



Millard West Boys Basketball

Wildcat Report

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Wildcats Win on Senior Night!

The Millard West Boys Basketball Team was able to send their Seniors off on a winning note. The Wildcats led by as much as 13 before Omaha Central cut the lead to 1 point late in the 4th quarter. West pulled away at the end and won 57-51.

Cole Kirschner scored 11 points and had four steals. Jaidyn Gaius-Anyegbu also scored 11 points and grabbed four rebounds. Zac Grandgenett dished out 4 assists in the game.

Awit Mamer was the only Eagle in double digits with 15 points.

West scored on their first two possessions to take an early 4-0 lead. But two Wildcat turnovers allowed Central to take a 5-4 lead with 4:35 left in the first quarter. That would be the only lead for Central.

The Wildcats held Central scoreless for the remainder of the quarter and stretched their lead to 12-5 to end the period.

West had trouble scoring early in the 2nd quarter and Central cut the lead to 12-11. The Wildcat defense stepped up again and held the Eagle scoreless for seven straight possessions to build a 20-13 lead.

Central fought back and scored on their last two possessions of the half to cut the lead to 22-17 at the break.

“Our defense was really good in the first half,” Coach Bill Morrison said. “I wish we wouldn’t have given up those last two baskets, but I thought we were in a good place at the break.

In the 3rd quarter, West was able to build a 35-23 lead on a steal and basket by Peyton Moore with 3:07 left in the period. The two teams exchanged scores over the remainder of the period and the Wildcats held a 43-33 lead going in the 4th quarter.

Gaius scored a basket with 5:57 left in the game to build a 48-40 lead. Millard West hit a scoring drought as they committed five turnovers in their next eight possessions. Central cut the lead to 48-47.

“I think everyone was nervous in the huddle when they cut the game to one,” Morrison said. “We have been here so many times this year. Our guys were very composed and did a great job down the stretch.”

Kirschner made a 3 pointer that was followed by a basket by Frohloff to build the Wildcat lead back to 53-47. West held onto the lead for the last minute to get the win.

“This was a great win for us. We have had trouble finishing games this year,” Morrison said. “It was fun to see the guys able to celebrate after a tough game.”

OC	5	12	16	18	51
MW	12	10	21	14	57

OC — Doss 6, Wayne 5, Mamer 15, Brown 3, Both 7, Holman 9, Pyform4, Ackerman 2.

MW — Kirschner 11, Gassen 9, Frohloff 10, Moore 9, Gaius 11, Grandgenett 7.



Scores

Freshman A (15-3)

No Games

Freshman B

Final Record
11-3

Reserves (14-4)

O Central W 63-43

Junior Varsity (11-7)

O Central W 57-51

Varsity (8-14)

O Westside L 61-86
O Central W 57-51

Senior
Night

Class
of
2023



Westside Attacks Early and Wins Big

Omaha Westside jumped out to a 27-11 first quarter lead and went on to beat Millard West 86-61.

Jordan Gassen led the Wildcats with a career-high 16 points. Cole Kirschner added 10 points for West. Zac Grandgenett led the team with 7 rebounds.

Westside had three players in double-digits led by Tate Odvody with 17 points. K Stubblefield scored 16 points and CJ Mitchel added 15.

Westside scored 23 points in transition and 15 second chance points in the game. They also made 13 3-pointers. The Warriors outrebounded West 40-12.

Jaidyn Gaius-Anyegbu converted a 3-pointer on West's first shot attempt to tie the score 3-3 with 6:50 left in the first quarter. Westside would go on a 10-0 run over the next 2 1/2 minutes before Kirschner made a layup to stop the run.

West would cut the lead to 17-9, but the Warriors used their transition game and outside shooting to make the score 27-11 at the end of the first quarter.

"I was disappointed in the way we started," Coach Bill Morrison said. "We talked about being aggressive right from the start. Westside put a lot of pressure on us all night and we couldn't find an answer."

Westside continued to add to their lead throughout the 2nd quarter. Jordan Gassen tried to lead the Wildcats on offense. He scored 12 of his 16 points in the first half, including 8-9 from the free throw line. The Warriors led 45-24 at the break.

The Wildcats could not make a serious run at the Warriors in the 2nd half. Westside led 65-40 at the end of the 3rd quarter.

The Warriors had their biggest lead of the game, 29, with just over four minutes left. West was able to Match the Warriors scoring in the 4th quar-

ter, but they could not get enough defensive stops to cut into the lead.

"We have played a lot of good teams close this year," Morrison said. "Our schedule has been tough, but we have been in most of the games this year. We didn't have it tonight."

MW	11	13	16	21	61
OW	27	18	20	21	86

MW — Abara 1, Kirschner 10, Gassen 16, Frohloff 3, Carson 7, Moore 4, Gaius 3, Carmichael 3, Grandgenett 5, Fortune 7, Butler 2

OW — Loftin 5, Benning 4, Stubblefield 16, Mitchell 15, Crawford 9, Evans 2, Anderson 13, Odvody 17, Barfield 3, Ty Odvody 2

WILDCAT
BASKETBALL

Lower Levels

Reserves

The Millard West Reserve Boys Basketball team ended the year on a high note with a 63-43 victory over Omaha Central.

The Wildcats led Central by 17 at the half. Central made a run to start the 3rd quarter and would cut the Wildcat lead to 10 points. West was able to get the lead back to 20 points for their 14th victory of the year.

Colvin Zimmerman led the Wildcats with 15 points while Carson Hutteger would have 14 points. Tyson Meier chipped in 13 points.

West ended the season with a record of 14-4.

Jr. Varsity

The JV Boys were able to start fast and get many transition points to end the 1st quarter with a 16 point lead. Central kept chipping away, but the Wildcats were able to hang on for the 57-51 victory over Omaha Central.

All 11 team members scored in the game. Trey Abara led the team with 12 points. Tag Carmichael scored all 8 of his points and had a couple offensive rebounds to extend possessions in the 4th quarter.

The Wildcats won the last four games of the season to end the year with an 11-7 record.

Weekly Practice / Game Schedule

Monday, Feb 20

Practice

Var — 11:30

Games

9th at Prep Tourney

Quarter Finals — 7:15

Tuesday, Feb 21

Practice

Var—3:40

Games

9th at Prep Tourney

Semi Finals — 7:15

Wednesday, Feb 22

Practice

Var—3:40

Games

9th at Prep Tourney

Finals — 5:45

Thursday, Feb 23

Practice

Var — 3:40

Games

No Games

Friday, Feb 24

Practice

Var — 3:40

Games

No Games

Saturday, Feb 25

Practice

Var — 10 a.m.

Games

District First Round

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**8th Grade
Green
and White
Teams
Compete
at the
Pentagon**



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Wildcat Nation 3v3 Tournament Champions

6th Grade

7th Grade

8th Grade

