of last year's 10-12 Varsity team returning, the Wildcats are set to start the new season.

Millard West has four returning starters to anchor their team. Dom Humm, Zach Olson, Dalys Beanum, and Evan Meyersick combined for 31.4 points, 15.2 rebounds, 3.4 steals, and 7.1 assists per game.

Kaedyn Odermann and Max Anderson also played key parts in the Wildcats' 2018-19 season.

Head Coach Bill Morrison is in his 11th year as head coach at Millard West. He is excited about the potential of this year's team.

"Any time you have players with varsity experience, it makes preparation for the first game easier," Morrison said. "We have had a good first two weeks of practice and a great scrimmage."

The first week of practice was a little sparse as 13 of the Wildcats were on the football team that played in the state semifinals three days before the first day of practice.

"I really like having multi-sport athletes. I think high school athletes should play on as many different teams as they can while still in high school," Morrison said. "It does create a few obstacles for us at times, but I think that we benefit from having multi-sport athletes."

"We have a good mix of basketball first guys and multi-sport guys this year," Morrison continued. "We are definitely ahead of where we were a year ago when we had very little returning experience."

The Wildcats will have good team depth this year. Josh Wickstrom, James Conway, Ryan Larsen, Dustin Hatch, Jacob Jones, Chase Hultman. Skyler Gessert, and Henry Polsley. will add to the Wildcat's six returning players.

"Our practices are pretty competitive. There are a lot of players fighting for playing time," Coach Morrison said. "But, they are also a very tight group of friends. And that may be more beneficial than their skill level."

Millard West will start the season this week with a game at Lincoln Southwest on Thursday. They will then play either Lincoln Pius or Creighton Prep on Saturday.

The Wildcats only have two home games in December. They will play Norfolk December 14th, and Gretna on the 21st.



## Wildcats Perform Well in Pre-Season Scrimmage

Millard West played in a pre-season scrimmage last Saturday at Lincoln High. The Wildcats played against both Lincoln High and Lincoln East.

The scrimmage was set up for West and Omaha North to play two quarters against each of the two Lincoln schools.

In the first half against Lincoln High, the Wildcats used a high-powered offensive attack to control the game. West won the first quarter 23 to 13. The Wildcats went on to score 31 points in the 2nd quarter and defeat Lincoln High 54-24.

"I really liked the pace we played at on offense," Coach Bill Morrison said. "We have been working at pushing the ball up the court quicker and immediately starting our offense. It created some problems for the defense today."

West continued to play well offensively in the 2nd half of the day against Lincoln East. The Wildcats outscored the Spartans 38 to 26.

"We told the players to be encouraged by the way we played, but to also recognize we have a lot of work to do," Morrison said. "This is really just a glorified practice and all of the teams played more players than they will in the season."

Morrison was encouraged with his team's effort. "I think the scrimmage shows that our depth will definitely be an asset, Our defense was pretty good, our energy was great. And, if we shoot the ball like that, we will be able to beat a lot of teams."









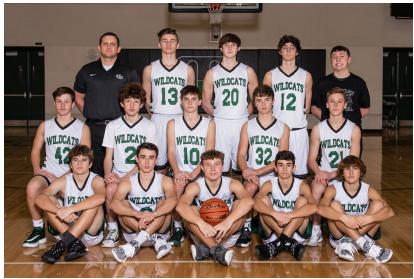


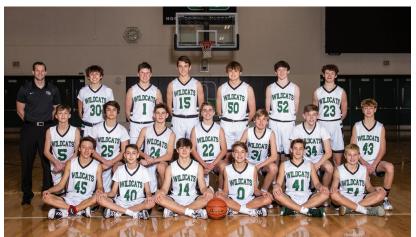












# Wildcats Win Season Opener in Last Minute

In a game that neither team led by more than six points, Millard West took the final lead with under a minute remaining in the game.

Dom Humm scored on a basket in the lane with 47 seconds remaining to give Millard West a 56-54 lead.

On the ensuing defensive possession, Humm grabbed a steal on the sideline and got the ball to Evan Meyersick. Meyersick made 2 free throws with 87 seconds remaining in the game to seal the victory.

Humm was the only Wildcat in double digits with 18 points. He also led the team with 3 steals on the night. Meyersick led West with 8 rebounds and Ryan Larsen dished out 4 assists.

Jared Hohrer and Braytyn Christensen led the Silver Hawks with 17 and 12 points respectively.

"I thought we did a really good job late in the game keeping our composure," Coach Bill Morrison said. "Last year we didn't win these types of games."

Dalys Beanum started the Wildcats off early by scoring all 5 points in the first part of the quarter and giving West a 5-0 lead. Two 3-pointers kept

the Silver Hawks close. Boher made two field goals late in the quarter to tie the game 10-10 after the first eight minutes.

Lincoln Southwest held the lead throughout the 2nd quarter, but could never put much distance between themselves and the Wildcats.

Southwest held their biggest lead of the game, 18-12 after a 3-pointer by Rylan Smith. Ryan Larsen kept West close by answering with his own 3-pointer with four minutes left in the half.

"At halftime, we talked about keeping our energy level up, "Morrison said. "We didn't shoot very well the first half and it seemed to affect our effort in the 2nd quarter."

The Wildcats came out strong in the third quarter. After two missed 3-pointers to open the half, West scored on 8 of their next 10 possessions. The 16-4 run gave West their biggest lead of the game, 38-32, with 3:14 left in the quarter.

"We forced some turnovers and scored some points in transition after long rebounds," Morrison said. "We are very athletic and have to get some easy buckets like that."

The Silver Hawks had a 5-point possession with 2:45 left in the 3rd quarter after a Millard West technical foul. Southwest was able to wipe

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out most of the lead to set up the dogfight for the rest of the game.

Dom Humm scored three points and Zach Olson added two free throws at the end of the period to help West build a 44-41 lead going into the final period.

The Silver Hawks came out hot and scored five points in 40 seconds to take a 46-44 lead. There would be four lead changes in the fourth quarter

A 3-pointer by Humm gave the lead back to West with 5:53 left in the game. But Southwest answered with 6 points on their next four possessions to build a 52-49 lead with 4:20 remaining.

Baskets by Kaedyn Odermann and Meyersick tied the game at 54-54 to set up the final two minutes.

Morrison was pleased with his team's effort. "Winning when you do not shoot very well is hard to do, I really like the way this group has worked so far. I think we are set up to have a really good year."

MW 10 12 22 14 58 LSW 10 16 15 13 54

MW — Larsen 5, Olson 3, Humm 18, Odermann 9, Beanum 8, Anderson 1, Meyersick 8, Conway 6

LSW —Hanzeker 2, Bohrer 17, Smith 4, Sellentin 2, Wakefield 4, Riedmiller 5, Christensen 12, Hoehne 8.

# Scores

<u>Junior</u>	Vars	sity (0-2)		<u>Va</u>	rsity (	<u>(1-1)</u>
Lin SW	L	66-79	1	Lin SW	W	58-54
Pius X	L	42-70	I	Pius X	L	53-61

## Thunderbolts "Play Harder" to Overcome Wildcat Lead

There wasn't any game-changing strategy adjustments that helped Lincoln Pius X overcome a 12-point first-half deficit to Millard West in the finals of its Early Bird Classic on Saturday at Creighton Prep.

"We just played harder," Lincoln Pius X coach Brian Spicka said after his Class A No. 6 Thurnderbolts rebounded for a 61-53 victory to improve to 2-0.

"We talked about having to have multiple effort plays and whenever we make effort plays out there it provides us with energy, the energy creates rhythm, and rhythm creates offensive and defensive opportunities. That's what happened in the second half."

The turnaround started after a Thunderbolt timeout following a fast-break layup by Dalys Beanum that gave the Wildcats (1-10) a 30-18 lead with 2:5 left in the first half. Pius X went on an 8-1 run to end the first half and cut the deficit to 31-26.

The Bolts went in front to stay, 38-36, on a layup by Jayden Gentrup with

2:48 left in the third quarter, part of an 8-0 run. Back-to-back threepointers by Sam and Charlie Hoiberg gave Pius X more breathing room at 54-45 with 3:14 remaining.

Pius X then closed it out at the free throw line, hitting 7 of 0 in the final 1:17 to secure the win. Kolbe Rada netted 5 of 6 foul shots during that span to finish with a team high 15 points.

"We didn't do a very good job on the boards tonight, and we didn't get many 50-50 balls," Millard West coach Bill Morrison said. "Early we played well enough on offense to cover up those mistakes. But, as the game went on, it came back to haunt us. We have to learn to pay attention to the little things for 32 minutes."

The Thunderbolts shot just 37% from the field (23-61) overall and was only 6 of 27 from beyond the three-point arc. But a 39-31 rebound edge (20 offensive boards) and a defense that forced 11 Millard West turnovers and limited the Wildcats to 39%

shooting after they hit 8 of 9 shots in the first quarter.

The Wildcats' Evan Meyersick, a 6'5" junior, had eight of his team-high 15 points in the first quarter when he hit all three shots he attempted.

Jake Greisen, a 6'6" junior, led Pius X's rebounding effort with eight to go with 11 points inside. Sam Hoiberg, who hit the game-winner in the final seconds of Pius X' 58-56 win over Creighton Prep on Thursday, finished with 14 points, while his twin brother, Charlie, finished with nine after being held scoreless on Thursday.

Pius X 13 13 18 17 61 MW 20 11 9 13 53

**Pius X** – S Hoiberg 14, Sebek 4, C Hoiberg 9, Hastreiter 4, Rada 15, Greissen 11, Gentrup 4.

**MW** — Larsen 2, Olson 6, Humm 8, Hultman 3, Odermann 2, Beanum 10, Anderson 2, Meyersick 11, Conway 9.

# Lower Levels

After trailing by 18 in the 1st half, the JV Boys had a lead in the 3rd Quarter before falling by 13. Caleb Lemon led the team with 13 points. Dustin Hatch and Ben Kelley had 11 points apiece.

After a close game at halftime, Lincoln Pius ran away from the Wildcats. Collin Schollmeyer and Avery Moore led the Wildcats with 9 and 8 points respectively.





# Varsity Boys Go 1-1 This Week

### **Defending Champs Too Much for West**

Millard West led Omaha South 13-10 with 1:15 to go in the first quarter Thursday night, but the Packers controlled the rest of the game.

Omaha South outscored Millard West 28-7 over the next nine minutes and let 38-20 at the half. The Wildcats could never make a serious cut into the South lead as South won 73-51.

Jadriane Saunders, Tyree Griggs, and Skyler Wilson combined for 60 of the Packers 73 points. South shot 57% 2-point field goals and 50% from behind the arc.

Millard West had three players in double digits, Zach Olson 14, Dom Humm 12, and Dalys Beanum 10. Dalys Beanum led the team with 3 assists. James Conway had 4 rebounds and a steal.

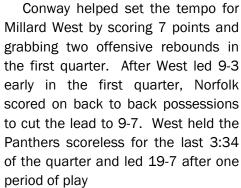
Omaha South took an early 8-3 lead thanks to four Millard West turnovers in the early going. The Wildcats settled down and took a 13-10 lead after a 10-2 run on four possessions. Beanum and Dom Humm both scored 5 points in the run.

The first quarter ended with a 7-0 run and two turnovers by Millard West. South led 17-13 after the first quarter.

### Wildcats' Pressure Stifles Panthers

Millard West started the game in attack mode and jumped out to an early 9-3 lead. The Wildcats continued to dominate the Panthers for most of the game and won 62-35.

Eleven different Wildcat players scored, led by Evan Meyersick and James Conway with 11 points apiece. Cameron Eisenhauer led Norfolk with 12 points.



"We really wanted to set the tempo. We knew that we were more athletic and didn't want to allow Norfolk to get comfortable," Coach Bill Morrison said.

Norfolk had trouble scoring early in the 2nd quarter. Eisenhour hit a 3pointer with 6:44 left in the quarter. Norfolk was able to score 7 points on four possessions midway through the period, but could not stop west as they scored 9 points to answer the



# Scores

Freshman A (1-0)	Freshman B	Reserves (1-1)	Junior Varsity (2-2)	Varsity ( 2-2)		
O South W 69-16	No Games	O South W 64-21	O South W 49-35	O South L 51-73		
		Norfolk L 38-48	Norfolk W 64-46	Norfolk W 62-35		

### Omaha South vs. Millard West

South's pressure defense made it difficult for Millard West to score. And, the Packer shooting helped South take a 38-20 lead at the half. "We handled their initial pressure petty well," Coach Bill Morrison said. "But we didn't attack the basket at the end of the press and took too many quick shots once we got across half court."

Omaha South built a 52-26 lead with 2:55 left in the third quarter. The Packers scored on 7 of their first 8 possession of the 2nd half.

