

# Millard West Boys Basketball

## Wildcat Report

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### Wildcats Beat Class B #2 Roncalli 69-54

Millard West used a solid defensive effort to beat Class B #2 Omaha Roncalli 69-54.

Peyton Moore led the Wildcats in scoring with a career-high 20 points. Trace Thaden added 11 points and 9 rebounds. Avery Moore led the team with 11 rebounds, 8 rebounds, and 3 blocked shots.

Roncalli was led by Brady McGill and Jake Orr with 18 and 16 points respectively. The Crimson Pride was without Austin Schwarz who is recovering from a sprained ankle.

The Wildcats realized they were in for a tough game right from the start. Roncalli took an early 14-0 lead on baskets by Lucas Brown and McGill. A 3-pointer by Quincy Evans gave the Pride a 7-4 lead with 5:28 left in the first quarter.

West picked up their defensive effort and found ways to score on the offensive end as they finished the quarter on an 11-0 run and led 15-7 after the first quarter.

The Wildcats' defense was able to play the first 5 minutes of the 2nd quarter without giving up a field goal. But, turnovers hindered their scoring as they took a 26-18 lead at the half.

"I thought our guys did a very good job defensively in the first half," coach Bill Morrison said. "Orr is a really good player and they do a good job of working with him to get open shots. Our guys executed our game plan."

Early in the third quarter, the two teams exchanged baskets. Baskets by Avery Moore and Cooper Fortune gave West a 36-26 lead with just under 3 minutes left in the quarter.

Eleven points on the Wildcats' first five possessions of the final quarter allowed them to extend their lead to 54-37.

Roncalli tried to make a come back through the 3-point line, but was 1-8 from behind the arc for the first half of the quarter.

"We had a lot of players play very well," Morrison said. "Trace (Thaden) draws a lot of attention and we have been trying to figure out how to score. Peyton (Moore) had a very solid game."

"It was nice to have Avery (Moore) back. He doesn't score a lot, but he



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makes us a better offensive team. And his defense and rebounding is always solid," Morrison added.

Moore was not able to play in the teams' three games last week because of a concussion he suffered in the Metro Tournament.

"Cooper Fortune also gave us some really good minutes in the 2nd half."

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| OR | 7  | 11 | 15 | 21 | 54 |
| MW | 11 | 26 | 17 | 26 | 69 |

OR: Heller 3, Giles 3, Evans 9, Weibel 3, Orr 16, Brown 2, McGill 18.

MW: Kirschner 8, Cauble 4, Frohloff 6, P Moore 20, Gaius 5, Kolar 6, Fortune 6, A Moore 4, Thaden 11.

## Scores

| Freshman A (6-3) |         | Freshman B (5-3) |         | Reserves (4-6) |         | Jr. Varsity (7-5) |           | Varsity (6-5) |       |
|------------------|---------|------------------|---------|----------------|---------|-------------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
| Papio S          | W 46-37 | Papio S          | W 44-38 | Papio S        | L 46-54 | Pap S W           | 57-54 2OT | Roncalli W    | 69-54 |
|                  |         |                  |         | Elk N.         | L 52-57 | Roncalli W        | 49-46     |               |       |

# Lower Levels

## Jr. Varsity

The Wildcats were able to avenge a loss to Papillion South in the Holiday Tournament by winning 57-54 in double-overtime.

After trailing going into the 4th, the Wildcats made enough plays to force overtime.

Both teams kept battling and the game went into a 2nd overtime.

Neither team could get a lead larger than 3. Cole Butler hit a huge 3-pointer to allow the Wildcats to tie the game. After a huge defensive stop, Jordan Gassen was able to complete a traditional 3 point play for the final points.

Jordan led the team with 18 points, 14 in the 2nd half. Tag Carmichael contributed 8 points Tag's biggest 2 points may have been on a put-back to force the second overtime.

Millard West overcame a 4 point 2nd quarter and beat Omaha Roncalli 49-46.

For the 2nd game in a row, the JV boys showed some tenacity and kept battling after entering the fourth quarter with a deficit.

The defense was able to hold Roncalli to one shot on most possessions and was able to produce some points due to steals in the 4th quarter.

Jace Ingebretson had a big bucket to get the Wildcats a 3 point lead in the last minute of the game. West was able to successfully defend Roncalli's last possession for the victory.

