



# Millard West Boys Basketball

## Wildcat Report

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## Mustangs Beat West in Rivalry Game

Millard North took an early 9-0 lead and did not let the Wildcats back in the game to win this year's version of the West vs. North rivalry game, 61-47.

Zac Grandgenett was the only Wildcat in double figures with 18 points. Jaidyn Gaius-Anyaegbu had 5 steals.

Millard North had three players in double digits. Neal Mosser led the way with 18 points. Derek Rollins scored 13 points and Camden Monie added 10 for the Mustangs.

The game remained scoreless for the first two minutes in the game. The Mustangs broke out of the corral and made three 3-pointers in 70 seconds

to take a 9-0 lead with 4:50 left in the quarter.

West was able to finish the quarter by outscoring North 8 to 4 in the rest of the quarter to trail by five at the end of the period.

The Mustang offense was very efficient in the 2nd quarter, scoring 22 points on 14 possessions. North made four 3-pointers in the quarter.

"North really seemed to be in 'attack mode' in the first half," coach Bill Morrison said. "They came out very aggressive and gave our defense a lot of trouble."

West made some adjustments at half-time and were able to outscore the Mustangs 23-15 in the 3rd quarter. Grandgenett had 10 of his points in the quarter. West cut the lead to 50-40 at the end of the 3rd period.

"We talked more about making good decisions than we did X's and O's," Morrison said. "I thought we took some bad shots in the first half and didn't attack them."



West had trouble scoring in the 4th quarter. Their defense was able to limit the Mustangs to keep the game in reach. But, The Wildcats could not erase the Mustang lead.

MW	8	9	23	7	47
MN	13	22	15	11	61

MW: Kirschner 9, Gassen 4, Frohloff 2, Moore 7, Gaius 4, Carmichael 3, Grandgenett 18.

MN: Urbanek 5, Davis 1, Williams 3, Gaeth 7, Mosser 18, Monie 10, Rollins 13, Piatkowski 4.



## Scores

Freshman A (2-1)		Freshman B (2-1)		Reserves (3-1)		Junior Varsity (3-3)		Varsity (2-5)	
Skutt	W 49-47 OT	Skutt	W 46-31	Cr Prep	W 48-41	Cr Prep	W 55-51	Mil North	L 47-61
				Elk South	W 48-41	Lin SW	L 55-61	Cr. Prep	L 39-40
				Skutt	L 48-52			Lin SW	L 65-72

# Wildcats Lose Low Scoring Game to Prep

After leading 18-12 at half, the Wildcats can not hold on for the victory against Creighton Prep. Prep won 40-39.

Zac Grandgenett led West with 13 points. Peyton More had 9 rebounds and 2 assists. Cole Kirschner had 2 steals. And, Cooper Fortune led the team with 4 assists.

Marquis Toliver led all scorers off of the bench with 16 points for Creighton Prep. Dillon Claussen added 11 points.

The score in the first quarter went back and forth for both teams. Their were three ties in the quarter. Cole Kirschner led the Wildcats with 5 points in the quarter as the Wildcats took a 9-7 lead at the end of the first quarter. PJ Newbill scored five of his eight points in the quarter.

The scoring did not pick up in the 2nd quarter. West never trailed in the first half. Grandgenett had four points in the quarter.

Coach Bill Morrison was happy with his teams effort in the first quarter. "Our defense was great. Only allowing 12 points is a really good effort against anyone. Offensively, we need to find ways to score more," he said.

Prep came out of the half and hit two 3-pointers early in the 2nd half to tie the score 18-18.

Prep gained their first lead of the game after a basket by Dillon Claussen with just over a minute left, 24-23. Max Frohloff was able to answer with a basket to 25-24 to end the scoring in the 3rd quarter.

Prep scored first in the 4th quarter to make the score 26-25 on a Toliver drive from the top of the key with 6:45 remaining. Grandgenett made a 3-pointer after a Wildcat offensive rebound at the 5:13 mark.

In the last five minutes of the game, both teams started scoring more efficiently. Toliver made a 3-pointer to regain the lead for Prep.

