

Wildcat Review

2009-2010

WILDCAT BASKETBALL

Wildcats Are A "Work in Progress"

New coach, Bill Morrison is ready to start his first season at the helm of the Millard West Boys Basketball Team. Coach Morrison stated that his main goal is to get his team ready to compete for a spot in the state tournament by districts. "We are very young and inexperienced. The players will need to learn our new system and learn how to compete at the varsity level."

Along with the Wildcat inexperience is a list of injuries that could slow down the progress of this young team. Zach Leinbaugh, Darius Evans, and Zach Kallman have all suffered sports-related injuries and will not be able to compete in the first varsity competition against last year's state runner-up, Lincoln Southwest.

Tyler Ware and AJ Ladwig will lead the team as the only players with measurable varsity experience. Ware averaged 5.3 points and 3 rebounds a game last season while Ladwig added 3.8 points and 1.3 rebounds. "Tyler is a natural leader. We need him to be a strong leader for us if we are going to be successful this season." Ladwig was a 3-point specialist early last season, but did not play as many minutes at the end of the season last year. "We know he can score, we need him to stop some guys on defense."

"It has been an interesting start to the season. We got a late start because the football team made it to the finals again this year, and will have to deal with some injury issues that we were not planning on." Morrison said.

"This season will be a work in progress. We have to learn how to play together and learn our roles," Morrison continued. "I think we have great team chemistry. It will be fun to watch this team grow."



VARSITY ROSTER

3	Johnny Hower	5'9"	12
4	Zach Waldron	5'6"	10
10	Darius Evans	5'9"	12
12	Zach Leinbaugh	5'9"	11
14	AJ Ladwig	6'4"	11
20	Shawn Martin	6'2"	10
22	Josh Olberding	6'1"	11
24	Brendan White	6'1"	12
32	Tyler Ware	6'1"	12
34	Zach Kallman	6'3"	11
40	Brian Buttry	6'3"	12
42	Connor Lusso	6'5"	9
44	Alec Smith	6'7"	11
50	Ben Wicks	6'5"	12
54	Zach Williamsen	6'4"	12

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BILL MORRISON
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JUNIOR VARSITY
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SCOTT WENZ
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KRUG

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MANAGERS
TROY KOSTAL
JARRED HINDMARSH
REID HITCHENS



Wildcats Lose by One in Season Opener

The Millard West boys basketball team led the pre-season #6 Lincoln Southwest Silver Hawks for 30 minutes, but fell short in the end, losing 49-48. Rylan Cotton scored 9 of his team high 13 points in the 4th quarter to lead the Silver Hawks to victory. Freshman Connor Lusso led the Wildcats with 11 points and 13 rebounds.

Lusso put the Wildcats on the board by making a free throw after an offensive rebound on the team's first possession. West led 4-0 after a 3-pointer by Josh Olberding. The Silver Hawks took a 5-4 lead after Jordan Tyrance scored, but would not lead again until late in the 4th quarter. Millard West grabbed 7 offensive rebounds and had five players score to help gain their 11-9 lead at the end of the quarter.

Both teams continued to play solid defense which made points hard to come by in the 2nd quarter. Brendan White led the Wildcats with 6 points and Landon Schmidt scored four points for Southwest. The Wildcats took their biggest lead of the first half into the locker room, 20-15.

Both teams settled down offensively in the 2nd half and began to

put more points on the board. The two teams traded baskets throughout the first part of the third quarter before the wildcats would stretch their lead to 8, 28-20, on a basket by Lusso for the biggest lead of the

game. Lusso and Shawn Martin led the way for West with four points apiece in the quarter. Drew Edmond led Southwest with 8 of the team's 18

points in the quarter. Millard West led 34-33 going into the final period.

