



Millard West Boys Basketball

Wildcat Report

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Wildcats Lose to the Storm in Overtime

After leading throughout much of the game, Elkhorn South's Jackson Moeller-Swan made a 25-foot jumper at the end of regulation to send the game into overtime. The Storm took an early lead in overtime and made free throws down the stretch to win 74-66.

Zac Grandgenett led all scorers with 28 points. Elkhorn South's "big three" combined for 57 of their 74 points. Alec Noonan let the way with 24, Moeller-Swan had 19, and Cade Stone scored 11 points.

"I thought our guys did a pretty good job of keeping their three best players in check for most of the game," Coach Bill Morrison said. "We didn't finish very well. They got three pretty easy looks in the last minute of the game."

West jumped out to an early 5-0 lead in the first quarter. South tied it back up at 5-5 before the Wildcats got the score back to 9-5. The Storm battled back and tied the game 11-11 to end the quarter.

South took a 15-11 lead on a basket by Stone early in the 2nd quarter.

West scored on 9 of their next 11 possessions and build a 29-22 lead. South, once again, battled back and went into the half down 29-25.

"We were happy with our performance in the first half," Morrison said. "They didn't get very many easy baskets and our offense way playing pretty well. Our guys seemed confident coming out of the half."

The Storm hit two 3-pointers to start the 2nd half and took a 31-29 lead. Max Frohloff made a basket to tie the score and West called a time out. The Wildcats were able to build a 43-37 lead with just under two minutes left in the game. Jordan Gassen made a lay up after a crazy sequence of plays to give West a 45-40 lead going into the final period.

Despite four turnovers early in the quarter, West was able to hold onto the lead through. They Wildcats led by as much as 9 points in the final period.

Gavin Hornbacher made a basket to make the score 57-55 in favor of West with under a minute remaining.

Peyton Moore scored a lay up in transition after a long rebound. South

pushed the ball up the court and scored within 6 seconds to cut the lead back to 59-57.

West's Frohloff made two free throws, but Elkhorn South recovered the ball after a scramble in the lane. Noonan was fouled on the basket and made the free throw to cut the lead to 61-60 with 5.4 seconds remaining.

Cooper Fortune was fouled on the inbound and made two free throws to give the Wildcats a 64-61 lead with 4.7 seconds left. The Storm inbounded the ball and Swan dribbled the length of the floor and made a 3-pointer to force overtime.

Morrison wasn't happy about the last play. "I should have called timeout when we were shooting free throws. Or at least got a sub up to the table. Our defense wasn't organized and they got a wide open look."

Grandgenett was fouled on the first Wildcat possession and made one of two free throws to take the first lead of overtime.

Noonan answered with a 3-pointer to take a 66-64 lead, only their 3rd lead of the game. West was not able

Scores

Freshman A (15-3)

O NW W 76-52

O North W 62-47

Freshman B (11-3)

O North W 67-42

Reserves (12-4)

Elk South W 60-22

Junior Varsity (10-7)

Elk South W 60-58

Varsity (7-13)

E South L 66-74 OT

Freshman A

The Wildcats used a solid offensive performance to beat Omaha Northwest 76-52 for their 4th straight win.

West led 36-21 at halftime. The Huskies were able to score with the Wildcats in the 3rd quarter. West only increased their lead to 55-39 at the end of the quarter. But West was able to pull away in the 4th quarter by outscoring Northwest by 8.

Vince Long led the wildcats with 26 points. Bryson Williams, Josh Fabrikant, and Rowen Scholting all had 9 points. Nathan Marable and Dallas Gaius added 8 points each.

The Millard West Freshman A team beat Omaha North 62-47 to win their 5th game in a row. Three Wildcats scored in double digits.

After a 14-11 first quarter, the Wildcats used an 18-7 2nd quarter to build a 32-18 lead. The Vikings matched the Wildcat scoring in the 2nd half but could not cut into the lead.

Vince Long led all scorers with 19 points. Bryson Williams and Rowen Scholting both scored 13 for West. John Stanton and Connor Morris scored 7 and 6 points respectively.

Freshman B

The Wildcats won their 11th game of the season with a 67-42 victory over Omaha North.

West led 16-11 after the first quarter, but outscored the Vikings 18-5 in the 2nd quarter to take a 34-16 lead at the half.

The Wildcats were able to increase their lead to 53-26 in the 3rd quarter.

Jackson Semanisin and Connor Morris lead the Wildcats offensively with each scoring a season high. Semanisin had 11pts and Morris had 10pts. Other Wildcats scoring were Beightol 9, McDonald and Chevis 8, Stanton 7, White and Sa Baker 4, Teager, Chapp, and Dickmeyer 2pts. Evan Ward lead the Wildcats with 8 assist.

shutting down #12 for the Storm. He had 9 of their 15 points in the 1st quarter. For most of the next 3 quarters, Reece Carson drew the assignment. With help from everyone else, #12 was held to 10 more points for the rest of the game.

On the offensive end, seven players scored between 6 to 10 points. Tag Carmichael led with 10 points (last 2 were FT's to ice the game). Nathan Durand and Carter LaBorde finished with 8 points each. Jacob Young, Jace Ingebretson, and D.J. Schiemann chipped in 7 points each while Jayden Kozney contributed 6 points. Reece Carson (7) and Lucas Johnson (4) led the Wildcats in assists.

Lower Levels

Reserves

West started out fast and never looked back. West led 14-3 at the end of the first and 28-8 at the half. West held the Titans to single digits in all four quarters in the 60-22 victory. Ben Schmitz led the team with a career high 10 points. Breck Osborne and Josh Jones each scored 9 in the win.

Junior Varsity

The JV Boys were able to improve to 10-7 with a 62-58 victory over Elkhorn South. The 1st quarter ended with a 6 point lead due to team defense, getting the transition game going, and good ball movement on offense.

The key to our defensive plan was

Elkhorn South vs. Millard West

to make a basket on their next four possessions and South build a 71-64 lead with 1:22 left.

West was assessed two technical fouls during a time out, and the Wildcats were not able to cut into the lead for the remainder of the game.

“This loss is tough to take,” Morrison said after the game. “We did so many things well for the first 31 minutes.”

ES	11	14	15	23	11	74
MW	11	18	16	18	3	66

ES — Noonan 27, Skradis 4, Moeller-Swan 19, Hornbach 34 5, Musil 3, Stone 11, Werner 3, Schwarz 2

MW — Kirschner 9, Gassen 6, Frohloff 7, Moore 6, Gaius-Anyegbu 8, Grandgenett 28, Fortune 2.



Weekly Practice / Game Schedule

Monday, Feb 13

Practice

JV/V 3:30—5:00
 9th 5:00-6:30
 Res 5:00-6:30

Games

No Games

Tuesday, Feb 14

Practice

9th 3:30—5:00
 JV TBA

Games

Var at Westside 7:15 (5:00)
 Res at Central 7:30 (5:45)

Wednesday, Feb 15

Practice

JV/V 3:30—5:10
 9th 5:10—6:30

Games

No Games

Thursday, Feb 16

Practice

JV/ V 1:00

Games

9A vs M South 6:00
 9B vs M South 7:30

Friday, Feb 17

Practice

JV/V 10:00 a.m.
 9th TBA

Games

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

Saturday, Feb 18

Practice

No Varsity Practice
 9th 1:00

Games

No games

Saturday, Feb 18

9th at 2:30

Practice/Game times are always subject to change.

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