

Millard West High School

Wildcat Review

Boys Basketball

2016—2017

Varsity Roster

3	Ryan Hitchens	5'9	12
4	Simon Hay	6'3	12
5	Shae Wyatt	5'11	12
10	Christian Hall	5'11	12
12	Giavonni Guido	5'11	11
20	Jacob Harmdierks	6'3	10
22	Brandon McClintock	5'11"	12
24	Peyton Buscher	5'11	9
32	Chris Connell	6'2	11
34	Colby Gomes	6'5	11
40	Austin Harris	6'3	11
42	Hunter Schnuerle	6'2	11
50	Omid Sidiqi	6'5	12
52	Ryan Buscher	6'3	12
54	Brock Burling	6'8	11

COACHING STAFF

Varsity

Bill Morrison
Dan Hall

Junior Varsity

Dale Gall
Matt Starks

Reserve

Bret Siepker

Freshman

Ian Delaet
Chris Tauber

Managers

Ethan Hupp

Photographer

Katy Cowell

Taking the Next Step



The Wildcats' theme for the 2016-17 season is to "Take the Next Step."

"We have been to state in three of the last four seasons," Coach Bill Morrison said. "We are looking to go to Lincoln and win some games this year."

The Wildcats have a lot of scoring power returning from last season. Three of last year's starting five return as well as four players off of the bench.

Shae Wyatt led the team with 14.1 points per game and 43 steals. His 65 3-pointers led all of Class A and set the school record for 3's in a season.

Simon Hay scored 10.4 points per game. Simon's 47 3-pointers was also better than the previous school record. He also let

the team in defensive rebounds and free throw percentage.

Colby Gomes scored 8.1 points and grabbed 3.8 rebounds per game. He also shot 54% on 2-point field goals.

Off the bench, Brock Burling, Omid Sidiqi, Christian Hall, and Giavonni Guido all played for West.

Seniors Ryan Hitchens, Brandon McClintock, and Ryan Buscher will also be on the Varsity team. Juniors Hunter Schnuerle and Chris Connell and Freshman Peyton Buscher round off the Wildcat Varsity squad to begin the season.

Morrison is expecting his offense to pick up where it left off last year. "Last year, we had the highest scoring team

since I have been here. But, to truly attempt to take the next step, we have to be better on defense. Night in and night out, we have to be fundamentally sound on defense," Morrison said.

The Wildcats have set big goals for themselves this year. They hope to be in the top teams in the state and make a run at the state championship.

"We have the parts, but we have to get better every day to have a chance to meet our goals," Morrison said. "It is fun to have high expectations, but it is also a lot of hard work."

Every Drill
Every Practice
Every Day



Varsity Plays York in Hall of Fame Jamboree Game

The Millard West Varsity Boys Basketball team traveled to York on Saturday, November 26, to play an exhibition game against the York Dukes.

The Wildcats started the game with two three-point baskets by Simon Hay and Shae Wyatt. Hay made three 3's in the quarter.

Brock Burling added a couple baskets, and Hunter Schnuerle added two points to give the Wildcats an 18-10 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Wyatt led the Wildcats with eight points in the 2nd quarter. Hay and Burling added five and four points respectively. Peyton Buscher added a free throw for West who led 36-22 at the half.

The two teams reset the score for the 2nd half and played two 16 minute games.

York switched to a 1-3-1 in the 2nd half and slowed down the Wildcat offense. The Dukes won the third quarter 11-4.

In the final period, York extended their lead to as many as 11 points. A late surge by the Wildcats closed the lead to two on two different occasions, but West ran out of time in their comeback attempt. York won the 2nd half 28-26.

Coach Morrison was happy with the results of the exhibition game. "It was a good chance to see where we are going into our first game next week,"

Morrison said. "We have some things we need to work on, especially conditioning."

The Wildcats will travel to Kearney on Thursday to open the 2016-17 season.

"We have a very tough schedule to start the season. Our first three opponents may be rated in the pre-season top 10," Morrison said.

"We have had good practices and have everything we need in for the first games. We just need to make sure we execute this week in practice," Morrison added.

Preseason Ratings

1. Papillion LaVista
2. Omaha Central
3. Lincoln Northeast
4. Norfolk
5. Omaha North
6. Lincoln East
7. Kearney
8. Omaha South
9. Millard West
10. Creighton Prep



Millard West Spoils KHS's Debut in New Gym

KEARNEY — Millard West's Shae Wyatt made two plays in a span of five seconds in the fourth quarter of the Wildcats 71-69 win over Kearney to change the complexion of the game.

Trailing 65-63, Wyatt jumped the passing lane and went coast-to-coast scoring a game-tying layup. On the ensuing inbound pass, Wyatt was at it again, stealing the pass and making the go-ahead layup.

"I wish I could take credit for it," Millard West coach Bill Morrison said. "Shae's a great athlete with great instincts. He just has a lot of natural ability."

The four points came off two of 25 Kearney turnovers, something KHS coach Drake Beranek said the Bearcats need to work on.

"We probably need to identify who is taking the basketball out in those situations," he said. "And then, probably not outlet it in the middle of the floor like that. ... (Wyatt's) a good basketball player making a play down the stretch that you can't coach."

Millard West started the game on a 16-1 run keyed by Wyatt and Colby

Gomes. Wyatt and Gomes combined to score 12 of the Wildcats' 20 points in the first quarter.

"With the new facility, there are guys pressing," Beranek said of the disastrous first quarter. "And then you don't get a few to roll in, and then everybody starts pressing even more."

Kearney didn't back down from the challenge. Jake Teichmeier and Kanon Koster sparked a stagnant offense in the second quarter as they were responsible for all 14 points. Koster finished the game with a team-high 25 points, while Teichmeier finished with 19.

The Bearcats started the second half with a surge of their own by going on 17-3 run sparked by Ryan Koski who canned a 3-pointer to cut to the deficit to 33-32.

On the next possession, Kearney took their first lead on a basket by Koster. Kearney built a 10 point lead by scoring on 7 of their last 9 possessions of the quarter.

"I thought two things led to us losing the lead in the third quarter," Morrison said. "We stopped playing team basketball. And, on defense, we were less aggressive because we had so many guys in foul trouble."

The Wildcat offense came back alive in the 4th quarter. They scored 22 points on their first 12 possessions and regained the lead 61-60 with 3:03 left in the quarter.

Five free throws by Kearney would give the Bearcats a 65-61 lead. Two



free throws by Hunter Schnuerle pulled the Wildcats to within two before Wyatt got his two steals.

The Wildcats made four of their last five free throws to hold onto the lead and earn the win.

"This was a great win for us," Morrison said. "It was a tough environment and we went through a stretch where we didn't play very well. But, we battled back, got the lead, and executed down the stretch."

Kearney will play Lincoln Northeast and Millard West will play Creighton Prep on Saturday in the consolation and finals of the season opening tournament. Prep beat Lincoln Northeast 57-42 on the other side of the brackets Thursday night.

MW— Hay 11, Wyatt 25, Hall 2, Guido 3, Gomes 10, Schnuerle 4, Sidiqi 4, Burling 12.

KHS — Teichmeier 19, Clevenger 2, Koski 9, Scharz 1, Kolbo 2, Robinson 9, Koster 27.

Shae Wyatt tied a school record by recording 8 steals in the Wildcats' season opener against Kearney High School.





Prep Beats Wildcats in Long-Range Shootout

PREP — Creighton Prep outscored Millard West 64-70 in an overtime game Saturday.

All five Prep starters and three Wildcats scored in double digits in the game. Shae Wyatt scored 28 to lead all scorers. The two teams combined to make 20 3-pointers in the game.

Both teams started out hot in the first quarter. A basket by Omid Sidiqi with 2:33 left in the quarter gave the Wildcats an 18-14 lead. Prep did not score in the final minutes of the quarter and West led 22-14 after one period of play.

"It was like we were playing a game of H.O.R.S.E. in the first quarter. Both teams were getting a lot of wide open shots," Coach Morrison said. The two teams both made three 3-pointers in the quarter.

Millard West turned the ball over five times in the first three-and-a-half minutes of the 2nd quarter as Prep cut their lead to 23-28.

Shae Wyatt scored two buckets for West who looked to be in control of the game with a 32-23 lead. But the

Jr. Jays closed the quarter with an 11-0 run and took a 34-32 lead into the half.

"I was really disappointed with our energy level," Morrison said. "I told the guys that whoever played harder would win the game."

The offensive showing by both teams continued in the third quarter. The two teams combined for seven three pointers in the period. West trailed 52-53 at the end of the 3rd quarter.

West started the fourth quarter with a 8-2 run and took a 60-55 lead with 5:12 remaining in regulations. Prep answered with their own 9-2 run to lead 64-62. Shae Wyatt scored a basket with 1:05 to go in the game.

After a free throw miss by Akol Arop, Simon Hay made a basket to give the Wildcats a 66-64 lead with 26.1 seconds to go in the game. Prep tied the game on a basket by Will Honofan after an offensive rebound to put the game into OT.

Jayden Temme started overtime with an "old-fashioned" three point play. West would tie the score 70-70 after two free throws by Colby Gomes



with 1:51 remaining.

Prep made two of four free throws and led 72-74. with 48 seconds remaining in the game. Simon Hay drove the lane but was not able to convert as the clock ran down. Arop made two free throws with 2.3 seconds remaining to seal the game for the Jays, 74-70.

Morrison said his team has a lot of room for improvement. "We did a lot of things well. We can really score the ball," he said. "But we have to play a lot better defense, and play team basketball for 32 minutes. We can't have the types of lulls we have had in our first two games."

MW — Hay 15, Wyatt 28, Hall 4, Guido 2, Gomes 7, Schnuerle 2, Sidiqi 2, P Buscher 2, Burling 10.

Prep — Arop 17, Moes 12, Steier 1, Luedke 11, Mischo 2, Temme 14, Honofan 14, Mattheis 3



Omaha South Boys Win at Wire Over Wildcats

The Packers’ Tristin Anderson scored on an inbounds pass from Tahj Glover with 2.3 seconds left after Colby Gomes had retaken the lead for Millard West on a jumper.

Anderson was “like the third option,” South coach Bruce Chubick said. “When they got that far, I went, ‘Uh, holy cow, we went all the way through the options.’ That was excellent.”

The Packers (3-0) were sluggish in the first half, falling behind by 14 points and trailing 34-23 at halftime.

“The way we played the first half, I was beginning to wonder,” Chubick said. “That wasn’t the South team I’m familiar with, but Millard West had a lot to do with it. They got after my freshman guard, and he was turning it over which he normally doesn’t do.”

Wildcats senior Shae Wyatt had 13 points in the first half, but was held to one in the second half as Anderson defended him. Wyatt was 0 of 2 from the field before his desperation shot at

game’s end from half-court hit the top of the backboard.

“Tristin’s a really good athlete,” Chubick said. “He’s a pretty tough kid. You give him an assignment, and he gets after it. I think he wore (Wyatt) down, I really do.”

Millard West coach Bill Morrison said the Wildcats, who were coming off an overtime loss to Omaha Creighton Prep and now are 1-2, must make sure they keep their senior guard involved.

“I thought the same thing happened at Prep a little bit,” Morrison said. “He didn’t get the ball as much. We have to make sure we get it in his hands.”

South got back into the game by outscoring the hosts 23-10 in the third quarter as Jordan DeLeon and Glover got hot. Glover’s 11 points all were after halftime and DeLeon had seven in the third period to finish with 12.

Aguek Arop had game highs of 19 points and 11 rebounds for the Packers, who next travel to North Platte on Saturday. Glover and Anderson are taking the ACT that morning and will miss the trip, Chubick said.

OS	15	8	23	14–60
MW	19	15	10	15–59

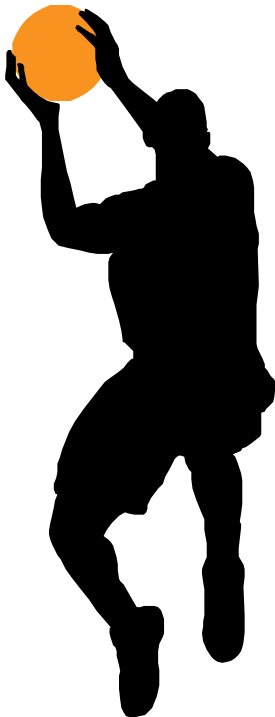
OS: DeLeon 5-7 1-3 12, Glover 4-12 2-2 11, Saunders 0-4 0-0 0, Tr Anderson 4-7 0-2 8, Arop 7-12 5-6 19, Crawford 2-4 4-5 8, Ta Anderson 1-5 0-0 2. Totals 23-51 12-18 60.



MW: Hay 4-9 2-3 11, Wyatt 5-12 3-4 14, Guido 2-4 2-4 6, Gomes 3-6 0-1 7, Burling 3-6 5-7 11, Hall 1-2 3-4 6, P Buscher 0-1 0-0 0, Schnuerle 0-2 0-0 0, Sidiqi 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 20-45 15-23 59.

3-point goals: OS 2-11 (DeLeon 1-1, Glover 1-5, Saunders 0-1, Arop 0-1, Crawford 0-1, Ta. Anderson 0-2), MW 4-14 (Hay 1-3, Wyatt 1-5, Gomes 1-3, Hall 1-2, Schnuerle 0-1). Total fouls: OS 21, MW 20.

Fouled out: DeLeon. Technicals: none. Turnovers: OS 19, MW 17. Rebounds: OS 35 (Arop 11), MW 25 (Wyatt 4, Gomes 4). Field-goal percentage: OS .451, MW .444. Free-throw percentage: OS .667, MW .652. A: 900 (est.)





Wildcats Hold Off Islanders

The Millard West Boys Basketball team was able

to hold off a 4th quarter comeback attempt by Grand Island to win 59-52.

After leading 48-38 at the end of the 3rd quarter, Grand Island scored the first nine points of the 4th quarter to draw with in 50-49 with just under five minutes left in the game.

West was able to make seven point run of their own to stretch the lead to 55-47 with 2:36 remaining in the game.

Back to back baskets by the Islanders made the score 55-52. Four free throws by the Wildcats finished the scoring to end the Grand Island bid for a comeback.

“We have to learn how to put teams away,” Coach Bill Morrison said. “In all four of our games we have build big leads. Then, we just quit playing de-

fense for a while and let the other team back in the game.”

Simon Hay led the Wildcats in the first quarter with 5 points on two field goals. Shae Wyatt scored on a full court lay up at the end of the quarter to give the Wildcats a 14-12 lead.

The two teams were tied 19-19 with 3:26 left in the half before West scored on five of six possessions and built a 27-21 lead going into the half. Wyatt scored 8 of his game high 17 points in the 2nd period.

The Wildcats came out of the half and outscored Grand Island 13-9 in the first half of the quarter that ended with a 3-pointer by Giavonni Guido to build a 40-30 Wildcat lead.

Shae Wyatt left the game with an ankle injury with 3:36 left in the quarter. The Islanders made a 7-0 run in the ensuing three possessions and cut West’s lead to 40-37.

The Wildcats got back on track and

finished the quarter on a 8-1 lead.

“Shae was playing very well when he got hurt. It felt like we were about to separate and get the game under control,” Morrison said. Wyatt would not return to the game. He led the Wildcats with 17 points, 12 rebounds, and 4 steals.

West moved to 2-2 with the win and Grand Island dropped to 0-4 on the season.

Shay Shanaman led all scorers with 19 points. LeBeck Warren and Brayden Wald added 12 and 10 points respectively for GISH.

GI	12	9	17	14	52
MW	14	13	21	11	59

GI — Warren 12, Shanaman 19, Felicier-Alvarez 2, Wald 10, Siliman 2, Nordhues 2, Bardales 5.

MW — Hay 9, Wyatt 17, Hall 7, Guido 9, Gomes 7, Sidiqi 3, Burling 7.



Wildcats Beat Westside 55-43

The Millard West Boys Varsity basketball team outscored Omaha Westside by 13 in the 2nd half to win 55-43.

Colby Gomes led three Wildcats in double digits with 13 points. Brock Burling added 12 points and Christian Hall added 11 for West.

The Wildcats jumped out to an early 9-3 lead with points from four different players. Westside out-scored Millard West 10-2 in the final 2:29 of the quarter to take a 15-11 first quarter lead.

Colby Gomes sparked the Wildcats with six points in the 2nd quarter, including back-to-back dunks.

After West regained the lead 22-21 midway through the quarter, the two teams went scoreless until Jared Crain made a basket at the buzzer to give

the Warriors a 23-22 lead going into the half.

