



# Millard West Boys Basketball

## Wildcat Report

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### Wildcats Move to 3-0 With Win Over Chieftains

The Millard West Boys Basketball team improved their record to 3-0 with another convincing win. The Wildcats beat Bellevue East 81-56.

Dom Humm scored 19 points to lead four Wildcat starters in double digits. Evan Meyersick scored 14 points and James Conway and Ryan Larsen scored 11 and 10 points respectively.

Humm dished out five assists in the game. Conway led the team with seven rebounds, and Larsen had five steals for the Wildcats.

Bellevue East had three players score in double digits. TK Barnett scored 15. Sam

Prokupek and Cade McCue scored 18 and 10 points off of the bench for the Chieftains.

The Wildcats pressure defense helped West build an 8-0 lead in the first two minutes of the game. Larsen and Humm both made two 3-pointers and scored 8 points in the opening period.

After leading 26-15 after the first

quarter, the scoring slowed down considerably. East outscored the Wildcats 10-8 in the 2nd quarter.

"We didn't take great shots in the 2nd quarter. They weren't bad, they

Morrison was more impressed with his defense than his offense. "We forced 9 turnovers in the 3rd quarter and 28 overall," he said. "Our defense this year will determine how good we can be."

Meyersick scored eight points on the first three possessions of the 4th quarter. Larsen got a steal and lay-up with 6:08 left in the game to put the Wildcats up 66-39.

West cleared their bench for the remainder of the game. Cole Kirschner scored 5 points and Colin Schollmeyer added 4 points for their first Varsity points of their career.



were just two quick," Coach Bill Morrison said. "It felt like we were just trying too hard. And, since we weren't scoring, we weren't able to get into our press and create easy baskets."

The Wildcats' offense started back up in the 2nd half. Conway and Humm both scored eight points in the quarter as West outscored East 23-10 in the quarter.

MW	26	6	23	26	81
BE	15	8	10	23	56

MW — Kirschner 6, Larsen 10, Hultman 8, Bizal 2, Kelley 2, Conway 11, Humm 18, Schollmeyer 4, Meyersick 14, Thaden 6.

BE —Barnett 15, McCue 10, Lenear 7, Prokupek 18, Dige 6

## Scores

Freshman A (2-0)		Freshman B (1-1)		Reserves (1-1)		Junior Varsity (3-1)		Varsity (3-1)	
Bell East	W 61-15	Bell East	W 33-16	Bell East	W 66-36	Bel East	W 65-40	Bell East	W 81-56
C Prep	W 48-28	C Prep	L 43-50	C Prep	L 34-49	C Prep	L 43-50	C Prep	L 40-42

## Pre-Season #3 Prep Hands Wildcats First Loss of Season

Creighton Prep made a basket with 4.5 seconds left on an offensive rebound to beat Millard West 40-42 and give the Wildcats their first loss of the season.

Luke Jungers made the winning basket for the Jr. Jays and led the team with 10 points. Evan Meyersick led the Wildcats with 14 points and Ryan Larsen scored 12.

The first possession may have set the tone for the game. Prep won the tip and got 4 shots after 3 offensive rebounds on the first possession. The Jays outrebounded Millard West 32-23, including 11 offensive rebound in the 1st half.

There were five lead changes in the first quarter. Both teams played solid on defense and were deliberate on offense throughout the game. Prep led 12-10 at the first period.

Prep held the lead throughout the 2nd quarter. Jungers made a pull-up jumper in the last seconds of the half to give Prep a 22-17 lead.

Both teams continued to have even scoring through the first half. West was unable to take a lead as they were 1-6 from the free thrown line in the 2nd quarter and 2-8 in the half.

"We played really well defensively in the first half except for rebounding," Coach Bill Morrison said of his team. "You can't give up 11 offensive rebounds and miss that many free throws against good teams."

The 2nd half continued in a similar fashion to the first half. Both teams battled back and forth.

The Wildcats took their only lead of the 2nd half after Ryan Larsen stole a pass, was fouled on a lay-up, and completed the three point play to give West a 27-26 lead with 2:21 left in the 3rd quarter.

Prep answered by going on an 8-0 run over the next four possession. Trace Thaden made a free throw with 3.9 left in the quarter to give Prep a 34-28 lead going into the final period.

West scored 6 points but also turned the ball over three times in the first six possessions of the 4th quarter. A basket by James Conway helped the Wildcats pull to within 34-36 with five minutes left in the quarter.

Prep answered with a basket by Mai'Jhe Wiley to give the Jays a 4-point lead. West used a 6-2 run with four points from Meyersick and a basket from Larsen

to tie the score with 1:34 left in the game.

West was able to force a missed field goal and Dom Humm grabbed the rebound and was fouled with 20 seconds left in the game. Humm missed the free throw and Prep called a timeout to set up the last play.

The Jays isolated Justin Sitti for a drive down the right side of the lane. Sitti missed the shot but Jungers was able to score on the put-back to seal the victory for the Jays.

