



Millard West Boys Basketball

Wildcat Report

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After Slow Start, Wildcats Win by 27

The Millard West Wildcats defeated Omaha Northwest 62-35. Evan Meyersick led the Wildcats with 25 points and 9 rebounds. Dom Humm added 14 points, and James Conway added 12 points.

Landon Broer led the Huskies with 15 points.

Both teams struggled on offense early in the contest. Marrieon Marks scored after an offensive rebound to tie up the game at 4-4 with 3:49 left in the quarter.

Meyersick scored the first eight points for West. The Wildcats led 13-9 at the end of the first quarter.

"We had way too many (7) turnovers in the first quarter," Coach Bill Morrison said. "Their guards pressured us a little and sped us up."

The Wildcats took care of the ball in the 2nd half and was able to extend their lead. Meyersick continued to lead the offensive attack with 10 points in the quarter.

West went on a 6-0 lead at the end of the half to take a 33-18 lead.

The Wildcats came out of the half and turned the ball over on four of their first six possessions. The Husk-

Wildcats' Defense Stops Storm

The Millard West Wildcats' defense had another strong performance as they held Elkhorn South to 38 points in a 56-38 victory.

James Conway led the way for the Wildcats as he scored a career high 22 points and grabbed 12 rebounds. Evan Meyersick added 10 points.

Chase Hultman dished out 6 assists and had 3 steals. Dom Humm scored 8 points and had 3 steals. Trace Thaden scored 8 points and grabbed 7 rebounds. Zac Grandgenett scored 8 points.

Elkhorn South was led by Derek Merwick with 9 points. The Storm had 10 players score in the game.

Conway scored the first seven points of the game for the Wildcats to help West build an early 7-2 lead. West scored on nine of their 12 possessions in the first quarter to lead 19-10 after the first period of play.

The Wildcat offense slowed down in the 2nd quarter, but their defense was able to help them maintain their lead.

West only made one field goal in the 2nd quarter. Conway continued to

Vikings Sink Too Many 3's

Omaha North had a strong 2nd quarter to build a 36-23 lead at half-time. Millard West was able to cut the lead to 3 with 2 minutes left in the game, but could not get any closer. The Vikings won 64-58.

Evan Meyersick led the Wildcats in scoring with 24 points and also grabbed six rebounds. James Conway scored 13 points and had seven rebounds. Dom Humm added 10 points and four steals.

Most of the Vikings points came from two players. Mason Strong led the team with 24 points. Darryl Bennett scored 23 points on 8/8 shooting, including seven 3-pointers.

Omaha North started the game with their outside attack. Twelve of their 14 first quarter points came off of 4/6 from behind the arc.

West was able to keep pace the Vikings behind Evan Meyersick's seven points. North led 14-13 at the end of the first quarter.

North started the 2nd quarter with an 8-2 run and led 24-16 with three minutes left in the quarter. North

Scores



Freshman A (4-2)

Elk South W 62-59

Freshman B (5-2)

Elk South L 34-54

Reserves (3-4)

Elk South W 74-35

Junior Varsity (6-3)

O Nrtwhst W 73-33

Elk South L 54-57

O North W 54-37

Varsity (7-3)

O Nrtwhst W 62-35

Elk South W 56-38

O North L 58-64

Omaha Northwest

ies were able to cut into the lead and trailed 35-26 with 5:36 left in the half.

West used 2nd chance points to hold onto their lead in the 3rd quarter. The Wildcats grabbed nine offensive rebounds in the quarter. The two teams tied in the quarter as West led 43-28 at the end of three quarters.

The Wildcats started the final period with three quick turnovers. After that, West scored on nine straight possessions as they went on a 17-3 run to take control of the game.

"It wasn't pretty at times, we had too many turnovers. But, in the end, we were able to take control of the game," Morrison said. "Evan played really well tonight, especially in the first half."

MW	13	20	10	19	62
ONW	9	9	10	7	35

MW — Grandgenett 4, Hultman 1, P. Moore 2, Conway 12, Humm 14, Meyersick 25, Thaden 4

ONW — Ma Marks 4, Curtis-Sayers 5, Busby 2, Broer 15, Forte-Williams 6, Me Marks 3.

**Elkhorn South**

lead the way. He had 14 points and 8 rebounds in the first half.

"I really like the way this group plays defense!" Coach Bill Morrison said. "Our team defense is very good right now. And we seem to get every rebound."

The Wildcats came out strong in the 3rd quarter. Meyersick, who did not play much in the first half because of foul trouble, scored six points for West in the quarter.

West build a 41-25 lead after a basket by Conway with 3:11 left in the quarter. The Wildcats led 43-30 going into the final quarter.

The Wildcats' defense held Elkhorn South to just two points in the first six minutes of the 4th quarter. Humm got a steal and lay-up to give West a 53-32 lead with 2:02 left in the game.

Both teams cleared the benches. Elkhorn South was able to hit two 3-pointers in the last 90 seconds of the game.

"Winning these last two games the way we did is very encouraging. We played great defense and were able to find an offensive rhythm. And we did all of that without Ryan," Morrison said.

Ryan Larsen was not able to play in the past two games because of a close-contact quarantine.

