



Millard West Boys Basketball Wildcat Report

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Cold Shooting Results in Wildcat Loss at Baxter

The Millard West Boys Varsity lost to Papillion-LaVista South in the Consolation Round of the Metro Tournament at Baxter Arena, 52-31

The Wildcats had trouble scoring because of a cold shooting night. The Wildcats were only 10 of 51 shooting on the night, including 1 of 16 from 3-point land. Papillion South was 7 of 17 from behind the arc for the main difference in scoring.

Trace Thaden led the Wildcats with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Avery Moore grabbed 7 rebounds and added 5 points, including the Wildcats only 3-pointer of the night.

The scoring started out slow in the first quarter. Thaden scored all five of West's points in the first quarter. His basket midway through the 1st quarter made the score 6-5 in favor of the Titans. Papio South finished the quarter by outscoring West 5-0 and taking an 11-5 lead into the 2nd quarter.

West committed six turnovers in the first quarter including two because of shot-clock violations.

The Metro Conference was granted permission to play the tournament with the use of the shot clock as a trial.

"The first one was because we didn't communicate that the clock didn't reset after a missed shot that didn't hit the rim," Coach Bill Morrison said. "The second one was just due to good defense by Papio South.

West continued to struggle offensively in the 2nd quarter. The Titans extended their lead to 18-5 before Jaidyn Gaius-Anyaegbu made a put-back with 4:47 left in the half.

The Wildcats committed four turnovers in the quarter and was only able to convert on one field goal.

"We just didn't have a good offensive flow in the first half," Morrison said. "I thought we took the ball to the basket pretty hard, but didn't convert on many attempts."

West's offense showed a little life early in the 2nd half. A basket by Thaden with 5:11 left in the 3rd quarter cut the Titan lead to 26-18.

A 3-pointer by Brecken Miller on the next possession seemed to stop the Wildcat momentum. The Titan outscored West 13-0 in the last three minutes of the quarter to extend the lead to 42-20.

"I didn't do enough to help our guys offensively tonight," Morrison said. "We should

have run more sets and should have tried to control the tempo by changing up our defenses."

West tried to press the Titans in the 4th quarter, but were unable to cut into the lead for the remainder of the game.

MW	5	4	11	11	31
PLVS	11	11	20	10	52

MW: Kirschner 2, P Moore 5, Gaius 4, A Moore 5, Thaden 15

PLVS: Kircher 8, Mackling 3, Peterson 3, Bahl 2, Jones 3, A Miller 2, Brocaille 20, Medeck 5, B Miller 3, Goecke 3.



Scores

Freshman A (3-2)		Freshman B (3-2)		Reserves (2-4)		Elk South L 43-56		Pap South L 31-52	
Bell West	W 53-46	Bell West	W 72-28	Westside	W 60-59	Pap South	L 38-47		
Mil North	L 57-67	Mil North	L 53-63	C Prep	L 33-49				

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Varsity Pictures by David Rochford.

Baxter Arena

JV Drops Two in Holiday Tourney

The Millard West JV team struggled scoring in their Holiday Tournament as they dropped both games.

The Wildcats battled the Storm in the 1st round of the JV Holiday tournament. West lost 43-56.

After a back and forth 1st quarter ending with an 8-point lead for the Storm, the game was even until the 4th quarter.

Not enough shots fell for the Wildcats with the Storm pulled away at the end of the game.

Jacob Young led the team in scoring with 12 points.

In the consolation game, the Wildcats played the Mustangs from Millard North.

After a slow 1st quarter for the Wildcats, the score was even going into halftime, 18-18.

The Mustangs' 1-2-2 trapping defense was effective in the 3rd quarter to get the Wildcats to commit multiple turnovers. West was only able to score 3 points in the quarter.

The Wildcats kept battling but could not make up the difference. Despite outscoring the Mustangs in the 4th quarter, North finished with a 47-38 victory.

Jacob Young led the Wildcats with 14 points. All 11 Wildcats scored in the game.



JV Pictures by Bridget Young



Reserves Take 2nd in Prep Holiday Tourney

The Millard West Reserve team took 2nd place in the Prep Holiday Tournament by beating Westside 60-59 in overtime and losing to Prep, 33-49, in the finals.

