

Millard West Boys Basketball

Wildcat Report

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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 3-

pointers 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."

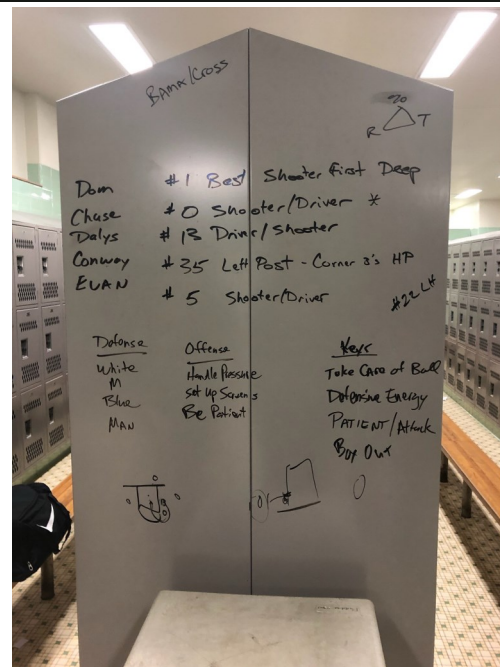
The Wildcats came out in attack mode after the half. Meyersick scored six points to lead a 10 point run as West took a 39-27 lead with 6:19 left in the quarter.

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
OB	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

Scores

Freshman A (8-1)		Freshman B (6-0)		Reserves (2-8)		Junior Varsity (5-5)		Varsity (5-6)	
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!

JV

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.

Weekly Practice / Game Schedule

Monday, Jan 20

Practice

9th TBA

Res 5:15-6:30

JV/V 3:40-5:15

Games

No Games

Tuesday, Jan 21

Practice

9th 5:15—6 at Russell

Res 3:45-4:45

Games

JV vs ONW 5:30

Var vs ONW 7:15

Wednesday, Jan 22

Practice

JV/V 3:30—5:10

9th 5:10—6:30

Games

Res at Prep 5:45

Bus: 4:15

Thursday, Jan 23

Practice

JV/V 3:30—5:15

Res 5:15—6:45

Games

9A at Prep 5:45

9B at Prep 7:15

Bus: 4:20

Friday, Jan 24

Practice

Res 6:00 am

9th 6:00 am

Games

JV at Prep 5:30

Var at Prep 7:15

Bus: 4:15

Saturday, Jan 25

Practice

No Practice

Games

9A at Gretna 10:00

9B at Gretna 11:30

No Bus for 9th

Res at Gretna 11:30

Bus: 10:00

Practice/Game times are always subject to change.



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**HARD WORK * INTEGRITY * TEAMWORK
FUNDAMENTALS * SPORTSMANSHIP**



5th Grade Green and White teams both win tournaments this weekend!



Coach Preuss and his team in action this weekend!



Two Fund Raisers Coming Soon

Look for information on two fund raisers that will be sent out soon.

We will have our 2nd Annual Scholarship Fund Raiser. All players in the MBA and Millard West programs will seek sponsors, shoot free throws, and collect money. The money raised will be split between the MBA Scholarship Fund and The Open Door Mission.

Last year we were able to raise \$6000. The MBA gave away six \$500 scholarships and donated over \$3000 to the American Cancer Society.

It would only take a \$25 donation from everyone in our program to surpass last year's amount.

The second fund raiser is the 3rd annual diaper drive that will be held by the boys and girls basketball programs from Millard West. The teams will collect diapers during the home basketball games on February 7th. Diapers will be donated to the Life House.

All sizes are accepted for the drive, but sizes 5 and 6 are recommended. If you can not make the game on the 7th, you can drop your donation off at the high school.