

# Millard West Boys Basketball Wildcat Report

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## Lincoln East Beats West in Final Seconds of Opener

The Millard West Varsity Basketball team lost close games to Lincoln East and Pre-Season #2 Westside in the first weekend. West was up for the challenge despite the fact that Seniors Jaidyn Gaius-Anyaegbu and Cole Butler were not able to play in either game due to injuries.

The Wildcats were competitive with both teams and even led through much of each game. In the end, they could not pull out the victories.

The Wildcats opened their season at Lincoln East on Thursday.

Max Frohloff led the Wildcats with 12 points and Peyton Moore grabbed 8 rebounds for West.

Carter Mick and Carter Templemeyer led the Spartans with 20 and 11 points respectively.

Both teams came out of the gate fast. Five Wildcats combined for 16 points. The two Carter's scored 10 of East's 13 points in the 1st quarter.

West led through most of the 2nd quarter. Jordan Gassen scored with 3:42 left in the half to take a 24-21 lead. Lincoln East finished the half on a 6-0 run and led 27-24 at half.

"We played very well on both sides of the ball for the first 12 minutes," Coach Bill Morrison said. "And we were still solid in the last 4 minutes. We just couldn't make a bucket."

After the break, West was able to score 21 points in the 3rd quarter. The Carter's again scored 10 of East's 12 points in the quarter. West led 45-39 going into the last 8 minutes.

Cole Kirschner made a 3-pointer to give West a 48-39 lead with 6:34 left in the quarter. A couple missed free throws and three turnovers allowed East to cut the Wildcat lead to 52-50.

West extended the lead to 53-50 on a free throw by Gassen with 2:09 left in the game. The Wildcats missed two field goals on their next two possession while the Spartans made 3 of 4 free throws to tie the score at 53-53 with 42.8 seconds left.

After a kicked ball by East, the shot clock was tuned off with 18.7 seconds left, and West was able to try to held the ball for the last shot.

Moore got trapped by two Spartan defenders and called a timeout with 11.6 seconds remaining. On the

next play, West turned the ball over with 8.8 left on the clock.

"We were going to call a timeout with just under 10 seconds left but the trap forced us to call it a little sooner than we wanted," Morrison said. "We would have also liked the ball a little higher on the sideline."

East was able to travel the distance of the court and make a lay-up. West called time out with 1.3 seconds left. A 3/4 court shot by Moore did not go in for the Wildcats.

"We probably haven't practiced enough end of the game situations. We did not execute very well in the last minute of the game," Morrison said.



## Scores

### Freshman A

No Games

### Freshman B

No Games

### Reserves

No Games

### Junior Varsity (0-2)

Lincoln East L

Westside L

### Varsity (0-2)

Lin East L 53-55

Westside L 40-46

# #2 Westside Comes from Behind to Beat West

On Saturday, West hosted Westside in their 2nd game of the season.

Peyton Moore led the Wildcats with 9 points and 7 rebounds. Max Frohloff dished out 3 assists and Cole Kirschner recorded 4 steals for West.

Tate Odvody was the only player who scored in double digits as he scored 14 for the Warriors.

West jumped out to an early 4-0 lead and did not trail in the first half of the game. With the score tied 7-7 with 3:18 left in the quarter, Zac Grandgenett was fouled on a lay-up and suffered a game-ending injury.

The Wildcats' defense was very effective the entire game. Six different Wildcats scored in the quarter to build a 15-9 lead.

A basket by Odvody with 5:34 left in the 2nd quarter made the score 19-13 in favor of the Wildcats. West went on a 7-0 run on two lay-ups by

Frohloff and a 3-pointer by Jacob Young.

But, a couple West turnovers, back to back 3-pointers by Westside, and an old-fashioned 3-point play by CJ Mitchell cut the lead to 26-22. West led at the half 28-22 after a basket by Moore.

"Our defense was very good in the first half. We were able to keep them off balance by switching between Man and Zone," Morrison said. "We were able to get a lot of deflections and rebounded very well."

