

# Millard West Boys Basketball Wildcat Report

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## Wildcats Cage Bears in First Win of Season

Millard West won their first game of the season in a 45-35 victory over Omaha Bryan at home. Bryan had a height and athleticism advantage, but the Wildcats' defense was able to limit the Bears offense.

Cole Kirschner scored a season-high 18 points and Jordan Gassen had a career high 12 points on the night. Tag Carmichael grabbed 10 rebounds. Max Frohloff led the team with 4 steals and 3 assists.

Mat Tut led Bryan with 13 points in the game.

In the first quarter, neither team led by more than two points. Peyton Moore paced the Wildcats with 6 points in the first 8 minutes.

West took a 12-10 lead late in the quarter, but A'mere Bynum, who scored 6 points in the quarter, had an old-fashioned three point play with under 10 seconds left.

The scoring slowed down in the first half of the 2nd quarter. West took a 17-13 lead on a 3-pointer by Gassen with 3:18 left in the half.

Isaiah Jackson scored Bryan's first two points of the quarter on their next possession. But, Gassen answered with another 3-pointer. Gassen

scored eight of the Wildcats nine points in the quarter. West led 21-19 at the break.

"We didn't shoot great, but I was happy with the effort we were playing with," Coach Bill Morrison said. "Both our zone and our man defenses were effective in the first half."

Bryan was able to take a 24-23 lead after a free throw with 4:53 left in the quarter. Kirschner, who scored all 10 of West's points in the quarter, answered with a 3 pointer.

Kirschner was fouled on a 3-pointer with 0.7 seconds left in the quarter. He was able to make all three free throws to give the Wildcats a 31-26 lead.

Kirschner hit another 3-pointer to start the scoring in the 4th quarter. A foul was called in the paint after the shot and Gassen made a free throw to extend the West lead to 35-26.

Two free throws by Tut drew the Bears to within six points at 39-33. But, that would be as close as the Bears would get while West made six of eight free throws to end the game.

"Our effort was great tonight. Our offensive rebounding was great," Coach Morrison said.

Morrison said it was nice to see his team finish with a win.

"We were ahead in the 4th quarter of both of our first games," he added. "It was hard to relax late in the game."

OB	13	6	7	9	35
MW	12	9	10	14	45

OB: McCullough 4, Jackson 4, Tut 13, Bynum 8, Rodriguez 2, Martin 4.

MW: Kirschner 18, Gassen 12, Frohloff 2, Moore 8, Carmichael 1, Fortune 4.



## Scores

<u>Freshman A (1-1)</u>		<u>Freshman B (1-1)</u>		<u>Reserves (1-0)</u>		<u>Junior Varsity (2-2)</u>		<u>Varsity (2-2)</u>	
Gretna	L 44-45	Gretna	W 54-40	Benson	W 72-15	Bryan	W 77-41	Bryan	W 45-35
Elk South	W 53-49	Elk South	L 39-42			Benson	W	Benson	W 43-33

# Defense Comes Through for Wildcats Again

For the 2nd game in a row, the Wildcats were able to hold their opponent under 40 points as Millard West beat Omaha Benson 43-33. West is now 2-2 on the season.

Max Frohloff led the Wildcats in scoring with nine points. Cole Kirschner had seven steals. Cooper Fortune led the team with nine rebounds and four assists.

Chiok John led all players in scoring with 12 points.

Neither team had much luck in scoring in the first quarter. Noah Faya started the scoring on a basket with 6:20 left in the first quarter. Peyton Moore started the scoring for West on a basket with 4:29 left on the clock.

Benson led 5-3 before Brandon Jamon made a 3 pointer at the buzzer to lead 8-3 after the first quarter.

“Our shooting really struggled in the first quarter. We were taking decent shots, but not paying attention to our mechanics,” Coach Bill Morrison said. “Our defense was able to keep us in the game early.”

Frohloff helped West open up the scoring by making two 3-pointers.



West was able to outscore the Bunnies 16-5 in the 2nd quarter.