"I was disappointed with our defense in the 2nd half," Morrison said. "We did not provide much resistance on that end of the floor." Olson scored 11 of the Wildcats' 12 points in the quarter. He connected on three 3-pointers.

Millard West was able to find their rhythm on offense in the final period, but still do not get too many defensive stops.

OS 17 21 17 18 73 MW 13 9 12 19 51

OS — Chagey 2, Wilson 19, Bang 2, Griggs 20, Forget 2, Saunders 21, McGary 1, McNeal-Lee 4, Nunn-Love 2

MW — Larsen 3, Olson 14, Humm 12, Wickstrom 3, Hatch 3, Beanum 10, Anderson 1, Meyersick 4, Conway 1.

### Millard West vs. Norfolk High

Panther offensive attack. West led 32-17 going into the half.

The Wildcats outscored Norfolk 23-7 in the 3rd quarter. Meyersick led the way with 7 points in the quarter. West's defensive effort made it very difficult for the Panthers to get into much of an offensive flow to start the 2nd half.

"We noticed that they struggled with our press in the first half, so we decided to use it more and see if we could put the game out of reach in the 3rd quarter," Morrison said.

Norfolk showed some signs of a comeback early in the 4th quarter. Four Millard West turnovers led to a Panther 9-0 run. West would only allow one more field goal in the last 6 minutes of the game.

Coach Morrison was pleased with his team's effort. "We did a lot of things well tonight, but what I am most proud of is our consistent effort," he said.

Norf 7 10 7 11 35 MW 19 13 23 7 62

Norf — Heimes 4, Herman 9, Stelling 7, Eisenhauer 12, Taylor 3.

MW — Larsen 5, Olson 4, Humm 2, Wickstrom 3, Hatch 4, Hultman 4, Polsley 3, Beanum 9, Anderson 6, Meyersick 11, Conway 11.







 ${\bf Photos\ from\ Norfolk\ game\ are\ provided\ by\ Julie\ Mar-Sports\ Mom\ Photography}$ 

# Post Season Football Honors

Congratulations to the following basketball players who have received post-season football awards. .

Dalys Beanum — 1st Team All-State

James Conway — 2nd Team All-State

Kaedyn Odermann — Hon. Mention All-State

All three players represent Millard West in three sports. A trend we promote and hope to continue.



# **Lower Levels**



Freshmen Cats won their first game of the season 69-16 with some outstanding defense throughout the whole game. They held Omaha South to single digits every quarter. In the third quarter, the Wildcats outscored south 21-0.

Leading scorers for Millard West were Peyton Moore with 15 and Zac Grandgenett with 13.

#### **Reserves**

The Reserve Boys team opened up the season at Omaha South with a 64-21 victory.

The team came out with some nerves but settled in and took a 12-4 lead at the end of the 1st quarter.

Defense and rebounding were the keys to holding the Packers to just 6 first half points. The Wildcats finished the game strong, scoring 36 points in the second half.

All 12 players contributed and scored for the Cats. Aiden Nelson, Ty Gracey, Tanner Farrell, and Ben Beresh led the team in scoring. It was a solid win to start the season.

After a slow start by both teams in the first quarter (7-5 Norfolk lead), both teams started to heat up.

Millard West led 17-15 at half and extended their lead in the 3rd quarter.

Norfolk took the lead late in the third quarter and held onto the lead throughout the 4th quarter to win 48-38.

Ty Gracey led all scorers with 15 points.



JV

The JV Boys were able to get their first win of the season by beating Omaha South 49-35. The Team defense was solid all night.

Avery Moore helped the team with his energy and getting 2nd chance opportunities for his teammates.

Collin Schollmeyer led the Wildcats with 13 points.

The JV Boys Basketball Team improved to 2-2 with a 64-46 win over Norfolk.

Ben Bizal led the Wildcats with 15 points. Collin Schollmeyer contributed 12 points.

The Wildcats led 34-15 at halftime. Norfolk made a comeback attempt, but could not close the gap left in the first half.

### Titans Attack First, Hold-Off Millard West

Papillion South jumped out to an early 1st quarter lead and were able to held off every comeback attempt the Wildcats had to win 70-67.

Both teams were 10/19 from behind the arc, but the game was won by South on the offensive boards. The Titans out-rebounded West 34-23, including 14 offensive rebounds.

Eight players scored in double digits in the game. Jared Mattley led all scorers with 19 points for South, Danair Dempsey scored 13 for the Titans. Daniel Brocaille and Graham Cassoutt both added 12 points.

Ryan Larsen led the Wildcats with 14 points in his first career start. Dom Humm and Evan Meyersick scored 12 points apiece. Chase Hultman scored all 10 of his points in the first half.

The first quarter got off to a slow start. A basket by Ryan Larsen with 5:03 left in the quarter made the score 5-2 in favor of Papio South.

Three Titan baskets in transition led to a Millard time out and an 18-10 lead for Papio South. The Titans held a 19-12 lead at the end of the quarter.

The 2nd quarter consisted of the two teams exchanging baskets.

Scores

Chase Hultman led the Wildcats by scoring 8 points in the quarter, including two 3-point baskets.

The Titans were 7 of 11 from behind the arc in the first half. Papio South led 31-24 going into the half.



Coach Bill Morrison was pleased with his team's first half performance. "We wanted to keep them from getting in a flow and we did that by double teaming Mattley any time we could. They mad a few three's by moving the ball quickly, but it was the three baskets in transition that really hurt us," Morrison said.

Both teams played very well offensively in the 3rd quarter. The Titans outscored the Wildcats 18-16 in the quarter. Evan Meyersick and James

Conway combined for 14 of the Wildcat 16 points in the quarter. Dempsy and Cassout scored 7 points each for the Titans.

"Every time we seemed to make a big play, they had an answer," Morrison said. "We could never get the game within striking distance."

The offenses continued to score in the 4th quarter. West was able to convert three 3-pointers on three consecutive possessions to make the score 50-54 with about four minutes left in the game.

Brocaille made his 2nd 3-pointer of the quarter to put the Titan lead back to seven, 57-50.

The remaining points for Papio South would come from the free throw line as they made 10 of 14 free throws in last 1:39 of the came.

West scored 10 points in their last four possessions but it was not enough for the Wildcats.

MW 12 12 16 27 67 PLVS 19 12 18 21 70

MW — Larsen 14, Humm 12, Hultman 10, Odermann 8, Beanum 5, Meyersick 12, Conway 6.

PLVS — Glenn 4, Mattley 19, Beckerhauer 7, Brocaille 12, Medeck 3, Cassoutt 12, Dempsey 13.

Freshman A (3-0) Freshman		nan	B (2-0)	<u>0)</u> <u>Reserves (1-4)</u>		<u>s (1-4)</u>	Junior Varsity (4-2)			<u>Varsity (3-3)</u>			
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# Wildcats Learn How to Train the Dragons in 3rd Quarter

After a close first quarter. Millard West held Gretna to just 13 points in the next two quarters to build a 19 point lead. Gretna closed the gap in the final period, but could not complete the comeback.

Evan Meyersick led Millard West with 17 points. Ryan Larsen added 14 points for the Wildcats.

Gretna's Ely Doble led all scorers with 28 points. Hershal Vuksich added 15 points for the Dragons.

In a slow paced first quarter, Gretna held an early lead. The Dragons led 11-7 after a basket by Doble with just under 3 minutes left in the quarter. Back to back 3 pointers by Larsen and Dom Humm gave the Wildcats a 13-11 lead.

Another three-pointer by Larsen gave West a 16-13 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Kaedyn Odermann scored a basket to start the 2nd quarter. Neither team scored for the next two-and-ahalf minutes before Gretna cut the lead to 16-18 after three free throws.

Odermann got a steal and threw

the ball ahead to Chase Hultman for an old-fashioned three point play. The two teams exchanged baskets for the rest of the half. West led 26-21 at the end of the first half.

In the 3rd quarter, West's defense held Gretna to only 5 points. The Wildcats were able to keep Gretna from getting to the lane and forced them to take outside shots. And the Wildcats controlled the defensive boards.

"We were finally able to control the tempo in the 3rd quarter," Coach Bill Morrison said. "Gretna wants to play a slower-pace than we do and they were able to in the first half because we did not pressure the ball enough."

The second half adjustments helped West build a 42-26 lead to end the 3rd quarter.

The first basket of the final period was a 3-pointer by Zach Olson with 5:39 left in the game gave the Wildcats their biggest lead of the game, 45-26.

The Dragons were not ready to be slayed. They scored nine points on

the next three possessions to cut the Wildcat lead to 34-47.

Shortly after, Gretna went on a 13-4 run and pull within 47-53.

Gretna decided to put the Wildcats on the line to try to finalize their comeback attempt.

West missed 4 of 6 free throws and allowed the Dragons to pull to within two points, 55-53. Ryan Larsen made two free throws with 4.6 points remaining to put the game out of reach.

"Obviously, we are not satisfied with the way the end of the game went," Morrison said. "But



we did a lot of good things that allowed us to build a big enough lead to hold them off at the end."

Gretna	13	8	5	27	53
MW	13	10	16	15	57

Gretna — Frost 2, Marshall 3, Perkins 5, Vuksich 15, Doble 28

MW — Larsen 14, Olson 4, Humm 6, Hultman 5, Odermann 6, Beanum 5, Meyersick 17





# **Lower Levels**

### JV

The JV traveled to Papillion South and won 46-45.

After being in a 10 point deficit at the end of the 1st Quarter, the Wildcats clawed their way back to the victory. Each player played with more intensity on the defensive end.

The team shot 14/17 from the line. Dustin Hatch led with 14 points. Caleb Lemon contributed 9 points, all in the 4th Quarter.

The Wildcats were able to walk away with a 55-52 victory over Gretna. For the 2nd game this week, the boys survived a last second shot.

Jacob Jones led the team with 16 points in his first game of the season (due to injury). Ben Bizal and Ben Kelley each had 8 points.

The JV Boys play Millard North in the 1st round of the Winter Break Tournament at 11:30 AM on Friday, December 27th, @ Papillion-LaVista South HS. Happy Holidays!

#### Reserves

Wildcats lose to the Omaha Northwest Huskies 61-55.

In a game that came down to the final minute, the reserve boys couldn't overcome the deficit from the first three quar-

ter before they ran out of time. Tanner

Farrell lead all scorers with 12 points and Ty Gracey pitched in 10 points.

The Reserve team lost to Papio South by seven points, 39-46. More details to come in the next newsletter.

The Wildcat boys lead most of the game but struggled to finish in the 4th quarter against Omaha Central. The Eagles won 55-46.

A big and string physical team of Central was just too much. Farrell, Spreitzer, and Traubel led the Wildcats on both offense and defense.

Cole Kirschner scored 19 points. Peyton more added 13, and Zach Grandgennett scored 11.

#### Freshmen B

The Freshmen B Team won their first two games of the season. They started the season by beating Papillion South 52-44.

They beat Omaha Northwest 83-37 in their 2nd win of the season.

More details to come in the next newsletter.

### Freshmen A

The Freshmen A team improves to 2-0 on the season. They used a 21-11 lead to secure a 70-55 win over Papillion South.

The Wildcats were led by a hot shooting performance by Zac Grandgenett, who knocked down four threes and scored a team high 22 points! Brady Brau followed with 14 points.

The energy and team chemistry from this group is fun to watch.

The Wildcats beat Omaha Northwest 72 -35. Four Wildcats scored in double digits. Brady Brau led the way with 21 points.



# Winter Break Practice/Game Schedules

#### Friday, December 27th (Boys I, Girls II)

Boys Freshmen Tournament at Millard West

A Team at 10:30, B Team at 12:00

Boys Reserve Tourney at Prep: 1:00

Boys JV Tourney at Papio South: 11:30

Boys Varsity: Practice 4:00-6:00

Open Shooting 3:00

Boys 9th Tournament at Millard West: TBA

Boys Res. Tourney at Prep: 9:30 a.m. or 1100

Boys JV Tourney at Papio South: 11:30

Boys Varsity: Practice 10:30

Bus at 4:45 Game at 7:00

#### Monday, December 30th (Boys II, Girls I)

Boys 9th & Reserve8:30-10:30

Boys JV & Varsity 10:30-12:30

Go to Girls game at 5:15

#### Sunday, December 29th (Boys I, Girls II)

Boys Varsity Practice: 4 p.m.

Girls Varsity Practice: 4 p.m.

Tuesday, December 31st (Boys I, Girls II)

Boys 9th & Reserve8:30-10:30

# Wildcats Beat Omaha North in Metro Tourney

Millard West led wire-to-wire in their first round win of the Metro Holiday Tournament over Class A #8 Omaha North.

Dalys Beanum led the Wildcats with 17 points, 7 assists, and 5 rebounds. Ryan Larsen added 9 points, and Kaedyn Odermann led the team with six rebounds.

