



Millard West Boys Basketball

Wildcat Report

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Wildcats Win Two, Lose 1 in Metro Tournament

After beating Omaha Buena Vista 79-33 in the first round, Millard West was beat by the #5 seed Gretna Dragons 60-49. In the Consolation Game, West beat Elkhorn South 65-50.

Millard West vs Gretna

Millard West had a rematch against Gretna in the 2nd round of the Metro Tournament. Gretna won the first game 81-65 on December 16th.

West led early in the game and was tied at half-time, but Gretna used a big 3rd quarter to secure the win. Cooper Fortune and Carter LaBorde led the Wildcats with 11 points each.

Gretna's starters scored all but two points in the game. Landon Pokorski led the way with 15. Alec Wilkins scored 14 points. Alex Wilcoxson and Kade Cook had 12 points each.

The Wildcats jumped out to an early 9-2 lead in the first quarter. The Dragons' defense was able to force seven Wildcat turnovers in the quarter and cut the lead to 11-10 at the end of the first quarter.

Gretna outscored Millard West 14-13 in the 2nd quarter. LaBorde scored seven points off the bench for Millard West in the quarter.

"I thought we did a lot of good things in the first half," Coach Bill Morrison said. Our defense was great early in the game. We had too many empty possessions due to turnovers in the first half."

The Dragons came out of the half with a new mind set. They scored on each of their first two possessions and forced a Millard West timeout with just 1:24 off of the clock.

"Gretna came out with a mission in the 2nd half and it took us too long to match their intensity," Morrison said.

Gassen made a 3-pointer with 5:39 left in the 3rd quarter to make the score 32-30. Gretna went on to outscore the Wildcats 13-4 in the remainder of the quarter.

The Wildcats had their highest scoring quarter in the final period, but they could not cut into the lead that the Dragons built in the 3rd quarter.

MW	11	13	10	15	49
GHS	10	14	21	15	60

MW: Ingebretson 2, Carson 9, Abara 6, Gassen 3, Frohloff 2, Carmichael 5, Fortune 11, LaBorde 11.

GHS: T. Wilkens 4, A. Wilkins 14, Cook 12, Pokorski 15, Wilcoxson 12, Vieth 5.

Millard West vs Elkhorn South

The Consolation Game was another rematch for the Wildcats. West was able to beat the Storm 52-42 on December 14.

A strong 3rd quarter by the Wildcats helped West beat Elkhorn South 65-50. Jordan Gassen scored a career-high 22 points in the game. Reece Carson added 15 for West.

Cooper Mroczek led the Storm with 14 points. Aidan Skradis and Lincoln Schwarz scored 12 and 10 points.

West had trouble scoring in the first quarter despite playing very well on the defensive end. West was able to force seven turnovers in the first quarter but trailed 9-11 at the break.

The Wildcat offense was able to get



Scores

Freshman A (5-2)

Bell West	W	74-47
Mil South	W	65-46

Freshman B (5-0)

Bell West	W	71-18
Mil North	W	70-64

Reserves (2-4)

No Games

Junior Varsity (6-1)

Pap South	W	75-68
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Varsity (6-3)

Gretna	L	49-60
Elk South	W	65-50

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going in the 2nd quarter. West out-scored South 16-11 in the quarter and led 25-22 at the half.

“I didn’t think we worked very well together on offense in the first half. Everything seemed to be individual moves that ended up in contested shots or turnovers,” Morrison said.

“We challenged our guys at half time to take control of the game in the 3rd quarter,” he added.

Mrocek made a jumper from the free throw line to make the score 35-31 in favor of the Wildcats with 4:01 remaining in the quarter.

After a time out, Tag Carmichael made a 3-pointer. West went on an 11-3 run after the timeout and led 46-34 going into the final period.

“Our offense was much better, especially late in the quarter,” Morrison said. “And, our defense remained solid the whole game.”

The Storm cut the lead to 48-40 with 5:36. Carson answered with a 3-pointer to stop Elkhorn’s momentum.

Gassen got a steal and half court and converted a layup to give West their biggest lead of the game, 57-42, with 3:48 left in the game.

Elkhorn South tried to extend their defense, but West was able to handle the pressure and create some easy lay ups.

MW	9	16	21	19	65
ES	11	11	12	16	50

MW: Carson 15, Abara 2, Gassen 22, Frohloff 8, Carmichael 3, Fortune 6, LaBorde 4, Walker 5.

ES: Preble 6, Skradis 12, Vander-Linden 3, Musil 3, Wemhoff 2, Schwarz 10, Mroczek 14.

The Wildcats are currently 6-3 as they head into 2024. Coach Morrison is happy with his team’s progress.

“These guys have been a lot of fun to coach. They come to work every-day in practice. They are willing to learn. As a result, we are getting better,” he said.

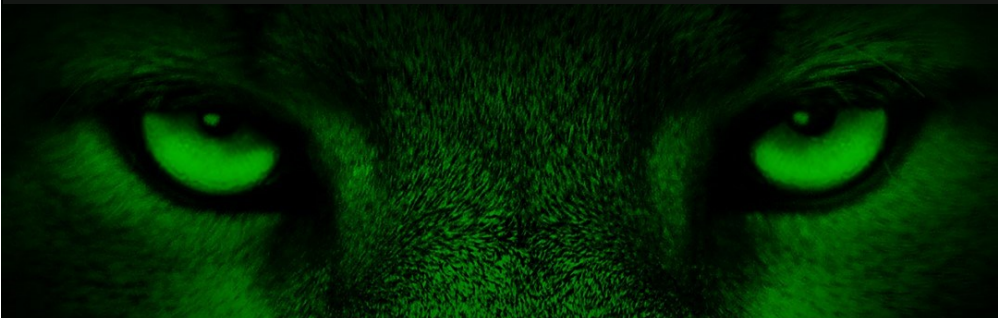
“I thought our guys did a great job of executing our game plans in both the Gretna and Elkhorn South games,” Morrison added. “In both games, we executed better than we did the first time we played those teams.”