Lincoln Southwest took their second lead of the game at 44-42 after Jordan Tyrance Blocked a Tyler Ware jumper from the top of the key, grabbed the rebound, and made a lay-up with 1:56 left in the game. Shawn Martin regained the lead for the Wildcats with a 3-pointer from the corner on the next possession. Rylan Cotton followed with a 3-pointer of his own for a 47-45 lead. Vino Brown and Ware each made 1 of 2 free throws to make the score 48-46. Brown added another free throw to extend the Silver Hawk lead to 48-45. Lusso got fouled on a put-back and made two free throws to pull the Wildcats within 1. Rylan Cotton missed two

preserve the win for the Silver Hawks.

"I thought our guys played great," commented first-year head coach Bill Morrison. "Obviously we wish we would have held onto the lead. But to play Southwest that tough on a night that we didn't shoot well is amazing." The wildcats had a late start because the football team played in the state finals a week-and-a-half ago. This, added to a few key injuries, was an item of concern for the Wildcats.

Morrison continued to say that he was impressed how his inexperienced team handled the game pressure. "My biggest fear was that we wouldn't handle their pressure and get behind. Our guys showed a lot of character tonight. We have a lot to build on."

Millard West: Hower 2, Ladwig 8, Martin 7, Olberding 5, White 8, Ware 5, Lusso 11, Smith 2

Southwest: Duff 3, Edmund 11, Tyrance 9, Seybold 2, Cotton 13, Brown 3, Heath 4, Schmidt 4



free throws with 5.6 seconds left in the game. Brendan White dribbled down the length of the floor and missed a 25-footer to

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
MW	11	9	14	14	48
LSW	9	6	18	16	49

	Leader	#
Assists	Ware	7
Blocks	Smith	2
Rebounds	Lusso	13
Steals	Olberding	3
Points	Lusso	11

Freshman Connor Lusso led the team with 11 points and 13 rebounds.

Junior Varsity

Lincoln SW L 51-52

Reserve

Creighton Prep L 39-51

Freshman A

Creighton Prep L 39-50

Freshman B

Creighton Prep W 47-41

Wildcats Get First Win

Millard West earned their first win of the season by beating the Columbus Discoverers 53-40 in the consolation game of the Early Bird Classic at Lincoln Southwest High School. West outscored the Discoverers 20-10 in the 3rd quarter to create a cushion that they would be able to hold on to in the 4th quarter. AJ Ladwig made four 3-pointers and led the Wildcats with 19 points. Tyree Kinning led the way for Columbus with 15 points.

Columbus controlled the pace of the game and were able to slow down the Wildcats through much of the game. Ladwig scored 10 of Millard's 19 points in the first half. "I didn't like our shot selection in the first half. Columbus had some long possessions. I think our guys got a little anxious and took some quick shots," commented Coach Morrison.

The Wildcats made 75% of their field goal attempts in the third quarter, including 4 for 4 on their 3-point attempts to help extend their lead to 39

-25 at the end of the 3rd quarter. Tyree Kinning scored 8 of his points in the quarter with 2 of his own 3-pointers.

Columbus started the final period with a 9-2 run to pull within 7 at 34-41. Millard was able to keep Columbus at bay with a 12-3 run of their own in the quarter. Millard West finished the game with a 56.7 total field goal percentage and 60% from behind the arc. The Wildcat defense held Columbus to 35% shooting.

"This was a tough game because there weren't many people here, and Columbus did a nice job of slowing us down," Morrison said. "Our defense was solid over the first 3 quarters."

Millard West: 1, Ladwig 19, Olberding 5, White 8, Ware 7, Lusso 12, Smith 1

Columbus: Ek 6, Kinning 15, Loschen 2, Jarosz 5, Meriditih 2, Grutsch 4, Kurtenbach 5, Medlar 1

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
MW	11	8	20	14	53
Col.	9	6	10	15	40

	Leader	#
Assists	Ware	4
Blocks	Lusso	1
Rebounds	White	7
Steals	Ladwig	3
Points	Ladwig	19



Wildcats Pull Away for Win Over Vikings

Tyler Ware led three Wildcats in double figures with 18 points as Millard West beat Omaha North 62-54 Friday night in Millard. Both teams shot over 50% from the floor. Millard West shot 50% from behind the arc and was topped by the 62% from the Vikings. The Wildcats won all four quarters of the game, but could never sustain a substantial lead over the Vikings.