Wal Chuol led Omaha North with 20 points. Evan Derkr scored 11 points for the Vikings.

Millard West started the game fast by taking an early 7-0 lead. Six different Wildcats scored in a 13-4 run that helped West take a 21-10 lead. Omaha North hit two 3-pointers to end the quarter and closed the lead to 21-16.

"We started off very strong," Coach Bill Morrison said. "I liked how we came out and attacked. We moved well on defense and were communicating very well."

The Millard West defense was able to hold the Viking offense to just two field goals and eight points in the 2nd quarter.

Dalys Beanum led the Wildcats with eight points in the quarter. West led 36-24 at half-time.

Coach Morrison was proud of his team's group effort in the first half. "Everyone played well. We were short handed with Evan (Meyersick) and Chase (Hultman) in foul trouble, but we didn't miss a beat. Especially defensively," he said.



Omaha North came out of the half in attack mode. A basket by John Farmer cut the Wildcat lead to 41-40 with 4:25 left in the 3rd quarter.

The two teams exchanged baskets for the remaining of the quarter. West held a 48-45 lead going into the final period.

West opened the final period with a 3-pointer by Ryan Larsen. On the ensuing defensive possession, Zach Olson blocked a shot. Olson then hit a 3-pointer in transition to give West a 54-45 lead.

The Vikings scored the next three baskets to pull within 54-51. Two free throws by Chuol with 4:37 made the score 56-53.

Omaha North did not score the rest of the game. The Wildcats made 7 of 8 free throws down the stretch to keep the Vikings at bay.

"We did a lot of things well tonight. I thought we did a good job of keeping their offense from getting into any flow," Morrison said. "Josh and Dalys did a great job on Choul, and the rest of the team flew around to contest shots and get rebounds."

MW	21	15	12	17	65
ON	16	8	21	8	53

MW — Larsen 11, Olson 6, Humm 7, Wickstrom 3, Hultman 6, Odermann 6, Beanum 17, Meyersick 9

ON — Chuol 20, Williams 5, Johnson 2, Bennett 6, Derkr 11, Farmer 9

# Scores

Freshman A (5-0)	Freshman B (4-0)	Reserves (2=5)	Junior Varsity (5-3)	Varsity (4-3)
Mil South W 54-32	Mil South W 57-47	Westside W 52-36	Mil North W 72-64	Om North W 65-53
Mil North W 70-48	Mil North W 70-49	Cr. Prep L 30-60	Pap South L 45-62	

# Lower Levels

### All Four Teams Make Finals of

#### JV Team Earns 2nd Place

The JV Boys were able earn a 72-64 victory over Millard North in the first round of the Holiday Tournament with some good team defense in the 2nd half.

A high scoring first half left the Mustangs leading 39-38 at the half.

The Wildcats were able to ice the game by going 8/10 from the line in the 4th quarter.

Jacob Jones led the team with 25 points. Ben Kelley and Collin Schollmeyer each had 11 points.

The JV Boys faced the Titans, who came out with vengeance. The Wildcats couldn't get anything going against the pressure defense of Papio South early in the game.

The Team gave great effort and staged a comeback in the 3rd Quarter, but it was too big of a deficit to overcome.

West lost 45-62. Caleb Lemon led the team with 10 points.

#### Reserves are Runner-Ups



The Reserve boys had a good opening round game in a 52-36 win over the Warriors of Westside.

The Wildcats won all four quarters, and finished with a 19 point 4th quarter performance in the victory.

Ben Beresh led the way with 10 points and Chase Traubel added 9 points.

Prep jumped out on MW early and did not allow the Wildcats to make a comeback attempt. Prep won 60-30 in the Championship game.

Chase Traubel led the Wildcats with 9 points.

### Freshmen A Win Championship



The Freshmen A team started the first round game hot to help them beat Millard South.

Great defense in the first half set the tone for the game. The Wildcats led at half, 31-8.

Noah Shrader was causing problems on defense and was a beast on the glass.

Cole Kirschner led all in scoring with 17 points.

The Freshmen A team improves to 5-0 on the season with a tournament championship win against Millard North.

The Wildcats showed a lot of toughness as shots weren't falling in the third quarter.

Brady Brau led all in scoring with 18 points. Another great defensive effort by the team was a big reason for win!

### Freshmen B Win Championship



Millard West only had 6 players due to illness, but that did not stop them from playing hard and earning the 57-47 win in the opening round of the Holiday Tournament. The short handed Wildcats jumped out to an early lead and held off every attack the Patriots had to offer.

After building a 14-5 lead after the first quarter, Millard South made several runs at cutting into the lead. The Wildcats were every to hold stop each attempt and re-build their lead.

Three Wildcats scored in double digits. Joey Hartnett led with 18 points. Jake Behrens scored 12, and Cohen Munson added 11.

After a slow start by both teams, a high scoring affair broke out. Four Wildcats scored in their 70-49 victory over Millard North.

Millard North led 5-3 with 3:44 left in the first quarter. The quarter ended with West leading 17-14. A 21-8 2nd quarter gave the Wildcats a 38-22 lead at the half.

Ben David led the Wildcats with 14 points. Peyton Strong, Riley Dougherty, and Jake Behrens added 10 points each.

# **Lower Levels**

### Missing Results from Last Week's Newsletter

### Freshmen B

The Freshmen B team beat Omaha Northwest 83-35. West won all four quarters of the game. The team made nine 3-pointers in the victory.

All nine players scored in the game, and four scored in double digits. Ben David led the way with 18 points. Peyton Strong scored 14, Ethan Nyffeler 11, and Jake Behrens added 10.

### Reserves

After a slow start in the first quarter, the Wildcats cut the Papillion South lead to 22-19 at the half. A low scoring 3rd quarter kept the Wildcats within three going into the final period.

23 points by the Titans put the game out of reach for the Millard West Reserve team as the Titans won 51-36.

Ben Beresh led the Wildcats with 12 points.

### **Pictures from Metro Tourney**





### Mustangs Outrun Millard West in Metros

Millard North scored 12 of their first 14 points in transition and went on to score 24 points in transition to beat Millard West 74-63 in the Quarter-finals of the Metro Conference Basketball Tournament.

Hunter Sallis led the Mustangs with 28 points. Saint Thomas added 16 and Jasen Green scored 10 points for Millard North.

Zach Olson scored 13 points and had 3 blocked shots for Millard West. Evan Meyersick and Kaedyn Odermann scored 11 and 10 points respectively. Dalys Beanum dished out 8 assists in the game.

Sallis scored the first 11 points for Millard North, nine coming in transition. North scored on their last five possessions of the quarter to lead 19 -11 after one period of play.

"We did not get back very well to start the game. Sometimes we were there, but didn't pick up the guys running the lanes," Coach Bill Morrison said.

North built a 34-18 lead after a basket by Thomas with three minutes left in the half. West's defense was able to slow down the Mustangs over the last 3 minutes and finish the half

with a 6-2 run. West trailed 36-22 going into the half.

North started the 2nd half with a lob play to Sallis and scored eight points on their first 4 possessions of the half. West was able to score 7 points in that time and trailed 44-29.

"I was disappointed in our defense to start the 2nd half. There wasn't much fight or resistance," Morrison said. "You can't cut into a lead against a good team if you don't put some pressure on their offense."

After three consecutive turnovers by the Mustangs, North scored on seven of their next ten possessions and led 56-37 at the end of the 3rd quarter.

The two teams exchanged baskets over the first six minutes of the final period. Thomas scored with 2:18 left in the game to make the score 72-51 before North cleared their bench.

Millard West outscored North 12-2 to finish the game. "Tonight's game definitely gave us some things to work on in practice the next few days," Morrison said. "They are tall and physical, but we have to do better on both ends of the floor."

Mil North 19 17 22 16 74 Mil West 11 11 17 24 63

MN — Thomas 16, Sallis 28, Mitchell 2, Erickson 6, Green 10, Murrell 8, Sandoval 4.

MW — Larsen 5, Olson 13, Humm 6, Wickstrom 4, Hatch 1, Hultman 7, Odermann 10, Beanum 4, Meyersick 11, Conway 2



Scores

Freshman A (5-0) Freshman B (4-0) Reserves (2-5) Junior Varsity (5-3) Varsity (4-4)

Mil North L 74-63

# Millard West All-Decade Teams Announced

<u>2010's</u>		2000's **	2000's **				
Connor Lusso	2013	Kyle Bakker	2000	Matt Person	1999		
Ben Kositzke	2015	Ben Mussmann	2000	Robert Berki	1997		
Brock Burling	2018	Sean McLaughlin	2001	Andy Damkroger	1998		
Spencer Sharp	2013	Adam Steyer	2001	Paul Banks	1997		
Shae Wyatt	ae Wyatt 2017 Da		2001	Brian Bagley	1999		

The All-Decade teams were selected by a Performance Rating. The same formula is used for all players. The top 5 players from each decade were selected. Player was selected in decade of his graduation year.

\*\* We do not have complete stats from the 2000's. We are missing official stats from the 01-02, 02-03, and 05-06 seasons. There may be some players from those years that have been "overlooked." If you have access to those stats, please send them to Coach Morrison at Millard West so we can have a more accurate compilation of stats.

More information on all of the Millard West teams can be found on our web page at millardwesthoops.com under the History tab.

### Top 20 Watch

We currently have three players in nine categories on the Career Top-20 performance lists. Compete Top-20 lists for both single season and career stats can be found on our web pate at millardwesthoops.com under the History tab.

Evan Meyersick: 8th Charges taken, 13th 2-pt field goals, 14th offensive rebounds, 17th free throws, 20th blocked shots, 20th games played.

Zach Olson: 14th 3-pt field goals, 19th blocked shots.

Dalys Beanum: 17th Assists

# Chili Cook-Off Preliminary Round

We will have a Chili Cook-Off Preliminary Round after the Varsity Basketball Game against Millard South on Friday, January 10th.

All players and families are invited to attend a social at The Corner Kick after the game.

Anyone who wants to enter a chili to have a chance to represent the basketball team and the booster club Chili Cook-Off can bring it to the social.

We hope everyone can attend and we can get as many samples of chili as possible.



### Wildcats Drop Game to Patriots

The Millard West Boys basketball team lost to rival Millard South 48-54 at Millard South. The Patriots took the lead midway through the first quarter and never relinquished the lead.

South had three players score in double digits. Trevor Albert led the Patriots with 18 points. Blake Stenger and Michael Harding both scored 12 points for South.

Dom Humm led the Wildcats with 17 points.

Humm scored four points early for West as they held an early 4-2 lead. The Wildcats would turn the ball over on four of their next six possessions,

The Wildcats' defense was able to keep the game close. With 1:53 left in the quarter, the score was tied 9-9. South scored 8 points on their last four possessions of the quarter to lead 15-10.

The second quarter proved to be low scoring. A basket by James Conway with just under 4 minutes remaining in the half made the score 18-17 in South's favor.

The Patriots ended the half with a 7-0 run to lead 25-19 at the break.

"I didn't think we played very well in the first half," Coach Bill Morrison said. "We tried to things individually and didn't play together as well as we usually do."

A pair of 3-point baskets and a 7-2 run gave South their biggest lead of the game, 38-23, with 4 minutes left in the 3rd quarter.

Back-to-back 3-pointers by Ryan Larsen and Humm cut South's lead back to single digits, 38-29. South lead 42-31 at the end of the 3rd quarter.

West started the 4th quarter by going on a 7-0 run and cutting the lead to four points with 4:52 left in the game.

The two teams exchanged baskets for the rest of the game. West would not be able to get any closer than five points through the remainder of the game.

"After we cut the lead to four, I felt we had a good

chance to win," Morrison said. "But every time we did something well, South seemed to have an answer. We just couldn't get over the hump."

MW 10 9 12 17 48 MS 15 10 17 12 54

MW — Larsen 9, Olson 5, Humm 17, Hultman 4, Beanum 4, Meyersick 7, Conway 2

MS — G. Stenger 2, B. Stenger 12, Mungin 3, Harding 12, Albert 18, Cooper 7



# Scores

 Freshman A (6-1)
 Freshman B (6-0)
 Reserves (2-6)
 Junior Varsity (5-4)
 Varsity (4-5)

 Mil South W 74-46
 Mil South W 60-45
 Mil South L 47-58
 Mil South L 43-54
 Mil South L 48-54

 O Central L 51-59
 O Central W 56-32

# Lower Levels

### Jr. Varsity

Millard West lost to Millard South 54-43.

West had a hard time scoring in the first half and trailed 23-12.

The JV Boys could not complete the comeback. In the 2nd Half, the deficit was trimmed to a 2 possession game multiple times.

Avery Moore led the team with 14 points.

