

# Millard West Boys Basketball Wildcat Report

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## Sallis Carries Mustangs Past Wildcats

Millard west came up just short in an upset bid against #1, cross-town rival, Millard North. The wildcats held a 3 point lead with one minute remaining in regulation, but could not hold on for the victory. Millard North won 66-64 in overtime.

Ryan Larsen led the Wildcats with 14 points. Dom Humm and Dalys Beanum followed with 12 points each. Humm also dished out 7 assists and had 3 steals. James Conway led the way on the boards with 5 rebounds.

Hunter Sallis and Saint Thomas scored 26 and 21 points respectively to lead the Mustangs.

Millard North started out hot and looked as if they were going to control the game with ease.

Sallis scored 7 of the Mustangs' first 11 points as North took an 11-2 lead midway through the first quarter.

West battled to get back in the game. The Wildcats balanced scoring had five players score to cut the lead to 17-12 after the first quarter.

"Our guys fought really hard. It would have been easy to quit when we got down early like we did," Coach Bill Morrison said.

The two teams played even in the 2nd quarter. A pair of three-pointers by Larsen and Zach Olson helped tie the score at 24-24.

Jasen Green gave the lead back to Sallis received a technical foul and



Larsen made two free throws to make the score 26-26.

The two teams were tied in the remaining second of the half. West double teamed Sallis who found Stanford recruit Max Murell open for a 3-pointer that gave the Mustangs a 31-28 lead going into the half.

Morrison said that his team was not effected by the last second 3-pointer at the half.

"We noticed that Sallis tends to take the last shot of the quarters. We sent a guy to double team him and he found the open guy. We contested the shot, but it's hard to effect the shot of a 6'9" guy."

Sallis came out of the half scoring the teams first four points to make the score 35-31. Thomas scored the next 8 points for the Mustangs to give North a 43-36 lead with 3:29 left in the quarter.

A basket by Humm and a three pointer by Jacob Jones pulled the Wildcats to within two, 43-41.

North seemed to take control of the game again as Sallis led of the quarter with four points to give North a 47-43 lead.

Three turnovers by North allowed west to tie the game on a basket by Olson with 5:19 remaining in the game. Larsen hit a three pointer with 4:16 left in the game to give the Wildcats their first lead, 50-47.

West controlled the tempo in the fourth quarter. North fouled Zach Olson with 1;05 left in the game to give West a 52-49 lead.

## Scores

Freshman A (11-3)	Freshman B (9-3)	Reserves (6-9)	Junior Varsity (8-7)	<u>Varsity (7-9)</u>
Mil North W 48-41	Mil North L 57-62	O Burke W 54-45	Mil North L 55-58	Mil N L 64-66 OT
Skutt L 36-44	Skutt W 53-51	Mil North W 55-43		
		Bennington L 47-60		

## Wildcats Fall Short in Upset Bid Over State's #1 Team

Jadin Johnson drove in the lane and was fouled with 43.1 seconds left in the game. Johnson missed both free throws, but Sallis was able to convert after an offensive rebound to pull the Mustangs to within 52-51.

After West broke the Millard North press, the Wildcats were called for a carrying violation with just 32 seconds remaining on the clock.

West was able to get the ball back with their lead in tact after North was called for a traveling violation.

Humm was fouled and put to the line with 8.8 seconds left. He converted the first free throw to give West a 53-51 lead.

Sallis rebounded the 2nd free throw and dribbled the length of the score and made a shot to tie the score and put the game in overtime.

West won the tip to go into overtime, but turned the ball over on their first possession. Sallis again scored the first points of the period.

West missed shots on their next two possessions and North was able to make 3 of 4 free throws to take a 56-53 lead. North would only shoot free throws for the remainder of the game. The Mustangs converted on 11-13 from the line in the overtime period.

A pair of late 3-pointers by Larsen and Humm made the final score 66-64 in favor of the Mustangs.

"I couldn't be more proud of our guys," Coach Morrison said. "They played tough both physically and mentally."

"In a game like that it is easy to look at any one call or any one missed shot, or a mistake of some kind," Morrison said. "You can't look at it like that. We played well enough to win. We battled the whole game. We just didn't quite get it done."

Millard North 17 14 12 10 13 66 Millard West 12 16 13 12 11 64

MN – Thomas 21, Sallis 26, Erickson 2, Green 8, Murell 9

MW — Larsen 14, Olson 9, Humm 12, Jones 5, Beanum 12, Meyersick 6, Conway 6







### Busy Week for Millard West Lower Level Basketball Teams

#### **Junior Varsity**

The Millard North JV team avenged a loss from earlier this season with a 58-55 victory.

The boys played the 2nd half with more energy and urgency after being behind by 13 at halftime.