Coach Bill Morrison was not concerned about his team's first half deficit. "We were playing without our leading scorer, so we figured their would be an adjustment period," Morrison said. "We couldn't get them out of their zone because we weren't knocking down our outside shots."

The Wildcats were just 1-12 from behind the arc in the first half. Westside was able to slow down the game with their 2-3 zone.

Millard West came out of the half and scored nine consecutive points to take a 31-23 lead. The two teams exchanged baskets for the remainder of the 3rd quarter. West led 40-35 at the break.

Jadin Booth opened the 4th quarter with back-to-back 3-pointers to give the Warriors a 41-40 lead early in the final period. West answered with a basket by Omid Sidiqi, but Chase Thompson answered to re-take the lead 43-42 with just over 5 minutes left in the game.

The Wildcats were able to hold the Warriors scoreless for the rest of the game and win 55-43.

"We did a lot of good things," Morrison said. "We have to be able to win on nights we don't shoot well, and we took a step in that direction."

Westside	15	8	12	8	43
Millard West	11	11	18	15	55

OW —Folda 8, Booth 10, Kohls 2, Hellman 1, Crain 6, Thompson 16

MW — Hitchens 1, Hay 5, Hall 11, Guido 7, Gomes 13, Schnuerle 2, Sidiqi 4, Burling 12

The Millard West Wildcats made the short drive down Q-Street to compete against the Millard South Patriots.

West jumped out to a big first quarter lead and held on to win the game 75-66.

Four players scored in double digits from each team. Giavonni Guido, Colby Gomes, and Brock Burling all scored 15 points for the victors, while Christian Hall add 12.

Drew Gilin, Jaxon Harre, and Logan Smith scored 14 points apiece for South. Kyle Perry added 13.

Millard West scored 27 points in the first quarter to jump out on the Patriots. The Wildcats scored on all but four possessions of the quarter.

West's 2-1-2 press helped force seven turnovers in the quarter and hold the Patriots to 12 points.

Seven Wildcats scored in the quarter and shot a combined 12/17 from the field.

Wildcats Retain Rights to Q-Street

"That may be as good of a quarter that we have played at Millard West since I have been here," Coach Bill Morrison said. "We came out with a lot of energy and moved well on offense in the first quarter."

Millard South adjusted and were able to outscore West 17-16 in the 2nd quarter. Colby Gomes scored seven points for the Wildcats in the quarter. West led 43-29 at the break.

South came out hot in the 3rd quarter and immediately cut into the Wildcat lead. The Patriots scored 10 points on the first five possessions of the half.

Millard West called a timeout with a 49-39 lead and 5:25 left in the quarter. But the Patriots continued to attack with a seven point run to make the score 49-46. West led 54-49 at the end of the quarter.

A 3-point basket by Kyle Perry cut

the Wildcat lead to 56-55. But a 12-0 run stretched the lead to 68-57 with 1:28 left in the game.

"This was a great team effort," Morrison said. "With Simon out and Shae not practicing all week, we didn't know what to expect. I think everyone stepped up their game a little bit today."

Guido led the Wildcats with 15 points, 9 rebounds, 7 assists, and 4 steals. "It's not too often that a point guard leads the team in rebounding. Gio really set the tempo for us today.

MW	27	16	11	21	75
MS	12	17	20	17	66

MW — Wyatt 4, Hall 12, Guido 15, P Buscher 6, Gomes 15, Schnuerle 6, Sidiqi 2, Burling 15.

MS — Apedijinov 2, Gilin 14, Harre 14, Wagner 5, Perry 13, Arends 4, Smith 14.



Titans Beat Wildcats at the Buzzer

R y a n Daugherty spoiled a come back bid by Millard West by making a 25-foot shot at the buzzer to help Papio South defeat Millard West 58-55. Daugherty scored eight of his 10 points in the 4th quarter.

Daugherty, Lok Wur, and Tuach Dol all scored 10 points for the Titans. Finest Hampton added 12 points to lead Papio South.

Brock Burling scored 14 points for the Wildcats. Colby Gomes added 13 for West.

Papio South started the game hot and jumped out to a 10-3 lead in the first half of the first quarter. The Titans continued to attack and led 16-8 after the first quarter of play. Hampton and Isaac Simpson both scored 6 points for Papio South. Colby Gomes led the Wildcats with six points on two 3-pointers.

Coach Bill Morrison was not happy with the way his team started the game. "We were not very solid on defense and we turned the ball over too much in the first quarter," he said.

Millard West committed six turnovers in the first quarter. They committed five more in the 2nd quarter.

West was able to cut the Titan lead to 22-18 with 4.24 left in the half. But, the Wildcats would not score again until the last possession of the quarter. Papio South led 27-20 at the break.

"I don't know if our guys overlooked Papio South or what happened in the first half," Coach Morrison said. "We didn't have the bounce that we usually have. We need to do a better job mentally of preparing for every game. There are no automatic wins in basketball."

The Wildcats wasted no time getting back into the game in the 2nd half. After South opened the half with a basket by Daugherty, Millard West went on a 15-0 run and led 35-29 with 3:25 left in the quarter.

West outscored the Titans 18-5 in the quarter and only allowed the one field goal to open the half in that period. The Wildcats led 38-32 at the end of the quarter. Brock Burling led the way with 8 points during the period.

"The third quarter looked more like our normal team," Morrison said. "We were getting rebounds, running the court, and knocking down shots."

The Wildcats built their biggest lead of the game with a basket by Omid Sidiqi to make the lead 44-35. West was not able to hold onto the lead as Papio's South scored on every possession over the last 4:30 of the game.

"Offensively, we were still scoring, but we just couldn't get a stop," Morrison said. "Sometimes you just have to bear down and make a play. We didn't do that late."

With 49 seconds remaining in the game, Wur converted on a lay-up and was fouled. His free throw tied the game 55-55.

West looked as if they were going to hold the ball for the last shot. Giavonni Guido found a driving lane and took the ball to the basket. Papio South stepped in and took a charge to take away the basket and get the ball back with 18.7 seconds left in the game.

Both teams called a timeout before the last play of the game where Daugherty made his 3-pointer at the buzzer.

Papio South moves to 3-3 on the season while Millard West drops to 4-3. Friday starts the five-day moratorium before both teams play in the Metro Tournament at Ralston Arena.

PLVS	16	11	5	26	58
MWHS	8	12	18	17	55

PLVS — Daugherty 10, Leise 2, Hampton 12, Simpson 9, Norblade 3, Mays 2, Wur 10, Dol 10.

MWHS — Hall 4, Guido 8, P Buscher 8, Gomes 13, Sidiqi 7, Burling 14



MBA Night at Millard West High School



Saturday marked the 2nd annual "MBA Night" at MWHS.

MBA players were invited to the game, formed a tunnel for the players to go through before the game, and cheered on the Varsity during their game with Papillion South.

After the game, players from the high school teams stayed to sign autographs and play games with the MBA players.

In all, there are about 225 players between the MBA and High School Basketball programs.



Wildcats Survive First Round of Metro's

The second game of the day between the No. 8 and 9 seeds proved to be a fairly even match-up with the game being decided on the final possession. After leading for most of the game, the Huskies gave the game away with turnovers.

Northwest jumped out to a 9-0 lead behind an active start by senior Eshahia Nyiwe. The 6'9" forward had two buckets, a rebound, a block, and a steal in the first 3:11 of the game. After a timeout, Millard West's leading scorer, Shae Wyatt, and Hunter Schnuerle both came off the bench and scored four quick points. Northwest was able to reassert control and led 16-8 after one.

Nyiwe picked up his second foul with 45.7 to play in the first and had to take a seat on the bench.

Wyatt hit two 3-pointers to start off the second quarter, but Northwest

managed to maintain its lead with some timely buckets. The Huskies led 27-20 late. Simon Hay hit a 3-pointer with 13 seconds left in the half to cut the half-time deficit to 27-23.

"Their defensive pressure forced us into some bad shots," Millard West Coach Bill Morrison said. "I thought we faded away too much in the first half. We didn't attack them enough to get some fouls called."

Sophomore Kristion Toney led the Huskies with 8 points, a few rebounds, and a pair of blocked shots. Shae Wyatt led the Wildcats with 10 points.

Millard West cut the lead to two with a steal and a breakaway dunk by Colby Gomes. Northwest scored the next four to stretch the lead back to six. West pulled within one before senior guard Jaylen Perkins converted a tough layup to put the Huskies up 40-37 heading into the fourth quarter.

West tied the game early in the final period with a put-back plus a foul by junior center Brock Burling. After a pair of free throws by Perkins, Wyatt drill a triple to put Millard West in the lead for the first time. Perkins retook the lead with a 3 of his own after the teams traded layups.

The two teams exchanged baskets and were tied at both 47-47 and 49-49.

Wyatt scored the next four points to give Millard West a 53-49 lead. Northwest responded with a 6-2 run featuring big plays by Toney and Latrell Vasser to tie it at 55-55.

Wyatt attacked the basket and missed, but followed up





West Defeat South 54-26, Advance in Tourney

Northwest (cont.)

his own shot and was fouled on the put-back attempt. He hit two free throws with 20.3 to play.

After a timeout with 9.8 to go and trailing by two, Perkins' pas was deflected for a turnover and junior Hunter Schnuerle split a pair of bonus free throws to make it a three point game. Wyatt stole the ensuing in-bounds pass and laid it in to seal the game.

Northwest finished with 23 turnovers in the game.

I knew going in that our 2-1-2 press might not be the best for this game," Morrison said. "We went to our 42 press, got after it a little bit, and forced some turnovers in the 2nd half."

Wyatt finished with 20 points and 5 rebounds. Gomes added 12 points and Burling had 11 points.

For Northwest, toney had 14 points and four blocks. Vasser had a double-double with 14 points and 13 rebounds. Perkins added 11 points and Nyiwe had 10 points, 7 rebounds, two assists, three steals, and a block.

MW	8	15	14	23	60
ON	16	11	13	15	55

MW — Wyatt 20, Gomes 12, Burling 11, Schnuerle 9, Hay 6, Hall 2.

ONW — Toney 14, Vasser, 14, Perkins 11, Nyiwe 10, Ngambi 5, Minton 2.

Yes, you read that correctly. After pulling out a close victory in their opening game of the Metro Tournament, Millard West came out and stopped top-seeded Omaha South 54-26 in the quarterfinals.

In a game where the Packers were without three rotation players, the Wildcats put on a defensive clinic, forcing South to shoot 28 percent from the field.

"I gave them the game plan and they executed it perfectly," Millard West coach Bill Morrison said. "We played off of everyone until they got the ball, and we didn't let Arop drive."

Offensively, it wasn't easy the entire night for Millard West either, as they shot 32 percent in the first half. Fortunately for the Wildcats, senior guard Shae Wyatt caught fire and scored 15 points in the second half. To propel his team to a blowout victory against last year's state champions. Wyatt finished with 21 points along with 11 rebounds to complete the double-double.

The absence of the three packers showed, but it was not the sole reason for South's defeat. After falling behind early, the Packers tried to shoot themselves out of an early deficit, leading to several forced shots and questionable decisions.

On top of that, Packer star Aguek Arop was held to six points on 3-of-10 shooting. Really nobody was able to get in a rhythm offensively. Freshman guard Jay Saunders and senior forward Jordan DeLeon led the Packers with seven points apiece on a combined 3/17 shooting (1/6 from 3).

The team shot 1 of 11 from 3, 11 of 32 from inside the arc, and 1 of 10 from the free throw line.

When Millard West is clicking, they proved to be a very tough team to beat.

"The sky is the limit," Morrison said about his team. "The guys had a player meeting the other day, and we are still figuring some things out. We also haven't been 100% healthy the whole season."

Overall, Wyatt shined in the second half, but the team's effort was sublime in Millard West's beat-down of Omaha South. Guard Simon Hay and forward Colby Gomes were solid as well. Hay was able to handle the ball extremely well against South's pressure and made plays consistently off the dribble, setting up his teammates all day long.

Gomes was also big as he chipped in nine points, along with putting in a great effort in Arop's poor shooting day. Not to mention, the future Husker baseball player showcased his incredible athleticism early in the first quarter with a massive alley-oop.

"Contrary to what some folks think, we hold our kids accountable, and over the years we've had kids sit," Chubick said.

Millard West	11	11	21	11	54
Omaha South	6	8	8	4	26

MW—Wyatt 21, Gomes 9, Burling 5, Hall 6, Hay 5, Guido 5, R Buscher 2.

OS — Saunders 7, DeLeon 7, Arop 6, Tr Anderson 4, Ta Anderson 2.



Wildcats Stay Hot, Defeat Omaha North to Reach Tournament Championship

January 17, March 12, and Feb. 13 — the days the past three seasons when Class A’s last team fell from the unbeaten ranks.

Because of Millard West, extinction day landed this time during winter vacation. Not that anyone was expecting a perfect season out of Class A. But the Wildcats made sure of it.

They beat two hot (undefeated) teams the past two days to get to the Metro Conference boys basketball holiday tournament championship game for the first time since the 1999-2000 season. The Wildcats are 0-2 in Metro finals.

“It has to happen sometime, right?” Shae Wyatt said. “I guess the time is right.”

Wyatt’s 26 points — he has 67 in three tournament games — fueled Millard West in its 62-51 win over Omaha North in Tuesday’s semifinals at Ralston Arena. North was the last unbeaten in Class A after Omaha South

and Omaha Creighton Prep lost in Monday’s quarterfinals.

Preseason favorite Papillion-La Vista, which is fifth in the latest Top 10, has an even longer Metro drought than the No. 9 Wildcats. The Monarchs, who avenged their only Nebraska loss of the season with a 64-44 win over Bellevue West, lost in the 1992-93 finals in their only title-game appearance.

“(Millard West was) getting beat the whole game against Northwest, down the whole time, and pretty lucky to get out of there. Then, the last two games they got on a run,” Papio coach Dan Moore said. “Both of us are playing well and are confident.”

Neither Omaha North nor Bellevue West played like it did in the quarterfinals. North had a nearly incurable case of 3-point frostbite, missing its first 11 tries and not getting one to fall until the final minute of the third quarter.

Malichi O’Neal’s trey made it a seven-point game, but Millard West closed out the quarter with a 6-0 run — two free throws by Wyatt, Omid Sidiqi’s layup from a Gio Guido pass and Guido’s floater at the buzzer — for a 13 point cushion.

The Wildcats never led by fewer than nine in the final quarter.

“We struggled with shooting. We looked tired today,” North coach Jared Andersen said. “Millard West came out with a lot of intensity and a lot of energy and strength, and I think they knocked us back. We had a couple guys trying to get us back into it, but it looked like we were stunned with what



they were bringing at us.”

Millard West coach Bill Morrison said the Wildcats are getting better at handling physical pressure and were able to get more from their frontcourt. It was noticeable on the defensive end that 6’5” Colby Gomes, 6’8 junior Brock Burling, and 6’5 senior Sidiqi bothered the much shorter Viking around the rim.

Andersen said the Viking uncharacteristically were trying to go one-on-one too much and running into the Wildcat’s help defenders.”

“We held them to 20 (points) under their average, and that’s a very explosive team,” Morrison said. “We’ve had trouble guarding the drive in the past, so I thought we did a pretty good job tonight.”

ON	9	10	11	21	51
MW	13	10	20	19	62

ON: Laravie 12, Nash 12, Kitt 10, Carroll 7, O’Neal 7, Wells-Ross 2, Williams 1

MW: Wyatt 26, Hay 12, Guido 8, Gomes 6, Sidiqi 6, R Buscher 4.





Wildcats De-Throne Monarchs in Metro Finals

Millard West's first Metro holiday boys title will go into the books as another lopsided final — 71-56 over Papillion-LaVista — but this game wasn't decided until the fourth quarter.

The Monarchs never completely recovered from their cold start. They were 2 of 10 in the first quarter while spotting Millard West a 13-2 lead, but Peyton Priest's 3 to start the final quarter put them in a 45-45 tie.

It was all Wildcats (8-3) after that. The No. 9 team in the Top 10 scored 15 of the next 18 points for a 60-48 lead, with Papillion-La Vista star Ed Chang fouling out, before closing out the win at the line. West was 17 of 18 free throws in the final period.

Shae Wyatt and Colby Gomes, the latter stepping up big against the taller Chang, had back-to-back steals and runout baskets to seize the momentum.