Westside chipped away at the lead as West had a tough time scoring in the 3rd quarter. Westside took their first lead of the game, 35-33, after a 3-pointer by Mitchell.

West scored the first two points of the 4th quarter on two free throws by Cooper Fortune with 6:14 left in the game.

Cole Kirschner gave the Wildcats a 38-35 lead on a 3-pointer on the next possession. But, Maddox Anderson answered with his own 3-pointer to tie the game 38-38.

Westside build a 43-38 lead before Kirschner stole a pass at half-court and scored a lay-up to make the score 43-40 with 1:01 left in the game.

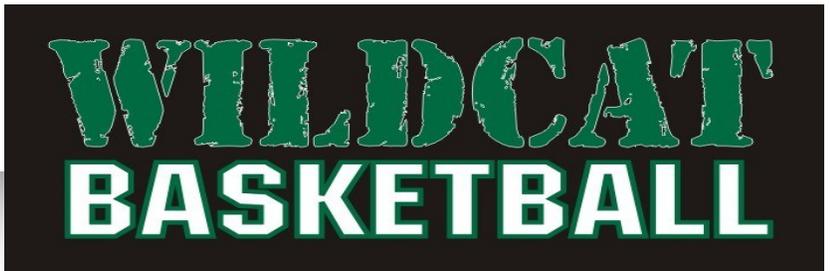
Westside would make 3-4 free throws and hold West scoreless in the last minute to take the victory.

"We had a hard time scoring in the 2nd half," Morrison said. "We got some good looks, but nothing seemed to fall."

"Our defense was very good for most of the game," Morrison added. "We need to figure out how to close these close games out."



## Lower Levels



### JV vs Lincoln East

The Millard West JV team lost at Lincoln East in their opening game of the 2022-23 season, 52-57.

After trailing 12-14 at the end of the first, the Wildcats were able to take a 22-21 lead into the half.

West led 40-36 going into the final quarter. The Spartans score 21 in the 4th to earn the win.

Jace Ingebretson led the team with 18 points. Reece Carson contributed 12 points and 6 rebounds.

The team shot 10-26 from behind the 3-point line for the game.

MW	12	10	18	12	52
LE	14	7	15	21	57

### JV vs Omaha Westside

Omaha Westside started the game getting easy transition points to put the Wildcats in an early hole. By the end of the 2nd quarter, MW had bat-

tled back to go into half tied 24-24.

The game stayed even going into the 4th. Westside took the lead in the last couple of minutes and withstood a last second shot that didn't go in for the Wildcats.

Jayden Kozney led the Wildcats with 13 points. Carter LaBorde contributed 10 points and 9 rebounds. Lucas Johnson dished out 5 assists..

Westside	14	10	16	15	55
MW	9	15	16	13	53





# Weekly Practice / Game Schedule

## Monday, Dec. 5

### Practice

JV/V/R 5:15-7:00

### Games

Beadle v Russell 3:15

9th A vs Gretna 6:00

9th B vs Gretna 7:30

## Tuesday, Dec. 6

### Practice

No Practice

### Games

BR at Benson 5:45 ( \_\_\_ )

9A at Elk South 6:00 ( \_\_\_\_ )

9B at Elk South 7:30 ( \_\_\_\_ )

JV vs Bryan 5:30

V vs Bryan 7:15

## Wednesday, Dec. 7

### Practice

9th 6 AM

JV/V 3:40–5:10

Res 5:10–6:30

### Games

No Games

## Thursday, Dec. 8

### Practice

Res 6 AM

JV/V 3:40–5:10

9th 5:10-6:40

### Games

No Games

## Friday, Dec. 9

### Practice

Res 6 AM

9th 3:30–5:10

### Games

JV at Benson 5:45 ( \_\_\_\_ )

Var at Benson 7:15 (5:00)

## Saturday, Dec 10

### Practice

Boys 8 AM

### Games

No Games

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