



Millard West Boys Basketball Wildcat Report

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#9, #1, and #4 Not Lucky Numbers for West

The Wildcats just finished a 15-day stretch in which they played seven games, five against the top 11 teams in the state. Their next game is against #3 Millard North at home on Thursday. There are two weeks and four games left in the Wildcats' regular season.

#9 Papio South

In a game that was rescheduled due to a cancellation earlier in the year, Millard West traveled to #9 Papillion-LaVista South. The Titans beat West 61-42.

Peyton Moore led the Wildcats with 14 points. Daniel Bracaille made seven 3-pointers and scored 27 points for Papio South. Rio Haley added 11 points off of the bench for the Titans.

West started hot and took an early 7-2 lead over the Wildcats. Peyton Moore scored 6 points in the first quarter as West led 12-8 at the end of the period.

Haley started the 2nd quarter with a 3-pointer. South made 9 3-pointers in the quarter and scored 33 points to take over the game. The titans led 41-24 at the break.

"I was really excited about the way we came out. The guys came out to battle," Coach Bill Morrison said. "Bracaille and the rest of the team got

#1 Westside

The Wildcats faced #1 Omaha Westside on Friday. Westside's high pressure defense led the Warriors to a 70-31 victory.

Jessie Cauble led Millard West with 10 points off of the bench.

Westside had three players score in double digits. Charlie Davis made five 3-pointers and led the way with 19 points off of the bench. Reggie Thomas and Payson Gillespie both added 12 points.

Cole Kirschner made a 3-pointer with just under four minutes left in the first quarter to make the score 8-5 in favor of the Wildcats.

Westside made four three pointers in the last four minutes of the quarter and took a 20-8 lead after the 1st quarter.

The Wildcats started the 2nd quarter with a 7-3 run, but would not score again until the last possession of the half. Westside increased their lead to

#4 Gretna

The #4 Gretna Dragons beat Millard West 64-46 in the Wildcats third game against top opponents in a week.

Landon Pokorski and Alex Wilcoxsen led the Dragons with 24 and 18 points respectively. Peyton Moore led the Wildcats with 12 points.

West took an early 8-4 lead after a basket by Trace Thaden and two 3's by Peyton Moore.

Gretna's defense took over as the Dragons forced four turnovers and went on a 16-0 run to lead 20-8 at the end of the first quarter. Pokorski and Wilcoxsen hit two 3's each on four straight possessions.

Gretna's defense continued to give West's offense problems and created easy baskets as the Dragons took a 43-13 lead into the half.

West's offense found some rhythm in the 3rd quarter and scored on their first four possessions. But the Dragons was also able to score in that stretch.

Scores

<u>Freshman A (12-4)</u>		<u>Freshman B (9-5)</u>		<u>Reserves (7-9)</u>		<u>Junior Varsity (8-10)</u>		<u>Varsity (7-11)</u>	
Westside	W 69-41	Westside	W 58-53	Westside	L 66-73	Westside	L 55-66	Pap S	L 42-61
Gretna	L 50-52	Gretna	L 36-60	Gretna	L 47-51	Gretna	L 36-70	Westside	L 31-70
								Gretna	L 46-64

#9 Papio South

really hot in the 2nd quarter. We could have done a better job defending them, but they were 9 of 12 from behind the arc. That is hard to recover from.”

West’s defense buckled down early in the 3rd quarter, but the Wildcats could not score on the offensive end. Papio South scored their first basket of the 3 quarter with under 6 minutes to play. The Titans would outscore West 12-3 in the period.

The Wildcats were able to outscore the Titans 15-8 in the final quarter.

MW	12	12	3	15	42
PLVS	8	33	12	8	61

MW: Kirschner 5, Cauble 6, Frohloff 2, P Moore 14, Gaius 2, Gassen 1, Kolar 2, Fortune 2, A Moore 2, Thaden 6.

PLVS: Kircher 6, Bahl 7, Jones 2, Brocaille 27, Haley 11, Miller 3, Goecke 5

#1 Westside

42-17.

“Westside really amped up their pressure late in the 2nd quarter and forced us to turn the ball over and give them some easy baskets,” Coach Bill Morrison said.

Westside’s defense forced 8 turnovers and only allowed 8 Wildcat points in the 3rd quarter. In the last minute of the 3rd quarter, the Warriors took a 63-22 lead on a basket by CJ Mitchell which activated the 40-point running clock rule.

The 4th quarter had limited possessions because of the running clock.