With Millard West leading 49-46, Wyatt snatched the ball from BJ Deng in the backcourt and won the race down court. Then Gomes picked off a perimeter pass from Ayo Akinwale in

stride and slammed home the bucket that gave the Wildcats a 53-46 lead that was their largest since the end of the first quarter.

"In any close game, you want to get a little bit of a lead and then you have control. I thought having the lead was a big part of this, win" Wildcat coach Bill Morrison said. "We were able to keep the lead by hitting our free throws down the stretch. The score isn't really indicative of the kind of game it was."

Not since Omaha Bryan rallied to beat Creighton Prep for the 2010-11 title has a championship game been close in the late going. And in all but one — the exception Omaha Central's 2012-13 win over Omaha South — the winning team was up by double digits going to the fourth quarter.

"From the beginning, when we went up 9-2, we said we were going to win this game on defense," Morrison said. "I thought our guys really bought in to



held to eight points — all in the second quarter.

"really? Is that it? Morrison replied. "It was a loud eight then. He's good, and getting him into foul trouble was a good bonus for us, too."

Chang fouled out with 3:09 left. He played two minutes of the third quarter before getting his third foul and the fourth came 47 seconds into the final quarter — taking him out of the game as Millard West was embarking on its 15-3 run.

Those were turning points, Papio coach Dan Moore said, that worked against the No. 5 Monarchs (7-3) as much as the back-to-back steals.

"We weather the storm sometimes (without Chang), but you can't always," he said. "And they're big, so (his fouls) were important. He's got to learn to stay out of foul trouble."

Wyatt had his fourth consecutive 20-point game at Ralston Arena — 22 points — to crack the top 20 of the tournament's all-time scoring chart with 89 points and was the honorary captain of the all-tournament team.

Gomes had 15 points, his high for the tournament, including a banked-in 30-footer at the halftime buzzer to send the Wildcats off the court with a



our defense in the last few games. They did a great job on Ayo. Chang got loose a few times, but those are two really good players."

But, Coach, Chang was

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29-26 lead. The 6'5" junior, who is pledged to Nebraska for baseball, also had seven rebounds and three steals.

"He played amazing," Wyatt said. "I don't know what got into him, but we need to have more out of him."

Morrison, who got emotional talking about the milestone win (Millard West had been 0-2 in Metro finals), said Gomes exemplifies how Wyatt's teammates are stepping up.

"Shae's our leading scorer and gets most of the press. But, we have different guys stepping up every night. I think we have six or seven guys who have scored in double figures this year," he said.

Akinwrlle led the Monarchs — whose only leads were 23-22 and 37-36 — with 25 points on 7 of 10 shooting, including three 3's. No one else heated up, though Caleb Feekin was 3 of 4 on 3-pointers coming off the bench to be second-high for them with nine points.

The rematch isn't far away — Jan 13 at Papio. Ill scoop myself here too. Millard west will go in as #1.

It's a safe call. The Wildcats have this weekend off. They deserve it and earned it after handling first losses to South and Prep and making some history over Papio on Wednesday.



PLV	7	19	16	14	56
MW	15	14	16	26	71

PLV — Hiebert 3-3 0-0 6, Akinwole 7-10 8-10 25, Deng 1-3 0-0 2, Chang 4-10 0-0 8, Priest 2-7 1-4 6, Redding 0-1, 0-0 0, Feekin 3-5 0-0 9, Carter 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 20-43 9-14 56.

MW — Hay 1-8 7-7 9, Wyatt 6-12 8-10 22, Guido 1-3, 0-0 2, Gomes 5-9 2-2 15, Burling 0-5 2-2 2, Hall 3-4 4-6 11, Schnuerle 1-1 2-2 4, Sidiqi 2-2 2-3 6, P Buscher 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 19-44 27-32 71.

3's: PLV 7-21 (Akinwole 3-4, Feekin 3-5, Priest 1-5, Deng 0-2, Chang 0-3, Redding 0-1, Carter 0-1), MW 6-8 (Wyatt 2-3, Gomes 3-4, Hall 1-1). Total fouls: PLV 20, MW 11. Fouled out: Chang. Turnovers: PLV 11, MW 5. Rebounds PLV 23 (Chang, Priest 4) MW 30 (Games 7). FG%: PLV .465, MW .432. FT%: PLV .643, MW .844. Att: 1200 (est).





Wyatt, Gomes Receive Honors

Shae Wyatt and Colby Gomes were named to the All-Tournament Team following the Wildcat's Championship performance.

Colby averaged 11.5 points, 5.5 rebounds, and 2.3 steals per game while guarding two D1 recruits, Ed Chang and Aguek Arop.

Shae led the team with 22.3 points and 8 rebounds per game. He also grabbed 2 steals a game. Shae was named the Honorary Captain of the All-Tournament team.

Other members of the team include Ayo Akinwale and Ed Chang from Papillion LaVista and Anthony Laravie from Omaha North



Wyatt Earns Spot on Tourney List

Shae Wyatt's 89 points in the tournament put him 17th on the top 20 list for all time scorers in tournament history.

The list contains four NBA players and numerous Division 1 players. The Tournament started in the 1962-63 season.



Millard West Tops Metro Tournament —

And Now the Rankings

Millard West has its first in-season No. 1 ranking in the Nebraska Top 10.

The only other time the Wildcats were No. 1 was in the preseason ratings for 1999-2000. That team, with center Kyle Bakker, Dan Bruce, and Zac Robinson among the key players, lost twice in the second week of December and had four losses before January. Yet, those Wildcats are still the school's only team to make the Class A boys semifinals.

The new Wildcats are the first to win the Metro Conference's holiday tournament, a feat that elevates them to No. 1 in the state.

Their winning path had a shaky beginning. They didn't play well against Omaha Northwest, which is now 2-8, in the first round Dec. 30 and eked out a 60-55 win.

Coach Bill Morrison said the players met after that game. What followed were last week's wins of 54-26 over then-Class A No. 1 Omaha South, 60-48 over then-No. 3 Omaha North, and 71-56 over then-No. 4 Papillion-La Vista in the final.

"They fixed a couple things that needed to be fixed" he said. "We still have a long ways to go, though. We have big goals."

Senior guard Shae Wyatt led the tournament in scoring with 89 points. Morrison said six or seven other Wildcats also have had

games of 10 points or more. Of them, Colby Gomes and Simon Hay have been the most consistent scorers supporting Wyatt.

For Millard West to remain at No. 1 will require Herculean play in the coming month. After a Tuesday home game with Lincoln North Star (2-9), the Wildcats have eight games in a row against teams with winning records.

The grind starts with Friday's rematch with Papillion-La Vista (8-3)— the preseason favorite in Class A had been No. 5 in the Top 10 before the Metro tourney but is back to No. 2.

After that are games Saturday at home against Bellevue West (6-5), Jan. 19 at suddenly dangerous, new No. 6 Omaha Burke (5-4), Jan. 20 at No. 8 Millard North (7-3), Jan. 24 at No. 5 Lincoln East (8-2), Jan.

27 at home against Omaha Central (7-3), Feb. 3 at home against Lincoln Pius X (6-1) and Feb. 4 at No. 4 Norfolk (9-2).

World Herald Top 10

1. Millard West
2. Papillion-La Vista
3. Creighton Prep
4. Norfolk
5. Lincoln East
6. Omaha Burke
7. Omaha South
8. Millard North
9. Omaha Central
10. Omaha North





Millard West Boys Get Kicked to the Top of Class A

Sometimes, basketball players need a little constructive criticism — or a kick in the rear — to learn how to win.

"I call it a size-12 adjustment," said Millard West coach Bill Morrison. "The Omaha Northwest game in the Tournament was a little bit of a wake-up call for the guys. As a team, we weren't working hard enough. Our staff talked to them about it, but until it comes from the players, it doesn't mean as much."

Millard West managed a five-point win against 2-8 Northwest, then the light went on. The Wildcats handed Omaha South and Omaha North their first losses, then beat preseason No. 1 Papillion-La Vista 71-56 for the school's first Metro holiday tourney title. That vaults Millard West from contender status to the No. 1 spot in the Class A ratings.

"We had 9 guys miss practices for some kind of injury in those first few weeks," Morrison said. "The biggest thing was not paying attention to detail. Our defense wasn't very good in our first four games. We had lapses in concentration."

"We were up big early against Kearney, Creighton Prep and the first time we played South and then kind of relaxed."

Millard West held on to beat Kearney, but fell in overtime to Prep and lost by one point to Omaha South. After three wins, the Wildcats lost to Papio South just before the five-day moratorium. Then came the

four tourney wins.

South, which had been No. 1, tumbled with the loss to the Wildcats and then to Omaha Burke. Papillion-La Vista moved up to second, followed by Norfolk and Lincoln East. Prep, which lost to Bellevue West in the Metro semis, is next.

"Class A is much more balanced. I don't think anybody expected any team to go undefeated," Morrison said.

The Wildcats were led by 5-foot-11 senior guard Shae Wyatt, who scored 89 points in the four tournament games.

"He made one (shot) against Papio from about 30 feet, but he isn't doing that as much as last year," Morrison said. "He can drive to the basket, get a steal and layup, get a board and layup. At the end of the game, we want the ball in his hands."

"In the tournament, he shot 26 free throws. That is nearly half of what he shot all of last year. He's being so much more aggressive and more consistent."

Wyatt is averaging 19.7 points a game, Nebraska baseball recruit Colby Gomes is chipping in 10.4, Brock Burling averages 9.5 and Simon Hay 9.2.

Gomes' contribution has increased noticeably.

"He's playing with a lot of confidence and has been hitting the boards a lot harder. He guarded (Aguek) Arop and (Ed) Chang," Morri-

son said of the NCAA Division I-level players from Omaha South and Papillion-La Vista. "He wasn't the only one, but they were his main responsibility. He's taking more pride in his defense this year."

West has a lot of versatility on this team. They can put a big lineup on the floor with 6-8 Burling and 6-5 Omid Sidiqi along with Gomes (6-5) and Hay (6-3).

"Inside, Brock and Omid have a strong presence. Omid is more physical, but Brock can change shots. With those two, Colby and Simon, we're pretty long. And Shae plays bigger than 5-11."

They can also put five guards in the game. They did that at the end of their last two games in the tournament.

Lincoln Journal Top 10

1. Millard West
2. Papillion-La Vista
3. Norfolk
4. Lincoln East
5. Creighton Prep
6. Omaha Burke
7. Omaha South
8. Millard North
9. Omaha North
10. Omaha Central

Wildcats Throw Navigators Off Course

Lincoln North Star started strong against Millard West and were even with the Wildcats 7-7 after the first two minutes of play. West went on to out-score North Star 10-2 over the rest of the first period. It was all Wildcats after that, winning the game 67-35.

Sharp shooters Shae Wyatt and Simon Hay combined for 35 points to lead the Wildcats. The two seniors were 6 of 12 from behind the arc.

Poor shooting and turnovers plagued the Navigators after the first two minutes of play. North Star was 0 for 7 from 3-point land and turned the ball over 4 times in the opening period.

Back-to-back baskets by Colby Gomes sparked the Wildcats to go on a 10-2 run to end the quarter. Wyatt

led the team with 20 points.

The second quarter turned into the "Simon Hay Show." Hay scored 12 points in the quarter. West led 38-19 at half-time.

West came out of the half and immediately increase their lead. The Wildcats jumped out to an 11-4 run and expanded their lead to 49-22 with just over four minute remaining.

"I was happy about our offensive intensity. I thought our defense could have been a little better," coach Bill Morrison said. "I was concerned that this might be a trap game, but the guys really attacked North Star on offense."

Morrison did not play a starter in the 4th quarter. The bench outscored

North Star 12 to 5 in the final period. Chris Connell scored 6 points, grabbed five rebounds, and dished out two assists in the 4th quarter.

"It was nice to get the top guys off of the floor early with two more games this weekend," Morrison said. "The great thing is that they didn't check out of the game. They cheered on our bench for the entire 4th quarter."

LNS	9	10	8	5	32
MW	17	21	17	12	67

LNS — Housh 2, Ebrahim 2, Jones 8, Townsend 2, Ruhl 4, Juracek 3, Johnson 5, Lopez 2, Brandt 4.

MW — Hitchens 2, Hay 15, Wyatt 20, Hall 2, Guido 2, Connell 6, Gomes 6, Schnuerle 4, Sidiqi 6, R. Buscher 2, Burling 2.





Roles Reverse as Monarchs Come Out on Top

This time around, Papio-LaVista got the fast start, brought the energy, and played better defense.

Especially the defense. And especially by BJ Deng.

Assigned to Colby Gomes, who had helped Millard West beat the Monarchs for the Metro Conference holiday title nine days earlier, Deng didn't let Gomes score until the third quarter of Friday night's 72-54 payback victory in the matchup of the state's top two teams.

With UNO recruit Ay Akinwole leading the defensive charge on Shae Wyatt, who had 25 points in the Metro final, No. 1 Millard West trailed by as many as 23 points before halftime and Wyatt didn't score until 1:14 left in the half.

"The last time we didn't play horrible defense, except maybe the first three minutes of the game. The rest of the game was pretty much even," Akinwole said.

Cooch Moore wanted BJ on Gomes to kind of mess with him. BJ is really

an aggressive defender, and I think he got to him a little bit."

Gomes finished with four points after getting 15 in the Wildcat's 71-56 win last week.

Akinwole, who had eight assists, sealed the win for the No. 2 Monarchs (9-3) by scoring 10 of his 21 points in the second half.

In much less foul trouble than a week ago was 6'8" forward Ed Chang. He missed a couple of minutes late in the third quarter after getting his third foul, but he produced 26 points with nine rebounds and three blocks. He also altered or rushed a handful of shot by the Wildcats (9-4). He had scored eight against Millard West in the last meeting.

Papio led 22-4 after the first quarter. Akinwole and Chang each made his first 3-point shot, as did Peyton Priest (nine points) and Caleb Feekin.

"We knew we would have to match their intensity right away," West coach Bill Morrison said. "They were physical and got after us. We had plays we were trying to run, but we were ending

up catching the ball 30 feet away from the basket. That's hard to run a play from out there."

Moore said Papio responded much the way it did in its first payback win of he season, when it

beat Bellevue West by 20 in the Metro semifinals. "We had a lot of energy, a lot of communication," he said. "They're a good offensive team. Obviously Wyatt is a tough guard, and the last time we were soft. We let them go where they wanted to. I could have gone man, zone, 50 different defenses; it wouldn't have mattered. We didn't have the same intensity we did tonight."

Millard West had a better second half, slowing the Papio attack in the third quarter by trapping Akinwole while finally seeing some shots go in. And, when senior sixth man Christian Hall put in back-to-back 3's to start the final quarter to cut the Monarch lead to 51-43, the home side of the 1500 in Papio gym was getting a little edgy.

But Akinwole and Feekin combined for all of the Papio points in a 10-2 run to close out the win.

"We wanted another chance. We felt like we didn't play our greatest game," Akinwole said. "And this was in our house where we are undefeated this year."

MW	4	17	16	17	64
PLV	22	19	10	21	72

MW —Hay 3-14 4-5 11, Wyatt 3-9 3-3 9, Guido 1-2 0-0 0-2, Gomes 2-8 0-0 4, Burling 2-4 3-3 7, Hall 3-7 8-9 16, Sidiqi 0-1 0-0 0, Schnuerle 2-3 0-0 5, Totals 16-47 18-20 54.

PLV — Hiebert 3-4 2-2 8, Akinwole 4-10 11-11 21, Deng 1-4 0-0 2, Chang 10-17 4-7 26, Priest 4-5 0-0 9, Feekin 1-4 3-5 6, Totals 23-44 20-28 72

3FG: MW 4-17, PLV 6-15, TO: MW 11, PLV 11, Reb: MW 22, PLV 32. FG%: MW .340, PLV .523. Attd (1500).



T-birds Add State No. 1 to Their List of Victims



Bellevue West added to its growing list of prominent wins Saturday at Millard West.

Junior Cedric Johnson completed a three-point play with 5.4 seconds left to give the Thunderbirds a 65-63 win over the top-ranked Wildcats. Bellevue West also has wins over three other teams currently ranked in the top six in the state — Papio LaVista, Creighton Prep, and Omaha Burke.

“Like a lot of people, we haven’t been as consistent as we would like to be,” said Bellevue West coach Doug Woodard, whose team improved to 8-5. “But the kids showed a lot of toughness (tonight). We had to play pretty well to win.”

The Thunderbirds hung tough with the Wildcats, who won the Metro holiday tournament earlier this month. The game featured 15 lead changes and seven ties, and the largest lead was seven points.

There were four lead changes in the final 2:15.