A short handed Wildcat team came off the break and won a thriller in overtime.

Westside outscored the wildcats slightly in each of the first three quarters and led 41-35 going into the final period.

After an intentional foul by West and a technical by a Westside player, the Wildcats were able to tie the game and have a chance to win at the buzzer. The basket did not fall and the two teams were forced to play an extra period.

The overtime came down to the final seconds. Nick Hajduch and Sam Blecha both hit some big 3-pointers in overtime to help seal the victory.

Jackson Schultz led the Wildcats with 26 points in the game.

In a rematch from earlier in the season, Creighton Prep was able to beat Millard West 49-33 in the Championship game of the Holiday Tournament.

Prep jumped out to an 11-4 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Wildcats were able to play the Bluejays close in the 2nd and 3rd quarter, but couldn't cut into the lead.

West trailed 35-25 going into the final period but Prep pulled away in the 4th quarter.

Holden Clausen led the Wildcats with 10 points in the game.



Reserve Pictures by Julie Mar, Sports Mom Photography

WILDCAT BASKETBALL

Freshmen A Fall in Championship Game

The Millard West Freshmen A team took 2nd place in their Holiday Tournament by beating Bellevue West in the first round and falling to Millard North in the Championship game.

The Wildcats came out a little sluggish from holiday break. A low scoring first half left Millard West leading 25-19.

Millard West was able to create a little separation in the third quarter. The momentum turned in the 4th quarter after a Thunderbird technical.

The Wildcats made enough free throws to hold off the Thunderbirds in the final minutes of the game.

With 64 total free throws in the game, the Cats did a great job maintaining their composure.

Lucas Johnson led the Cats with 11. Ben Schmitz came off the bench bringing much needed energy scoring eight.

The Championship game with Millard North was a close battle through the first three quarters of the game.

West led 14-12 after the first period. North fought back and led 31-29 at the half. The Wildcats outscored the Mustangs in the 3rd quarter and trailed 47-46 going into the final period.

The game went back and forth down to the wire. The Wildcats struggled to close out the game in the last two minutes with too many turnovers.

Trey Abara led the way with 15 points for the Wildcats. DJ Schiemann had 10 points off the bench.

Freshmen Pictures by David Rochford.



Freshmen B Place 2nd in Tournament

The Millard West Freshmen B team earned 2nd place in their Holiday basketball tournament.

The Wildcats come out of the Christmas break hot and shot the Thunderbirds out of the gym, winning 72-28. After leading 32-19, the Wildcat defense held Bellevue West to just nine 2nd-half points as they broke the game open.

The Wildcats were led offensively by Mclver with 13, Fitzke and Osborne 9.

This is the first game of the season that all the Wildcats scored in the game. Meier had 8, Zealand 7, Snyder and Hughes 6, Betts and Greenlee 5, and Wilson 4.

In the finals, Millard North beat Millard West 63-53 in a hard-fought battle.

The two teams were tied 15-15 at the end of the first quarter, and North led 29-25 at the half.

The Mustangs outscored West by 3 in each of the last two periods for the victory.

The Wildcats offensively were led by Reece Wilson with 11.

Hughes came off the bench to score 10. Other scoring by the Wildcats were Fitzke 8, Betts 7, Zealand and Meier 5, Mclver 3, Mollring and Greenlee had 2.



Freshmen Pictures by David Rochford.



Weekly Practice / Game Schedule

	<u>Boys</u>		
	<u>Games</u>	<u>Practice</u>	<u>Gym</u>
1/3	9A at MW at 6:00 Reserve at MW at 7:30	JV/ V 9:00 am 9th 11:00 am	WC 1
1/4	Varsity at MW at 7:30 JV at MW at 5:30	JV/ V 10:00 am 9th 11:00 am Res 11:00 am	WC 2
1/5	9A at ES at 6:00 9B at ES at 7:30	V/JV/R -- 3:30	WC 1
1/6		V/JV/R 3:30 9th 5:00	Other --->
1/7	Var at ES at 7:15 JV at ES at 5:30	Wrestling	---
1/8	JV / 9 B at ON 9:00 Res / 9A at ON 10:30 Var at ON 5:30	Wrestling	---
			Film



Practice/Game times are always subject to change.