#### **Reserves**

In the battle for Q street, the Reserve Boys came up short. South won 58-47.

West had trouble scoring in the first quarter and trailed 15-20 at the half.

In the 3rd quarter, with the lead down to three points, the Wildcats looked like they were ready to even things up in the 2nd half. Millard South stopped their charge with two bank three pointers to extend their lead.

The Wildcats were unable to claw their way back in the 4th quarter.

Ty Gracey led the team with 14 points and Chase Traubel added 11 points.



#### Freshmen A

The Freshmen A team improves to 6-0, lighting up the scoreboard and beating Millard South 74-46.

The Wildcats led 21-8 after the first quarter and 38-17 at the half. They were really letting it fly shooting 25 threes and making nine of them.

Zac Grandgenett was leading scorer with 21 points. Brady Brau followed with 14 points.

After a fast start by Omaha Central, the Freshmen A team battle back but lose a hard fought game, 59-51, and fall to 6-1.

Everyone stepped up and fought hard to give the Wildcats a chance to win.

Brady Brau led wildcats in scoring with 19 points. Brau had 12 of his 19 in the 2nd half.

#### Freshmen B

Millard West played Millard South for the second time this year. They came with all 10 players ready to go, winning 60-45.

Millard West started the game strong and jumped to a 32-17 halftime lead.

Millard West was up by as much as 29 points before Millard South made a strong comeback in the 3rd quarter. South brought it back to a 14 point game.

Joey Hartnett led the way with 13 points and Ethan Nyffeler had 12. Jake Behrens got them going with the hot hand scoring 3 three-pointers in the first half.

Millard West came out on top once again beating Omaha Central 56-32.

Another strong start for the Wildcats winning the first quarter 12-4. West's defense held the Eagles to just 9 points in the first half.

Ben David led the way with 16 points. Ethan Nyffeler was the second leading scorer with 11.

Millard West stays undefeated this season!

# Hoops for Hope

Friday night was the 4th Annual Hoops for Hope fund raiser at the Millard West—Millard South basketball games.

The Junior Class Board sold t-shirts & beads and "passed the bucket" to raise money for the American Cancer Society.



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### Wildcats Outrun the Bunnies

Millard West and Omaha Benson moved their game up a day to avoid a possible cancellation due to a forecasted snow storm. The Wildcats were able to pull off a 67-58 victory. As a bonus, school was cancelled for Friday.

Evan Meyersick scored 20 points for Millard West. Dom Humm added 14 points. Ryan Larsen and Dalys Beanum added 12 points each.

Denim Johnson led all scorers by scoring 22 points for the Bunnies.

Humm started the game for Millard West by making a 3-point basket on their first possession. Both teams exchanged baskets in the first quarter as West led 14-11 at the end of the first eight minutes.

A three-point play by James Conway gave West a 17-11 lead. Benson answered by scoring 11 points on their next four possession and taking their only lead of the game, 22-21.

West only allowed the Bunnies to score 1 more point the rest of the quarter and regained control of the game after Ryan Larsen's three 3pointers on 3 consecutive possessions midway through the quarter.

"We really wanted to concentrate on our half court defense," Coach Bill Morrison said. "Our defense led us to a couple easy baskets and made the game a little easier."

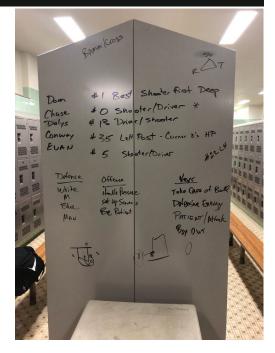
The Wildcats came out in attack mode after the half. Meyersick scored six points to lead a 10 point run as West took a 39-27 lead with 6:19 left in the quarter.

Benson answered with a 6-0 run as West went on an offensive lull. A basket by Beanum with 3:34 left in the quarter started 14-5 run to end the quarter and give the Wildcats a 53 -37 lead.

The Bunnies were not ready to concede the game. A 3-pointer by Johnson brought Benson to within 9 points, 57-48 midway through the final quarter.

Benson continued to pressure defensively and were able to cut the lead to 63-57 after four consecutive turnovers by West. West scored their last eight points of the game from the free throw line.

"We did a lot of good things on both ends of the floor tonight. This



Sometimes you have to improvise!

No white-board for pre-game, no problem!

will give us some things to build on as we go into our game with Kearney," Morrison said.

MW	14	17	22	14	67
ОВ	11	12	14	21	58

MW — Larsen 12, Olson 5, Humm 14, Beanum 12, Meyersick 20, Conway 4.

OB — Ignowski 9, Shakeer 7, Parmar-Watson 6, Daniels 3, McNair 6, Johnson 22, Adkisson 3, Holston 2



Freshman A (8-1)	Freshman B (6-0)	Reserves (2-8)	Junior Varsity (5-5)	<u>Varsity (5-6)</u>
O Benson W 72-19	No Games	O Benson L 50-51	Kearney L 54-56	O Benson W 67-58
Lin East W 59-36		Lin East L 34-46		Kearney L 55-64

### Wildcats Lose to Kearney at Home

The Kearney Bearcats came into Wildcat territory and left with a 64-55 win. Seth Stroh lead Kearney with 20 points and Jack Johnson added 13.

Dalys Beanum was the only Wildcat in double digits with 10 points.

The Bearcats started the game on the attack and built a 10-5 first quarter lead with 3:14 left in the quarter. Millard West was able to find some offense late in the quarter but still trailed 17-13 after one period of play.

West continued to struggle on the offensive end in the 2nd quarter. Back-to-back baskets by James Conway pulled the Wildcats to within 25-21. Kearney was able to score on their last two possessions and take a 30-21 lead into the half.

Beanum led the Wildcats in the third quarter with 8 of his 10 points. Although the West offense was able to score more, they could not slow down the Bearcats enough to cut into their lead. West trailed by six going into the final quarter, 42-36.

A 3-pointer by Dom Humm cut the Bearcat lead to 48-44 midway through the 4th quarter. Kearney answered with six consecutive points and built their lead up to 60-47.

The Wildcats tried to foul Kearney to get back into the game. Kearney was 14 of 14 from the line, including 8 of 8 in the final 2:08 of the game.



KHS 17 13 12 22 64 MW 13 8 15 19 55

KHS — Bruce 7, Stroh 20, Pearson 8, Widdowson 2, Murray 6, Vanderbeck 8, Johnson 13.

MW — Larsen 7, Olson 6, Conway 7, Jones 4, Wickstrom 3, Hultman 5, Beanum 10, Meyersick 6, Humm 7.

# **Lower Levels**

#### Freshmen A

The Freshmen A team bounces back from their only loss of the season with a big win over Omaha Benson, 72-19. West scored enough points in the first quarter to win the game.

After building a 22-point lead at the half, the Wildcats came into the 2nd half locked in on defense. The Wildcats held Benson to a total of two points in the 2nd half.

Brady Brau led all in scoring with 21 points and Cole Kirschner chipped in 17 as well.

The Freshmen Cats are now 8-1 after winning a physical game against a good Lincoln East team 59-36.

Cole Kirschner came out firing and started the game 6/6 from three point land! Cole finished with 20 points.

Cole Butler chipped in 9 points and had a lot of steals to go with it. The defense stepped up in the 2nd half and only allowed 13 points.

#### Reserves

The reserve boys let one slip through their fingers down at Benson losing by one point.

The Wildcats were down 3 at the end of the first quarter and cut it to 1 at the half. They regained the lead, but a "foul" late in the game gave the Bunnies the 51-50 victory.

Tanner Farrell led the team with 15 points and Jaxson Neumann pitched in 12.

The boys traveled to Lincoln East for a late Thursday night game. In a very physical battle, the boys couldn't seem to get the shots to fall and lost 34-46.

It will have been 43 days since the boys last played at home. We are ready to get back home!

### <u>JV</u>

Millard West JV lost 56-54 to Kearney Saturday night. West held a 29-26. After three quarters, the Wildcats still held a 44-38 lead.

The JV Boys were not able to hold on to the lead in the 4th Quarter. Kearney was able to take the lead late in the game. After a time out and sideline inbounds play, Avery Moore's attempt at the buzzer rolled off of the rim.

Collin Schollmeyer led with 18 points. Dustin Hatch contributed 15 points.

### Wildcats Run Away from Huskies

After an early 6-0 lead by Omaha Northwest, Millard West took control of the game and won 78-53.

Seven different Wildcats scored 8 or more points in the game. Ryan Larsen led the way with 12 points, 6 steals, 4 rebounds and 3 assists. James Conway added 12 points, 5 steals, and 5 rebounds. Evan Meyersick scored 11 points and grabbed six rebounds.

Vince Burns scored 10 points off of the bench for the Huskies and was the only player in double digits.,

After two 3-pointers by Northwest on their first two possessions, West outscored the Huskies 22-7 for the rest of the quarter. Six different Wildcats scored, and the team made three 3's in the first eight minutes.

In the 2nd quarter, the Wildcats continued with their balanced attack. Despite some minor foul trouble, seven different players scored in the quarter as they built a 45-27 lead at the half.

"We wanted to make sure we played with a lot of energy," Coach Bill Morrison said. "I thought we rebounded very wall and were able to score in transition tonight." The starters outscored Northwest 11-6 in the first three minutes of the 3rd quarter. Northwest was able to force five Wildcat turnovers over the last five minutes of the 3rd quarter but were unable to put a dent in the lead. West led 64-42 going into the final period.

The scoring slowed down for West as they continued to commit some turnovers against the Husky pressure defense. But their defense kept the Huskies out of reach.

"We lost a little intensity in the 2nd half and committed too many fouls, but overall I was happy with the way we played," Morrison said.

ONW 13 14 15 11 53 MW 22 23 19 14 78



ONW — Marks 2, Curtis-Sayers 4, Bowden-Lovelace 5, Johnson 7, Walker 8, Lindsay 3, Adams 8, Burns 10, Cooper 6.

MW — Larsen 12, Olson 8, Humm 4, Wickstrom 8, Hatch 4, Hultman 2, Jones 8, Beanum 9, Meyersick 11, Conway 12.



Scores

Picture by Samantha Gerhardt

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Freshman A (9-2)		Freshman B (6-2)		Res	Reserves (3-8)		r Varsity (7-5)	<u>V</u> ε	<u>Varsity (6-7)</u>		
Prep	W 53-50	Prep L	41-72	Gretna	W 59-53	ONW	W 65-58	ONW	W 78-	-53	
Gretna	L 44-52	Gretna L	47-53			Prep	W 62-54	Prep	L 52-	-67	

# Jays Beat West in 4th Quarter

In a game that had 10 lead changes, the Creighton Prep Blue Jays outscored Millard West 21-6 in the 4th quarter to beat the Wildcats 67-52.

Spencer Schomers led three Blue Jays in double digits with 22 points. Brenden Buckley and Mai'jhe Wiled added 15 and 10 points.

Evan Meyersick led the Wildcats with 16 points. James Conway had 6 rebounds, and Chase Hultman dished out 3 assists.

The first quarter consisted of four lead changes. West held a 10-9 lead after a basket by

Conway with 2:25 left in the quarter. Prep outscored west 9-6 in the last two minutes to hold an 18-16 lead at the end of the quarter.

West started the 2nd quarter with a 6-2 run behind two baskets by Meyersick. Prep scored 10 points on four consecutive possessions to lead 30-26 with 2:40 left in the half. Prep held a four point lead at the half, 33-29.

"I thought we did a lot of good things in the first half. Prep made 7 of 11 3's. We didn't think they could keep that up in the 2nd half." Coach Bill Morrison said.

The Wildcats started the 3rd quarter with a 11-2 run. Zach Olson made a 3-pointer, and Ryan Larsen made two 3's to help West build a 40-35 lead. But West would have five empty possessions and a two-and-a-half scoring drought as Prep would tie the score 40-40. Another 3-pointer by Meyersick at the buzzer took the two teams into the 4th quarter tied 46-46.

Two early baskets and a 3-pointer by Prep gave the Wildcats a 50-49 lead. West turned the ball over on three consecutive possessions before Dalys Beanum made two free throws with 4:12 left in the game to cut the Prep lead to 53-52.

Prep changed defenses to 3-2 zone after they made a 3-pointer with 3:18 left in the game. West got some open



Picture by Samanta Gerhardt

looks but were unable to convert.

"We knew there was a good chance that Prep would switch to zone," Morrison said. "We got shots we wanted and we got some offensive rebounds. We just couldn't get anything to fall for us."

Prep scored three points and took a 59-52 lead after an offensive rebound with just under two minutes left in the game. West would try to foul to get back in to the game. Prep converted on 8-10 free throws to end the game.

"We did a lot of good things tonight. Hopefully we proved to ourselves that we can play with good teams on their own court. But we have to be more consistent for 32 minutes," Coach Morrison said. "We have to continue getting better each week and play our best basketball at the end of the season."

