



# Millard West Boys Basketball

## Wildcat Report



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## 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 Benum 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."

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, Beenum 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

### Junior Varsity (0-2)

Lin SW L 66-79

Pius X L 42-70

### Varsity (1-1)

Lin SW W 58-54

Pius X L 53-61

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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## **Recognition Night**

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Saturday, December 14

**Millard West**

**vs.**

**Norfolk**

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Family Social 4:30—5:30

Tunnel Walk 5:30

Varsity Game 5:45

Open Gym After Game



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**Players Get In Free**

**Autographs**

**Tunnel Walk**

**Meet the Players**

**Tattoos**

**Halftime Recognition**

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## 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 Thunderbolts 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 three-pointers 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 8 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	17	18	61
MW	20	11	9	13	

**Pius X** — S Hoiberg 14, Sebek 4, C Hoiberg 9, Hastreiter 4, Rada 15, Greisen 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.



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

### Monday, Dec 9

#### Practice

BVJV 3:40—5:40

BR 5:40-7:00

#### Games

9A at O South 5:30

Bus 4:00 (two way)

### Tuesday, Dec 10

#### Practice

BV 3:40-5:40

B9 5:40-7:00

#### Games

JV at O South 5:30

Res at O South 7:00

Bus 4:00 (one way)

### Wednesday, Dec 11

#### Practice

BR 6 am

BVJV 3:40—5:10

B9 5:10—6:30

#### Games

No games

### Thursday, Dec 12

#### Practice

BRJV 3:40—4:40

B9 5:15—6:30

#### Games

Var at O South 7:15

Bus 5:00

### Friday, Dec 13

#### Practice

BR 6 am

VJV 3:40—5:15

B9 5:15—6:45

#### Games

No games

### Saturday, Dec 14

#### Practice

Boys 10:00—11:00

#### Games

Res vs Norfolk 2:15

JV vs Norfolk 4:00

Var vs Norfolk 5:45

*MBA Recognition Night*

*(All Parents 3-12 Welcome)*

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





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## Tournament Results

4th Grade Green and White played each other in the finals of the Skutt Tournament.. Green came out on top.

Both 8th Green and White won their divisions in the Skutt Tournament.

7th White Won their Division of the Skutt Tournament

4th Dickey Won their division in the Papiro Shootout.