Both teams shot very well in the first half. The two teams combined for nine 3-pointers in the first quarter. Millard West shot 68.8% from the floor and 66.6% from behind the arc. North faired well in the shoot-out by combing for 85% of their 3-point attempts and 64.7% overall.

AJ Ladwig scored 11 of his 15 pints in the first quarter to lead West, while Quentin Jim-

merson scored 6 for North. Coach Bill Morrison was happy with his team's offensive performance. "Both teams shot very well. AJ even hit a couple with Coach Mlnarik guarding him. We didn't even get a rebound in the first quarter," he commented. Millard West led 20-18 after the first quarter.

The scoring slowed down in the 2nd quarter as the Wildcats outscored North 11-10 to take a 3 point lead into the half. Chris Cofield led the Vikings with 5 points in the quarter. Brendan White and Connor Lusso scored four apiece for Millard West.

The Wildcats enjoyed the lead throughout the 3rd quarter, but could never shake the Vikings. Tyler Ware set the tempo for the Wildcats with seven of his 12 second-half points. Ware hit a shot at the buzzer from the elbow. Millard led 47-41 at the end of the quarter. Cofield added seven for North.

Millard West continued to be aggressive in the final period. The Wildcats shot 24 free – throws in the second half, making 18 of them. "I thought we were the more aggressive team in the 2nd half," Morrison said. "We attacked the rim and got to the line. Tyler Ware did a nice job of stepping up and leading in the 2nd half. When he plays

hard, we play hard." The eight point lead at the end of the game was the largest of the game for the Wildcats.

Six players scored in double -digits in the game. Ware, Ladwig, and Lusso scored 18,15, and 12 for Millard. Cofield led North with 18. Parnell Matthews scored 11 for the Vikings, and Jimmerson added 10. Millard West moved their record to 2-1 on the early season while North dropped to 1-3.

Millard West: Ladwig 15, Martin 6, Olberding 3, White 6, Ware 18, Lusso 12, Smith 2

Omaha North: Matthews 11, Jimmerson 10, Cofield 18, Jackson 7, Altstadt 6, Hogan 2

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
MW	20	11	16	15	62
ON.	18	10	13	13	54

	Leader	#
Assists	Ware	4
Blocks	—	—
Rebounds	Lusso	10
Steals	Ware	4
Points	Ware	18

*It is the nature of man to rise to greatness
if greatness is expected of him.*

Junior Varsity

Lin. North Star L 56-60

Reserve

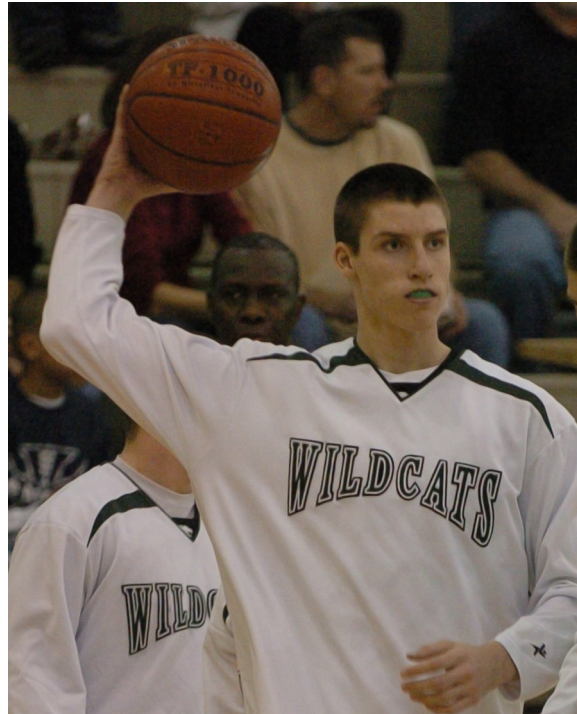
Omaha North W 64-57

Freshman A

Omaha North W 45-53

Freshman B

Omaha North W 88-43



Millard West Boys Win 3rd Straight Game

Millard West beat Lincoln North Star 61-31 to move to 3-1 on the season. The Wildcats used a 20-0 run in the first 5:36 of the 3rd quarter to pull away from the Navigators and win their third straight game of the season. Tyler Ware had a game-high 19 points. Jok Kot led North Star with 9 points.