MW 16 13 17 6 52 CP 18 15 13 21 67

MW — Larsen 9, Olson 3, Humm 4, Hultman 4, Jones 2, Beanum 8, Meyersick 16, Conway 6

CP — Trainer 3, Sitti 9, Buckley 15, Schomers 22, Rollins 8, Wiley 10

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### **Junior Varsity**

After a 3 point halftime deficit, the JV Boys were able to outscore Northwest by 10 points in the 2nd half. West won 65-58.

Collin Schollmeyer led with 14 points. Jacob Jones and Avery Moore each had 12 points. Dustin Hatch chipped in with 10 points.

In a 62-54 win, the JV Boys showed some poise in earning their 7th victory this season.

Prep had cut a 9 point halftime deficit to 2 before the Wildcats calmed down, broke Prep's press, and converted on some scoring opportunities.

Avery Moore led the team with 16 points. Jacob Jones and Dustin Hatch added 12 and 10 points respectively.

#### **Reserves**

The Millard West Reserve Boys beat Gretna Saturday morning 59-53.

The game was a tough road battle in which the Wildcats were down most of the game. Gretna led 31-21 at the half. West outscored the Dragon 15-7 in the 3rd quarter and trailed 36-38 going into the final quarter. Millard West rallied and took the lead late in the 4th quarter.

Ty Gracey came off the bench and led the team with 16 points. Tanner Farrell made some clutch 4th quarter free throws to ice the game.

#### Freshmen A

Millard West beat Creighton Prep 53-50 at Creighton Prep.

Prep came into the game undefeated and the Wildcats (8-1) knew it was going to be a hard fought game.

For four quarters both teams went back and forth. West led 18-12 at the end of the first quarter and 26-23 at the half. West built outscored Prep in the third and led 42-31 at the end of the 3rd.

The Blue Jays cut the lead to 2 a couple of times in the 4tf quarter, but could not overcome the Wildcats' grasp on the lead.

Brady Brau led all in scoring with 17 points. Cam Daniels set the tone on the defensive side bringing high energy and was flying around everywhere.

The Wildcats came out sluggish in the first half against Gretna and couldn't find a bucket early in the game. At the same time, Gretna came out firing and picked up a big first half lead.

Millard West battled back but couldn't overcome the big lead. The Dragons won 52-44.

Cole Kirschner led West in scoring with 14.

# **Lower Levels**

#### Freshman B

The boys had a tough game against Creighton Prep. Falling 72-41.

The Wildcats had a slow start falling down 12-0 but fought their way back to as close as 5 points at one point in the third quarter.

Creighton Prep caught fire in the 4th and spread the lead quickly.

Millard West was led by Ben David with 9 points and Ethan Nyffeler with 11.

Millard West had a tough loss on Saturday falling 53-47 to Gretna.

The Wildcats had strong performances from Ben David and Ethan Nyffeler both with 12 points.

Millard West had a comfortable lead at halftime and ended up giving up the lead late in the 4th quarter.





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I played through the sweat and hurt
Not because challenge called me
But because YOU called me.
I did everything for YOU
Because that's what you do

When someone makes you feel as Alive as you've made me feel.

You gave a six-year-old boy his Laker dream
And I'll always love you for it.
But I can't love you obsessively for much longer.
This season is all I have left to give.
My heart can take the pounding
My mind can handle the grind
But my body knows it's time to say goodbye.

And that's OK. I'm ready to let you go.

I want you to know now So we both can savour every moment we have left together.

The good and the bad.

We have given each other All that we have.
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I'll always be that kid With the rolled-up socks

Garbage can in the corner :05 seconds on the clock Ball in my hands.

5 ... 4 ... 3 ... 2 ... 1

Love you always, Kobe



### Larsen Hits 3-Pointer for Win at Buzzer

After trailing most of the game, Ryan Larsen made a 3-pointer as time ran out to give the Wildcats a 48 -46 victory at Lincoln East.

Evan Meyersick led the team with 13 points, 7 rebounds, and 4 assists.

Jeff Janssen scored 19 for Lincoln East and Carter Glenn add 10 points.

The Spartans started the game 6-0 on back-to-back three pointers on the opening two possessions. The Wildcats battled back and pulled to within 8-7 after a basket by Meyersick. Lincoln East regained control of the game with a 7-0 run.

"We didn't start out with very much energy on defense," Coach Bill Morrison said. "They were wide open on their first 2 threes."

At the beginning of the 2nd quarter, it looked as if the two teams had settled in offensively. The teams exchanged a few baskets. Meyersick hit a 3-pointer to make the score 22-17 with 5:03 left in the half.

The remainder of the quarter would only see two free throws by Lincoln East as the Spartans took a 24-17 lead into the half.

"We wanted to open the game up in the 2nd half," Morrison said. "Lincoln East was controlling the tempo. We needed to get some stops and push the ball in transition."

West was able to get their transition game going in the 3rd quarter and cut the lead to 33-32 after a basket by Jacob Jones. Two free throws by Janssen gave East a 35-32 lead going into the final period.

East started out hot in the 4th quarter and built a 39-34 lead with five minutes left in the game.

West's first lead came after Zach Olson got a steal and was fouled in transition. Olson made both free throw with 1:58 left in the game to give West their first lead at 43-43.

Olson's two free throws were part of an 11-3 run in which the Wildcats made 8 of 8 free throws and Larsen hit a 3-pointer.

During the run, West's defense was able to force three consecutive turnovers.

Jones made two free throws with 1:48 left to extend the Wildcat lead to 45-42.

East's Janssen responded with a basket in the paint to cut the lead to 45-44. Larsen was fouled, but was unable to convert on either free throw to keep the lead at one with 1:39 left.

Janssen missed a shot with the clock running down but Quinton Adams grabbed the rebound and made a basket with 7.1 seconds remaining.

West was able to get the ball in to Evan Meyersick who advanced the



ball to Dom Humm. Humm found Larsen at the 3-point line for the game winning shot at the buzzer.

"I am so proud of our guys. They never quit today," Morrison said. "We practice that last play weekly, the guys knew exactly what to do and made the right reads to give us a chance to win."

Mil West 8 9 15 16 48 Lin East 15 9 11 11 46

MW – Larsen 6, Olson 9, Humm 7, Jones 6, Beanum 5, Meyersick 13, Conway 2

LE — Glenn 10, Adams 9, Dak 5, McPhail 3, Janssen 19



 Freshman A (10-2)
 Freshman B (7-2)
 Reserves (4-8)
 Junior Varsity (8-6)
 Varsity (7-8)

 Westside
 W 58-39
 Westside
 W 63-36
 Westside
 W 66-53
 Westside
 W 53-24
 Westside
 L 88-66

 Lin East
 L 66-70
 Lin East
 W 48-46

### Warriors Hand Millard West a Home Loss

The Omaha Westside Warriors were too much for the Wildcats to handle in an 88-66 victory at Millard West. Westside outscored the Wildcats in each of the four quarters on their way to the victory.

Zach Olson lead the Wildcats with 15 points, 7 rebounds and 2 assists. Ryan Larsen, Dom Humm, and Evan Meyersick each scored 10 points.

Jadin Booth led Westside with 21 points. All five starters scored in double digits. Carl Brown scored 15 points. PJ Ngambi and Chandler Meeks had 13 each. And, Reggie Thomas scored 12 points.

Westside jumped out to an early 8-2 lead on two 3-pointers by Meeks. West battled back over the remainder of the quarter and trailed 17-12 after the first eight minutes of play.

West picked up their scoring in the 2nd quarter, but could not stop the Warrior attack. Preston Gillespie scored 7 of his 9 points in the 2nd quarter. A 3-pointer by Booth at the buzzer gave Westside a 36-25 lead going in to the half.

Ryan Larsen came out hot in the 3rd quarter and scored 5 points early to pull West to within 30-39. Westside went on a nine point run and moved the score to 48-33. The Wildcats continued to fight and scored 13 points in the last 4 minutes of the third quarter. Westside led 57-43 going into the final period of play

Millard West had 3 consecutive turnovers early in the 4th quarter, and scored on 11 of the first 14 possessions of the period. A basket by Booth gave the Warriors a 22 point lead with 4:51 left in the final guarter.

"Our offense was good enough to win tonight. But, you can't give up 88 points in a high school basketball game," Coach Bill Morrison said. "I didn't think we battled hard enough on the defensive end."

OW 17 19 21 31 88 MW 12 13 18 23 66

OW — Booth 21, Ngambi 13, Meeks 13, Thomas 12, Brown 15, Gillespie 9, Wilson 1, Davis 3.

MW — Larsen 10, Olson 15, Humm 10, Hatch 2, Hultman 6, Jones 3, Beanum 1, Anderson 2, Meyersick 10, Conway 7.

# Lower Levels

#### Freshman A

The Wildcat Freshmen improve to 10-2 on the season with a big win against Westside. West led 12-11 after the first quarter and held the Warriors scoreless in the 2nd quarter.

Everyone scored for the Wildcats. Cole Kirschner was the leading scorer with 13, Peyton Moore chipped in 10, and Cam Daniels had 9 points.

#### Freshman B

Freshman boys bounced back with a strong win against Westside 63-36. Millard West held Westside to just 2 points in the first quarter and went on to win each quarter.

The Wildcats were led by Ben David with 12 points, Creighton Scholting with 10, and Peyton Strong also chipped in 10 of his own.

### **Reserves**

In one of the Reserve Boys highest scoring games of the season, they defeated the Warriors of Westside 66-53. A strong performance in the first half gave the Wildcats a 38-21 lead.

Tanner Farrell led the team's scoring by scoring 11 points in the 4th quarter and finishing with 15. Jackson Neumann added 10 and Aiden Nelson pitched in 8 points.

### **Junior Varsity**

The JV team jumped out to a 23-11 halftime lead. They won all four quarters on their way to a 53-24 victory over Westside.

All 10 players scored for the JV boys basketball team tonight. Dustin Hatch and Ben Bizal contributed 11 points apiece.

The JV boys battled to the final buzzer in a game at Lincoln East but could not overcome the Spartans in a 70-66 loss.

West won the first and third quarters while the Spartans won the second and fourth quarters.

The difference in the game was the free throw line. Lincoln East converted 20/28 while MW was 11/14.

Collin Schollmeyer led the team with 19 points. Dustin Hatch and Ben Bizal each contributed 15 points.

# Sallis Carries Mustangs Past Wildcats

Millard west came up just short in an upset bid against #1, cross-town rival, Millard North. The wildcats held a 3 point lead with one minute remaining in regulation, but could not hold on for the victory. Millard North won 66-64 in overtime.

Ryan Larsen led the Wildcats with 14 points. Dom Humm and Dalys Beanum followed with 12 points each. Humm also dished out 7 assists and had 3 steals. James Conway led the way on the boards with 5 rebounds.

Hunter Sallis and Saint Thomas scored 26 and 21 points respectively to lead the Mustangs.

Millard North started out hot and looked as if they were going to control the game with ease.

Sallis scored 7 of the Mustangs' first 11 points as North took an 11-2 lead midway through the first quarter.

West battled to get back in the game. The Wildcats balanced scoring had five players score to cut the lead to 17-12 after the first quarter.

"Our guys fought really hard. It would have been easy to quit when we got down early like we did," Coach Bill Morrison said.

The two teams played even in the 2nd quarter. A pair of three-pointers by Larsen and Zach Olson helped tie the score at 24-24.

Jasen Green gave the lead back to Sallis received a technical foul and



Larsen made two free throws to make the score 26-26.

The two teams were tied in the remaining second of the half. West double teamed Sallis who found Stanford recruit Max Murell open for a 3-pointer that gave the Mustangs a 31-28 lead going into the half.

Morrison said that his team was not effected by the last second 3-pointer at the half.

"We noticed that Sallis tends to take the last shot of the quarters. We sent a guy to double team him and he found the open guy. We contested the shot, but it's hard to effect the shot of a 6'9" guy."

Sallis came out of the half scoring the teams first four points to make the score 35-31. Thomas scored the next 8 points for the Mustangs to give North a 43-36 lead with 3:29 left in the quarter.

A basket by Humm and a three pointer by Jacob Jones pulled the Wildcats to within two, 43-41.

North seemed to take control of the game again as Sallis led of the quarter with four points to give North a 47-43 lead.

Three turnovers by North allowed west to tie the game on a basket by Olson with 5:19 remaining in the game. Larsen hit a three pointer with 4:16 left in the game to give the Wildcats their first lead, 50-47.

West controlled the tempo in the fourth quarter. North fouled Zach Olson with 1;05 left in the game to give West a 52-49 lead.