The Wildcats outscored the Mustangs 13-6 in the 4th quarter, but the deficit was just too big to overcome.

Collin Schollmeyer's 20' shot to force overtime bounced out at the buzzer.

Dustin Hatch led the Wildcats with 19 points.

#### **Reserves**

The Bulldogs ran into a Wildcat team that didn't budge. The Reserve Boys took an early lead and never looked back. The Wildcats led 13-5 after the first quarter.

The Wildcats finished the game with 20 points in the 4th quarter. West won 54-45.

Ty Gracey led the Wildcats with 15 points and Tanner Farrell pitched in 8 points.

The Reserve boys gave up an early lead to visitors from Millard North. Down 13 to 8 after the first quarter, the Wildcats cut it to 1 point by halftime.

In their last home game of the year,

the Reserve Boys would not be denied the W. West won 55-43.

Going 20 for 35 from the free throw line, the Wildcats were able to secure the victory. This makes four straight wins for the Reserve team.

The Millard West Reserve Boys made the trip up North to Bennington and ended up losing a hard fought battle, 60-47.

The Wildcats came out firing on all cylinders to take an early first quarter lead. With it tied at half, the boys hoped to come out and get some early momentum. Playing their 3rd game in 4 days, the boys didn't have enough in the tank to pull it out.

Tanner Farrell led the team with 9 points.

#### Freshmen A

The MW Freshmen A team improved to 11-2 with another win against their rival, Millard North.

The Wildcats used a strong third quarter to build a lead 38-30 lead. The Wildcats got their 2nd win over the Mustangs with a 48-41 victory.

Brady Brau finished with 16. Noah Shrader stepped up off the bench adding 5 points, a lot of rebounds, and a few blocks.

Millard West travelled to Omaha

Skutt and suffered their 3rd loss of the season, 36-44.

Skutt controlled the pace of the game. The SkyHawks kept the score low and was able to outscore the Wildcats in each of the four quarters.

This loss puts the freshmen at 11-3 on the season. Cam Daniels the only one who took a charge in the game.

#### Freshmen B

The Millard West boys had one of there few loses of the year on Monday to Millard North, 62-57.

The Wildcats led 34-24 at the half before the Mustangs used a 21-6 third quarter to take the lead going into the 4th quarter. Millard West fought back in the 4th quarter but it wasn't enough.

Creighton Scholting led the way with 24 points and Ethan Nyffeler chipped in 13

Millard West defeated Skutt 53-51. The Wildcats bounced back after a tough loss last game. The boys fought through some adversity. West was down by as many as 11 points in the second half.

West crawled back and Joey Hartnett hit some clutch free-throws at the end of the game to seal the win.

Hartnett led the Wildcats with 16 points, and Jake Behrens added 15.



#### **Diaper Drive**

Final tally from the diaper drive – 3968 to 3572. WE WON! Even better is that we collected 916 more diapers than we did a year ago. Diapers were delivered to The Life House..

Thank you to all who donated and/ or came to help with packaging and delivery.

## Weekly Practice / Game Schedule

Monday, Feb 10

Practice

V/JV 3:40-5:10

No Reserves

Tuesday, Feb 11

Practice

Res 3:30-5:00

No 9th Practice

Wednesday, Feb 12

**Practice** 

Res 6:00 am

JV/V 3:30 - 5:10

9th 5:10-6:30

Games

9th A @ Papio 6:00

9th B @ Papio 7:30

Bus: 4:30

Games

JV vs Central 5:30

V vs Central 7:15

Games

No Games

Thursday, Feb 13

**Practice** 

Friday, Feb 14

V/JV 10:00 am

Res 11:00 am

9th TBA

Saturday, Feb 15

**Practice** 

Boys TBA

Games

**Practice** 

Var TBA

JV @ Papio 6:00

7:30

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Res @ Papio

Bus: 4:30

9th A vs. Prep 6:00

9th B vs. Prep 7:30

Games

Var @ Papio 7:15

Bus: 5:00

Games

9A @ Burke

9:00 am

9B @ Burke

10:30 am

No Bus

JV @ LNS

3:30

Bus: 1:30

Var @ LNS

5:15

Bus: 2:30

Practice/Game times are always subject to change.



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#### **Upcoming Events**

February 11th Varsity vs. Omaha Central at Home

Nothin But Net Tournament February 14-16

February 18th Varsity plays Omaha Burke at Home

Future Wildcat Night for 8th Grade

February 23rd **Coaches Meeting** 

Last Day (for now) of Skills Sessions

**<u>Tryouts:</u>** We are working on securing gyms and dates for tryouts. Sorry for the delay. Gym space is a premium. If you are ready to build/donate an MBA practice facility, please let us know! We will let you know as soon as every-Vildcats thing is finalized. mba 2mw

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