Moore tied the score 29-29 with a free throw and the Wildcats took a 32-29 lead with 3:34 on the clock after a 3-pointer by Cole Kirschner.

There would be three more lead changes in the game over the final three minutes. Prep was 6-6 from the free throw line in that stretch.

Following a timeout, Dillon Claussen made a basket after a Toliver drive to give Prep a 38-35 lead with 18 seconds remaining.

Grandgenett drove the length of the court and scored with 9.6 left on the clock. West fouled Joey Rieschl with 7.8 seconds left.

Rieschl, Prep's leading scorer coming into the game, made both free

throws for his first two points of the game.

The Wildcats got the ball to half court, called a timeout and got a decent look at a 3-pointer. The shot did not fall. Jordan Gassed grabbed the offensive rebound and made the put-back to end the game.

"Our guys followed our game plan perfectly on defense," Morrison said. "Rieschl didn't make a shot the whole game and we did a good job of keeping the other guys out the lane for most of the game."

"We need to find ways to score," Morrison added. "We are settling for deep 3's. We have to find ways to get the ball into the paint."



CP	7	5	12	16	40
MW	9	9	7	11	39

Prep: D Claussen 11, Toliver 16, Newbill 8, Rieschl 2, Jones 3.

West: Kirschner 8, Gassen 8, Frohloff 2, Moore 4, Gaius 4, Grandgenett 13.





# Silverhawks Outscore Wildcats

Millard West was able to put more points on the board against Lincoln Southwest, but could not keep up with the Silverhawks' high powered offense. Southwest beat the Wildcats 72-65.

Zac Grandgenett led the Wildcats with 17 points, 5 assists, and 6 steals. Peyton Moore scored 13 points, grabbed 9 rebounds and blocked 2 shots. Max Frohloff also scored 10 points.

Chuck Love led Southwest with 21 points. Rylan Smith scored 15. Bhan Buom and Braden Frager added 12 and 11 respectively. The Silverhawks shot 74% 2-point field goals and 40% 2-pointers. They were also 20-26 from the free throw line.

Millard West scored first on a 3-pointer by Frohloff. There would be 3 lead changes in the first quarter. Southwest led 14-12 late in the quarter. The Silverhawks went on a 7-0 run in the last 1:16 of the quarter.

The teams played even for the first seven minutes of the 2nd quarter. West cut the lead to 29-21 on a basket by Jordan Gassen with 2:30 left in the half.

West was able to force seven Silverhawk turnover in the quarter, including five in a row late in the quarter. But the last minute was a repeat of the first quarter. Southwest finished the half with a 7-0 run in the last 1:10 of the period.

"We did a lot of good things in the first half, but we didn't finish either quarter very well," Coach Bill Morrison said. "We can't allow good teams to go on runs like that."

Southwest used another 11-3 run in the 3rd quarter to build a 51-34 run. The Silverhawks led 56-38 going

into the final period. But, the Wildcats were not ready to throw in the towel.

West started the final quarter with a 7-0 run to cut the lead to 45-54. The Wildcats had a stretch where they scored on six of seven possessions and cut the lead to seven, 65-58.

Southwest scored their last 13 points from the line on 13-16 shooting from the foul line.

"We played so much better offensively in the 2nd half than we did the first half," Morrison said. "We played together instead of forcing shots. That also helped our defense because they were not able to score as many points in transition."

The Wildcats have played seven games in 17 days and are looking forward to getting some time to practice.

"We haven't had time to put two or three good practices together because of our busy schedule," Morrison said. "We have three days next week to hopefully fix a few things and get ready for the Metro Tournament."

"West will play Elkhorn South at Elkhorn South on Thursday, December 22, at 4:00 p.m. Their second game will be at Bellevue West on December 29th. That opponent will be decided after first round games this week.

MW	12	9	17	27	65
LSW	21	15	20	16	72

MW: Kirschner 8, Gassen 9, Frohloff 10, Moore 13, Gaius-Anyaegbu 6, Grandgenett 17, Fortune 2.

LSW: Helms 5, Love 21, Buom 3, Smith 15, Lam 2, Reynolds 3, Frager 11



**Junior Varsity**

The JV basketball team got a big win over Creighton Prep Friday night! After leading 19-6 at the end of the 1st quarter, the Wildcats were only up 2 going into halftime.