"I was really proud of our execution and effort tonight," Morrison said. "We didn't really know how good we were because we haven't had a real test before tonight. I think this proves that we have a chance to be pretty good this year. We have to continue to work hard to get better every day."

CP	12	10	12	8	42
MW	10	7	11	12	40

CP — Setti 4, B Buckly 4, C Buckly 4, O'Malley 8, Rollins 6, Wiley 6, Jungers 10

MW — Larsen 12, Hatch 1, Conway 8, Humm 2, Meyersick 14, Thaden 3.





# Lower Levels

## Jr. Varsity

The JV team improved their record to 3-0 with a 65-40 win over Bellevue East.

Due to the Wildcats Pressure D and hustle, the team was able to score some easy buckets and jump out to a 10-0 lead.

Bellevue East settled down and the Wildcats had a 10 point lead at half.

Cole Kirschner caught fire in the 3rd and scored 11 of his 20 game high points.

After trailing 24-11 at halftime, the JV boys showed some toughness and grit in the 2nd half.

West outscored Prep 20-30 in the 3rd quarter to cut the lead to 34-31.

The game was tied when Prep missed a shot with 3 seconds left, got the offensive rebound and was fouled with 0.1 seconds left.

The Prep player hit a free throw for the 44-43 win. The team was led by Harrison Long with 12 points and Cole Kirschner with 10 points.

## Reserve

The Millard West Reserve Boys Basketball Team started off the season on the right foot by defeating Bellevue East 66-36.

With a 10 point lead going into halftime, the Wildcats stepped up by outscoring The Chieftains 26 - 1 in the third period.

When asked about the boys performance, Coach Siepker said "We want to be known as a really good defensive team and I think the guys were able to see what we are capable of when everyone puts in the effort and communicates".

Mason Rady led the Cats in scoring with 15 points. Riley Dougherty had 14 and Jerome Shoecraft chipped in 11 points.

The Wildcat Reserve Boys came up short in their home opener against The Creighton Prep Jr. Jays. Trailing by 2 points at the half, Prep went to a Zone defense that the Wildcats were not able to figure out. West did not score in the 3rd quarter and fell to a 36-24 deficit.

When asked about Prep's Zone, Coach Siepker had this to say, "I think we settled on some of our offensive possessions in the 3rd Quarter. We all need to do a better job of getting the best shot available".

Nixon Snyder led the Reserves with 15 points.

## 9th A

The MW Freshmen A team started the season with a 61-15 win over Bellevue East. They did not allow more than 2 field goals in any of the four quarters.

Freshmen Cats came out with a lot of energy and were ready to push the ball. Cats dominated on the boards the whole game especially on the offensive side.

Jordan Gassen led the team with 14 points. Jackson Williams came off the bench and scored 9.

The 9A Wildcats came out with a lot of intensity on defense and stuck with it the whole game holding Prep to under double digit points all four quarters.

West won 48-28 to move to 2-0 on the season.

The Wildcats led 18-12 at the half. The Wildcats came out firing in the

third quarter. Jacob Young was letting it fly hitting two threes. Eight players scored in the game for West

## 9th B

The Millard West Freshman B Wildcats open the 2020-21 season at Bellevue East with a 33-16 win over the Chieftains.

The game was only two quarters long because Bellevue East had a shortage of players due to some being quarantined by the Covid-19 virus.

The Wildcats scoring was lead by Greyson Leapley who had 13. Other Wildcats scoring were Bartholomew and Hajduch each had 6 points, Clausen, Kusleika, Mar, and Buroker each with 2 points.

The Freshman B lost their home opener 50-43 to Creighton Prep.

Prep outscored West 19-14 in the 3rd quarter to take control of the game. The Wildcats were not able to close the gap in the 4th quarter.

Durand and Leapley lead the Wildcat scoring with 11 each. Other Wildcat scoring was as follows Bartholomew and Buroker each had 6, Kusleika had 5, Mar and Hajduch had 2.



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

### Monday, Dec 14

#### Practice

Res 6 am

JV/V 3:40-5:40

9th 5:40-7:10

#### Games

No Games

### Tuesday, Dec 15

#### Practice

V/JV 3:40-5:40

9th/R 5:40-7:10

#### Games

No Games

### Wednesday, Dec 16

#### Practice

Res 3:15—5:00

JV/V 12:40—1:40

9th 5:00-6:30

#### Games

No Games

### Thursday, Dec 17

#### Practice

JV/V 3:40-5:10

9th 5:10-6:30

#### Games

9B @ Skutt 6:00

Res @ Skutt 7:30

*NO BUSES*

### Friday, Dec 18

#### Practice

Res 6 am

JV/V 3:40-5:10

9th 5:10-6:40

#### Games

No Games

### Saturday, Dec 19

#### Practice

Girls 9:00—10:00 am

Boys 10:00—11:00 am

#### Games

JV vs Lincoln High 4:00

Var vs Lincoln High 5:45

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





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