The first quarter was very slow paced as North Star was patient against the Wildcat 2-3 defense. The game was tied 5-5 after eight minutes. Millard came out in the 2nd quarter playing man-to-man defense to speed up the game. "I told the team we were going to play man for one possession," coach Bill Morrison said. "My assistants talked me into staying man and it proved to be the right call." Millard outscored the Lincoln school 17 to 8. Ware had nine points in the quarter to pace the Wildcats.

Millard came out of the locker room and held North Star scoreless for over 5 minutes of

the 3rd quarter. The Wildcats took a 42-13 lead with just under 3 minutes left in the quarter on a Johnny Hower steal and lay-up. Jamaane Jordan made a free throw to end the 20-point run by Millard. Ware led the way again in the 3rd quarter with 8 points as the quarter ended with Millard West up 48-17. "We played very good defense and turned their mistakes into points," commented Morrison.

Millard cleared their bench with just under five minutes left the game. Lincoln North Star outscored the Wildcats 14-13 in the final period for a final score

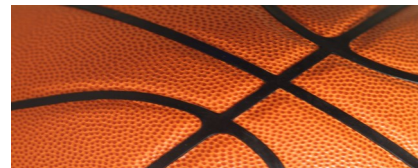
Lusso averaged a double-double in the two games this week.

of 61-31. Morrison was surprised with the run his team made in the 3rd quarter. "I didn't realize we went on a 20-0 run. I knew we were playing well, but it happened so fast."

Millard West: Hower 5, Ladwig

8, Martin 6, Olberding 3, White 5, Ware 19, Lusso 9, Smith 2, Wicks 2, Williamsen 2

Lincoln North Star: Hurtle 6, Krause 4, Dau 6, Kut 9, Eickhoff 2, Jordan 1, Schrodt 3



	Leader	#
Assists	Ware	3
Blocks	Lusso	2
Rebounds	Lusso	10
Steals	Ware	5
Points	Ware	19

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
MW	5	17	23	13	61
LNS	5	8	4	14	31

Omaha Central Beats Wildcats by 17

The Omaha Central Eagles outscored the Millard West Wildcats by 10 in the final period to win 57-40. Deverell Biggs and Josh Hackett scored 19 and 15 to lead the Eagles, and AJ Ladwig scored 16 for the Wildcats. Millard West had trouble handling the pressure defense of the Eagles and committed 21 turnovers.

Josh Hackett, starting his first game, hit a 3-pointer on each of the first two possessions for the Eagles. Millard trailed 5-6 early in the game before Central turned two turnovers

Josh Hackett scored 15 points in his first start for the Eagles.

into lay-ups and scored 6 points on three possessions. Central added five points late in the quarter as a result of two more turnovers by Millard. Hackett and Biggs both scored 6 points in the quarter for Central, and Ladwig scored 5 to lead Millard.

Millard West continued to struggle with the Central defense

and turned the ball over nine times in the 2nd period. Central outscored Millard 9-4 in the quarter. "We were lucky Central got a little sloppy with the ball in the 2nd quarter," Coach Bill Morrison said. "I expected us to have some trouble with the press, but we also took some bad shots." Central took a 26-17 lead into the half.

The Wildcats handled the Central defense better in the 3rd quarter and outscored the Eagles 12-10 in the period.

Ladwig made two 3-pointers and scored eight points in the period for the Wildcats. Central used their press to open up the game in the 4th quarter and scored 10 points following West's turnovers. "Central is so good at turning a 5 point lead into 10. You really have to take care of the ball against them," commented Morrison.