The Blue Jays took the lead in the 3rd quarter and led by 5 going into the 4th.

The Wildcats refocused on the defensive end to get stops and transition points to take the lead and get the W.

The Wildcats shot 17/23 from the

line for the game. 10/14 in the 4th quarter.

Lucas Johnson led the team with 13 points. Trey Abara contributed 12.

CP	6	18	15	12	51
MW	19	7	8	21	55



After a solid 1st half ending in a 11 point lead, the Wildcats struggled offensively and defensively in the 2nd half.

The Wildcats ended up getting outscored 34-17 during the last 2 quarters.

Everyone scored for the Wildcats with Trey Abara leading the way with 9 points, all in the 1st half.

MW	22	16	11	6	55
LSW	11	16	17	17	61

**Reserves**

The Millard West Boys Reserve basketball team beat Creighton Prep 48-41 in their home opener.

The Wildcats jumped out to an early win by forcing turnovers and converting them into lay ups. Tyson Meier hit two 3-pointers early in the game as well.

Prep battled back and took a 5-point lead with 3:30 left in the half. Carson Hutteger led the Wildcat come-back by getting into the lane and scoring on some lay ups. The Cats' defense was able to limit the Blue Jays. West trailed by one at the half.

Millard West took the lead early in the 2nd half and held the lead throughout most of the 2nd

half. West led by as much as 11 points, but the Blue Jays would not give up and cut the lead to six points late in the game.

Colvin Zimmerman led the team with 14 points. Carson Hutteger added 13 points for the Cats.

The Wildcats jumped out to an early 8-0 lead over Elkhorn South. West's offense built a 31-13 lead going into the half.

Elkhorn game out of the break and outscored the Wildcats 15-5 in the quarter to make the score 36-28.

Both teams battled back and forth in the fourth quarter. West was able to pull away in the 4th quarter and won 48-41.

Tyson Meier led West with 13 points. Carson Hutteger added 12 points and Colvin Zimmerman scored 7 points.

The Wildcats started off hot and led early by forcing turnovers, pushing the pace, and high-intensity defense. West had their best half of the season and led by 15 going into the half.

Coming out of the half proved to be a different story as Skutt Catholic was able to battle back and go ahead late in the 4th quarter.

The Wildcats were not able to battle back and lost 48-52.

**Freshmen A**

The Freshmen A team was able to fight adversity and earn a 49-47 comeback victory in overtime against Omaha Skutt.

The bus was late because of the snow storm and did not leave West until close to game time.

The Skyhawks were able to jump out to a 17 point lead in the first half.

The Wildcats battled back and were able to tie the score 40-40 to end regulation. West pulled out the victory in overtime.

Nate Marable led all scorers with 17 points. Rowen Scholting scored 9 points. Bryson Williams and Vince Long added 5 each.

**Freshmen B**

The Wildcats used a strong first half to beat the SkyHawks 46-31 and get their 2nd win of the season.

The Wildcats offensively were led by Stanton and Chevis who each had 11pts. Other Wildcats scoring were Morris with 6, Solomon Baker and Semanisin 5, and Ward and Samson Baker 4pts.

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

### Monday, Dec 19

#### Practice

V/JV 3:40

Res 5:40

#### Games

9A at Burke 5:00 (3:45)

9B at Burke 6:30

### Tuesday, Dec 20

#### Practice

V/JV 3:40

#### Games

9A at Central 4:30 (3:00)

9B at Central 6:00

Res vs Bennington 6:00

### Wednesday, Dec 21

#### Practice

V/JV 10:30 a.m.

9th 5:00 p.m.

Res 5:00 p.m.

#### Games

Vars 5:00 at Elk South (3:30)

### Thursday, Dec 22.

#### Practice

V/JV 10:30 a.m.

Res 6:00 a.m.

9th 10:30 a.m.

#### Games

No Games

### NSAA Moratorium

December 23—December 27

Athletes may not use MPS facilities during these five days.

***Practice/Game times are always subject to change.***



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