West scored the first 12 points of the quarter. The Wildcat defense forced six turnovers and held Benson scoreless until John made a basket with 2:39 left in the half. West took a 19-13 lead into the half.

“We didn’t seem very relaxed on offense,” Morrison said. “I thought that, when we started scoring, it would calm us down. But we never really did.”

John made a shot for Benson with 4:11 on the clock to cut the lead to 22-21. Jordan Gassen scored four points on the next possession to help West regain control of the lead 26-21. The Wildcats led 30-23 going into the final period.

West’s defense controlled the Bunnies early in the 4th quarter as they built a 34-23 lead. Benson’s first basket came when Ke’Von Newsome scored with 4:40 left in the game.

West was able to build a 39-25 lead on another basket by Gassen. Benson cut the lead to 10 on a 3-pointer by Jamon, but there was only 8.7 seconds left on the clock.

After the game, Morrison com-

mented on his team’s progress after the first two weeks.

“We have been working hard on defense. Our defensive average is under 43 points and have had chances to win all four games,” Morrison said. “We need to be able to settle down offensively and start shooting better. When we do that, this team will be a lot of fun to watch.”

MW	3	16	11	13	43
OB	8	5	10	10	33

MW: Young 3, Kirschner 7, Gassen 8, Frohloff 9, Moore 3, Gaius-Anyaegbu 6, Fortune 7.

OB: Jamon 6, Harland 3, John 12, Faya 8, Newsome 4



# Lower Levels

## Freshmen A

The Millard West Freshmen A-team suffered a disappointing loss to Gretna 45-44 in their season opener.

Gretna led 16-12 after the first quarter. The scoring slowed down for both teams in the 2nd quarter and the Dragons held onto a 20-19 lead at the half.

Gretna outscored the Wildcats in the 3rd quarter to lead 30-26 with 8 minutes left in the game.

In the 4th quarter, West trailed by as many as 7 points. The Wildcats started to apply full court pressure and forced some turnovers. West made a basket as time was running out but was not able to complete the comeback.

Josh Fabrikant led the scoring for West with 16 points. Bryson Williams added 10, and Vincent Long and Nate Marable scored 8 points each.

GHS	16	4	10	15	45
MW	12	7	7	18	44

Millard West traveled to Elkhorn South and beat the Storm 53-49. A large part of the victory was due to great team defense.

Vince Long led the Wildcats with 14. Nate Marable added 12, Ryan Beightol dropped in 10, and Bryson Williams had 8 points.

## Freshmen B

The Freshmen Basketball B team won their season opening game over Gretna.

The Wildcats started out cold offensively but their defense kept them in the game as John Stanton was stifling in the press. Zach Dickmeyer

lead the team on the boards.

The Wildcats offensively were led by John Stanton and Samson Baker who each had 11 points.

Other Wildcats scoring was Ryker White 8pts, Evan Ward and Connor Morris 6pts, Jackson Semanisin and Griffin McDonald 5pts, and Zach Dickmeyer 2pts.

GHS	10	6	13	11	40
MW	3	21	12	18	54

The Wildcats started out hot offensively in the first half scoring 29 and leading by 13 at the half. The second half was the complete opposite as the Wildcats' shooting was ice cold offensively.

The Wildcats got into foul trouble and could not hold off the Storm for their first loss of the season.

Offensively the Wildcats were led by Solomon Baker who had 9. Samson Baker had 6pts, Ward, Stanton, McDonald, and White each had 4pts, Semanisin 3pts, and Morris had 2pts.

MW	17	12	6	4	39
ESHS	3	13	15	11	42

## Reserves

The Millard West Boys Reserve team traveled to Benson High School for the first win of the season.

The Wildcat Defense started out creating turnovers and converting them to points as they jumped out to a 20-0 lead before the Bunnies scored the last 4 points of the quarter.

From that point on, it was all Millard West as they led 45-9 at the half

and ended up winning 72-15.