OW	20	22	23	5	70
MW	5	9	8	6	31

OW: Benning 3, Davis 19, Mitchell 5, Meeks 2, Wilson 5, Thomas 12, Odvody 4, Gillespie 12, Stubblefield 8

MW: Kirschner 8, Cauble 10, P Moore 4, Gaius 2, Kolar 2, A Moore 3

#4 Gretna

West outscored Gretna 16-12 in the 3rd quarter.

West’s defense forced three turnovers in a row and was able to cut Gretna’s lead to 57-41. Gretna put their starters back in the game to preserve the win. The Dragons took a minute off of the clock before Pokorski hit another 3-pointer. Both teams put their subs in to finish the game.

“We’ve had a tough stretch lately,” Coach Bill Morrison said. “We’ve played a lot of games against some tough opponents.”

GHS	20	22	12	10	64
MW	8	5	16	17	46

GHS – Frost 3, Wilkins 4, Chaney 2, Rozella 4, Smolinski 3, Pokorski 24, Wilcoxsen 18, Vieth 4, Jansen 2.

MW –Kirschner 2, Cauble 7, P Moore 12, Gaius 2, Gassen 2, Kolar 2, Fortune 5, A Moore 3, Thaden 9, Young 2



Lower Levels

Freshmen A

Wildcats now have seven wins in a row and are now 12-3 after a convincing 69-41 win over Westside.

The Cats brought a high powered offense in the first half as they led 38-18 at the break.

Leading scorer, Lucas Johnson, had 21, Trey Abara had 20, and DJ Schiemann had 14.

West made nine 3's in the game.

Gretna was able to beat the Wildcats 52-50 in an exciting Saturday morning game.

The Wildcats controlled a well-balanced first half. After the first quarter the teams were tied 17-17.

West took a 4-point lead into the half, 33-29. DJ Schiemann, Trey Abara, and Carson Hutteger had 8 points at half and all 3 ended the game with 10 points.

The 2nd half was a defensive battle as the two teams struggled to score.

The game came down to the final seconds. Gretna ended up hitting the last shot of the game to win by two.

Freshmen B

The Wildcats move to 9-4 on the season with a 58-53 win over the Westside Warriors.

After Westside took a 19-13 lead in the first quarter, the Wildcats outscored the Warriors 24-8 in the 2nd quarter and took a 10 point lead into the half.

West held the Warriors off in the second half despite Westside outscor-

ing them in both the 3rd and 4th quarters.

Hayden Hughes came off the bench again to lead the Wildcats' offense with 14 points.

Other Wildcats scoring was Fitzke (11), Betts (10), Meier (8), Wilson (5), Mollring (4), McIver and Greenlee (3).

The Wildcats suffered a tough 60-36 loss to Gretna..

The Wildcats were led offensively by Drew Zealand, who came off the bench to score 11 points.

Other Wildcat scoring were Greenlee (7), Fitzke (6), Wilson (4), Hughes and McIver (3), and Snyder (2).



Junior Varsity

Westside beat the Millard West JV 66-55 at Millard West.

The Wildcats started the game on fire and were able to grab a four point lead, 21-17, after the 1st quarter.

The Wildcats cooled off and the Warriors started to get second and third opportunities in the 2nd quarter to take a three point lead into halftime.

The Wildcats kept battling but could not overcome the deficit in the 2nd half.

Jordan Gassen led the team with 16 points. Jacob Young contributed 12 points.

In a game against Gretna, The Dragons gradually pulled away from Millard West in the first half. The Wildcats trailed 28-18 at the break.

Gretna pulled away during the 2nd half and won 70-36.

Jordan Gassen led the Wildcats with 12 points.

Reserves

In a high scoring offensive battle, Westside was able to avenge an earlier loss to the Wildcats by sinking 16 3-pointers in the game. The Wildcats fell by the score of 73-66.

This was the 5th game in a row in which the Wildcats have scored over 65 points.

West was led by Jacson Schulz with 21 points. Luke Wu came off the bench and added 15 points in the game.

In a Saturday morning battle in Gretna, the Reserve boys came up just short and lost 47-51.

The two teams were tied after the first quarter, but Gretna led 25-22 at the half.

The Wildcats came out of halftime ready to get back into the game. After a couple of minutes of play, the fire alarm sounded and both teams were sent to their bench. After a short delay, the game continued. Gretna extended their lead to 39-31 by the end of the 3rd quarter.

West fought to cut the lead in the 4th quarter. In the final minute of the game, Miles Kusleika got a decent look to tie the game but came up just short. Gretna was able to seal the game with free throws.

Jackson Schultz led the team with 12 and Nathan Durand had 11 points.



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