“We could never get control of the game,” West Coach Bill Morrison said.

Bellevue West ran clock before Johnson attacked the lane from the right wing, hit a shot in the paint and was fouled. Johnson, who went 9 of 12 from the field and finished with 21 points added the free throw to make it 65-63. Millard West wasn’t able to get off a shot before the buzzer on its last possession.

“We would like the ball in Cedric’s hands at the end of any game,” Woodard said. “He showed some patience there. He’s very hard to guard.”

Besides Johnson, Colin Richards hit four timely 3-pointers and finished with 16 points for the Thunderbirds.

Colby Gomes led Millard West with 25 points, in-

cluding four 3’s in the 2nd half. Seniors Simon Hay and Shae Wyatt both added 12 points to the Wildcat cause.

The Wildcats went 6 of 9 from the field in the 4th quarter but hurt themselves by going 3 of 7 from the foul line.

“Our offense was good enough to win tonight, but we just had too many breakdowns on defense,” Morrison said.

Millard West took the lead at 63-62 when Simon Hay hit a pair of free throws with 21 seconds left on the clock.

BW (8-5)	17	11	18	19	65
MW (9-5)	18	12	16	17	63

BW — Gathuoth 5-10 2-4 12, S Johnson 2-5 0-1 4, Felici 3-8 2-2 8, Richards 6-9 0-0 16, C Johnson 9-12 3-3 21, Tanner 2-8, 0-0 4, Totals 27-52 7-10 65.

MW — Hay 4-8 4-4 12, Wyatt 4-8 3-6 12, Guido 0-3 0-1 0, Gomes 9-13, 3-4 25, Burling 3-6 0-2 6, Schnuerle 1-4 0-0 2, Sidiqi 1-2, 2-2, 4, Buscher 0-1 0-0 0, Hall 1-3 0-0 2, Totals 23-48, 12-19 63.

3FG: BW 4-15, MW 5-13. Reb: BW 28, MW 27. TO: BW 12, MW 12





Wildcats hang on to help No. 6 Millard West Top No. 4 Omaha Burke

As Millard West let another double-digit fourth-quarter lead slip away, the Wildcats decided Thursday was the night to stop losing the close games.

Omaha Burke went on a 16-5 run late in the fourth to slice Millard West's 61-49 lead to 66-65 with 39 seconds remaining in the battle of top-10 teams.

The No. 6 Wildcats made four free throws and survived a traveling turnover with nine seconds left for a 70-67 victory over the No. 4 Bulldogs in front of an estimated crowd of 700.

"We've been struggling a little bit in these late-game situations," Millard West coach Bill Morrison said. "But Burke's defense made us make some of those mistakes."

Wildcats guard Shae Wyatt found his shot early and finished with a game-high 25 points. Wyatt made 9 of his 17 from the field and 5 of 6 free throws.

Wyatt's last three free throws were among the most important as they put Millard West back ahead by three after Burke's 16-5 run.

However he could contribute, Wyatt was happy to have had a hand in ending the Wildcats' two-game losing streak after they had won eight of their previous nine.

"I didn't really have a plan on how to do it, I just took what they gave me," Wyatt said. "It feels good, especially since we play our rivals tomorrow."

That would be 8-4 Millard North, which has lost three of five games, including a 63-42 setback to No. 10 Kearney on Saturday.

Millard West trailed once in the first quarter. A free throw by Chris Hickman put the Bulldogs (7-5) ahead 7-6 after the teams traded a pair of 3-pointers in the first two minutes.

But the Wildcats (10-5) regained their lead and ended the quarter with a 19-14 advantage. Burke kicked off the second quarter with a 7-0 run in 1:18 to take a 21-19 lead.

The Bulldogs' edge grew to 28-23 before the Wildcats used a 13-3 run to retake the lead, heading to halftime ahead 38-34.

Millard West never trailed in the second half. The Wildcats got their first double-digit lead at 46-36 on a layup by Giavonni Guido early in the third and eventually headed into the fourth quarter up 52-47.

The Bulldogs had chances to get closer but struggled to score on several easy chances in the lane. Burke had to rely on guards Shareef Mitchell and Jared Rasmussen to shoulder most of the scoring load.

"We've left some bunnies out there each week," Burke coach Kevin Kobs said. "We've got to get some more points in the paint."

Both Mitchell and Rasmussen finished with 19 points, and it was the sharpshooting Rasmussen that dragged the Bulldogs back into the game.

After Millard West grabbed that 12-point lead, Rasmussen made a trio of treys — two from the right baseline and a third from 24 feet near the top of the key.

Including a 3 from freshman Xavier Watts from the right wing, the Bulldogs

outscored Millard West 12-4 to close to 65-61 with 1:15 remaining.

Five free throws in the final 57 seconds helped the Wildcats end Burke's winning streak at five. Mitchell had a chance to send the game to overtime with a hurried 3-pointer from the left wing but the ball bounced to West's Colby Gomes as time expired.

MW(10-5) 19 19 14 18—70

At OBrk (7-5) 14 20 13 20—67

MW: Hay 4-10 3-3 13, Wyatt 9-17 5-6 25, Hall 0-2 0-0 0, Guido 2-2 2-3 6, Gomes 7-11 0-1 14, Schnuerle 1-3 0-0 2, Sidiqi 1-1 0-0 2, Burling 4-5 0-0 8. Totals-28-51 10-13 70.

OB: Watts 4-8 0-0 11, Mitchell 7-17 4-6 19, Rasmussen 6-13 2-2 19, Jung 0-1 0-0 0, Bratton 3-11 1-2 7, Hickman 4-7 1-2 9, Henrich 1-1 0-0 2. Totals-25-58 8-12 67.

3's: MW 4-17, OB 9-20. Fouls: MW 11, OB 14. Turnovers: MW 11, OB 11. Rebounds: MW 29 OB 33. FG%: MW .549, OB .431. FT%: MW .769, OB .667. A-700 (est.).



Wildcats Tame the Mustangs

The Millard West boys basketball team came out hot in a game against cross-town rival Millard North. The Wildcats led 7-0 and by as much as 10 in the first period and never looked back as they beat the Mustangs 69-43.

Shae Wyatt led all scorers with 23 points. Colby Gomes scored 12 for the Wildcats, and Omid Sidiqi added 10 points.

Nick Ferrarini was the only Mustang to score in double digits with 11 points.

West jumped out to a 7-0 lead with a basket by Brock Burling, a “3” by Wyatt, and two free throws by Gomes.

The Wildcats built a 17-7 lead with Hunter Schnuerle’s basket with just under two minutes remaining in the quarter.

“We had a great crowd at the game tonight,” Coach Bill Morrison said. “I thought our guys were really focused and excited about tonight’s game.”

North scored the last five points of the quarter, including a 25-footer at the buzzer, to keep the game close, 17-12.

North scored on three of their first four possessions to pull within 19-18. West scored the next seven points to regain control.

Six Wildcats scored in the 2nd quarter, led by Sidiqi with five points. West led 35-23 at the half.

Bret Porter started the 2nd half with back-to-back three-pointers for the Mustangs. North trailed 44-33 when Coach Morrison called a timeout for West with 4:19 remaining in the quarter.

Morrison talked about his timeout in the 3rd quarter. “I thought we got



sloppy in the 3rd quarter. We were very specific at half-time about what we wanted offensively. We have let big leads go all year. We challenged our players to extend our lead to 18 in the 3rd quarter and we didn’t like what we were seeing at the time.”

West finished the quarter with a 10-2 run and led 54-35. Wyatt led the Wildcats with 10 points in the period.

West was very efficient in the 4th quarter and gave no hope for the Mustangs’ comeback effort. The Wildcats scored on seven of their first eight possessions of the quarter and extended their lead to as many as 29.

“I was really happy with the way we played the last 12 minutes,” Morrison said. “We took a step forward by keeping control of the game today.”

Millard North played without starter Carter Larsen and back-up big man Nick Edwards. The two Mustangs collided in practice and both suffered concussions.

“That obviously made our job a little

easier,” Morrison said. “We were able to attack the basket a little easier.”

West was 23/41 on 2-point field goals and 6/15 from behind the arc. They outrebounded North 28 to 18 and only committed nine turnovers in the game.

MW	17	18	19	15	69
MN	12	11	12	8	43

MW — Hay 8, Wyatt 23, Guido 2, Gomes 12, Schnuerle 4, Sidiqi 10, Buscher 2, Burling 8.

MN — Rueschhoff 3, Thok 9, Kang 4, Porter 8, Ferrarini 11, Begley 6, Bailey 2





Wildcats Make Come-Back But Lose in Overtime

LINCOLN — Lincoln East’s resiliency was tested twice, first by coming off a Saturday night loss at Kearney on short rest and then by letting Millard West score eight points in the final 24 seconds of regulation Tuesday night to force overtime.

Only when a 3-pointshot from the top of the key by Millard West’s Simon Hay rattled out with 1.6 seconds left did the Spartans escape with a 71-68 home win over the No. 4 team in the state.

“It’s amazing, the longer you coach, the more you realize kids are resilient. They move on,” East coach Jeff Campbell said. “We felt we were better the first four quarters. The scoreboard didn’t show that and so, four more minutes, let’s go out and do it again.”

Campbell liked the aggressive start to overtime. The No. 10 Spartans (11-4) scored the first seven points for a 66-59 lead. Hunter McPhail and Hayden Barrett — his on a putback — had baskets before McPhail went 3 of 4 at the line.

But the Wildcats (11-6) weren’t caged. Hay’s 3 with 46 seconds left made it 69-66 and his layup with 11.8 left got it to 70-68.

Pete Ackerman, who led East with 19 points, made the first of two free throws with 8.3 seconds left. Millard West rebounded the miss, getting it to Hay.

“I thought it was down,” Wildcats coach Bill Morrison said.

Millard West didn’t play well enough in the first half, Morrison said.

“I didn’t like our shot selection, we weren’t offensive rebounding and we

gave up transition,” he said. “Those were three things we talked about in the pregame. I think it was lost in the first and second quarter. We came back once, but that’s hard to do twice. Lincoln East is really good.”

Morrison didn’t bring it up, or maybe he hadn’t seen the scorebook, but Lincoln East shot 37 free throws (making 25) to one for his team.

Millard West’s comeback, after trailing by 10 earlier in the fourth quarter, wiped out a 58-51 Lincoln East lead gained with two free throws by Jordan Janssen with 43 seconds left.

Hay hit a 3 with 24 seconds left. Ackerman made a free throw for East’s final point of regulation, followed by Gio Guido’s tip-in with 12.5 seconds left. Confusion arose before East inbounded as to whether Millard West called its final timeout — it didn’t — and the Wildcats forced a five-second call.

Shae Wyatt tied the game with a 3 with 3.6 seconds left. East had 2.6 seconds left after a timeout, but couldn’t get past half-court before shooting at the buzzer.

Hay and Wyatt each had 22 points for the Wildcats. East’s scoring was better balanced, but in spurts. Ackerman was the steadiest, scoring his 19 across all five periods. Sam Griesel had 14 of his 16, Janssen eight of his 10 and McPhail all eight of his points after halftime.



Barrett conversely had 11 of his 13 before halftime, when he also had eight of his 10 rebounds. He didn’t miss a shot in the first half, being perfect on four field-goal attempts and three free throws.

“He’s our blue-collar guy,” Campbell said. “He’ll do all the dirty work you ask him to do. He doesn’t need to score. If you need him to score, and ask him to, he’ll do the best he can. He’s sometimes the glue that holds us together because we always know what we’re going to get from him, no matter what.”

MW	15	11	8	25	9	68
At LE	17	14	11	17	12	71

MW: Simon Hay 22, Shae Wyatt 22, Colby Gomes 7, Brock Burling 6, Gio Guido 5, Omid Sidiqi 4, Christian Hall 2.

LE: Pete Ackerman 19, Sam Griesel 16, Hayden Barrett 13, Jordan Janssen 10, Hunter McPhail 8, Drew Dockery 3, Alex Aldana 2.

Central Takes Down Millard West in a Thriller

With the scoreboard showing 64 points for both Omaha Central and Millard West and 2.5 seconds remaining in the game, Isaiah Poor Bear-Chandler stepped to the free throw line for two shots. The 6'9" senior missed the first but knocked down the second to give the Eagles the one-point lead.

Central wasn't quite out of the woods yet, though. Shae Wyatt for Millard West had an open shot off of a perfect full court in=bounds pass from teammate and football quarterback Gio Guido following Chandler's go-ahead free throw. The buzzer beater wasn't meant to be, however, as Wyatt's jumper bounced off the rim as the final horn sounded.

The game was tightly contested throughout with neither team ever

holding more than a single-digit lead, with most of the game played within a one-possession score.

Millard West played with the lead for most of the first half, leading 14-12 after the first quarter on the strength of Guido, who scored all six of his points in the opening quarter. The Wildcats extended that lead to 28-25 by halftime.

The second half belonged to Central however, and the third quarter specifically was owned by senior guard Jordan Flowers who, after scoring just three points in the first half, poured in 17 in the last two quarters, including three buckets from beyond the arc in the third quarter.

By the end of three quarters, Central had gone ahead 54-50. Millard

West was kept in the game in the second half by Shae Wyatt who scored 15 of his 17 points in the second half.

Besides Flowers, Central also got a key contribution from senior guard Keondre Spivey who chipped in 12 points. This allowed the Eagles to win despite below average performances from their biggest two stars, junior point guard Roman Behrens and Chandler who had 10 and 12 points, respectively.

Millard West got key contributions from Wyatt with his 17 points, as well as from juniors Brock Burling and Colby Gomes who scored 14 points apiece. Burling was matched up with Chandler for most of the night and more than held his own against the New Mexico signee. Senior guard Simon Hay also chipped in 11 points for the Wildcats.

OC	12	13	29	11	65
MW	14	14	22	14	64

OC – Flowers 20, Spivey 12, Poor Bear-Chandler 12, Behrens 10, Pal 5, Grant 3, Tonje 3.

MW – Wyatt 17, Gomes 14, Burling 14, Hay 11, Guido 6, Schnuerle 2.





Thunderbolts Strike in Last Seconds

Lincoln Pius’s Mike Lewendowski made one of two free throws with 3.1 seconds remaining to seal the 53-54 victory.

Charlie Easley led the Thunderbolts with 21 points and Joe Burt added 13 to lead (13-2) Pius. Colby Gomes and Shae Wyatt both scored 16 for Millard West.

Both offenses struggled in the first quarter due to poor shooting and turnovers. After the first eight minutes, the score was tied 9-9.

The second quarter was more of an offensive show for both team. Pius started the quarter by scoring on four of their first five possessions and taking a 17-12 lead with 5:24 left to play in the quarter.

West got into the groove by scoring on seven of their remaining nine possessions. West closed the Pius lead to 24-25 before TJ Hansen made a three-pointer to close the half.

West came out of the half with added defensive pressure and was able to build a 36-32 lead with just over 3 minutes to play in the third quarter.

Colby Gomes led the Wildcats in the period by scoring 12 of his 16 points. West held a 41-36 going into the final period of play.

“We were more aggressive on defense and created some easy baskets in the third quarter,” Coach Bill Morrison said.

West took a nine point lead, 51-42, as Brock Burling found Simon Hay cutting to the basket with 2:38



left in the game.

Pius did not give up. Burt hit a jumper from the right wing to make the score 51-44. Two Millard West turnovers, a basket by Easley and a free throw by Burt closed the gap to 51-47.

Burt made a 3-pointer after an offensive rebound for Pius to close the lead to 51-50. Christian Hall made a lay up for the Wildcats to give West a 53-50 lead with just under a minute to play.

Easley made a 3-pointer from the right corner to tie the score 53-53. West tried to hold the ball for the last shot. After being fouled, West missed the front end of a 1-and-1 to give Pius the ball.

After a timeout, Pius was able to get the ball in the paint and Lewen-

dowski was fouling on a shot attempt with 3.1 seconds remaining.

Morrison was disappointed in giving up a nine point lead in the final quarter. “We just didn’t control the tempo of the game very well,” he said. “The way we shoot free throws and handle the ball, we should be able to close a game better than we did tonight.”

LPX	9	19	8	18	54
MW	9	15	17	12	53

LPX — Burt 12, Robertson 5, Hansen 5, J Easley 2, C Easley 21, Mike Lewandowski 6, Habrock 2.

Hay 4, Wyatt 16, Hall 2, Guido 1, Gomes 16, Schnuerle 2, Sidiqi 4, Burling 8.

