



# Millard West Boys Basketball

## Wildcat Report

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### 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

## Scores

#### Freshman A (10-2)

Westside W

#### Freshman B (7-2)

Westside W 63-36

#### Reserves (4-8)

Westside W 66-53

#### Junior Varsity (8-6)

Westside W

Lin East L

#### Varsity (7-8)

Westside L 88-66

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 quarter.

"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.

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.

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

### Monday, Feb 3

#### **Practice**

JV 3:40-5:10

#### **Games**

9th A vs MN 6:00

9th B vs MN 7:30

Res vs Burke 7:30

### Tuesday, Feb 4

#### **Practice**

Var 3:40-5:10

#### **Games**

JV vs MN 6:00

Res vs MN 7:30

### Wednesday, Feb 5

#### **Practice**

V/JV 3:40—5:10

9/R 5:10—6:30

#### **Games**

No Games

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### Thursday, Feb 6

#### **Practice**

JV/V 3:40—5:10

9th 5:10—6:40

#### **Games**

Res @ Ben 6:00

Bus: 4:00

### Friday, Feb 7

#### **Practice**

9/R 6:00 a.m.

JV 3:30-5:10

#### **Games**

Var vs MN 7:15

### Saturday, Feb 8

#### **Practice**

Boys 10:00 –11:00

#### **Games**

9th B @ Skutt 9:00

9th A @ Skutt 10:30

No Bus

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





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