# Scores

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Freshman A (11-3)		( <u>11-3)</u>	Freshman B (9-3)		Reserves (6-9)		Junior Varsity (8-7)				Varsity (7-9)			
	Mil North W 4	18-41	Mil North	L 57-62	O Burke	W	54-45	Mil	North	L 55-58	Mil N	L	64-66 OT	
	Skutt L 3	36-44	Skutt	W 53-51	Mil North	W	55-43							
					Renningto	n I	47-60							

## Wildcats Fall Short in Upset Bid Over State's #1 Team

Jadin Johnson drove in the lane and was fouled with 43.1 seconds left in the game. Johnson missed both free throws, but Sallis was able to convert after an offensive rebound to pull the Mustangs to within 52-51.

After West broke the Millard North press, the Wildcats were called for a carrying violation with just 32 seconds remaining on the clock.

West was able to get the ball back with their lead in tact after North was called for a traveling violation.

Humm was fouled and put to the line with 8.8 seconds left. He converted the first free throw to give West a 53-51 lead.

Sallis rebounded the 2nd free throw and dribbled the length of the score and made a shot to tie the score and put the game in overtime.

West won the tip to go into overtime, but turned the ball over on their first possession. Sallis again scored the first points of the period.

West missed shots on their next two possessions and North was able to make 3 of 4 free throws to take a 56-53 lead. North would only shoot free throws for the remainder of the game. The Mustangs converted on 11-13 from the line in the overtime period.

A pair of late 3-pointers by Larsen and Humm made the final score 66-64 in favor of the Mustangs.

"I couldn't be more proud of our guys," Coach Morrison said. "They played tough both physically and mentally."

"In a game like that it is easy to look at any one call or any one missed shot, or a mistake of some kind," Morrison said. "You can't look at it like that. We played well enough to win. We battled the whole game. We just didn't quite get it done."

Millard North 17 14 12 10 13 66 Millard West 12 16 13 12 11 64

MN - Thomas 21, Sallis 26, Erickson 2, Green 8, Murell 9

MW — Larsen 14, Olson 9, Humm 12, Jones 5, Beanum 12, Meyersick 6, Conway 6







## Busy Week for Millard West Lower Level Basketball Teams

### **Junior Varsity**

The Millard North JV team avenged a loss from earlier this season with a 58-55 victory.

The boys played the 2nd half with more energy and urgency after being behind by 13 at halftime.

The Wildcats outscored the Mustangs 13-6 in the 4th quarter, but the deficit was just too big to overcome.

Collin Schollmeyer's 20' shot to force overtime bounced out at the buzzer.

Dustin Hatch led the Wildcats with 19 points.

#### Reserves

The Bulldogs ran into a Wildcat team that didn't budge. The Reserve Boys took an early lead and never looked back. The Wildcats led 13-5 after the first quarter.

The Wildcats finished the game with 20 points in the 4th quarter. West won 54-45.

Ty Gracey led the Wildcats with 15 points and Tanner Farrell pitched in 8 points.

The Reserve boys gave up an early lead to visitors from Millard North. Down 13 to 8 after the first quarter, the Wildcats cut it to 1 point by halftime.

In their last home game of the year,

the Reserve Boys would not be denied the W. West won 55-43.

Going 20 for 35 from the free throw line, the Wildcats were able to secure the victory. This makes four straight wins for the Reserve team.

The Millard West Reserve Boys made the trip up North to Bennington and ended up losing a hard fought battle, 60-47.

The Wildcats came out firing on all cylinders to take an early first quarter lead. With it tied at half, the boys hoped to come out and get some early momentum. Playing their 3rd game in 4 days, the boys didn't have enough in the tank to pull it out.

Tanner Farrell led the team with 9 points.

#### Freshmen A

The MW Freshmen A team improved to 11-2 with another win against their rival. Millard North.

The Wildcats used a strong third quarter to build a lead 38-30 lead. The Wildcats got their 2nd win over the Mustangs with a 48-41 victory.

Brady Brau finished with 16. Noah Shrader stepped up off the bench adding 5 points, a lot of rebounds, and a few blocks.

Millard West travelled to Omaha

Skutt and suffered their 3rd loss of the season, 36-44.

Skutt controlled the pace of the game. The SkyHawks kept the score low and was able to outscore the Wildcats in each of the four quarters.

This loss puts the freshmen at 11-3 on the season. Cam Daniels the only one who took a charge in the game.

#### Freshmen B

The Millard West boys had one of there few loses of the year on Monday to Millard North, 62-57.

The Wildcats led 34-24 at the half before the Mustangs used a 21-6 third quarter to take the lead going into the 4th quarter. Millard West fought back in the 4th quarter but it wasn't enough.

Creighton Scholting led the way with 24 points and Ethan Nyffeler chipped in 13

Millard West defeated Skutt 53-51. The Wildcats bounced back after a tough loss last game. The boys fought through some adversity. West was down by as many as 11 points in the second half.

West crawled back and Joey Hartnett hit some clutch free-throws at the end of the game to seal the win.

Hartnett led the Wildcats with 16 points, and Jake Behrens added 15.



### **Diaper Drive**

Final tally from the diaper drive – 3968 to 3572. WE WON! Even better is that we collected 916 more diapers than we did a year ago. Diapers were delivered to The Life House..

Thank you to all who donated and/ or came to help with packaging and delivery.

### Wildcats Take on Three Top Ten Teams This Week

# **Eagles Beat Wildcats From the Line**

#4 Omaha Central made 17-20 free throws in the 4th quarter to hold onto their lead and beat Millard West 70-73.

Latrell Wrightsell scored 27 points, including 15-17 free throws, to lead the Eagles. Max Polk scored 17 points on five field goals and 7 of 7 free throws.

Four Wildcats scored in double digits. Dom Humm led the team with 17 points and 7 assists. Dalys Beanum had 16 points and eight rebounds. Evan Meyersick and James Conway scored 14 and 12 points respectively.

Millard West was able to control the tempo early by playing zone and slowing Central's offense down.

Central scored the first points of the game with 5:50 left in the first quarter. West was able to put together a 6-0 run to take an early lead. The two teams exchanged baskets and West led 11-10 before

# **Monarchs Shoot Their Way Past the Wildcats**

#9 Papillion LaVista shot 11/16 from behind the arc and 12/22 2-point field goals to beat Millard West 65-57.

Dom Humm and Evan Meyersick led the Wildcats with 14 points each.

Kyle Ingwerson led the Monarchs with 18 points and Peston Kellogg scored 11 to lead Papio.

Millard West started the game off with two 3-pointers of their own and took an early 6-2 lead. Papio's Jackson Slizinski answered with two three's to tie the score at 8-8 with 6:09 left in the game.

West held an 11-10 lead with 2:32 left in the first quarter before two Monarch free throws and a 3-pointer by Kyle Ingwerson gave PLV a 15-11 lead.

Papillion held their lead throughout the 2nd quarter. West was able to stay close by making some outside shots of their own. Jacob Jones made two of three 3's in the quarter.

### Navigators Sail by Wildcats in 3rd Quarter

#10 Lincoln North Star used a strong 3rd quarter performance to pull away from Millard West and earn a 67-56 victory in Lincoln.

Three Navigators scored in double digits. Kwat Abdelkarim scored 20 points. Donovan Williams and Josh Brown added 17 and 16 points respectively.

Dom Humm was the only Wildcat in double digits with 17 points. James Conway led the team with six rebounds.

A slow paced first quarter kept the two teams close to open the game. North Star used their long range game to build an 12-9 lead.

West held the ball for the last shot of the quarter. North Star was able to grab the rebound and travel the length of the court to lead 14-9 at the break.

In the 2nd quarter, the Navigators used their transition game to build a 24-13 lead with 4:57 left in the half.

# Scores

Freshman A (13-4)	Freshman B (11-4)	Reserves (6-10)	Junior Varsity (10-8)	Varsity (7-12)
Papio LV W 68-25	Papio LV W 61-18	Papio LV L 57-59	Central W 57-53	Central L 70-73
Prep L 43-49	Prep L 31-71		Papio LV L 55-58	Papio LV L 57-65
Burke W 67-33	Burke W 50-46		North Star W 60-45	North Star L 56-67

# Eagles Keep Wildcat Attack Out of Reach

Wrightsell made two free throws with 3.5 seconds left. The Eagles led 12-11 at the end of the quarter.

The first part of the 2nd quarter stayed close until Central got hot from behind the arc. The Eagles scored 22 points on 9 possessions to take a 36-22 lead.

West scored the last four points of the half and trailed 36-26 at the break.

"We turned it over for lay-ups and they got hot in the 2nd quarter," Coach Bill Morrison said. "We can't have lapses like that against good teams."

The Wildcats came out of the half with an aggressive attitude. Conway made a basket mid-way through the quarter to cut the Eagle lead to 41-34.

Wrightsell scored 5 points to put the lead back to 46-24. But the Wildcats continued to battle and ended the quarter with an 8-0 run and





trailed 42-48 going into the final period.

Another basket by Conway mad the score 54-49 in favor of the Eagles with 6:03 left in the game.

West's offense was very efficient in the final 8 minutes. But, they could not stop the Eagles.

Central scored on 11 of their last 13 possessions, mostly from the free throw line.

Conway had another big steal and basket to cut the Central lead to 68-65. After Wrightsell was 1 of 2 from the line, Meyersick hit a basket for the Wildcats with 30 seconds left.

Ryan Larsen made a 3 pointer to cut the lead to 71-70 and 18 seconds remaining. West was forced to foul because they were out of time outs. PJ Davis made two free throws to put the lead back to 3 points with 8.8 seconds remaining.

West was able to get a contested shot off from the corner but it did not fall. "We did a lot of really good things offensively in the fourth quarter. We just could not get a stop," Morrison said.

The Wildcats have no time to worry about their loss. They have two more games this week against top ten teams.

"We are playing pretty good ball right now even though our record does not show it. We have proven that we can play with anyone, Morrison said. "We have to keep working and get better by district time."

Central 12 24 12 25 73 Mil West 11 15 16 28 70

OC — Dawson 4, Tut 3, Wrightsell 27, Hoskins 9, Davis 9, Polk 17, Deng 4

MW — Larson 9, Humm 17, Wickstrom 2, Beanum 16, Meyersick 14, Conway 12

### Monarchs Shoot Past Wildcats

The Monarchs finished the quarter strong with a three by Ingwerson and a basket by Owen McLaughlin to take a 30-26 lead into the half.

"We didn't think our defense was very good in the first half," Coach Bill Morrison said. "They had a lot of uncontested 3's. We challenged our guys to come out with better defense in the 2nd half."

West was not able to hold the Monarchs in the third quarter. Papio scored on their first 8 possession of the 2nd half, including five 3-pointers.

Ingwerson made three of his six 3's in the quarter. The Monarchs led

by as much as 51-35 and held a 14point lead at the end of the 3rd quarter.

West extended their pressure in the 4th quarter. West got to the free throw line on three consecutive possessions by attacking the rim. 4 of 6 free throws made the score 46-56.

A basket by Meyersick made the score 50-56 and forced a Papillion time-out. Ingwerson answered the run with a 3-pointer to give Papio a 9-point lead.

"I didn't think we played very well mentally and didn't play with enough energy on defense," Morrison said.

"We were not able to control the tempo of the game," Morrison continued. "We wanted to play a faster game. Papillion did a nice job playing at the speed they wanted.

MW 11 15 11 20 57 PLV 15 15 21 14 65

MW — Larson 6, Olson 5, Humm 14, Jones 6, Beanum 8, Anderson 2, Meyersick 14, Conway 2.

PLV — McLaughlin 8, Hylok 4, Slizinski 6, Lett 6, Ingwerson 18, Lindenmeyer 8, Adamek 4, Kellogg 11



### North Star's Transition Game Too Much for Wildcats

Ryan Larsen made a 3-pointer that started a 13-4 Wildcat run after a timeout. West trailed by two at the half, 26-28.

The Wildcats came out of the half and were unable to put the ball in the basket. North Star took advantage of the misses and built a 37-26 lead by scoring 8 points in transition.

Another time out by the Wildcats with 5:18 left in the 3rd quarter jump started their offense, West fought

their way back to within 10 before North Star scored the last five points of the quarter.

In the 4th quarter, the Navigators attacked the rim and built their lead up to as much as 21 before both teams cleared their bench with just over two minutes remaining.

The Wildcats were able to force some turnovers and score in transition, but could not bridge the gap. MW 9 17 8 22 56 LNS 14 14 21 18 67

MW — Larsen 6, Olson 2, Humm 17, Jones 7, Polsley 2, Beanum 4, Anderson 5, Meyersick 7, Conway 6

LNS — Brown 16, Abdelkarim 20, Williams 17, Juracek 3, Lopez 9, Piyotem 2

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# Lower Levels



### Jr. Varsity

The JV Boys played great defense and finished with a 14-3 run to pull out a 57-53 victory over Omaha Central.