McCallum, Panthers Control 4th Quarter For Top 10 Victory

NORFOLK, Neb. — Lane McCallum twice was Johnny-on-the-spot Saturday night for Norfolk.

His head's up plays — a steal of a Millard West rebound and then an uncontested offensive rebound in the final 20 seconds — widened a two-point ballgame into a 60-55 win for the Panthers.

"That was the longest (20) seconds I ever had in my life," said McCallum, who signed on Wednesday with Air Force for football. "That was crazy. The ball kind of bounced our way, and I think we kind of earned that with our win."

Top 10 No. 3 Norfolk (16-2) extended its winning streak to 12 games entering next weekend's games against a pair of teams in this week's top five — at No. 4 Kearney on Friday and home against No. 5 Lincoln East next Saturday.

No one more than Millard West knows what a fine line it is between winning and losing this season in Class A. After winning the Metro Conference holiday tournament for the first time and getting the No. 1 ranking for the first time in-season, the Wildcats have dropped six of their next nine to fall to 11-9.

In their current four-game skid, their losses were by three in overtime to Lincoln East, by one to Omaha Central and Lincoln Pius X and to Norfolk. Now out of the top seven, they could be facing playing for a state-

tournament berth on the road in a district final.

"It's possessions. It's one or two possessions every game," Wildcat coach Bill Morrison said. "Some we've won with one and two possessions, too.

"Tonight we got a couple steals, missed a couple layups, didn't get a couple of the boards. but Norfolk is a good team. They find the right guy and they hit the right shot at the right time. I felt like it was a heavyweight battle."

Never leading in the second half, the Wildcats cut a 57-51 deficit with 3:15 left to two with 2:27 left on pairs of free throws from Simon Hay, whose 12 points were the team high, and Shae Wyatt. But on the Wildcats' next two possessions, the second one on a set play, Brock Burling couldn't get layups to fall — Khyri Thomas wasn't the only one Saturday with tough luck — that would have tied the game.

McCallum's steal was on a rebound of a missed one-and-one for the Panthers. It led to Logan Strom, the UC Davis recruit who led all scorers with 20 points, making the first of two free throws with 18.6 seconds left. He missed the second, but no one blocked out McCallum for the offensive board. His two free throws ended the scoring with 9.8 seconds left.

"That's what winners do," Norfolk coach Tony Siske said. "He's a winner in everything he does. His success on the football field, his success in his

spring sports and in the classroom. That's something we talk to the kids about. Champions have a lifestyle about them in the way they live and the way they take care of everything, and he's an example."

MW (11-8)	12	17	14	12	55
At Nor (15-2)	17	16	16	11	60

MW: Simon Hay 4-9 2-2 12, Shae Wyatt 3-9 4-4 11, Gio Guido 3-5 2-2 8, Colby Gomes 2-10 3-4 8, Brock Burling 2-5 1-2 5, Christian Hall 3-5 1-2 8, Omid Sidiqi 0-1 0-0 0, Hunter Schnuerle 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 18-45 13-16 55.

N: Christian Eisenhauer 4-6 1-1 9, Travis Larson 4-9 1-2 9, Lane McCallum 2-5 5-9 9, Matt Hagedorn 2-7 0-0 5, Logan Strom 6-9 5-6 20, Luke Kluver 1-3 0-0 2, Tyson Price 3-5 0-0 6, Zack James 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-44 12-16 60.

3-point goals: MW 6-18 (Hay 2-4, Wyatt 1-4, Guido 0-2, Gomes 1-4, Hall 1-2, Sidiqi 0-1, Schnuerle 1-1), N 4-19 (Eisenhauer 0-2, Larson 0-4, McCallum 0-3, Hagedorn 1-3, Strom 3-5, Price 0-2).

Total fouls: MW 15, N 13. Fouled out: none. Technicals: none. Turnovers: MW 7, N 12. Rebounds: MW 22 (Hay 6), N 29 (Strom 7). Field-goal percentage: MW .400, N .500. Free-throw percentage: MW .813, N .750. A: 1,300 (est.)





Wildcats Run Past Running Rabbits

Millard West outscored Omaha Benson 25-12 in the first half and maintained their lead throughout the 2nd half.

Christian Hall led the Wildcats with 16 points on 5 of 7 shooting, including 3 of 4 from behind the arc. Shae Wyatt and Simon Hay added 12 and 10 points while Hunter Schnuerle grabbed 10 rebounds in his first career start.

Jerome Wallace led the Rabbits with 16 points and RoNeal Ross added 13 for Benson who is not 4-15 on the year.

Both teams struggled offensively early in the game. Millard West led 4-3 after 3 minutes of play. Benson took

a 5-4 lead on two free throws by Ross with 3:14 left in the quarter. West went on a 10-0 run to close the period as four Wildcats contributed baskets. West led 14-5 at the end of the first quarter.

The first half of the 2nd quarter was similar to the first quarter. Benson outscored West 4-2 in the first four minutes of the period.

West was able to put together another run to extend their lead to 25-12 at the half.

“Our offense wasn’t great in the first half, but I thought our defense was solid, and we seemed to get every rebound in the first half,” Coach Bill Morrison said.

Wallace heated up for Benson in the 3rd quarter as he scored 10

points in the first 3:20 of the quarter. Benson was able to cut the Wildcat lead down to 7 points, but could not get any closer. West led 41-29 after three quarters.

West built their lead to 47-31 with 5:08 remaining in the final period. Benson scored on their last 6 possessions of the game, but could not stop the Wildcats.

OB	5	7	17	14	43
MW	14	11	16	18	59

OB — Broer 7, Wallace 16, Parmer 2, Gamble 3, Ross 13, Haley 2.

MW — Hay 10, Wyatt 12, Hall 16, Guido 6, Schnuerle 2, Sidiqi 7, Buscher 2, Burling 4.

Carroll and the Vikings Cage the Wildcats

Tyrell Carroll scored 27 points to lead Omaha North to a 69-63 victory over Millard West.

Jordan Nash and Anthony Laravie added 12 and 11 points for the Vikings who led throughout most of the game.

Shae Wyatt led the Wildcats with 14 points and grabbed 9 rebounds. Simon Hay and Colby Gomes each added 11 points for West. Brock Burling led the team with 10 rebounds.

West struggled offensively in the first quarter for the 2nd night in a row. North gradually built a 12-8 lead as five different players scored for the Vikings.

Both teams picked up the offensive game in the 2nd quarter. North out-

scored West 21-20 in the period to take a 33-28 lead into the half.

West took their first lead of the game as Wyatt made a basket 3:49 left in the period. Simon Hay was fouled and converted a three-point play to give West their biggest lead of the game 25-22.

Omaha North scored 11 points on their last four possessions of the half.

“In the first quarter, we just forced too many shots. We weren’t moving the ball quickly and we were playing too much one-on-one,” Coach Bill Morrison said.

“We picked it up, but then had another defensive lapse at the end of the half,” Morrison said. “We seem to have one or two lapses every game.

We need to get tougher on defense.”

Omaha North stayed hot after the break and scored 12 points on their first 6 possessions of the half. North opened a 45-36 lead with 4:06 left in the quarter.

“We switched to zone to try to stop their drive,” Morrison said. “They got 6 points inside and two wide open 3-pointers.”

The Wildcats were able to claw their way back into the game and cut the lead to 47-46 with a minute left in the quarter. But North scored on their last two possessions and led 52-46 going into the final period.

North held onto a four to nine point lead throughout most of the final period. Down 10 with 37 seconds remain-

O-North (cont.)

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ing, Simon Hay scored a lay-up, and Shae Wyatt stole the inbounds pass and hit a three to cut the lead to 63-68 with 9.5 seconds left in the game.

Gio Guido stole another inbounds pass, but Hay's three pointer from the left wing didn't fall. North won 69-63.

West falls to 12-10 with two games remaining in the regular season.

"We need to fix a few things. Everyone needs to play a little better as we get into district play." Morrison said. "We aren't playing poorly, but you have to play well when it gets tournament time."

MW	8	20	18	17	63
ON	12	21	19	17	69

MW — Hay 11, Wyatt 14, Hall 3, Guido 7, Gomes 11, Schnuerle 7, Sidiqi 2, Burling 8.

ON — Carroll 27, O'Neal 6, Williams 2, Laravie 11, Nash 1, Kitt 7, Cawthon 2, Gatluak





Wildcats Victorious on Senior Night

For a couple minutes, it looked like Omaha Northwest might have a chance to spoil Senior Night for the Millard West Wildcats. But Seniors Simon Hay and Shae Wyatt scored nineteen points each in the first half to give West a 49-32 lead at half-time.

Shae Wyatt scored 36 points and was two points short of tying the school record for points in a game. Hay ended up with 19 points and Colby Gomes added 13 for the Wildcats.

Derek Mayhue started the game by scoring six points for Northwest and gave the Huskies a 6-0 lead early in the first quarter.

West began their 3-point assault to take control of the game. The Wildcats were 6 of 11 from behind the arc in the first quarter and led 20-15 after the first eight minutes of play.

The Wildcats only got better from the outside in the second quarter, making 5 of 6 from behind the arc.

The Wildcats were on pace for a record setting night as they led 49-32 going into the half.

“That was about as good of shooting that I have seen from a team in the first half,” Coach Bill Morrison said. “Simon and Shae were both in the zone.”

The offense slowed down for West in the 3rd quarter. Northwest came out fighting and scored the first six points of the half to cut the lead to 49-38.



Gomes and Wyatt scored back-to-back baskets for West to get them back on track. The Huskies continued to fight back and cut the lead to nine, 58-49, at the end of the 3rd quarter.

West scored two free throws to start the 4th quarter, but did not score on the next five possessions. Northwest cut the lead to 60-59, but could not overcome the Wildcat lead.

West outscored Northwest 16-7 over the remainder of the game. The Wildcats were 8 of 10 from the free

throw line in the last minutes of the game.

ONW	13	19	17	17	66
MW	20	29	9	18	76

ONW — Perkins 10, Mayhue 15, Noambi 6, Toney 9, Nyiwe 14, Vasser 12

MW — Hay 19, Wyatt 36, Hall 6, Gomes 12, Sidiqi 2, Burling 1

Millard West Grounds Silver Hawks

The Millard West Boys Basketball Team traveled to Lincoln and beat Lincoln Southwest 77-67.

After trailing much of the 1st quarter, the Wildcats took the lead and never looked back.

Shae Wyatt led West with 23 points. Colby Gomes and Simon Hay scored 16 and 13 points respectively.

Trevor Bogle led Southwest with 21 points. JaQuaylon Mays added 13 points.

Bogle and the Silver Hawks started the game on fire. Bogle made four 3-pointers in the first quarter. Southwest led 10-3 after two minutes of play and held the lead throughout most of the first quarter.

West took the lead with just over two minutes left in the quarter on a

basket by Simon Hay. Christian Hall and Colby Gomes scored on the last two possessions of the quarter to give West a 23-20 lead.

West was able to hold Bogle scoreless in the 2nd quarter. Back-to-back 3-pointers by Hay and Wyatt gave West a 35-30 lead with 2:47 left in the period.

Gomes led the Wildcats with seven points in the quarter. West led 40-34 going into the half.

Bogle open the 2nd half with a 3-pointer for Southwest. But the Wildcats scored on five straight possessions to extend their lead to 50-42.

The two teams traded scores through the rest of the period. Brock Burling led the Wildcats with six points in the period. West led 58-49 after three quarters of play.

West slowed down the game in the final period and controlled the pace of the. Southwest was able to score on 10 of their 13 possessions but were unable to cut the lead to less than four in the final period.

West put the game away as Wyatt stole the ball, scored a lay-up and was fouled on the shot. A Silver Hawk player was assessed a technical foul. West scored six points on that possession to extend the lead to 75-63 with under a minute left in the game.

“Our offense was much better tonight,” Coach Bill Morrison said. “I thought our energy level was good throughout the game.”

Morrison was also pleased with his team’s execution in the 4th quarter. “I thought we did a good job of controlling the tempo in the 4th quarter. We took good shots and forced them to play a lot of defense.”

MW	23	17	18	19	77
LSW	20	14	15	18	67

MW — Hay 13, Wyatt 23, Hall 7, Guido 8, Gomes 16, Schnuerle 2, Burling 8.

LSW — Mays 13, Frederick 9, Kohl 2, Druse 5, Bogle 21, Siedel 9, Homer 3.





Wildcats Defend Territory Against Knights

Colby Gomes said he had a feeling early on that it was going to be a good night.

The Millard West junior poured in 25 points to help the Wildcats run away from Lincoln Southeast 77-53 in a Class A-3 district semifinal. Millard West advances to Monday’s final against fourth-ranked Creighton Prep, a 62-61 winner over Omaha North-west.

“The first quarter, it felt like we couldn’t miss, like it was our game and we were meant to win,” said Gomes. “We came out the aggressor, we came out pushing the ball, we came out wanting to win the game. And we did.”

Brock Burling scored inside on a botched play, indicating Millard West had something going right. Shae Wyatt sandwiched three-pointers around a three by Gomes for an 11-0 lead, forcing Southeast to call timeout. Gomes hit a free throw before Severyn Foster drove for Southeast’s first basket.

After Wyatt got a put-back, Gomes drove for a bucket and then got a steal and a lay-up to spark an 11-0 run before Isaiah Curry popped a three for Southeast to end the first period 23=5.

“The could do no wrong. We called a couple of timeouts, but we couldn’t get anything going offensively,” said Southeast coach Jeff Smith. “Both ends of the floor the first five minutes of that game were just horrendous and it was basically game over.

“They really packed it in with their size. They took away our penetration and so we settled for jumpers and

when they’re not falling, that’s how quick that can get away from you.”

The Knights made a little run in the fourth quarter when Brayden Day made a pair of free throws. Isaiah Laughlin go a steal and fed Curry. Day scored after another Millard West miss and then Curry popped a three after a Wildcat turnover to trim the lead to 59-46 with 5:56 left in the game.

But Millard West went on an 8-0 run that included a technical foul to seal the victory.

“One of our defenses we just put in on Tuesday,” said Millard West coach Bill Morrison. “Our goal was to switch defenses a lot on them just to keep them off-balance. We wanted to be the aggressor because we knew how aggressive they were.”

Morrison said the Wildcats (15-10) gained confidence from their recent success.

“We’ve lost close games to good teams. When you’re not winning, that’s the bottom line. We got a couple wins lately and the guys’ bounce is back,” he said. “Your goal is to play your best basketball at the end of the season. We are close to that. I don’t know if we are there, but we are close.”

Lincoln SE	5	19	11	18	53
Millard West	23	19	13	22	77

LSE: Curry 15, Laughlin 8, Davison 7, Foster 6, Anderson 6, Euse 5, Day 4, Hundley 2.

MW: Gomes 25, Wyatt 16, Hay 13, Guido 7, Sidiqi 6, Burling 5, Connell 2, Harmdierks 1.







Prep Ends Wildcats' Season in District Finals

As Millard West was slowing Omaha Creighton

Prep's two primary offensive weapons Monday, the Junior Jays needed others to step up in their District A-3 championship game.

Enter Will Hanafan and Spencer Moes, who lifted Prep out of its 10-day funk and carried the Junior Jays to a 69-60 victory over Millard West before an estimated 1,400 at Prep's Heider Center.

Hanafan finished with 17 points on 7-of-12 shooting, and Moes was 3-of-4 from the field and made 13 of 14 free throws to finish with a game-high 20 points. Jayden Temme also finished in double figures with 12 points.

"Will Hanafan, he's our defensive guy, but he scored for us tonight. I don't like the midrange jump shot. He loves it.

"That's his shot. I've got to let him go with it."

The victory sends the 21-3 Junior Jays to state for the third straight season and the 56th time in school history. Prep will play a yet-to-be-determined opponent in a first-round game March 9 at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln.

Prep lost back-to-back games to Papillion-La Vista and Lincoln South-

east to end the regular season, then was pushed to the limit in Saturday's first-round district win over Omaha Northwest before winning 62-61.

Luedtke said he wasn't certain how this young, inexperienced team would bounce back. None of his regulars saw significant time in Prep's last two state tournament appearances.

"After Saturday's game against Northwest we didn't know what to expect tonight," Luedtke said. "These guys were resilient. They showed a lot of moxie down the stretch. They showed a lot of confidence.

"We told them 'You're not getting the wild card. You need to win and earn your ticket.' For a lot of these guys, it's going to be the first time they're at state."

Coach Bill Morrison said the goal of the Wildcats, who finished 15-11, was to shut down Prep's leading scorers Kyle Luedtke and Akol Arop, and they succeeded in that mission.