West is just two wins away from matching their win total from a year ago.

“Obviously, we want to improve on last year’s record. But, that is just part of it. Our team chemistry is great and that should help us progress over the next two months,” Morrison said.



New Year’s Eve Open Gym Champs



Both Freshman Teams Win Title, JV Avenges Loss

Freshmen A

Millard West beat Bellevue West 74-47 in the first round of the Holiday Tournament.

The Wildcats outscored the Thunderbirds in each of the four quarters on their way to victory.

Three Wildcats scored in double-digits. Gavin Olsen and Ben LaBorde scored 11 points each. Matt Erickson added 10 for West. Other scoring: Kudlacek 7, Cauble 4, J Morrison 3, VanWinkle 8, Miller 9, Williams 7, Kozney 4.

MW	25	14	16	19	74
BW	13	9	10	15	47

Millard West and Millard South faced off in the Championship game of the Freshman Holiday Tournament.

The two teams were tied after the first period 16-16. The Wildcats shooting went cold in the 2nd quarter and South took a 30-27 lead into the half.

The two teams exchanged baskets to start the 2nd half. Then, the Wildcat defense took over as they did not allow another basket for the rest of the 3rd quarter. West led 46-32 after a 19-2 third quarter.

West outscored the Patriots in the 4th quarter and won 65-46.

Gavin Miller and Colton Williams led the scoring for West with 11 and 10 points respectively. Other Scoring: Kudlacek 4, Cauble 6, J Morrison 2, LaBorde 6, VanWinkle 3, Olsen 7, Kozney 3, Schramm 7, Erickson 2.

MW	16	11	19	16	65
MS	16	14	2	14	46

Freshmen B

The Wildcats open the Holiday Tournament up with a commanding 71-18 win over Bellevue West.

A big shout out to Coach Wendlandt for his work with the Wildcats' defense. They were stifling today as they held the Thunderbirds to 15 points in the first half and 3 points in the second.

The Wildcats offense was led by Jake Schramm who had 17 points. Other Wildcats scoring were Unger 13, Malik 10, Sander 8, Simons and Kudlacek 7, Teter 4, Combs 3, and I. Morrison 2.

The Wildcats will play in the Championship game vs Millard North.

MW	28	25	11	7	71
BW	7	8	0	3	18

The Wildcats defeat the Mustangs to win the B bracket of the Holiday Championship.

The Wildcats offense outscored the Mustangs 3 of 4 quarters. The Wildcats offense was led by Davis Unger with 21 points. Other Wildcats scoring was Schramm 16, Teter 7, Kudlacek 6, Sander and I Morrison 5, Simons 4, and Combs 2.

MW	18	24	11	17	70
MN	18	15	17	14	64



Jr. Varsity

The JV boys were able to avenge their lone loss of the season if their first game after the 5 day moratorium by beating Papillion LaVista South 75-68.

The Wildcats started fast and had a 7 point lead in the first couple of minutes. Papio South came back and tied the game up at 13 with 8 seconds left in the first quarter. MW in-bounded the ball quick and DJ Schiemann was able to hit a 3 pointer at the buzzer to get the Wildcats the lead back going into the 2nd quarter.

Both teams kept the pressure up by shooting well from the outside. The game was fun to watch with great inside/outside plays being made. The Wildcats extended their lead to 6 by the end of the second half.

In the 2nd half, both teams kept scoring. The Wildcats kept the lead the whole half. The closest the Titans got was at 63-61. The Titans would not go away by shooting 15/15 from the FT line. The Wildcats stayed calm and made enough plays down the stretch to win the game.

Carter LaBorde led the Wildcats with 16 points. Trey Abara contributed 14 points. Josh Fabrikant chipped in with 11 points. All 10 Wildcats got into the scoring column.

MW	16	19	20	20	75
PLVS	13	16	18	21	68

The Championship Game of the JV Tournament was cancelled because of the Varsity Metro Tournament schedule.

Weekly Practice / Game Schedule

Monday, Jan 1

Practice

9/R/JV Open Shooting

1:00-3:00

Games

No Games

Tuesday, Jan 2

Practice

VJV Noon

9th 3:30-5:00

Res 5:30-7:00

Games

No Games

Wednesday, Jan 3

Practice

VJV Noon

9th 3:30-5:00

Res 5:30-7:00

Games

No Games

Thursday, Jan 4

Practice

VJV 3:40-5:10

9th 5:10-6:40

Games

Res vs Gretna East

7:30

Friday, Jan 5

Practice

Res 6 a.m.

Games

9A @ Gr East 4:00

Bus 3:00

JV @ Gr East 5:30

No Bus

V @ Gr East 7:15

No Bus

Saturday, Jan 6

Practice

No Practices

Games

9A @ LE 9:00 a.m.

Bus 7:00 a.m.

Res @ LE 10:30 a.m.

Bus 7:00 a.m.

Practice/Game times are always subject to change.

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