ES	10	11	9	8	38
MW	10	10	14	13	56

ES — Merwick 9, Swanson 2, Hoelsing 2, Noonan 3, Anderson 3, Allison 3, Kardell 3, nelson 6, Spann 4, Burt 3.

MW — Grandgenett 8, Conway 22, Humm 8, Meyersick 10, Thaden 8.

Omaha North

made 3/4 3's and led by 13 at the half.

"I wasn't too worried at the half," Coach Bill Morrison said. "The main difference in the first half was shooting. We did have a couple breakdowns late in the half, but otherwise our defense was not that bad."

The third quarter produced fewer points than the first half. West scored the first six points of the quarter and cut the lead to 29-36.

North answered with another 3-pointer. West was not able to score in the last four minutes of the quarter. But their defense was able to keep the game in striking distance as they trailed 43-32.

West started the quarter with a 10-4 run and trailed 47-42 with 5:40 left in the game. Omaha North answered with yet another 3-pointer.

The Wildcats kept fighting back and cut the lead to 54-51 with 2:10 left in the game.

Omaha North's Bennett made two three-pointers on the next two possessions to virtually seal the victory for the Vikings.

"Bennett was incredible. Going 7/7 from 3-point land in a shooting drill is good, much less in a game," Morrison said.

Morrison thought his team had the right attitude to come back in the 4th quarter.

"We dug too big of a hole in the first half. I am proud of how hard the guys fought back and never gave up," Morrison added.

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MW — Larsen 5, Hultman 1, Grandgenett 3, Conway 3, Humm 10, Meyer-

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Lower Levels

Jr. Varsity

A late arrival due to a late bus did not affect the JV boys team.

The Wildcats outscored the Huskies 17-8 after the first quarter and led 33-20 at the half.

The JV boys basketball team held the Huskies to 13 second half points to pull away.

Every player that suited up for the Wildcats scored in the game.

Peyton Moore led the effort with 18 points. Chase Traubel and Avery Moore each contributed 12 points. Harrison Long had 10 points.

The JV team lost a tough battle with Elkhorn South 57-54. They JV Wildcats could not hold on in the 4th quarter after leading by 10.

The team was short a couple players due to a close-contact quarantine. Another player was sick, and a 4th player was held out of the 4th quarter because of quarter restrictions. The team was down to only six players in the 4th quarter.

The two teams were tied 13-13 after the first quarter. West was able to hold a slight lead through most of the 2nd and 3rd quarter.

Down to just six players, The Wildcats ran out of gas. Elkhorn South outscored West 18-5 in the final quarter.

Avery Moore led the team with 13 points.

The JV Boys beat Omaha North 54-37. The Wildcats built a 30-15 lead in the first half to gain control of the game.

The Wildcats played great team defense all game to come out with

the victory. They held the Vikings to single digit points in 3 quarters.

Jaxson Cahoy and Peyton Moore each contributed 11 points.

Freshmen A

The Millard West Freshmen won a 62-59 thriller against a good Elkhorn South team.

The Wildcats started off slow and were down by seven at half. West dug themselves into a hole and trailed by 12 in the 2nd half.

After a timeout, West came out firing on all cylinders.

Jackson Williams led the comeback hitting four threes in a row. Jackson led the team with 14 points.

Jace Ingbertson also hit a few threes in a row in the second half and finished with 13 points.

Tag Carmichael hit two threes in the second half comeback.

The Wildcats made 11 total 3-pointers in the game.

Freshmen B

The Freshmen B team lost to Elkhorn South 54-34.

The team struggled on offense early in the game and trailed 12-22 at the half.

The Wildcats scored 17 points in



the third quarter to cut the lead to 29-35.

The Storm hit hard in the 4th quarter by outscoring the Wildcats 20-5.

Leapley led the Wildcats with 9, while Mar had 6.

Reserves

In the prime time slot on Friday night, the Reserve Boys came to play. They beat Elkhorn South by a final score of 35 to 74.

All 12 players on the Wildcat's team scored in the game.

Coach Siepker said "It was a great team effort. We are starting to raise the bar on what we are able to do."

Creighton Scholting led all scorers with 13 points. Jerome Shoecraft had 8 points and three other Wildcats had 7 points.



Weekly Practice / Game Schedule

Monday, Jan 11

Practice

JV/Var 3:40-5:00

Games

9A vs Papio South 6:00

9B vs Papio South 7:30

Res at Papio South 7:30

Bus: 6:20

Tuesday, Jan 12

Practice

Var/JV 3:40—5:40

Res 5:40-7:10

Games

9A at O North 6:00

9B at O North 7:30

Bus: 4:30

Wednesday, Jan 13

Practice

Res 6:00 am

JV/Var 3:30-5:10

9th 5:10-6:30

Games

No Games

Thursday, Jan 14

Practice

JV/Var 3:40-5:30

9th/Res 5:30-7:00

Games

No Games

Friday, Jan 15

Practice

9th/Res 6 am

Games

JV vs Papio South 5:30

V vs Papio South 7:15

Saturday, Jan 16

Practice

9th / Res 9:30—11:00

JV / V 11:00—12:00

Games

JV at Grand Island 5:15

Var at Grand Island 7:00

Practice/Game times are always subject to change.



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