Luedtke, the coach's son, finished with four points, all on free throws, while Arop scored 10 points but only took five shots.

"We wanted to take Luedtke and Arop out, and we did a pretty good job on that. And their next two guys stepped up,"

Morrison said. "Will Hanafan was amazing. I told the guys: they beat us. We didn't lose the game."

Hanafan said he was ready for the moment.

"What's dangerous about us is we have a lot of guys who can score," he said. "Kyle and Akol obviously are our two main scorers, but when they're off, it opens up a lot of stuff for other

people."

The Wildcats grabbed a quick 12-6 lead, but Prep rallied to go up 16-15 on a dunk by Arop with three seconds remaining in the first quarter.

Prep stretched that lead to 32-23 by halftime with a 13-2 run after Millard West's Colby Gomes left the game with a sprained ankle.



Coach Bill Morrison said the injury played a factor. "Colby has been playing great lately, so it changed our offense," he said. "But it also changed a lot of match ups. We lost our advantage at a couple spots."

The Wildcats were only able to score 8 points in the 2nd quarter.

Gio Guido and Omid Sidiqi both picked up two quick fouls. "The foul trouble and Colby's injury changed our rotation pattern," Morrison said. "I still thought we would be fine in the 2nd half after calming down and getting reset."

The Junior Jays twice led by 11 early in the third quarter and were still up seven late in the period before Millard West battled back to 44-41 heading into the fourth quarter.

The Wildcats wouldn't go away until the free throw shooting sealed the win.

"I looked around," Hanafan said. "This is the last time I'm playing at Prep. This could be the last time I play basketball. I stepped up, took a couple





of shots. I was confident in shooting them and it helped us win."

MW (15-11) 15 8 18 19—60

Prep (21-3) 16 16 12 25—69

MW: Hay 4-17 0-0 11, Wyatt 3-11 6-7 13, Hall 5-12 0-0 14, Guido 3-6 0-1 7, Buscher 0-1 0-0 0, Gomes 2-3 0-0 5, Schnuerle 0-0 0-0 0, Sidiqi 1-3 0-0 2, Burling 3-3 2-2 8. Totals-21-56 8-10 60.

CP: Arop 4-5 2-2 10, Moes 3-4 13-14 20, Steier 0-0 0-0 0, Luedtke 0-5 4-4 4, Temme 4-7 1-1 12, Hanafan 7-12 0-0 17, Wellendorf 0-0 0-0 0, Mat-

thies 2-4 0-0 6. Totals-20-37 20-21 69.

3-point goals: MW 10-32 (Hay 3-11, Wyatt 1-6, Hall 4-10, Guido 1-2, Buscher 0-1, Gomes 1-2); CP 9-20 (Moes 1-2, Luedtke 0-4, Temme 3-6, Hanafan 3-5, Matthies 2-3).

Total fouls: MW 19, CP 13. Turnovers: MW 7, CP 10. Rebounds: MW 22 (Burling 5), CP 24 (Arop 7).

FG%: MW .375, CP .541. FT%: MW .800, CP .952. A-1,400 (est.).





2016-2017 Final Stats



Player	GP	2FGM-A	3FGM-A	FTM-A	REB	AST	BLK	STL	TO	CT	PTS
Wyatt	24	97-194	52-129	96-118	130	42	7	52	59	4	446
Gomes	25	79-132	32-98	35-51	102	29	12	36	29	4	289
Burling	26	81-161		40-68	124	26	21	16	17		202
Hay	24	57-144	33-86	55-64	77	67	4	31	41		268
Guido	26	47-87	6-20	20-37	75	93	3	36	58	1	132
Hall	26	20-43	20-61	43-56	51	44	2	26	22	1	143
Schnuerle	25	25-44	3-12	5-9	66	16	10	13	14		64
Sidiqi	26	38-58	1-4	8-13	47	12	12	11	23		87
P Buscher	18	0-4	3-10	5-6	13	14	1	5	3	2	14
Connell	13	3-8	0-1	2-2	11	3	1	1	2		8
R Buscher	8	3-3		2-2	2		1	1			8
Harris	2				4						0
Harmdierks	1			1-2	2						1
Hitchens	11	1-2	0-1	1-2	2	1		1	2		3
Young	1								1		0
TEAM	26	451-880	150-422	313-430	707	347	74	229	272	12	1666



The world of sports is both a classroom and a laboratory. Through competition we learn from a young age the value of training, practice, and discipline, as well as the meaning of fair play. Sports teach us how to persevere, how to deal with adversity, how to become a part of a single heartbeat that defines a team. Sports teach lessons in leadership, respect and courage.

New School Records and Leaders

Game

T1 Shae Wyatt 8 Steals

Season Records/Leaders

1st Team 1666 Points Scored
1st Team 72.8% Free Throw Percentage
 2nd Team 150 3-Pointers Made
 2nd Team 35.5% 3-Point Percentage
 2nd Team 64.04 Points Per Game

T1 Shae Wyatt 52 Steals
1st Simon Hay 85.9% Free Throw Percentage
 2nd Shae Wyatt 52 3-Pointers Made
 3rd Omid Sidiqi 65.5% 2-Point Percentage
 T4 Shae Wyatt 96 Free Throws Made
 4th Shae Wyatt 446 Points
 5th Shae Wyatt 81.4% Free Throw Percentage
 5th Shae Wyatt 18.6 Points Per Game
 7th Shae Wyatt 40.3% 3-Point Percentage
 7th Gio Guido 93 Assists
 10th Christian Hall 76.8% Free Throw Percentage

T12 Gio Guido 36 Steals
 T12 Colby Gomes 36 Steals
 T12 Brock Burling 21 Blocks
 12th Colby Gomes 59.8% 2-Point Percentage
 12th Simon Hay 33 3-Pointers Made
 T13 Shae Wyatt 4 Charges Taken
 T13 Colby Gomes 4 Charges Taken
 13th Colby Gomes 32 3-Pointers Made
 13th Shae Wyatt 97 2-Pointers Made
 15th Simon Hay 67 Assists
 15th Colby Gomes 289 Points Scored

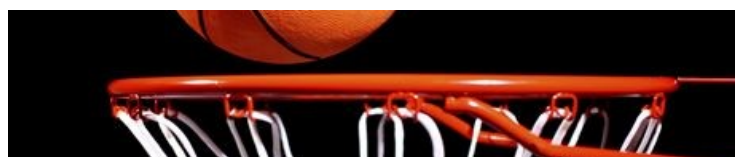
16th Shae Wyatt 93 Defensive Rebounds
 16th Brock Burling 81 2-Pointers Made
 T17 Colby Gomes 79 2-Pointers Made
 18th Simon Hay 67 Assists
 T19 Shae Wyatt 41 Offensive Rebounds
 19th Shae Wyatt 130 Total Rebounds
 T20 Brock Burling 89 Defensive Rebounds

Career Records / Leaders

1st Simon Hay 84.1% Free Throw Percentage
1st Shae Wyatt 117 3-Pointers Made
 2nd Shae Wyatt 79.2% Free Throw Percentage
 2nd Shae Wyatt 16.3 Points Per Game
 3rd Simon Hay 95 3-Pointers Made
 3rd Shae Wyatt 95 Steals
 4th Brock Burling 46 Blocks
 4th Shae Wyatt 40.2% 3-Point Percentage
 5th Shae Wyatt 798 Points Scored
 6th Shae Wyatt 141 Free Throws Made
 7th Shae Wyatt 153 2-Pointers Made
 8th Shae Wyatt 187 Defensive Rebounds
 10th Colby Gomes 67 Steals

11th Simon Hay 536 Points Scored
 T11 Shae Wyatt 5 Charges Take
 11th Simon Hay 9.2 Points Per Game
 12th Brock Burling 143 Defensive Rebounds
 13th Simon Hay 119 Defensive Rebounds
 13th Simon Hay 34.6% 3-Point Percentage
 14th Colby Gomes 140 Defensive Rebounds
 14th Gio Guido 110 Defensive Rebounds
 14th Simon Hay 61 Steals
 14th Colby Gomes 493 Points Scored

16th Simon Hay 138 Defensive Rebounds
 T17 Shae Wyatt 16 Blocks
 T17 Omid Sidiqi 16 Blocks
 T17 Shae Wyatt 194 Total Rebounds
 T17 Colby Gomes 56 Offensive Rebounds
 17th Simon Hay 58 Games Played
 19th Colby Gomes 196 Total Rebounds
 T20 Brock Burling 89 Defensive Rebounds
 T20 Colby Gomes 51 Games Played
 T20 Brock Burling 51 Games Played
 20th Shae Wyatt 47.5% 2-Point Percentage
 20th Simon Hay 95 Free Throws Made
 20th Brock Burling 183 Total Rebounds



	W/L	Us	Them	Assists	Blocks	Rebounds	Steals	Points	Performance
Kearney	W	71	69	Gomes 4	Burling 2	HS, BB 6	Wyatt 8	Wyatt 25	Wyatt 13.31
Cr. Prep	L OT	70	74	Wyatt 3	PB, HS 1	SW, CG 5	Wyatt 4	Wyatt 28	Wyatt 15.40
O South	L	59	60	Guido 6	Guido 2	Wyatt 5	Wyatt 6	Wyatt 14	Wyatt 13.50
G Island	W	59	52	Guido 3	Burling 3	Wyatt 12	Wyatt 4	Wyatt 17	Wyatt 15.37
O Westside	W	55	43	Hay 4	Schnuerle 2	Burling 8	Guido 2	Burling 14	Gomes 9.43
Mil South	W	75	66	Guido 7	CG, BB 1	Guido 9	Guido 4	GG, CG, BB 15	Guido 23.61
Papio S	L	55	58	Guido 5	PB, HS 1	Burling 6	CH, HS, BB 2	Burling 14	Burling 8.82
T1:ONW	W	60	55	Guido 3	Gomes 1	Gomes 6	Wyatt 4	Wyatt 20	Wyatt 13.76
T2:O South	W	54	26	Hay 4	1	Wyatt 11	Hay 5	Wyatt 21	Wyatt 16.91
T3:O North	W	62	51	CH, GG 3	1	Wyatt 7	Gomes 4	Wyatt 26	Wyatt 11.10
T4: PLV	W	71	56	SH, SW 3	Gomes 2	6	CG, SW 3	Wyatt 22	Gomes 17.29
Lin Northstar	W	67	32	CH, PB 4	Sidiqi 2	Connell 5	Hall 3	Wyatt 20	Wyatt 18.20
Papio LaVista	L	54	72	Hay 5	SH, HS 1	Wyatt 5	Guido 2	Hall 16	Schnuerle 7.55
Bell West	L	63	65	Hay 6	Gomes 1	Burling 9	Hall 3	Gomes 25	Gomes 16.71
O Burke	W	70	67	Hall 5	Burling 3	6	Hay 2	Wyatt 25	Burling 13.88
Mil North	W	69	43	Guido 5	1	Burling 7	Wyatt 3	Wyatt 23	Wyatt 18.84
Lin East	L OT	68	71	Guido 8	1	Guido 5	Guido 4	Hay / Wyatt 22	Hay 15.42
O Central	L	64	65	Guido 6	Wyatt 1	GG, BB 8	Gomes 4	Wyatt 17	Burling 16.54
Lin Pius X	L	53	54	Guido 6	1	Sidiqi 6	1	CG, SW 16	Gomes 11.76
Norfolk	L	55	60	Burling 4	Gomes 2	Hay 6	GG, CG 2	Hay 12	Guido 10.52
O Benson	W	59	43	3	CH, OS 1	Schnuerle 10	1	Hall 16	Hall 12.94
O North	L	63	69	Hay 3	Gomes 2	Burling 10	Hay 3	Wyatt 14	Burling 14.49
Lin Southwest	W	77	67	Hay 6	Sidiqi 2	SW, CG 8	CG, GG 3	Wyatt 23	Hay 14.71
O Northwest	W	76	66	Guido 5	0	Gomes 7	SH, CG 2	Wyatt 36	Wyatt 21.95
D1: Lincoln SE	W	77	53	Guido 9	0	Gomes 7	2	Gomes 25	Gomes 14.63
D2: Prep	L	60	69	2	Burling 1	Burling 5	2	Hall 14	Burling 11.52
Season		1666	1506	Guido 93	Burling 21	Wyatt 130	Wyatt 52	Wyatt 446	Wyatt 260.78



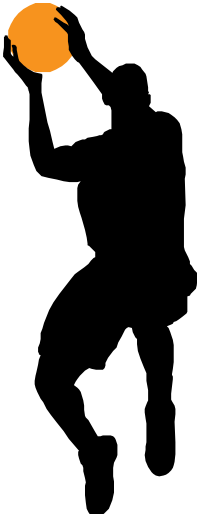
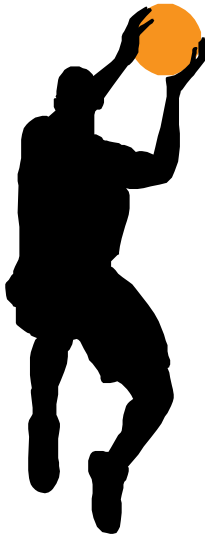
	Season Leader	Stat
Made Free Throws	Shae Wyatt	96
Free Throw Percentage	Simon Hay	85.9%
2-Pointers Made	Shae Wyatt	97
2-Point Percentage	Omid Sidiqi	65.5%
3-Pointers Made	Shae Wyatt	52
3-Point Percentage	Shae Wyatt	40.3%

2016-2017 City Champs





Class of 2017





Omaha-World Herald

All-Metro 1st Team

Ayo Akinwale	PLV
Ed Chang	PLV
Aguek Arop	O South
Isaiah Poor Bear	O Central
Shereef Mitchell	O Burke

All-Metro 2nd Team

Shae Wyatt M West

Akol Arop	C Prep
Nick Ferrarini	M North
Roman Behrens	O Central
Cedric Johnson	B West

All-Metro 3rd Team

Kyle Luedtke	C Prep
Jaxon Harre	M South
Jordan Nash	O North
Anthony Bratton	O Burke
Anthony Laravie	O North

2012-2013 Final Rankings

1. Norfolk
2. Papillion LV
3. Kearney
4. Creighton Prep
5. Omaha Central
6. Omaha South
7. Bellevue West
8. Lincoln East
9. Omaha North
10. Millard South

Scholar Athlete Awards

Lincoln Journal Star

Simon Hay
Christian Hall

NSAA

Simon Hay
Christian Hall

Metro Conference

Simon Hay
Christian Hall

Honorable Mention

All—Metro

Colby Gomes
Giavonni Guido
Simon Hay

All—State

Colby Gomes
Giavonni Guido
Simon Hay
Brock Burling



All-Nebraska First Team

Ayo Akinwale	PLV
Ed Chang	PLV
Aguek Arop	O South
Kanon Koster	Kearney
Teddy Allen	Boys Town

All-Nebraska 2nd Team

Logan Strom	Norfolk
David Wingett	Winnebago
Dru Kuxhausen	Scottsbluff
Jaxon Simons	Neumann
Isaiah Poor Bear	O Central

All Nebraska 3rd Team

<i>Shae Wyatt</i>	<i>M West</i>
Shereef Mitchell	O Burke
Noah Bedral	Neumann
Zach Imig	Gretna
Malcolm Whitlow	Lincoln NE

State Tournament

#1 Papillion-LaVista (22-4) 44.8462

Game 1 – Pinnacle Bank

Mar 9 – 2:00 PM

#8 Millard South (13-11) 41.333

Papillion-LaVista 70-50

Game 5

Mar 10 – 7:00 PM

Pinnacle Bank

Papillion-LaVista 62-50

#4 Kearney (21-4) 43.8000

Game 2– Pinnacle Bank

Mar 9 – 3:45 PM

#5 Omaha Central (19-5) 43.5833

Kearney 61-50

Game 7

6:30 PM – Mar 11

Norfolk

68-49

Champion

#6 Norfolk (20-4) 43.5417

Game 3 – Pinnacle Bank

Mar 9 – 7:00 PM

#3 Creighton Prep (21-3) 44.0000

Norfolk 63-59 (OT)

Game 6

Mar 10 – 8:45 PM

Pinnacle Bank

Norfolk 53-38

#7 Omaha South (18-6) 43.1250

Game 4 – Pinnacle Bank

Mar 9 – 8:45 PM

#2 Pius X (20-3) 44.3913

Omaha South 67-54

Class A 1st Team

Ayo Akinwale	PLV
Ed Chang	PLV
Aguek Arop	O South
Kanon Koster	Kearney
Logan Strom	Norfolk

Class A 2nd Team

<i>Shae Wyatt</i>	<i>M West</i>
Isaiah Poor Bear	O Central
Shereef Mitchell	O Burke
Malcom Whitlow	Lincoln NE
Akol Arop	C Prep

EVERY DRILL

EVERY PRACTICE

EVERY DAY

Coaching Staff

Varsity

Bill Morrison
Dan Hall

Junior Varsity

Dale Gall
Matt Starks

Reserve

Bret Siepker

Freshman

Ian Delaet
Chris Tauber

Managers

Ethan Hupp

Lower Levels Combine for a 70-9 Record

The four future Wildcat teams combined for a 70-9 record during the 2016-17 basketball season. The average victory of the four teams was 64-44.