West led 30-26 at half-time but trailed 44-43 going into the final period.

Caleb Lemon led the team with 17 points. Dustin Hatch and Avery Moore contributed 14 points and 12 points respectively.

After leading by 11 at halftime, the JV boys could not hang on for the win. Papillion LaVista beat the West JV 58-55.

The game was a tale of two halves. West led 36-25 at the half. But the Monarchs outscored west 15-11 in the 3rd quarter and 18-8 in the final period of play.

Dustin Hatch led the team with 12 points.

Millard West was able to beat Lincoln North Star in Lincoln 60-45.

The JV boys were able to pull away by playing solid team defense in the 2nd and 3rd Ouarters.

Dustin Hatch led the Wildcats with 13 points. Caleb Lemon and Jacob Jones each contributed 9 points.

### **Reserves**

The Reserves dropped another close game to Papillion-LaVista, 59-57.

West led 30-27 at the half and 46-54 after 3 quarters, but could not hold on for the win.

Papio shot 37 free throws in the

game to help them earn the victory.

The Wildcat boys couldn't get a last second shot off falling to the Monarchs by 2 points.

Tyler Sprietzer led the reserve boys with 15 points in the game.

### Freshmen A

The Freshmen A team improved to 12-3 on the season with a 68-25 win over Papillion-LaVista.

A slow, sloppy first half made a close game at half with West leading 25-19. The Wildcats came out with some fire after the break and proceeded to outscore Papillion 43-6 in the 2nd half.

Riley Dougherty was the leading scorer with 17 points off of the bench. Masen Rady also came off of the bench to chip in 13 points.

The Freshmen team fell to 12-4 on the season with a 43-49 loss to Creighton Prep.

A slow paced game caused problems for the Wildcats and made it hard for them to get going offensively.

After trailing 21-19 at the half, Prep outscored the Wildcats 13-6 in the 3rd quarter. The 'Cats pushed hard late but ran out of gas.

Peyton Moore finished with 16 points.

The Freshmen A team improve to 13-4 with a 67-33 bounce back win against Burke,

Pace was key to the Wildcats as Burke couldn't keep up. The Wildcats' defense was flying around forcing a lot of turnovers.

22 points from Zac Grandgenett

and 13 from Peyton Moore led the way. Cam Daniels was dishing out dimes left and right!

### Freshmen B

The Wildcats used their defense to earn a 61-18 win at Papillion-LaVista.

The Wildcats won the first quarter 21-0 and did not allow Papio to score in double digits in any quarter.

Ben David led the team with 15 points and Jake Behrens scored four 3-pointers in the game. Everyone had a contributing factor with this win.

The Millard West Boys had a tough game against Creighton Prep as they fell 71-31.

The first five minutes was extremely competitive before the Wildcat shooting went ice cold.

Ben David lead the way with 9 points.

The Millard West Freshmen B team had a great bounce back game by beating Omaha Burke 50-46.

It was a close game throughout the entire game. The Wildcats executed to perfection late in the game to seal the win

Creighton Scholting led the way with 12 points, and Ben David chipped in 10.



#### **Wildcats Win on Senior Night**



The Wildcats were able to pull off a win for their Seniors in their last home game of the season. Millard West beat Omaha Burke 61-49.

Three Wildcats scored in double digits. James Conway led the scoring with 16 points. He also grabbed 8 rebounds and had 2 steals. Dalys Beanum and Evan Mayersick added 13 points each.

Jaren Marshall led the Bulldogs with 18 points. Michael Payne III added 14 for Burke.

The first half of the game was a low scoring affair. Burke got on the board first with a free-throw three minutes into the game. The Bulldogs led 9-7 at the end of the first quarter.

West looked as if they were going to take control of the game in the 2nd

quarter. The Wildcats scored the first 9 points of the quarter. Burke was able to stay close with a pair of 3-pointers as West led 20-17 at the end of the half.

"Burkke did a good job of slowing the game down in the first quarter," Coach Bill Morrison said. "We didn't have many possessions in the first half and hard a hard time converting when we did have chances."

After a pair of buckets by Meyersick and Larsen, the Wildcats led 24-19. The Bulldogs then converted on six straight possessions to gain a 32-26 advantage with 4:40 left in the quarter.

Conway helped West regain a 39-37 lead by scoring 8 points in the last four minutes of the quarter. Burke would tie up the game at 39 -39 but would not be able to regain the lead the rest of the game. After leading 49-42 with 4:05 left in the game, West found their way to the free throw line. The Wildcats made 9 of their last 10 free throws to keep the Bulldogs out of reach.

"This wasn't our best game, but we found a way to win,. Free throws at the end of the game really helped," Morrison said.

"It was nice to get a win for our Seniors on our home court. We have had a really tough stretch of games in the last couple weeks," Morrison continued. "This group of guys showed that they have no quit in them. They are going to battle to the very end every night.

#### Scores

<u>Freshman A (14-4)</u> <u>Freshman B (12-4)</u> <u>Reserves (6-11)</u> <u>Junior Varsity (10-10)</u> <u>Varsity (8-12)</u>

Bell West W 82-27 Bell West W 64-54 Bell West L 49-54 Burk L 55-61 OT Burke W 61-49

Bell W L 60-78 Bel West L 72-75

#### Wildcats Fall Short in Comeback Bid Against #2 Bellevue West

Bellevue West led by as many as 23 points in the 4th quarter before the Wildcats started to make a comeback. Dom Humm made a basket with 11 seconds to cut the lead to 75-72, but the Wildcats could not foul until there was 1 second left on the clock.

Humm scored 15 points in the 4th quarter to lead Millard's comeback attempt. Dalys Beanum and James Conway added 15 and 13 points respectively.

Louis Fidler led Bellevue West with 19 points. Nate Glantz scored 18. Chucky Hupburn and John Shanklin added 15 and 10 points.

Bellevue West started out fast and built an 11-4 first quarter lead in just over two minute of play. The Thunderbirds looked as if they might have an easy night as they built their lead to 20-7 with 2:18 left in the quarter.

The Wildcats were able to score on four of their last five possessions to end the quarter down 26-16.

"Early, they were scoring in transition. We were getting back, but we didn't do a very good job of contesting shots," Coach Bill Morrison said. "We also did not finish very well in the first quarter. We were getting good looks, just didn't convert."

The Wildcats were 7-16 from the floor in the first quarter and just 1 of 4 from the line.

Millard West scored eight points on their first three possessions in the 2nd quarter to cut the lead to 30-24

with 6:12 left in the quarter.

The Thunderbirds built their lead back up to 42-32 before Millard West finished the half on a 5-0 run. The Wildcats trailed 42-35 at the end of the quarter.

Scoring in the 3rd quarter slowed down considerably as both teams struggled in their shooting. Bellevue West outscored Millard West 10-7 in the quarter and led 52-42 with eight minutes left to play.

"They turned up the defensive pressure and we did not do a very good job of handling it in the third quarter," Morrison said. "We turned it over too much, and we rushed our shots. "Luckily our defense was good enough to keep us in the game."

Bellevue West came out in the 4th quarter in attack mode. They outscored the Wildcats 15-2 in the first thee minutes of the quarter to build a 23-point lead, 67-44.

The Wildcats did not quit. They started attacking the basket better and were able to outscore the Thunderbirds 28-8 in the last five minutes of the game. Millard West was 12-13 from the line in that stretch.

Back to back 3's by Humm and Olson made the score 75-66 with 43 seconds remaining.

In the next two possession, Dustin Hatch got a steal on the press, and the Wildcats forced a travel call with a trap to lead to four free throws by Humm.

Humm made another shot with 11

seconds remaining, but the Wildcats were out of timeouts and could not stop the clock. By the time they were able to foul, there was only 1 second remaining on the clock.

"I thought we played with a lot of heart tonight. It would have been easy to quit multiple times," Morrison said. "Our bench was great tonight. Max, Josh, and Jacob played great, and Dustin was a key part of two turnovers late in the game."

The Wildcats finish their regular season with an 8-13 record. Twelve of their losses have been against teams that have been rated in the state's Top 10 this year.

Districts will be set on Monday for post season play. Games through Saturday will count toward district seeding. With some key games on Saturday, teams will have to wait to see what the match-ups will be.

"We have had a tough schedule. We are definitely battle tested. We have to be able to put a whole game together to pull a couple upsets in districts." Morrison added.

MW 16 19 7 30 72 BW 26 16 10 23 75

MW — Larsen 6, Olson 7, Humm 17, Wickstrom 4, Jones 6, Beanum 15, Anderson 4, Conway 13.

BW — Woodard 2, T Hepburn 2, F Fidler 9, L Fidler 19, C Hepburn 15, Glantz 18, Shanklin 10



#### **Lower Levels**

#### Junior Varsity

The JV team lost their last home game of the season 61 -55 to Omaha Burke in overtime.

The Wildcats trailed after the first quarter and held a 19-16 lead at the half.

Burke was able to outscore West in both the 3rd and 4th quarter to put the game into overtime.

Ben Bizal led the Wildcats with 21 points.

The Wildcats played at Bellevue West and lost their last regular season game to the Thunderbirds 78-60.

Millard West battled hard in the first three quarters. The Thundirbirds led 55-47 after three quarters but outscored the Wildcats 23-13 in the final period for the win. Too many 2nd chance points by BW was the team's nemesis.

Dustin Hatch, Avery Moore and Ben Bizal were all in double figures to lead the offense.

The JV boys finished the season with a 10-10 record.

#### **Reserves**

In the last game of the season, the Wildcat Reserve boys came up short as Bellevue West outscored them 54-49

After holding the T-Birds to

6 first quarter points, Bellevue West started hitting shots. Millard West was getting good looks, but couldn't get them to fall.

Tanner Farrell led the team with 18 points. The Reserve team ended the season with a 6-11 record.

#### Freshmen A

Freshmen Wildcats improve to 14-4 on the season with an 82-27 win against Bellevue West.

West dominated the entire game and went on a 34-7 run in the 2nd half.

Everyone on the team scored, Seven players scored in double figures. Sharp shooting was a big part of the win as the Wildcats went 12-17 from three-point range.

#### Freshmen B

The Millard West won their last game of the season by Beating Bellevue West 64-54.

The Wildcats controlled the first half and led 34-23 at the break. The Thunderbirds were able to outscore the Wildcats 20-10 in the 3rd quarter.

West was able to hold off the comeback attempt to win the game.

The Wildcats ended the season with a 12-4 record.



#### Omaha Burke Scoring

Omaha Burke 9 8 20 12 49 Millard West 7 13 19 22 61

Burke — Queen 1, Moreano 5, Marshall 18, Payne 14, Graham 8, Moody 3.

MW — Larsen 3, Olson 6, Humm 7, Wickstrom 3, Beanum 13, Meyersick 13, Conway 16



Congratulations to Josh Wickstrom, who has committed to continuing his basketball and academic career at Peru State College.

#### **Antlers End Wildcat Season in First Round**

The Millard West basketball season cam to an end after a 4-39 loss to Elkhorn. The Antlers were able to control the pace of play and win in a low scoring affair.

Dom Humm led the Wildcats with 10 points, 5 assists, and 4 steals. Caden Schutte led Elkhorn with 20 points, including all 10 Antler points in the 3rd quarter.

Elkhorn's 1-3-1 defense slowed down the Wildcat offense from the beginning of the game. A 3-pointer by Ryan Larsen gave the Wildcats a 5-4 lead with 5:31 left in the first quarter.

Elkhorn regained the lead by scoring on two consecutive possessions, but West led 10-8 at the end of the quarter.

The Wildcats were 2 of 7 from behind the 3-point line in the first quarter. They were able to grab five offensive rebounds and score five 2nd chance points to build their lead.

The pace continued to be slow in the 2nd quarter, but Elkhorn scored on their first six possessions to build a 20-10 lead with 5:33 left in the half. After a timeout, the Wildcats settled down and went on their own 8-0 run. A 3-pointer by Dom Humm made the score 22-21 in favor of Elkhorn at the half.

"We didn't shoot well in the first half. We had trouble getting into the high post in the first half," Coach Bill Morrison said. "We didn't shoot our 3's as well as normal and just couldn't get the lead."

Elkhorn scored two baskets early in the quarter, but the Wildcats did not get their first basket of the 2nd half until midway through the quarter.

Neither team were able to do much offensively in the quarter. Schutte scored all 10 of Elkhorn's points in the quarter as the Antlers outscored West 10-7 in the quarter.

"I thought our guys played a little tight. They put a lot of pressure on themselves and it affected our offense," Morrison said. "We had to calm them down in a few timeouts. We weren't scoring, but our defense was keeping us in the game."

West was able to take their first lead, 37-36, of the 2nd half on two

free throws by Evan Meyersick with 4:48 left in the game.

