



Millard West Boys Basketball

Wildcat Report

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Wildcats Beat Chieftains in Overtime

After trailing for most of the first three quarters, Millard West took the lead in the 4th quarter and beat Bellevue East 60-57 in overtime.

Jaidyn Gaius-Anyegbu led the Wildcats with 14 points, 7 rebounds, and 2 blocks. Cole Kirschner had 9 points, 5 assists, and 5 steals. Cooper Fortune scored a career-high 12 points on 5 of 5 shooting from the field and 2 of 2 from the line.

Jacobi Adams led the Chieftains with 17 points. JJ Ball scored 13. Ryan Leneer and Eli Robinson both added 10 points for East.

The Wildcats have lost six games this year in which they were leading at some point in the 4th quarter. They lost to Lincoln Southeast in overtime last Saturday. The win was a relief for the West coaching staff.

“We have had a tough schedule and have had a lot of close games,” Coach Bill Morrison said. “I thought our guys showed a lot of character in this game. They stayed composed and just made the simple plays.”

In the first quarter, East outscored the Wildcats 13-11 after West held an early lead. Ball and Leneer scored 9 of the Chieftain points in the quarter.

West pulled to within 13-12 early

in the quarter before hitting a scoring drought. The Wildcats did not score on ten straight possessions and fell behind 20-12. The half ended with East ahead 24-16.

“We had a pretty hard practice yesterday,” Morrison said. “Our guys were visible tired. We went harder than we normally do on a pre-game day, but we felt we had to fix some mistakes that have been haunting us.”

West came out strong in the third quarter but could not cut down the Chieftain lead. Every time it looked like West would make a comeback, East seemed to have an answer. Two baskets by Fortune at the end of the quarter made the score 34-29.

West’s defense forced six turnovers in the first four minutes of the 4th quarter and took a 42-39 lead on a basket by Gaius. East answered with a 3-pointer. But Gaius countered with an “old-fashioned” 3-point play to lead by 3.

West forced a tough shot late in the shot clock, but Robinson got an offensive rebound and a slam dunk while getting fouled to tie the score again.

The Wildcats took a 48-45 lead with 32.3 seconds left in the game on a free-throw by Gaius. On the ensuing possession, Ball got opened for East and made a 3-pointer from the corner with 22.1

South Wins in 4th Quarter

Millard South came from behind in the 4th quarter thanks in part to shooting 14-16 from the line in a 57-55 victory over Millard West.

Peyton Moore led the Wildcats with 15 points. Max Frohloff added 11. Jordan Gassen and Cole Kirschner score 9 and 8 points respectively.

Millard South was led by Austin Trotter who scored all 15 of his points in the 2nd half. Ben Boudreau and Lance Rucker scored 13 and 12 points.

West game out of the gate on fire and took a 14-2 lead midway through the first quarter behind 4 of 5 shooting from behind the 3-point arc. South would settle in and score on five straight possession while forcing three turnovers to cut the lead to 16-10 at the end of the first quarter.

Both teams struggled scoring in the 2nd quarter. The Patriots outscored the Wildcat 9-5 in the quarter. They were able to tie the score 19-19 with 1:05 left in the half. A basket by Gassen gave West a 21-19 lead.

Scores

Freshman A (10-2)

No Games

Freshman B (7-3)

No Games

Reserves (8-3)

Mil South W 64-35

Junior Varsity (6-5)

Mil South L 56-59

Varsity (4-10)

B East W 60-57 OT

M South L 55-57

Lower Levels

MW vs BE

seconds left. West called a time-out to set up a play. The Chieftains switched defenses and threw West off-balance. Jordan Gassen was able to get a shot off at the buzzer, but the shot fell short.

“I thought both teams really battled in the 4th quarter,” Morrison said. “We got the lead, but East wouldn’t let us get control of the game. They had some guys make some big shots.”

On the tip to start the overtime, Kirschner gained possession by running across the court and securing the ball. On that some possession, Kirschner drove to the right elbow and made a pull-up jumper to give West the lead.

East answered with a basket by Lenear. Max Frohloff made a 3-pointer from the top of the lead to give the advantage back to the Wildcats. West shot 10 free-throws on their next five possessions and made just enough to hold the lead. East scored on four of their last five possessions. After a free throw by Gassen with 8.3 seconds remaining, Ball took a contested shot from the right wing at the buzzer. The shot hit the backboard and almost went in.

Morrison was happy about his team’s performance. “Hopefully this will be a stepping stone for us. A lot of guys stepped up in this game. We have to continue to get better every day.”