The JV team won 17 games and set a school record for wins in a season.

The team's success was a little unexpected as they had four Freshmen on their roster.

The Jr. Varsity team was battle-tested throughout the season as nine of their games were decided by 5 or less points.

The Reserve team finished with a 16-3 record. Their only losses came to Creighton Prep (twice) and Lincoln East.

The team was able to win their first five games of the season. They suffered all three of their losses in their next four games.

The Wildcats then finished the season with a 10 game winning streak.

The Freshmen B team finished the season with a perfect 16-0 record.

The team won their 16 games by an average of 28 points.

The only game that was decided by less than 13 points was a 43-41 win over Creighton Prep.

The Freshmen A team won more games than any freshmen team in the history of Millard West.

The team's average score was 69-41. Their strong defense made it hard for opponents to score and created a lot of easy baskets.

The 9ers were undefeated in December, but lost to Bellevue West in the finals of their Holiday Tourna-

Millard West Records

Freshmen B	16-0
Freshmen A	21-1
Reserves	16-3
JV	17-5
Varsity	15-11

1-on-1 vs. Lil' Brother

Colby	Ryan	Simon	Omid
Tristan	Peyton	Xander	Aabid
Gomes	Buscher	Hay	Sidiqi







Freshmen — Front Row: Joe Burton, Nathan Pesek, Lucas Ballard, Brett Daniels, Josh Wickstrom, Sam Meeves. Middle Row: Colin Ochoa, Nate Glantz, Dalys Beanum, Nathan Bauermeister, Henry Polsley, Max Anderson, Xander Hay. Back Row: Coach Chris Tauber, Skyler Gessert, Trey Wilbeck, Eric Standish, Baylor Brannen, Kaedyn Oedermann, Matt Pleiss, Aabid Sidiqi, Coach Ian Delaet.

Reserves: Front Row — Jaeson Adams, Caleb Neville, Jackson Galloway, LJ Hajduch. Middle Row: Wade Ott, Caleb Riedel, Ryan Michel, Ethan Feist, Hunter Grantham. Back Row: Bret Siepker, Tyler Schmidt, Michael Ilg, Connor McDonnell.

Junior Varsity — Front Row: Cade Cutler, Chris Connell, Easton Young, Jacob Harmdierks, Peyton Buscher. Back Row: Coach Matt Starks, Braeden Wiltse, Tristan Gomes, Zach Olsen, Ryan David, Austin Harris, Coach Dale Gall.



Freshmen Win City Championship



Championship

Millard West 50, Papio-LV 39

The Millard West defense showed up big during the championship game, forcing 23 turnovers to help counter a slow shooting day (31%) for the Wildcats.

With the Wildcats clinging to a 37-36 lead with 6:30 to go in the 4th quarter Dalys Beanum got a huge steal and lay up to start a 13-3 run to finish the game.

The Wildcat press forced 6 turnovers in the final 6:30 of the game to help separate from the Monarchs.

Kaedyn Odermann led the scoring with 18 points, while Nate Glantz and Trey Wilbeck each had 10 points, Max Anderson also had 9 points in the Championship game.

The Freshman finished the season with a 21-1 record, believed to be the most wins by a Millard West basketball team in a season.

Semi-Finals

Mil West 73, Mil South 63

Millard South opened the game making 8 of their first 10 shots and Millard West got into foul trouble in the first half but kept the game to only a 10 point deficit at half.

The Wildcats switched up their defenses in the 3rd quarter and out-scored the Patriots 27-12 in the period.

Kaedyn Odermann scored 22 points (18 in the 3rd Quarter) and Henry Polsley scored 13 points (10 in the 2nd half) to lead the Wildcats past the Patriots.

Quarterfinals

Millard West 76, Benson 68

The Freshman got all they could handle from a scrappy Benson team in the quarterfinals. Kaedyn Odermann led the scoring attack with 29 points while Aabid Sidiqi had 12 points.

Round 1

Mil West 88, Omaha South 28

Millard West got out of the gate in Round 1 with a 26-3 first quarter and never looked back.

Twelve different players scored, led by Aabid Sidiqi with 20 points, Nate Glantz with 13, Henry Polsley with 11, and Dalys Beanum with 10.





2016—2017 Team Rosters

Freshmen

#	Name	Ht.	Gr.	Pos.
1	Nate Glantz	5'8	9	G
3	Xander Hay	5'11	9	G
4	Dalys Beanum	5'11	9	G
5	Colin Ochoa	5'7	9	G
10	Skyler Gessert	6'0	9	F
11	Brett Daniels	5'9	9	G
12	Nathan Pesek	5'8	9	G
14	Lucas Ballard	5'9	9	G
15	Sam Meeves	5'7	9	G
20	Josh Wickstrom	5'7	9	G
21	Max Anderson	5'10	9	G
22	Henry Polsley	5'10	9	G
24	Baylor Brannen	6'3	9	C
25	Matt Pleiss	6'0	9	F
30	Trey Wilbeck	6'1	9	G
31	Joe Burton	5'9	9	G
32	Kaedyn Odermann	6'1	9	F
33	Nathan Bauermeister	6'0	9	G
34	Eric Standish	6'2	9	F
35	Aabid Sidiqi	6'0	9	F

Junior Varsity

#	Name	Ht.	Gr.	Pos.
5	Zach Olson	6'3	9	F
10	Braeden Wiltse	6'1	9	G
14	Cade Cutler	5'8	11	G
20	Easton Young	6'0	11	G
24	Peyton Buscher	5'11	9	G
32	Chris Connell	6'2	10	G
34	Ryan David	6'3	10	F
40	Austin Harris	6'3	11	G
52	Tristan Gomes	6'3	9	F
54	Jacob Harmdierks	6'3	10	F

Reserves

#	Name	Ht.	Gr.	Pos.
3	Caleb Neville	5'10	10	G
4	Caleb Riedel	5'10	10	G
5	Jaeson Adams	5'6	10	G
12	Michael Ilg	6'3	10	G
14	Ethan Feist	5'11	10	G
20	Jackson Galloway	5'9	10	G
22	Ryan Michel	5'11	10	G
24	LJ Hajdich	5'11	10	G
32	Wade Ott	6'1	10	F
40	Connor McDonnell	6'2	10	F
50	Hunter Grantham	6'1	10	F
54	Tyler Schmidt	6'3	10	F



FRESHMEN A			FRESHMEN B		
Lincoln NE	W	62-31	Omaha South	W	68-24
Omaha South	W	75-23	Westside	W	65-22
Fremont	W	72-22	Elkhorn South	W	71-30
Westside	W	65-33	Bellevue East	W	69-22
Bellevue East	W	73-24	Millard South	W	55-41
Millard South	W	62-34	Bellevue West	W	59-26
Bellevue West	L	64-69	Prep	W	43-41
Millard North	W	53-30	Millard South	W	58-44
Prep	W	78-33	Elkhorn South	W	73-59
Lincoln East	W	65-46	Millard North	W	58-41
Elkhorn South	W	63-61	Papillion LV	W	70-37
Millard North	W	66-59	Papio South	W	62-45
Papillion LV	W	62-22	Burke	W	73-32
Papio South	W	69-37	Central	W	55-37
Burke	W	85-44	Benson	W	80-24
Central	W	76-36	Omaha North	W	55-32
Benson	W	86-60			
Omaha North	W	65-44			
Omaha South	W	88-28			
Benson	W	76-68			
Millard South	W	73-63			
Papio LV	W	50-39			



JUNIOR VARSITY		
Kearney	W	62-53
Prep	L	54-69
Omaha South	W	58-51
Grand Island	W	49-46
Westside	W	56-44
Bellevue East	W	95-72
Millard North	L	51-61
Millard South	W	61-58
Prep	W	61-58
Lincoln North Star	W	74-51
Millard South	W	57-26
Omaha Central	L	64-65
Papillion LV	L	69-71
Lincoln East	W	48-46
Millard North	L	50-51
Papio South	W	66-44
Lincoln Pius X	W	60-56
Norfolk	W	61-49
Burke	L	49-55
Benson	W	71-52
Lincoln Southwest	W	56-41
Omaha North	W	51-47

RESERVES

Lincoln NE	W	77-41
Omaha South	W	59-13
Fremont	W	66-43
Bellevue East	W	84-45
Westside	W	74-31
Creighton Prep	L	49-54

Westside	W	71-40
Lincoln East	L	61-52
Creighton Prep	L	50-52
Central	W	60-51
Millard South	W	50-48
Papillion LV	W	64-51
Millard North	W	61-18

Papio South	W	66-34
Norfolk	W	68-64
Burke	W	55-34
Benson	W	71-54
Lincoln Pius	W	50-49
Omaha North	W	63-45



JUNIOR VARSITY



JV — Week 1

The JV team split a pair of games to open their season with a 1-1 record.

On opening night, the Wildcats overcame an 8 point deficit to Kearney in the 4th quarter to force the game into overtime.

The Wildcats made 11 of 12 free throws in the 4th quarter and overtime to help seal the 62-53 win.

Peyton Buscher led the team with 21 points. Easton Young added 10 points for West.

On Saturday, Prep jumped out to an early lead and West was not ever able to overcome the 15-10 1st quarter deficit.

Prep led 31-25 at the half and won by a final of 69-54.

Cade Cutler led the scoring with 10 points.



JV — Week 2

The Millard West Boys Junior Varsity Basketball Team defeated Omaha South 58 to 51. Millard West was able to jump out to a 28-10 lead before Omaha South went on an 8-0 run. Omaha South went on another run to start the 3rd quarter, but Millard West never gave up the lead.

With less than 3 minutes left, Jacob Harmdierks grabbed an offensive rebound after a free throw and hit Easton Young, who drained a 3 to get the lead to 5. West hit their free throws down the stretch to seal the win.

Easton Young lead the team with 17 points. Peyton Buscher and Ryan David contributed 10 points apiece. The team is now 2-1.

The Boys JV won 49 to 46 over Grand Island. West led 35-23 at halftime. A solid effort on defense and on the boards allowed the Wildcats to hang on for the win. Harmdierks led the team with 9 points.

JV — Week 3

The Junior Varsity Boys Basketball team beat Omaha Westside with a 56 to 44 victory to move their record to 4-1 on the season. The team held Westside to 9 and 7 points in the 2nd and 3rd quarters. Austin Harris led the Wildcats with 14 points.

JV — Week 4

Millard West JV Boys Basketball won an exciting offensive game, 95 to 72, over Bellevue East. Every player scored for West in the game.

The team was led by Easton Young with 21 points. Peyton Buscher had a nice 2nd half and finished with 20 points. Chris Connell contributed 12 points.

JV Team Wins Tournament

The JV Boys Basketball Team came away with a 61 to 51 win over Millard North. The effort at the FT line in the

4th was key. Easton Young and Ryan David both went 4 for 4 from the line.

Tristan Gomes led the team with 12 points. Ryan David and Austin Harris chipped in 10 points each.

In the finals, the JV Boys grinded out a 61-58 overtime win over Millard South! Trailing the whole game, Millard West forced overtime when Jacob Harmdierks scored after an offensive rebound.

The Team defense, by only allowing 17 second half points, also allowed the Team to force OT and get the win. Harmdierks led MW with 16 points.

JV – Week 6

The JV Boys basketball team beat Creighton Prep, 61-58, in OT. This is the 3rd OT win of the season.

The game winning 3 pointer was made by Cade Cutler with 3 seconds left in OT. Cade finished with 11 points.

Chris Connell also had 11 points. Peyton Buscher and Austin Harris each scored 9 points.

JV – Week 7

The JV Boys basketball team beat Lincoln North Star 74-51. The Wildcats outscored North Star in all four quarters.

Four players scored in double figures led by Austin Harris with 16 points. Cade Cutler followed with 14 points. Jacob Harmdierks and Chris Connell had 12 and 11 respectively.

On Saturday, the JV team lost 64-65 to Omaha Central. The Wildcats led 20-12 after the first quarter and 36-33 at the half. The Eagles battled back and took the lead with 2.6 seconds remaining. West had a shot at the buzzer, but were unable to get the score for the victory.

Chris Connell led all scorers with 19 points. Jacob Harmdierks and Austin Harris contributed 11 and 10 points respectively.

JV – Week 8

The JV Boys basketball team played great defense in their 57-26 win over Millard South. The Wildcats held the Patriots scoreless in the 2nd quarter.

Zach Olson led the Wildcats with 14 points. Cade Cutler had 13 points. The two leading scorers were a combined 8 or 13 from behind the arc.

JV – Week 9

The JV Boys basketball team lost to Papillion-LaVista 71-69 in OT. After a slow start, Millard West took a 9 point lead into the 4th quarter.

Papillion-LaVista fought back to force OT. Easton Young hit a 3 to tie the game with 12 seconds left, but Papio drove the length of the court to hit the winning shot with 2 seconds left.

A half-court shot bounced off the back of the rim for MW.

Jacob Harmdierks led MW with 18 points. Austin Harris and Easton Young contributed 14 and 12 points respectively.

JV – Week 10

The JV Boys basketball team was able to sneak out a 48-46 win over Lincoln East. Peyton Buscher made a basket as time ran out for the victory.

Six Wildcat players made a 3 pointer. All 10 players scored for MW. Peyton Buscher led the team with 10 points.

The JV Boys basketball team lost to Millard North 51-50. After trailing most of the game, the Wildcats were able to get the lead in the 4th quarter.

Leading by 1, with a little over 20 seconds left, the Mustangs stole an inbounds pass and took it the length of the floor for the winning lay-up.

Austin Harris led with 13 points followed by Chris Connell with 11. Braeden Wiltse and Jacob Harmdierks each had 8 points.

JV – Week 11

The JV Boys basketball team won 66-44 over Papillion-South. Jacob Harmdierks led the team with 16 points. Austin Harris followed with 11 points. Five other players had between 7 and 9 points.

The JV team also won 60-56 over Lincoln Pius X on Friday. After being down early, West stayed together and came back with a strong 3rd quarter.

Great rebounding by the team was key. This rebounding effort was led by Tristan Gomes, Ryan David, and Jacob Harmdierks. During the 4th quarter, the Wildcats held off Pius by hitting 13 free throws.

On Saturday, the JV team won their third game in three days.

For the 2nd game in a row, the JV team came back from a halftime deficit to beat Norfolk 61-49.

Second effort on the offensive boards and great execution by the team enabled them to win their 3rd game in 3 days.

Austin Harris led the team with 11 points. 4 others scored 8 or 9 points.





JUNIOR VARSITY

JV – Week 12

The JV Boys Basketball team lost to Omaha Burke, 55 to 49, on Monday. West led 38-36 after three quarters but could not hold on to the lead to earn a road victory.

Chris Connell led the team with 12 points.

JV – Week 13

The JV Boys Basketball team improved their record to 15-5 with a 71-52 win victory over Omaha Benson.

Benson came out strong and led 15-12 after the first quarter. The Wildcats were able to outscore the Bunnies in each of the final three quarters for the victory.

Better rebounding and transition play proved to be the deciding factor.

Zach Olson, Chris Connell, and Ryan David led the team with 11 points each.

On Friday, the JV team traveled to Lincoln Southwest and came home with a 56-41 victory.

The Wildcats outscored the Silver Hawks 22-10 and 11-10 in the first two quarters to hold a 33-20 lead at half-time.

Scoring was hard to come by in the 3rd quarter as Southwest outscored the Wildcats 6-3 in the period.

Braeden Wiltse and Cade Cutler were a combined 12/12 from the line in the 4th quarter to help West seal the victory.

Chris Connell led the team in scoring with 14 points.

The Wildcats won their final game of the year over Omaha North High School 51-47.

After being tied 20-20 at the half, North pulled out to a 33-31 lead at the end of the 3rd quarter. West outscored the Vikings 20-14 in the final period for the victory.