Elkhorn's point guard, Bryson Hochstein, answered with an 18-foot step back jumper.

West committed two turnovers in a row before they had to extend their defense. Hochstein missed the front end of a one-and-one but got his own rebound and scored to give Elkhorn a 40-37 lead.

After a Wildcat timeout, Dom Humm made a layup to cut the lead to 40-39. Another missed free throw by Elkhorn gave West the ball with eight seconds left. A 3-pointer by Zach Olson fell short to end the game.

MW 10 11 7 11 39 Elk 8 14 10 8 40

West — Larsen 9, Olson 5, Humm 10, Jones 2, Beanum 2, Meyersick 4, Conway 7

Elk — Gragert 2, Hochstein 8, Uhing 6, Schutte 20, Beckman 2, Christo 2

#### Scores

Freshman A (15-5)

Varsity (8-14)

Prep B W 65-54

Elkhorn L 39-40

Skutt L 36-49

#### Larsen Sets New School Record

Ryan Larsen broke a school record that was set in 2010 by AJ Ladwig. Ryan was 46.3% (50/108) from behind the 3-point arc. His 50 made 3's was the 3rd most made by a Wildcat in a season.

Check out the rest of the players that made the Top 20 Lists for both season and career stats on Page 2.

### Wildcat Basketball

#### 2019-2020 New Records

1st	2020	Ryan Larsen	46.30%	50/108	50/108 3-Point FG Percentage	
50	2020	Ryan Larsen	50		3FG's Made	
4th	2020	James Conway	64.30%	54/84	2-Point FG Percentage	Season
T10	2020	Evan Meyersick	5		Charges Taken	Season
T20	2020	Dom Humm	73.8%	45/61	Free Throw Percentage	Season
T20	2020	Zach Olson	29.0%		3FG's Made	Season
T20	2020	Evan Meyersick	<i>78</i>		2FG's Made	Season
T4	2020	Evan Meyersick	12		Charges Taken	Career
T4	2020	Evan Meyersick	67		Games Played	Career
6th	2020	Zach Olson	66		3FG's Made	Career
6th	2020	Zach Olson	37		Blocks	Career
8th	2020	Evan Meyersick	171		2FG's Made	Career
10th	2020	Evan Meyersick	121		Free Throw's Made	
10th	2020	Evan Meyersick	<i>83</i>		Offensive Rebounds	
12th	2020	Evan Meyersick	169		Defensive Rebounds	
12th	2020	Evan Meyersick	252		Rebounds	
T14	2020	Ryan Larsen	50		3FG's Made	
T14	2020	Evan Meyersick	24	Blocks		Career
14th	2020	Dalys Beanum	121	Assists		Career
15th	2020	Evan Meyersick	494	Points Scored		Career
18th	2020	Dom Humm	<i>87</i>		Assists	Career
20th	2020	Dalys Beanum	54		Steals	Career
20th	2020	Zach Olson	32.2%	66/203	3-Pointers Made	Career

Freshman

Millard West beat Creighton Prep's B team 64-54 in the first round of Prep's end of season tournament.

Wildcats, with a slow first half, made it a tight game. West was able to get the pace going in the 2nd half and jumped up to a double digit lead. 14 missed free throws by the Cats kept Prep in the game.

Cole Kirschner led all scorers with 16 points. He had four threes in the game.

The Wildcats' season came to an end as Millard West lost to Omaha Skutt in the Prep Tournament.

Congratulations to Josh Wickstrom

Josh signed his letter of intent to play basketball next year at Peru State College.





#### 2019-2020 Final Stats



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Player	GP	2FGM-A	3FGM-A	FTM-A	REB	AST	BLK	STL	TO	СТ	PTS
MEYERSICK	21	78-138	6-15	53-72	100	34	5	14	41	5	228
LARSEN	22	6-17	50-108	14-19	49	26	2	23	14	4	177
CONWAY	20	54-84	1-3	23-47	89	15	1	28	22	2	133
HUMM	22	56-126	24-76	45-61	71	57	3	21	45	0	228
BEANUM	22	62-137	6-22	45-71	63	60	4	15	35	0	187
OLSON	21	13-34	29-89	22-36	60	15	16	13	20	0	135
JONES	15	14-19	6-19	3-5	34	7	2	3	8	0	49
WICKSTROM	21	2-8	8-23	5-8	20	10	4	10	7	0	33
ODERMANN	7	17-45	2-2	1-5	28	12	6	3	5	0	41
ANDERSON	16	8-15	1-8	4-8	22	15	0	10	9	1	23
HULTMAN	16	14-38	4-13	16-23	30	32	7	10	38	0	56
HATCH	10	6-10	0-2	2-3	8	4	2	3	1	0	14
POLSLEY	8	1-2	0-6	3-6	5	2	0	3	2	0	5
GESSERT	6	0-0	0-2	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Name	GA	2FGM-A	3FGM-A	FTM-A	REB	AST	BLK	STL	ТО	СН	PTS
MILLARD WEST	22	331-673	137-388	236-364	580	290	52	156	247	12	1309
OPPONENT	22	327-610	142-431	257-371	611	241	24	122	249	3	1338



#### 2019-2020 Statistical Leaders

Assists	Blocks	Rebounds	Steals	Points	Performance	
Beanum 60	Olson 16	Meyersick 100 Conway 28		Meyersick/ Humm 228	Meyersick 163.93	
Made 2's	2-pt %	Made 3's	3—pt %	Made FT	FT %	
Meyersick 78	Conway 64.3%	Larsen 50	Larsen 46.3%	Meyersick 53	Meyersick 73.8%	

2	Ryan Larsen	6'2	11
3	Zach Olson	6'6	12
4	Dom Humm	6.0	11
5	Josh Wickstrom	5'11	12
12	Dustin Hatch	6'4	11
15	Chase Hultman	6'1	10
20	Jacob Jones	6'4	11
21	Henry Polsley	6.0	12
23	Kaedyn Odermann	6'5	12
24	Dalys Beanum	6'2	12
32	Max Anderson	6'1	12
40	Evan Meyersick	6'5	11
42	James Conway	6'3	11
<b>52</b>	Skyler Gessert	6'2	12



Chris Tauber, Bret Siepker, Dan Hall, Bill Morrison, Dale Gall, Nick Selkin, (Not Pictured — Pat Freeman)

#### 2019-2020 Wildcat Basketball Game Results

OPPONENT		MW	OPP	ASSISTS	BLOCKS	REBOUNDS	STEALS	POINTS	PERF
Lin SW	W	58	54	LARSEN 4	2	MEYERSICK 8	HUMM 3	HUMM 18	HUMM 14.52
Pius	L	53	61	BEANUM 5	1	MEYERSICK 7	2	MEYERSICK 15	MEYERSICK 11.61
O South	L	51	73	BEANUM 3	1	CONWAY 4	CONWAY 1	OLSON 14	OLSON 11.18
Norfolk	W	62	35	MEYERSICK 3	1	6	WICKSTROM 3	11	CONWAY 11.53
Papio S	L	67	70	3	0	ODERMANN 5	CONWAY 2	LARSEN 14	LARSEN 13.18
Gretna	W	57	53	BEANUM 5	OLSON 1	MEYERSICK 9	BEANUM 2	MEYERSICK 17	MEYERSICK 11.83
M1: O North	W	65	53	BEANUM 7	2	ODERMANN 6	1	BEANUM 17	BEANUM 14.79
M2: M North	L	63	74	BEANUM 8	OLSON 3	HUMM 4	HULTMAN 2	OLSON 13	OLSON 13. 43
Mil South	L	48	54	3	BEANUM 2	5	2	HUMM 17	MEYERSICK 10.77
O Benson	W	67	58	BEANUM3	1	4	1	MEYERSICK 20	MEYERSICK 11.12
Kearney	L	55	64	2	0	MEYERSICK 5	2	BEANUM 10	OLSON 8.31
O Nrthwest	W	78	53	ANDERSON 4	1	6	LARSEN 6	12	LARSEN 17.28
Cr. Prep	L	52	67	HULTMAN 3	1	CONWAY 6	MEYERSICK 2	MEYERSICK 16	MEYERSICK 10.06
O Westside	L	66	88	нимм 6	0	OLSON 7	OLSON 2	OLSON 15	OLSON 16.97
Lin East	W	48	46	MEYERSICK 4	1	MEYERSICK 7	HUMM 2	MEYERSICK 13	MEYERSICK 13.07
Mil North	L OT	64	66	HUMM 7	OLSON 1	CONWAY 5	HUMM 3	LARSEN 14	HUMM 11.07
O Central	L	70	73	HUMM 7	1	BEANUM 8	2	HUMM 17	BEANUM 16.40
Papio LV	L	57	65	3	2	MEYERSICK 7	2	14	MEYERSICK 14
North Star	L	56	67	MEYERSICK 3	0	CONWAY 6	ANDERSON 2	HUMM 17	CONWAY 8.30
O Burke	W	61	49	HUMM 4	OLSON 2	CONWAY 8	CONWAY 2	CONWAY 16	CONWAY 13.82
Bel West	L	72	75	BEANUM 4	OLSON 1	JONES 7	ANDERSON 3	HUMM 17	JONES 10.66
D1: Elkhorn	L	39	40	HUMM 5	1	MEYERSICK 6	HUMM 4	HUMM 10	HUMM 8.10





# Seniors

















# Underclassmen























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#### Omaha-World Herald

#### **All-Metro 1st Team**

Chucky Hepburn Bel West

Hunter Sallis Mil North

Latrell Wrightsell O Central

Jadin Booth O Westside

Jay Saunders O South

#### **All-Metro 2nd Team**

Max Murrell Mil North

Jared Mattley Papio South

Jooey Skoff Bel East

Saint Thomas Mil North

Max Polk O Central

#### All-Metro 3rd Team

Frankie Fidler Bel West

Wal Chuol O North

PJ Ngambi O Westside

Ty Griggs O South

Spencer Schomers Cr Prep

#### 2019-2020 Final Rankings

- 1. Bellevue West
- 2. Millard North
- 3. Omaha Westside
- 4. Omaha South
- 5. Omaha Central
- 6. Creighton Prep
- 7. Papio South
- 8. Omaha Skutt
- 9. Papio LaVista
- 10. Gretna

#### Scholar Athlete Awards

#### **Lincoln Journal Star**

Kaedyn Odermann Dom Humm Evan Meyersick James Conway

#### **NSAA**

Dom Humm Evan Meyersick

#### **Metro Conference**

Kaedyn Odermann Josh Wickstrom Max Anderson

#### Honorable Mention

#### All—Metro

Dalys Beanum
James Conway
Dom Humm

Ryan Larsen

Evan Meyersick

#### All—State

Dom Humm

Evan Meyersick

## 2019-20 Post Season Honors

#### All-Nebraska First Team

Chucky Hepburn Bel West
Hunter Sallis Mil North
Donovan Williams Lin N Star
Latrell Wrightsell O Central
Tyson Gordan Skutt

#### State Tournament

#1 Bellevue West (21-3) 44.6250 Game 1 – Pinnacle Bank Mar 12 – 2:00 PM #8 Elkhorn (17-7) 42.2917

#4 Westside (18-6) 43.5000 Game 2 – Pinnacle Bank Mar 12 – 3:45 PM #5 Creighton Prep (19-7) 43.3462

#2 Millard North (22-3) 44.2400 Game 3 – Pinnacle Bank Mar 12 – 7:00 PM #7 Papio-LV South (17-7) 42.9167

#3 Omaha Central (21-3) 43.8750 Game 4 – Pinnacle Bank Mar 12 – 8:45 PM #6 Omaha South (19-5) 42.9583 Bellevue West 55-34

CLASS A

Bellevue West 89-70

Game 7

6:30 PM

Mar 14

Pinnacle Bank

Bellevue West 64-62

Champion

Millard North 80-59

Game 5 Mar 13 – 7:00 PM Pinnacle Bank

Westside 74-70

Millard North 62-60 Game 6

Mar 13 – 8:45 PM Pinnacle Bank

Omaha South 48-47

All-Nebraska 2nd Team

Jadin Booth O Westside

Jay Saunders O South

Max Murrell Mil North

Them Koang Grand Island

Jasiya DeOllos Scottsbluff

#### All Nebraska 3rd Team

Jared Mattley Papio South
Jack Dotzler Roncalli
Lucas Vogt BRLD
Joey Skoff Bel East
Cale Jacobsen Ashland

#### Class A 1st Team

Chucky Hepburn Bel West
Hunter Sallis Mil North
Latrell Wrightsell Om Central
Donovan Williams Lin N Star
Jadin Booth O Westside

#### Class A 2nd Team

Jay Saunders O South

Max Murrell Mil North

Them Koang Grand Island

Jared Mattley Papio South

Joey Skoff Bel East



