

# Millard West Boys Basketball

## Wildcat Report



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### 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 Meyer-sick 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 well 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.



Picture by Samantha Gerhardt

## Scores

Freshman A (9-2)		Freshman B (6-2)		Reserves (3-8)		Junior Varsity (7-5)		Varsity (6-7)	
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

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 4th 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.



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

### Monday, Jan 27

#### Practice

JV/V 3:30-5:00

#### Games

9A vs Westside 6:00

9B vs Westside 7:30

Res vs Westside 7:30

### Tuesday, Jan 28

#### Practice

JV/V 3:30-5:15

9/Res 5:15-6:40

#### Games

No Games

### Wednesday, Jan 29

#### Practice

Res 6 AM

JV/V 3:30-5:00

9th 5:00-6:30

#### Games

No Games

### Thursday, Jan 30

#### Practice

JV/V 3:30-5:10

9/Res 3:40-5:20

#### Games

No Games

### Friday, Jan 31

#### Practice

9th/Res 6:00 AM

#### Games

JV vs Westside 5:30

Var vs Westside 7:15

### Saturday, Feb 1

#### Practice

Boys 10:00-11:00

#### Games

JV @ Lin East 3:15

Bus: 1:15

Var @ Lin East 5:00

Bus: 2:15

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



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## *January Jam Results*



*6th Grade Green — Champions*



*5th Grade Black — Champions*



*3rd Grade Wilhite — Finalists*



*5th Grade Simons — Champions*

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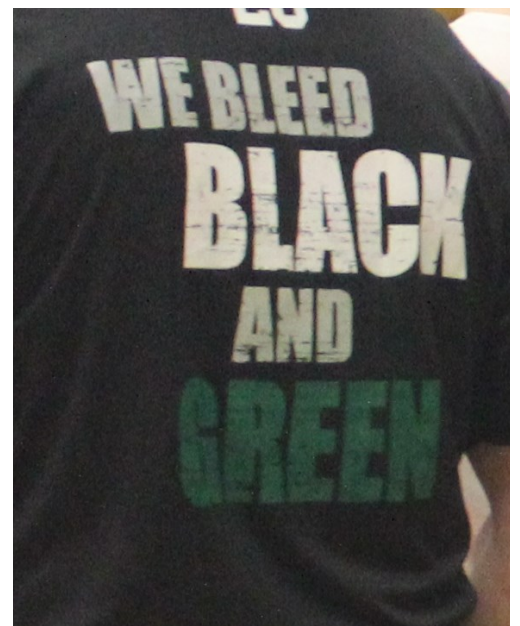


*3rd Grade Walls — Champions*



### *Upcoming Events*

<i>Sioux Falls Tournament</i>	<i>Feb 1-2nd</i>
<i>High School Diaper Drive</i>	<i>Feb 7th</i>
<i>Pictures</i>	<i>Feb 8th</i>
<i>Free Throw Fund Raiser</i>	<i>Feb 8th</i>
<i>Nothin' But Net Tournament</i>	<i>Feb 14-16th</i>
<i>8th Grade Wildcat Night</i>	<i>Feb 18th</i>
<i>Tryouts</i>	<i>Week of March 24th</i>





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**DEAR BASKETBALL,**

**FROM THE MOMENT I STARTED ROLLING MY DAD'S TUBE  
SOCKS AND SHOOTING IMAGINARY GAME-WINNING SHOTS  
IN THE GREAT WESTERN FORUM I KNEW ONE THING WAS  
REAL: I FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU.**

**A LOVE SO DEEP I GAVE YOU MY ALL —  
FROM MY MIND & BODY TO MY SPIRIT & SOUL.  
AS A SIX-YEAR-OLD BOY DEEPLY IN LOVE WITH YOU  
I NEVER SAW THE END OF THE TUNNEL.  
I ONLY SAW MYSELF RUNNING OUT OF ONE.**

**AND SO I RAN.  
I RAN UP AND DOWN EVERY COURT  
AFTER EVERY LOOSE BALL FOR YOU.  
YOU ASKED FOR MY HUSTLE  
I GAVE YOU MY HEART  
BECAUSE IT CAME WITH SO MUCH MORE.**

**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,  
AND WE BOTH KNOW, NO MATTER WHAT I DO NEXT  
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**