Tristan Gomes and Jacob Harmdierks led the team with 11 points each.

The JV team ended the season with a 17-5 record. 17 wins is the most wins a JV team has had a Millard West in the last decade.



REVIEW

RESERVES

Reserves—Week 1

All 12 players scored for the Wildcats in their 36 point victory, 77-41, over Lincoln Northeast. A 31 point third quarter gave Millard West the boost they needed to pull away. Michael Ilg led all scorers with 19. Connor McDonnell added 13 and Tyler Schmidt added 12.

The Reserve Boys played excellent defense in the 2nd half of their 2nd game, holding Omaha South to just 2 points. The Wildcats won 59-13. Ethan Feist was the leading scorer with 13 points. Tyler Schmidt added 11. All 12 players found a way to contribute in the victory.

Reserves- — Week 2

After a slow first half, the Wildcats outscored Fremont 27 to 5 in the third quarter. West won 66-43. Everyone scored for Millard West with Ethan Feist leading the way with 11 points.

The Wildcats jumped out to an early lead and never looked back against Omaha Westside, winning 74-31. West outscored the Warriors 26-7 in the first quarter. Connor McDonnell played tough inside scoring 13. Ethan Feist added 12 points and went 4/4 from the free throw line.

Reserves — Week 3

All 11 players scored in another great win for the Cats as they beat Bellevue East 84-45.

Millard West had four players in double figures. Leading scores were Ethan Feist and Michael Ilg with 15 a piece.

Reserve Take 3rd Place

Millard West lost to Creighton Prep in the opening game of the reserve tournament 54-49.

After being down by 20 in the 3rd quarter, the Wildcats cut the lead to 4 with 1:30 left in the 4th quarter. West ran out of time before they could complete the comeback. Connor McDonnell and Caleb Neville each had 8 points.

In the consolation game, Millard West beat Westside for the second time this year, 71-40. All 11 players scored and contributed. Michael Ilg was the leading scorer with 15 points.

Reserves — Week 5

The Reserve team lost their only game of the week 61-52 to Lincoln East. Michael Ilg led all scorers with 18 points. Jaeson Adams added seven for the Wildcats.

Reserves — Week 6

The Wildcats suffered a tough loss at Prep on Tuesday, 52-50. West led 37-34 after three quarters but were outscored 18-13 in the final period. Michael Ilg led Millard West with 10 points.

On Saturday, the Reserves traveled to Omaha Central and won 60-51. The Wildcats started out strong and led 50-31 after three quarters. The Eagles fought back but were unable to remain the lead.

Ethan Feist led the Wildcats with 15 points.

Reserves — Week 7

The Reserves needed overtime to beat the Patriots. West led 35-25 after three quarters. South outscored West 18-8 in the 4th quarter to tie the game. West was able to win 50-48 after the first overtime.

Connor McDonnell led the Wildcats with 14 points.

Reserves — Week 8

The Millard West Reserve team jumped out to a 21-8 lead in the first quarter and did not allow Papillion LaVista to close the gap the rest of the game. West won 64-51.

Tyler Schmidt led the Wildcats with 13 points.

Reserves — Week 9

The Wildcats were glad to be home again to face off against their rivals from Millard North. The Wildcats won 61-18.

Millard West had a 12-0 led at the end of the first quarter and never looked back. It was a strong team defensive showing by West, holding the Mustangs to 18 points.

Tyler Schmidt was the leading scorer with 11 points. Connor McDonnell had 10.





RESERVES

Reserves — Week 10

On Thursday, the reserve team beat Papillion South 66-34.

After a high scoring 1st quarter, 25-17, the Wildcats clamped down on defense. West came out after half-time and played a stellar 3rd quarter defensively, holding the Titans to just 2 points in the quarter.

Ethan Feist led all scorers with 19 points. All 11 players scored for Millard West.

The Reserve team traveled to Norfolk on Saturday and beat the Panthers 68-64 in overtime.

The two teams were tied 31-31 at the half before Norfolk extended a 44-38 lead at the end of the 3rd quarter.

West outscored the Panthers 22-16 in a high scoring 4th quarter to force the overtime.

Connor McDonnell scored 14, Ethan Feist 13, and Tyler Schmidt 12.

Reserve — Week 11

The Reserve boys played the late game Monday night at Omaha Burke. The Wildcats led 32-19 at halftime and won the game 55-34.

Michael Ilg led the team with 22 first half points and finished the game with 26 points.

Reserves — Week 12

The Wildcats traveled to Omaha Benson on Monday and came away with a 71-54 victory.

An 18-9 2nd quarter advantage by the Wildcats helped them seal the win.

Michael Ilg led West in scoring for the game.

The Wildcat Reserve team won a close game against Lincoln Pius on Tuesday night. The game came down to the final seconds, ending with a steal by Connor McDonnell. The Wildcats won

50-49.

West led 14-9 after the first quarter and 23-20 at the half. The Thunderbolts were able to tie the game at the end of the 3rd quarter 36-36.

Jaeson Adams led Millard West with 10 points and made the go ahead free throw in the final minute.

The Reserve team beat Omaha North in their final game of the season 65-44.

West jumped out to a 19-5 lead after the first quarter. A strong 2nd quarter by the Vikings cut the Wildcat lead to 30-25 at the half.

West took over the game in the 2nd half and outscored North 35-19 in the final two periods.

Michael Ilg led the Wildcats in scoring with 13 points.

The Reserve team ended the season with a **16-3** record.



FRESHMEN

Freshmen A – Week 1

The Millard West Freshman A team got off to a strong start to the season with a 62-31 victory over Lincoln Northeast. Max Anderson led all scorers with 14 points and Kaedyn Odermann also had 10 points to lead a balanced scoring attack where all 11 players scored.

The Freshman A team stretched their record to 2-0 with a 75-23 win over Omaha South. Aabid Sidiqi had 20 points and Trey Wilbeck also had 16 to lead another balanced attack for the Wildcats.

Freshmen B

Millard West Freshmen open their season tonight at Omaha South with a 44 point victory over the Packers. The Wildcats leading scorers were Josh Wickstrom with 11 and Nate Bauermeister coming off the bench to also score 11. It was a great team effort as every player scored.

Freshmen A – Week 2

The Wildcats extended their record to 3-0 with a 72-22 win over Fremont. Max Anderson led the way with 13 points and Kaedyn Odermann had 12 points for Millard West. The Freshman outscored Fremont 29-4 in the second quarter to put the game out of reach.

Millard West's Freshman used a 24 -6 run in the 2nd half to run away with a 65-33 win over Westside. Xander Hay had 13 points and Max Anderson had 11 for the Wildcats. Millard West was a season best 19 for 25 from the free throw line to help seal the win.

Freshmen B

Millard West Freshmen B was victorious in their first home game Tuesday night. They beat Omaha Westside by 43, 65-22. The B-Bombers displayed great team effort on the offensive and defensive side. Nate Bauermeister lead all scoring with 13. Matt Pleiss added 12 while Brannen, Pesek, Gessert, and Ochoa each had 8 points.

Millard West Freshmen Boys B go to 3-0 for the season after another strong offensive showing. The Wildcats beat Elkhorn South 71-30. Josh Wickstrom came off the bench to lead all scoring with 15. Baylor Brannen lead the starters with 12 points. Sam Meeves and Nate Bauermeister also had 12 points.

Freshmen A – Week 3

Millard West A-Team extended their record to 5-0 with a win over Bellevue East Tuesday. The Wildcats were led by Eric Standish with 11 points and Nate Glantz pitched in 10 for the balanced attack.

The Wildcats' B-Team go to 4-0 before the Holiday Tournament with another commanding 69-22 win over Bellevue East..

Matt Pleiss led the offensive attack with 11 followed by Pesek 10, Gessert 9, Bauermeister 8, Meeves and Brannen 7, Ochoa 6, Daniels 5 and Wickstrom 4.

The second half got off to a great start after Coach Delaet drew up Hoosier for Baylor Brannen who drained the 3 pointer.

Freshman Tournaments

The Wildcat Freshmen A had an impressive victory over Millard South 62-34 to open their Holiday Tournament. Trey Wilbeck led all scorers with 13 points and Nate Glantz had all 9 of his points in the second half to lead the Wildcats.

The Wildcats' B-team had their first test of the season in Game 1 of the Holiday Tournament with Millard South. Both teams came into the tourney with a perfect record.

The Wildcats trailed at the end of the first quarter by two but then took the lead early in the second quarter and kept it to the end, winning 55-41.

Nate Bauermeister lead the Wildcats with 12 followed by Josh Wickstrom with 10. Daniels, Meeves, Pleiss each had 7. While Gessert had 6, Pesek and Brannen with 3.

Congratulations to both teams on their first "Battle of Q Street" win.

Freshmen B Win Tournament

The Wildcats move to 6-0 and champions of the Freshmen B Holiday Tournament with a 59-26 win over Bellevue West.

The Wildcats were lead by Nate Pe-





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sek who had 13 off the bench. While Matt Pleiss had 11, Nathan Bauermeister 9, Sam Meeves, and Baylor Brannen 6, Skyler Gessert and Josh Wickstrom 4 and Joe Burton and Brett Daniels had 3.

Freshmen A Get 2nd Place Trophy

The Millard West Freshman Boys suffered their first loss of the season to Bellevue West 69-64 in the championship of the Holiday Tournament. Max Anderson led the Wildcats with 17 points.

Freshmen A – Week 5

The Freshman A team played their best game of the season with a 23 point win at Creighton Prep.

Kaedyn Odermann had 13 points and 9 rebounds and the Wildcats committed a season low 5 turnovers.

The Freshman A team moved their record to 8-1 with a 78-33 win at Lincoln East on Saturday.

Kaedyn Odermann, Aabid Sidiqi, Henry Polsley, and Nate Glantz all scored in double figures to lead the Wildcats.

Freshmen B

Matt Pleiss was 6 for 6 from the line in the last 2 minutes to help the Wildcats keep their perfect record in tack with a 43-41 win over Creighton Prep.

The Wildcats played good defense and had very few mistakes on either side of the ball as a team.

The Wildcats were lead offensive by Wickstrom and Pleiss with 11. Standish

and Ballard had 7, Ochoa 3, Brannen 2, Gessert and Meeves had 1.

Freshmen A – Week 6

The Freshman A team had another strong outing Thursday night in beating Millard South 65-46. The Wildcats separated in the 3rd quarter by outscoring the Patriots 18-7.

Aabid Sidiqi led the scoring with 18 points.

Freshmen B

The Freshmen B Wildcats fight off a late surge by the Patriots to move their record to 8-0 and winning 52-44.

Josh Wickstrom lead the Wildcats with 18 and Sam Meeves and Nate Pesek each had 6.

Freshmen A – Week 7

The Freshman A team won a hard fought battle at Millard North Thursday night. The Wildcats built a 50-36 lead over the first three quarters. The Mustangs attempt to get back into the game fell short.

Dalys Beanum, Max Anderson, Trey Wilbeck, and Aabid Sidiqi all scored 7 or more points to lead a balanced attack for the Wildcats.

The Freshman A team also won an exciting game Monday night over Elkhorn South 63-61. Elkhorn South came into the game with a 12-1 record.

The short-handed Wildcats won at the buzzer on a Trey Wilbeck put back. Wilbeck and Dalys Beanum were the leading scorers for Millard West with 13 points.

The Freshman A team had their best game of the season so far with a 62-22 win over previously undefeated Papillion-LaVista.

The Wildcats were led by Trey Wilbeck and Kaedyn Odermann who combined for 29 points. The A team record is now 12-1.

Freshmen B

The Wildcats handled Elkhorn South for the second time this season behind Josh Wickstrom's 22 points in the 63-61 Wildcat victory.

Elkhorn South surprised the Wildcats with their 33-30 lead at half but the Wildcats responded in the 3rd quarter by out scoring South 22-8 and then kept the lead to the end of the game.

Josh Wickstrom had a career high 22 points followed by Ballard and Brannen with 10, Pleiss 8, Meeves 7, Daniels 6, Pesek 5, Burton 3, Gessert 2. Ochoa may not have scored but he did have a couple great defensive plays to help open up the 3rd quarter.

The B team protected their undefeated record with wins again Millard North and Papillion LaVista.

The Wildcats beat Millard North 58-41. Nate Pesak led the way with 17 points and Baylor Brannen scored 13 points.

On Saturday, the Wildcats beat the Monarchs 70-37. Matt Pleiss and Josh Wickstrom scored 13 and 12 points respectively. All 11 players scored for the Wildcats.

Freshmen A – Week 8

The Freshmen A team stretched their record to 13-1 with a 69-37 win over Papillion South.

West jumped out to a 13-2 lead at the end of the first quarter and outscored the Titans in each of the four quarters.

The Wildcats made seven 3 pointers in the game and were led by Nate Glantz with 16 points, going 4 of 6 on 3's. Also in double figures was Max Anderson with 12 and Aabid Sidiqi with 11.

Freshmen B

The Freshmen B team beat Papillion South 62-45.

After leading 42-40 after three quarters, West outscored the Titans 20-5 to seal the victory.

Baylor Brannen led the Wildcats with 12 points. Matt Pleiss and Nathan Pesek each had 11 points in the win.

Freshmen A – Week 9

The Freshman A team ran away with an 85-44 victory over Burke Monday night. The first half was about the offense as the Wildcats scored 49 points.

In the second half the defense really stepped up and held the Bulldogs to 15 points in the final two quarters.

Leading scorers were Trey Wilbeck with 23, Nate Glantz and Kaedyn Odermann with 14, and Aabid Sidiqi with 11 points.

The West A team beat Omaha Central 76-36. The scored 48 points in the first half and led 67-26 after three periods of play Tuesday night.

Henry Polsley led the first half assault with 20 points on 5 three-pointers. Polsley led all scorers with

20 points. Dalys Beanum had 12 and Trey Wilbeck scored 10 points for the Wildcats.

The A team extended their win streak to 10 games by beating Omaha Benson 86-60 Saturday morning. The Wildcats led by as much as 36 in the 2nd half and out ran Benson to an 86-60 win.

Dalys Beanum led the high scoring match up with 18 points and 8 steals.

Freshmen B

Millard West Freshmen B team remained undefeated with a commanding win over Burke, 62-45. The Wildcats wasted no time taking control of the game by outscoring the Bulldogs 15-4 in the first quarter.

Nathan Pesek lead the Wildcats with 13 points. Matt Pleiss added 11 and Lucas Ballard had 10.

The Wildcats beat Omaha Central 55-37 on Tuesday at Millard West to win their 14th game of the year. West outscored the Eagles in each of the four quarters.

Baylor Brannen lead the way offensive with 18 points. Pesek had 9, Ballard 7, Daniels 6, Pleiss 5, Gessert 4, Ochoa, Meeves and Wickstrom with 2.

The B team won their third game of the week and 15th of the season as they beat Omaha Benson 80-24. They scored enough points in the first quarter, 28, to win the game.

Baylor Brannen led the Wildcats with 20 points. Nathan Pesek and Lucas Ballard each scored 11 points. Burton (9), Meeves (7), Pleiss (6), Wickstrom (5), Ochoa (4), Gessert (4), and Daniels (3) rounded out the scoring.

Freshmen A – Week 10

The Freshman A team finished off their regular season with a 65-44 win over Omaha North.

West jumped on the Vikings early, building a 29-6 lead in the first half. North cut the lead to 7 points at half and got as close as 3 points in the 3rd quarter.

The Wildcats outscored the Vikings 27-11 in the 4th quarter to seal the victory.

Leading scorers were Kaedyn Odermann with 18. Trey Wilbeck scored 13. Dalys Beanum and Aabid Sidiqi scored 9 and 8 points respectively.

The Freshmen A team finished the season 17-1 and earned the top seed in the Prep Tournament.

Freshmen B

The Wildcats complete the season with a perfect **16-0** record with a 55-32 victory over Omaha North.

The Wildcats held the Vikings to just 2 points in the first quarter. They led 22-10 at half and outscored North 22-6 in the 3rd quarter to take a 44-16 lead into the final period.

The Wildcats were lead by Baylor Brannen with 14 points and Sam Meeves with 13. Other Wildcats scoring were Colin Ochoa and Nate Pesek with 6 each, Matt Pleiss 5, Skyler Gessert 4, Josh Wickstrom 4, and Nate Bauermeister 3.





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Millard West Records

Freshmen B	16-0
Freshmen A	21-1
Reserves	16-3
JV	17-5
Varsity	15-11



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is expected of him."*

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