Tag Carmichael led the Wildcats by hitting 6 three pointers and scoring 20 points. Cole Butler contributed 9 points, and Jace Ingebretson chipped in 8.

## Freshmen A

Millard West Freshmen beat Papio-South 46-37 to move to 6-3 on the season.

The Wildcats only gave up one double digit quarter in a great battle with the Titans.

West led 12-8 after the first quarter and 20-16 at the half.

Trey Abara led all scorers with 19 points. Every Wildcat scored in the game.

## Freshmen B

The Wildcats earn their second win in a row in a victory over Papio-South, 44-38.

West played together as a team on both the defensive and offensive sides of the court.

Offensively, the Wildcats were led by Miles Mollring with 8 points. Fitz-

ke, Zealand, McIver and Schmitz all scored 5 points.

Other Wildcats scoring was Hughes and Wilson with 4, Betts had 3, Greenlee had 2, and Meier had 1.

Shout out to Drew Zealand and Miles Mollring on their defensive effort to shut down the Titan attack.

## Reserves

Papio-South was able to use a strong 3rd quarter to beat the Wildcats 54-46.

Going into half, the Wildcat boys had a 26-21 lead. But, Papio South outscored Millard West 21-2 in the third quarter.

The Wildcats outscored the Titans in the 4th quarter, but were unable to dig out of their hole.

Tori Holmes led the team with 15 points.

In the first ever reserve game against the Elkhorn North Wolves, the Millard West Wildcats came up just short, 52-57.

The game was tied at half time and Elkhorn North was up by 2 points going into the 4th quarter.

Elkhorn North went on a 7-0 run midway through the final period. The Wildcats fought back but the Wolves were able to go 11-15 from the line in the 4th quarter to seal the victory.

Jackson Schulz had 11. Michael Bartholomew added 9.

Friday's games were postponed due to an anticipated snow storm.

All games have been re-scheduled for later in the season.



## COVID Still an Opponent for Schools

With mask mandates, quarantines, and other COVID restrictions coming back, COVID still remains to be an opponent for schools.

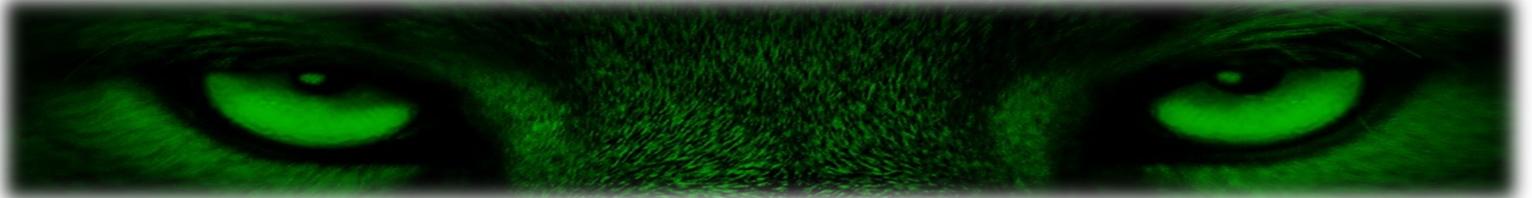
Teams have cancelled games and schools have altered class schedules to try to help prevent the spread of the Omicron variant.





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

### Monday, Jan 17

#### Practice

9th 1:00

JV/V 3:00

Res 3:40

#### Games

No games.

### Tuesday, Jan 18

#### Practice

JV/V 3:30–5:00

9th 5:00–5:30

#### Games

Res vs Burke 6:00

### Practice

JV/V/R 3:30-5:10

9th 5:10-6:30

#### Games

No games

### Wednesday, Jan 19

### Thursday, Jan 20

#### Practice

JV/V/Res 3:40-5-10

#### Games

9A vs Burke 5:30

9B vs Burke 7:00

### Friday, Jan 21

#### Practice

9th am (TBA)

JV/V 5:30-6:30 Russell

#### Games

### Saturday, Jan 22

#### Practice

Var 2:00 Russell

#### Games

9A at Bell West 9:00 am

9B at Bell West 10:30 am

Res at Bell West 10:30 am

JV at Bell West 5:30 pm

Var at Bell West 7:15 pm