The two teams will meet again on Monday night at 8:00 in the first round of the Metro Tournament. The Eagles are the #5 seed and Millard is the #12 seed. Morrison is optimistic about his team's chances on Monday. "Obviously, we will

have to play better, but we learned some things about ourselves today. We haven't seen this kind of athleticism this year. Our defense wasn't bad when they weren't shooting lay-ups. We just have to slow ourselves down on offense, take care of the ball, and take better shots."

Millard West: Hower 3, Ladwig 16, Olberding 6, White 7, Ware 2, Lusso 4, Smith 2

Omaha Central: Agau 2, Welch 3, Jackson 4, McGary 5, Hackett 15, Biggs 19, McKinzie 9

	Leader	#
Assists	Ware	3
Blocks	—	—
Rebounds	White / Lusso	4
Steals	Ladwig	4
Points	Ladwig	16

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
MW	13	4	12	11	40
OC	17	9	10	21	57

Junior Varsity

Omaha Central L 55-60

Omaha North L 51-53

Reserve

Fremont W 50-28

Omaha Central W 56-38

Freshman A

Millard South W 52-49

Lincoln NE W 63-41

Freshman B

Millard South W 41-40

Lincoln NE W 72-15

Millard North Junior Varsity Tourney

Millard South L 46-54

Bellevue West W 43-40

Creighton Prep Reserve Tourney

Omaha Westside W 42-37

Creighton Prep L 33-34



Millard West Goes 0-2 in Metro Tournament

Omaha Central beat Millard West for the 2nd time in four days in the opening round of the Metro Tournament. Sean McGary and Deverell Biggs led the Eagles with 20 and 17 points respectively in the 58-34 win at UNO's Sapp Field House. Tyler Ware scored 8 of his team high points in the second half to lead the Wildcats.

Central dominated the game from the tip off. They converted on eight of their first nine possessions to take at 16-5 first quarter lead. West was able to score more points in the second quarter, but could not step the Eagle attack. Central outscored Millard West 21-10 in the quarter. McGary and Biggs scored 13 apiece for the Eagles in the first half. Josh Olberding hit two first half 3-pointers and led West with six points at the break.

Coach Morrison was disappointed with his team's effort. "That wasn't much of a game. We didn't compete at all in the first half," he said.

Central forced six Wildcat turnovers in the 3rd quarter and extended their lead to 51-25 at the end of the 3rd quarter. Millard West tried to get back in the game in the 4th quarter from behind the arc, but only converted on one of six attempts.

Millard West had shooting woes the entire game. The Wildcats were 3 of 17 from the 3-point line and 9-47 overall. The Wildcats out-rebounded the Eagles 34-30.

Millard West: Ladwig 3, Martin 4, Olberding 6, White 7, Ware 12, Smith 2

Central: Agau 6, McGary 20, Fuhs 2, Hackett 5, Biggs 17, McKinzie 8

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
MW	5	10	10	9	34
OC.	16	21	14	7	58

	Leader	#
Assists	Ware	2
Blocks	Lusso	4
Rebounds	Smith / Lusso	5
Steals	Olberding	2

Millard West: Hower 3, Martin 2, Olberding 2, White 11, Ware 10, Kallman 3, Lusso 11

Westside: Mason 2, Ferrarini 13, Wilkinson 9, Greco 4, Meissner 6, Skold 3, Johnson 7

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
MW	12	6	7	17	42
OW	6	12	13	15	46

	Leader	#
Assists	Lusso	2
Blocks	Lusso / Smith	1
Rebounds	Lusso	12
Steals	Kallman	4

Omaha Westside beat Millard West 46-42 Tuesday at UNO in the Consolation round of the Metro Tournament. The two teams were tied at the half before Westside outscored the Wildcats 13-7 in the third quarter and held on for the win. Ferinni led all scorers with 13 points for the Warriors. Brendan White and Connor Lusso scored 11 points each and Tyler Ware added 10 for Millard.

Millard started strong behind the play of Brendan White who scored seven points in the quarter. The Wildcats led 12-6 after the first period, but the Warriors reversed the scoring in the 2nd quarter and went into half time tied 18-18. Millard West suffered 6 turnovers in the 2nd quarter which helped Westside erase the first quarter lead. Millard only converted on 15% of their shots in the first half.

