



# Millard West Boys Basketball

## Wildcat Report

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## Wildcats Enter the Ratings, Win First Round of Metros, and Beat Millard South

The newly ranked #8 Millard West Wildcats beat Millard South 54-44 in the first round of the Metro Tournament.

Three Wildcats scored in double digits for West. Evan Meyersick led the way with 13 points. Dom Humm and James Conway added 11 and 10 points respectively.

Millard South was led by Gage Stenger and Jack Cooper with 11 points each.

The first quarter started fast with both teams scoring on their first possession. Then the defenses kicked in. After the first quarter, the two teams were tied 9-9.

Jack Cooper scored 7 of the Patriots points in the first quarter. Ryan Larsen led the Wildcats with 6 points.

South took the lead in the 2nd quarter. The Patriots used a 10-0 run to build a 20-14 lead.

Chase Hultman made four consecutive free throws to cut the lead to 20-18. South led at the end of the quarter 24-20.

"I thought we played a little tight the first half," Coach Bill Morrison said. "South was the most physical team we have played so far. I also think that we might have thought it was going to be an easy win when we confirmed that (Blake) Stenger wasn't going to play."

The pace of play picked up in the 3rd quarter, but the scoring did not. A 3-pointer by Will Cooper gave South a 29-25 lead with 5:02 left in the quarter.

### OWH Top 10

1. Millard North
2. Bellevue West
3. Creighton Prep
4. Omaha Central
5. Papillion La-Vista South
6. Lincoln Pius X
7. Papillion-LaVista
8. **Millard West**
9. Lincoln Southwest
10. Lincoln Southeast

Trace Thaden made two free throws with 3:57 left in the period to draw the Wildcats to within 27-29. West would go on to score on every possession for the remainder of the quarter and led 38-35.

Trace Hultman got an offensive rebound with seconds left in the quarter. He got bumped and lost the ball as he was trying to shoot a full court shot. Will Cooper got the loose ball and made his third 3-pointer of the game at the buzzer to tie the score 38-38.

"I thought we played a lot better in the third quarter," Morrison said. "We moved the ball faster, our cuts were faster, and we attacked the basket."



## Scores

### Freshman A (2-1)

Westside L 50-33

### Freshman B (3-1)

Westside W 56-49

### Reserves (1-3)

Westside L 59-67

### Junior Varsity (4-1)

No Games

### Varsity (5-1)

Mil South W 54-44

James Conway was fouled after an offensive rebound and made both free-throws to start the 4th quarter. The Wildcats held onto the lead for the entire 4th quarter and won 54-44.

“Our defense was solid most of the night. Once we were able to get the lead, we were able to control the game with our offense,” Morrison commented. “And we made just enough free throws.”

The Wildcats were 10 of 17 from the free throw line in the 4th quarter.

With the win, Millard West advances their record to 5-1. That is the 2nd best start in school history. The only team with a better start was the 2014-15 team who started the season 5-0. The 14-15 team was the first team to qualify for the state tournament under Coach Morrison.

“This group reminds me of that team. Our players are very unselfish, we have a good balance of guards and bigs, and our practices have been very competitive,” Morrison said.

MS	9	15	14	6	44
MW	9	11	18	16	54

MS — Jal 3, G Stenger 11, Moseman 2, Harding 8, W Cooper 9, J Cooper 11

MW — Kirschner 2, Larsen 8, Hatch 1, Hultman 6, Conway 10, Humm 12, Meyersick 13, Thaden 2.



## Lower Levels

### Freshmen B

The Freshman B came together as a team today to defeat Westside 56-49.

The Wildcats offense started out slow but their team defense kept the score close. The Wildcats were aggressive on the boards giving them second chances offensively.

West led 21-31 going into the 4th quarter. Both teams were able to score more in the 4th quarter and the Wildcats held onto the lead.

The team was lead offensively by Leapley with 13. Other Wildcats scoring were Kusleika-10, Buroker -9, Durand-7, Bartholomew-5, Romero and Hajduch-4, Calabretto-3, and Mar-1.

### Freshmen A

Westside came out firing in the first quarter and put up 20 points. The Warriors led 31-16 at the half.

Down three players (who were quarantined) made it even tougher for the Wildcats to come back. West didn't help themselves with all the turnovers they committed as a group.

Jacob Young had 10 points and was the leading scorer.

Westside won 50-33 as the Wildcats record dropped their first game and moved to 2-1 on the season.

### Reserves

The Millard West Reserve boys team lost another hard fought battle against Bennington, 67-59.

The two teams were tied 15-15 after the first. The Badgers used a 21-11 2nd quarter to take control of the game.

The Wildcats outscored Bennington 21-14 in the 4th quarter and fought until the final buzzer but came up short.

Mason Rady had 11 points, Creighton Schilling had 9 points and Nixon Snyder had 8 points.



**Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup> – Titans and Millard North are HOME and wear WHITE**

9:00am – Papio South Girls vs. Millard West Girls

10:30am – Papio South Boys vs. Millard West Boys

12:30pm – Millard North Girls vs. Fremont Girls

2:00pm – Millard North Boys vs. Fremont Boys

**Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup> – HOME teams will be TBA after Monday's games**

9:00am – Girls Consolation

10:30am – Boys Consolation

12:30pm – Girls Finals

2:00pm – Boys Finals

TOP TEAM IN BRACKET IS HOME AND WILL WEAR WHITE

		Prep		
		12/28		
		1:00 PM		
		Millard West		
	Consolation			Championship
	12/29			12/29
	1:00 PM	PVLS		2:30 PM
		12/28		
		2:30 PM		
		Westside		

**Freshman Boys Holiday Tournament**

At Millard West High School





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

### Monday, Dec. 28

#### Practice

Var 2:00—4:00  
— shooting 1:30

#### Games

9A at MW 10:30  
9B at MW 12:00  
Res at Cr. Prep 1:00  
JV at Pap South 10:30

### Tuesday, Dec. 29

#### Practice

Var 10:00 a.m.

#### Games

9A at MW TBA  
9B at MW TBA  
Res at Cr. Prep TBA  
JV at Pap South TBA  
Var at Bel West 5:00

### Wednesday, Dec. 30

#### Practice

JV/V 9:00—11:00  
Res 9:00—11:00  
9th 1:00—3:00

#### Games

Var Semi Finals Metro Tourney  
7:15 p.m.

### Thursday, Dec.31

#### Practice

JV/V 9:00—11:00  
Res 9:00—11:00  
9th 1:00—3:00

#### Games

Var Finals Metro Trny  
2:45

### Friday, Jan. 1

#### Practice

JV/V TBA  
Res TBA  
9th TBA

#### Games

No Games

### Saturday, Jan. 2

#### Practice

JV/V 9:00—11:00  
Res TBA  
9th TBA

#### Games

No Games

### Sunday, Jan. 3

#### Practice

JV/V TBA

#### Games

No Games

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



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