MW	11	5	13	19	12	60
BE	12	11	10	14	9	57

MW – Kirschner 9, Gassen 9, Frohloff 6, Moore 9, Gaius 14, Fortune 12, Butler 1

BE – Elmamoun 2, Tolbert 2, Williams 3, Ball 13, Adams 17, Lenear 10, Robinson 10

Freshmen A

The Millard West Boys Reserve team continued their winning streak with a 64-35 victory over rival Millard South. The win was the fourth win in a row for the Wildcats.

The Cats' half-court pressure flustered the Patriots early in the game and gave them a 14-6 lead at the end of the first quarter. West would continue to keep the pedal down and go into halftime with a 35-12 lead.

The Wildcats have had previous struggles coming out of halftime, however they maintained a solid lead and played hard for all four quarters.

Carson Hutteger led all scorers with 15 points. Colvin Zimmerman and Tyson Meier had 11 points each. Josh Jones added 7 and Nolan Lord contributed 6 points.

Junior Varsity

After a lethargic first half, the Wildcats found themselves down 17 at halftime against Millard South.

The defensive intensity returned in the 2nd half. That, combined with better ball movement on offense during the 2nd half allowed the Wildcats to get back in the game.

Missed free throws by Millard South allowed West to have a shot to force overtime. After a timeout, the Wildcats shot attempt bounced off the rim at the buzzer.

WILDCAT BASKETBALL

Diaper Drive Results

Boys

Diapers	1,427
Donations	\$800
Total diapers	5,427

Girls

Diapers	3,837
Donations	\$405
Total diapers	5,862



Totals

5,264 diapers and \$1,205 in donations

This is the equivalent to 11,289 diapers, which will help almost 200 kids!
Thank you to all who donated and helped coordinate this event!

And our results were much closer than in the past, so great job to the teams for coming out to support!



Saturday, Jan. 14

DIAPER DRIVE



MW vs MS

“Our offense became stagnant in the 2nd quarter,” Coach Bill Morrison said. “We weren’t moving the ball very well and we weren’t cutting very hard.”

Trotter scored eight points in the first four possessions of the 3rd quarter. His first 3-pointer of the quarter gave South their first lead of the game 24-21. Moore responded on the next possession and tied the game back up, 24-24.

West built a 39-31 lead with 2:16 left in the period. Rucker scored six points in the quarter. South went on a 6-0 run including the last two baskets by Rucker to end the period down 39-37.

“We didn’t end the 3rd quarter very well,” Morrison said. “We had a chance to put the game out of reach.”

Trotter scored five points in a row for South to take a 42-41. West would tie the score 43-43 with 4:23 left in the game. South’s Boudreau made four free throws to give the Patriots a 47-43 lead with 2:54 left in the game.

Jaidyn Gaius-Anyegbu made a 3-pointer followed by two free throws by Moore to give the lead back to West, 48-47.

On the next possession, Isaac Jensen got open and made a 3-pointer from the top of the key with 1:45 left in the game. That basket provided the only points for the Patriots from a non-starter.

West scored seven points in their last six possession, but South made 7 of their last 8 free throws to keep the Wildcats from regaining the lead.

MW	16	5	18	16	55
MS	10	9	18	20	57

MW — Kirschner 8, Gassen 9, Frohloff 11, Moore 15, Gaius 5, Grandgenett 1, Fortune 6.

MS — Anderson 5, Nordstrom 9, Rucker 12, Boudreau 13, Trotter 15, Jensen 3.



Pictures by Anna Burton

Weekly Practice / Game Schedule

Monday, Jan 23

Practice

Var 3:40-5:10

9th 6:45 AM

Games

JV @ Westside 6:00 (4:30)

Res @ Westside 7:30 (4:30)

Tuesday, Jan 24

Practice

JV 3:30-4:30

9th 4:30-5:30

Res No Practice

Games

Var vs Gretna 7:15

Wednesday, Jan 25

Practice

Var/JV 3:40-5:10

Res 5:10-6:30

9th 5:10-6:30

Games

No Games

Thursday, Jan 26

Practice

JV/V 3:40-5:10

Res 6 AM

Games

9A vs Prep 6:00

9B vs Prep 7:30

Friday, Jan 27

Practice

JV 3:30-4:30

9th 4:30-6:00

Res 5:15-6:45

Games

Var @ Westview 7:15 (5:00)

Saturday, Jan 28

Practice

JV/V 9:00

Games

9th @ LE 9:00

Res @ LE 10:30

JV @ LNS 3:15

Var @ LNS 5:00

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