



Millard West Boys Basketball

Wildcat Report

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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.

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 made 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. Dempsey and Cassoutt 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 game.

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.

Scores

Freshman A (3-0)			Freshman B (2-0)			Reserves (1-4)			Junior Varsity (4-2)			Varsity (3-3)		
Papio S	W	70-55	Papio S	W	52-44	ONW	L	55-61	Papio S	W	46-45	Papio S	L	67-70
ONW	W	72-35	ONW	W	83-37	Papio S	L	39-46	Gretna	W	55-52	Gretna	W	55-53
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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-a-half 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 quarters 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.

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



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

Saturday, December 28th (Boys II, Girls I)

Boys 9th Tournament at Millard West: TBA

Boys Res. Tourney at Prep: 9:30 a.m. or 11:00

Boys JV Tourney at Papio South: 11:30

Boys Varsity: Practice 10:30

Bus at 4:45 Game at 7:00

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

Boys Varsity Practice: 4 p.m.

Girls Varsity Practice: 4 p.m.

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

Boys 9th & Reserve 8:30-10:30

Boys JV & Varsity 10:30-12:30

Go to Girls game at 5:15

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

Boys 9th & Reserve 8:30-10:30

Boys JV & Varsity 10:30-12:30

Boys Varsity if win 1st round:

Bus 6:30 Game 8:45

Wednesday, January 1st (Boys II, Girls I)

Varsity 10:00

Thursday, January 2nd (Boys I, Girls II)

Boys 9th & Reserve 8:30-10:30

Boys JV & Varsity 10:30-12:30

Semi-Finals 8:45

Friday, January 3rd (Boys II, Girls I)

Boys 9th & Reserve 8:30-10:30

Boys JV & Varsity 10:30-12:30

Boys Varsity if lose first round:

Bus 11:30 Game 1:45, Finals 6:15



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MBA Highlights

4th Green — O'Neill

6-1 record and 2nd in Silver Division

5th Grade — Simons

10-0, UBT Champs, 2nd Papio Tourney

6th Grade — Batten

Papio Tournament Champs

8th Grade Black — Frazer

Papio Tournament Champs

8th Grade Green — Freeman

2nd Place League Tourney



MBA Open Gyms/Skills Sessions

Thursday, Dec 26	2:00 to 4:00
Friday, Dec 27	2:00 to 4:00
Monday, Dec 30	1:00 to 3:00
Thursday, Jan 2	1:00 to 3:00

