



# Millard West Boys Basketball

## Wildcat Report

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### Wildcats Win Big in Season Opener

The Millard West Boys Basketball team traveled to Fremont for their 2020-21 season opener. The Wildcats beat the Tigers 85-41.

Twelve of the Wildcats scored in the game and were led by four players in double digits. Dom Humm led with 21 points. Ryan Larsen scored 14, and James Conway added 10 points. Evan Meyersick recorded a double-double with 13 points and 12 rebounds.

Sam Gifford and Conner Richmond led the Tigers in scoring with nine points each.

West wasted no time taking control of the game. The Wildcats used their press to build an 11-2 lead in the first two minutes of the game. Millard West led 17-8 at the end of the first quarter. Humm led the Wildcats with 5 points in the quarter.

The Wildcats used their defense and their inside attack to continue to build their lead in the 2nd quarter. Conway and Meyersick both scored seven points in the quarter. The Tigers were only allowed six points in the quarter.

"I was real happy with our energy and our mental approach to the

game," Coach Bill Morrison said. "We wanted to be aggressive on defense and to score in transition. We were able to do both."

Fremont was able to find a little offensive rhythm in the third quarter. The Tigers made three 3-pointers and scored five points from the foul line. West was still able to outscore the Tigers 20-18 in the quarter behind 11 points from Humm.

West cleared the bench early in the 4th quarter and nine different Wildcats scored in the final period of play.

The Wildcats were two points short of tying the school record of 87 points. The record may have been broken if the 40-point running clock rule had not come into play.

West was able to tie the school record of 52

rebounds. They also may have set a new record of 23 assists in the game. (There is some uncertainty

around the single game team records.)

"I think I am most proud of how we shared the ball and rebounded on both ends of the court," Morrison said. "It was a good start to a season no-one was sure would ever come."

MW	17	26	20	22	85
FHS	8	6	18	15	47

MW—Larsen 14, Hatch 2, Grandgenett 5, Hultman 7, Bizal 1, Fortune 2, Long 2, Kelley 2, Conway 10, Humm 21, Meyersick 13, Thaden 6

FHS — Russell 2, Gifford 9, Sellon 3, Ridder 2, Richmond 9, Mendoza 2, Sintek 5, Moore 6, Cummings 2, Limbach 7.

### Scores

#### Junior Varsity (2-0)

Fremont W  
North Platte W

#### Varsity (2-0)

Fremont W 85-47  
N Platte W 77-51



## Wildcats Are Too Much for Bulldogs



The Wildcats won their second game of the year and home opener against North Platte front of an (allowed) capacity crowd.

Dom Humm led Millard West with 22 points on their way to a 77-51 victory. Evan Meyersick added 14 points and 8 rebounds. Dustin Hatch scored 11 points, dished out 5 assists, grabbed 4 rebounds, and had 3 steals in the game.

River Johnston led the Bulldogs with 15 points, and Carter Kelley scored 14 points off the bench.

In the first quarter, the two teams exchanged baskets. Humm led the Wildcats with 9 points in the quarter. West led 14-12 after the first eight minutes of play.

The Wildcat defense clamped down in the 2nd quarter and only allowed six points. West was able to score in transition. Dustin Hatch and Evan Meyersick both scored seven points in the quarter. West led 39-18 at the half.

Coach Bill Morrison was glad to see his team get out and run in the 2nd quarter. "We noticed on tape that they struggled in defensive tran-

sition. We weren't able to run much in the first quarter because they shot better and were getting too many offensive rebounds," he said.

The Bulldogs got hot from behind the 3-point line in the 3rd quarter. It looked like the Wildcats were going to put

the game away early as they took a 52-26 lead after two free throws by Ryan Larsen.

The Bulldogs made 3-pointers on four consecutive possessions to cut the lead to 56-38. North Platte was 6 of 8 from behind the arc in the quarter.

Humm made two 3-pointers, including a buzzer-beater to end the 3rd quarter. West led 62-38. to end the period.

There was not much scoring in the

first half of the 4th quarter. North Platte scored on back-to-back possession to make the score 66-43 with 5:42 left in the game.

West was able to score on 6 of their final 9 possessions for the 77-51 win. Spencer Fortune scored all seven of his points in the final period of play.

North Platte Coach Matt Kiminski was impressed the Wildcats. "It looks like Coach Morrison has a fun group to coach. They have some great pieces to make a good run," he said.



NP	12	6	20	13	51
MW	14	25	22	16	77

NP — Zimbelman 5, Coe 9, Johnston 15, Tonkinson 14, Kinkaid 1, Mohr 4, Barner 3

MW — Larsen 6, Hatch 11, Grandgett 2, Hultman 2, Fortune 7, Conway 5, Humm 22, Meyersick 14, Thaden 8







## JV

The Millard West JV team opened their season with two convincing victories over Fremont and North Platte.

The JV Boys begin the season with a 67-56 victory over Fremont High School. The Wildcats were able to win all four quarters of the contest.

Harrison Long led the team with 19 points. Cole Kirschner got multiple steals on the defensive end and contributed 18 points. Avery Moore grabbed 13 rebounds.

In their home-opener, the Wildcats beat North Platte 73-42. The JV boys used good defensive pressure and scoring in transition.

After a hot start, the Wildcats led 25-15 at the end of the first quarter. North Platte outscored West 12-11 in the 2nd quarter,

After the break, the Wildcats were able to take control of the game. They outscored the Bulldogs 17-11 in the 3rd quarter and dominated the 4th quarter by outscoring North Platte 20-4.

The Wildcats recorded 24 steals in the game. Cole Kirschner led the team with 22 points.



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

### Monday, Dec 7

#### **Practice**

6 AM — Res

3:40—5:40 — JV/Var

5:40-7:10 — 9th

#### **Games**

No Games

### Tuesday, Dec 8

#### **Practice**

3:40-5:40 — Var

5:10 — 9th

#### **Games**

JV @ BE — 5:45 Bus 4:15

Res @ BE — 7:15 Bus 6:00

### Wednesday, Dec 9

#### **Practice**

6 AM — Res

3:40-5:10 — JV/Var

5:10-6:30 — 9th

#### **Games**

No Games

### Thursday, Dec 10

#### **Practice**

3:40-5:40 — JV/V

5:40—7:10 — Res

#### **Games**

9A @ BE — 5:45

9B @ BE — 7:15

Bus 4:15

### Friday, Dec 11

#### **Practice**

6 AM — Res

3:40 — JV

5:10 — 9th

#### **Games**

Var @ BE — 7:15

Bus 5:15

### Saturday, Dec 12

#### **Practice**

11:30—12:15 Var

#### **Games**

9A vs Prep — 9:00

9B vs Prep — 10:30

Res vs Prep — 10:30

JV vs Prep — 4:00

Var vs Prep — 5:45

Parent's Night

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





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## *Tournament Champs*

The MBA Wildcats have been able to continue their season. Leagues and Tournaments are being played in Omaha even though they are suspended for the time being in both Lincoln and Iowa. MPS facilities are not allowing fans, which made teams be creative to enable parents watching games.

Teams have continued practicing in the MPS facilities. OSA league has continued as "normal." Teams have had to shuffle tournament schedules. All facilities have different rules in place. The MBA players are wearing masks in both practice and in competitions. A decision made as a result of the number of Covid-19 cases rising in the Metro area.

There have been players in the program that have tested positive and more that have been quarantined due to close contact with someone who had tested positive. Coaches have also been effected by both of these situations. Communication is more vital than ever as we attempt to keep everyone as safe as possible.



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