Leading the scoring attack was Nolan Lord with 14 points and Breck Osborne added 11 points.

MW	20	25	16	11	72
OBHS	4	5	3	3	15

## Jr. Varsity

The JV boys were able to get a notch in the win column! All nine players that suited up scored in the game.

Great team defense and hustle led to many scoring opportunities.

Carter Laborde led the team with 19 points, all in the 2nd half. Trey Abara and Reece Carson had 11 points each. D.J. Schiemann contributed 10 points.

Bryan	10	8	13	11	41
MW	19	16	19	23	77

The JV boys were able to even up their record with a 62-56 win over the Bunnies. After the 3rd quarter, the Wildcats held a 25 point lead. Benson was able to make a run in the 4th by hitting 6 three pointers.

Three players were in double figures for the Wildcats. Jayden Kozney (11), Lucas Johnson (10), and Jackson Williams (10).

Carter LaBorde led the team with 8 rebounds. Nathan Durand contributed 8 points and 7 rebounds.

Reece Carson led the Wildcats with 4 assists.

Benson	7	9	11	29	56
MW	13	24	15	10	62

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

### Monday, Dec 12

#### Practice

9th            6 AM  
JV/V           3:40

#### Games

Res v Prep        7:30

### Tuesday, Dec 13

#### Practice

9th            3:40  
JV             4:00

#### Games

Var at MN        7:15 (5:00)  
Res vs Elk S     7:30

### Wednesday, Dec 14

#### Practice

9th            6 AM  
Res            6 AM  
JV/V           3:40

#### Games

No Games

### Thursday, Dec 15

#### Practice

JV/V           3:40

#### Games

9A at Skutt       6:00 (5:00)  
9B at Skutt       7:30 (5:00)  
Res at Skutt      7:30 (6:00)

### Friday, Dec 16

#### Practice

Res            6 AM  
9th            3:30

#### Games

JV vs Prep        5:30  
Var vs Prep       7:15

### Saturday, Dec 17

#### Practice

Boys           10:00 AM

#### Games

JV at LSW        3:30 (1:30)  
Var at LSW       5:15 (2:30)



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## *Beadle vs. Russell*

*At Millard West*

	<u>Varsity</u>	<u>Junior Varsity</u>
Russell	47	Russell 33
Beadle	41	Beadle 32



**George**  
**Beadle**  
**Middle School**

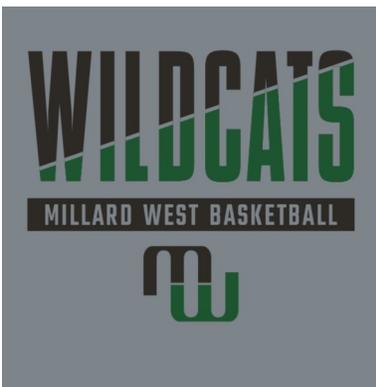
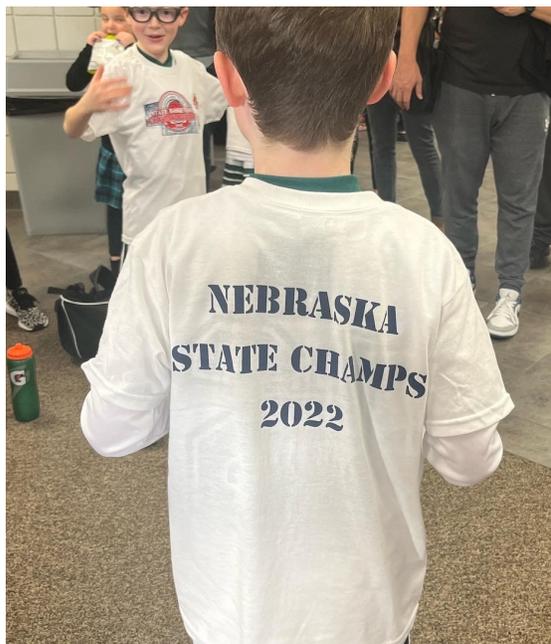


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