Coach Bill Morrison was not happy with his team's effort in the first half. "A lot of games after the break are ugly, but I didn't think we worked very hard. They outshot us and out-hustled us in the first half. We shot very poorly and still didn't get any offensive boards," he said.

The 3rd quarter did not look much better for the Wildcats. They were 2-8 shooting and turned the ball over five times in the period. Ferrarini and Wilkinson led the Warriors with five points each.

Josh Olberding pulled Millard to within 4 at 39-43, but could not cut any further into the lead until a late three-pointer by Tyler Ware. Millard had chances to cut into the lead due to Westside shooting 8-16 from the free throw line in the quarter. "You can't play hard in one quarter and expect to win," Morrison said. "I don't understand how you can come into two games and not compete like we did."

Millard North Wins Rivalry Game

The Mustangs (5-3) had dropped out of the Class A rankings after a 0-2 showing in the Metro Conference holiday tournament.

In their first game since, a 54-42 win over Millard West, they got a typical Mike Dentlinger performance: 18 points, nine rebounds from the 6-foot-5 senior.

They also saw 6-4 senior Mike Muller put up 12 points and six rebounds and 6-3 junior guard Isaac Gustafson add 11 points.

"We played markedly better than we did at the holiday tournament," Millard North coach Chip Bahe said. "We're close. This was a rivalry game and it was played that way."

The Mustangs' win was part of the New Year's Classic four-team tournament that also includes Papillion-La Vista and defending state champion Omaha Creighton Prep. The Junior Jays will host Millard North in the 7:15 final tonight at their new Heider Center.

Muller scored the Mustangs' first nine points in the third quarter before Dentlinger scored the

final six. "Muller did what someone needs to do when you try to take someone else away," first-year Millard West coach Bill Morrison said. "We really wanted to take Dentlinger out of the game, and I thought we did a good job until we got toward the end and they spread the floor and got to the hole on us."

Bahe said Muller, starting with a 3-pointer on the opening possession of the half, gave Millard North the spark to turn a 24-19 halftime lead into a 13-point game.

"He's hovered around the six, seven-point mark," Bahe said. "We need each and every night, as does anybody, two or three guys to make plays. And he made plays tonight."

Millard West (3-5) got back to 41-33 early in the final quarter, then missed three layups when it was still a 10-point game. AJ Ladwig, who made two 3s in the first quarter, led the Wildcats with nine points.

"Millard North plays hard. They played harder than we did the entire 32 minutes," Morrison said. "That's what we're working on, to be consistent. "When we see that kind of defensive pressure, we seem to get individual. We have to learn to play together and slow ourselves down. And we have to create better shots."

Millard West: Ladwig 9, Martin 3, Olberding 1, White 5, Ware 8, Kallman 6, Lusso 8, Smith 2

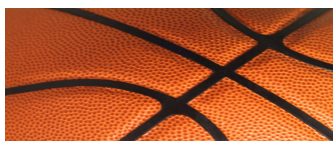
Millard North: Dentlinger 15, Muller 12, Gustafson 11, Hord 9, Gaebler 4, Renshaw 3

"This was a rivalry game, and it was played that way."



	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
MW	10	9	12	11	42
MN	13	11	15	15	54

	Leader	#
Assists	White	4
Blocks	Lusso	3
Rebounds	Ware	6
Steals	Hower	4
Points	Ladwig	9



Wildcats Survive Double-Overtime Game

Papillion La-Vista did not give up after an early deficit and came back to force a double overtime game with Millard West. The Wildcats were led by Freshman Connor Lusso with 21 points in the 65-61 victory. Josh Abels led the Monarchs with 24 points on eight 3-pointers.

Millard West came out of the gates strong and outscored Papillion 17-5 in the first quarter. Josh Olberding led the Wildcats with 5 first-quarter points off of the bench. Papillion was able to outscore West 13-9 in the second quarter. Abels led the Monarchs with two 3's in the 2nd quarter. Millard West led at half-time 26-18.

Abels made four 3's in the 3rd quarter to lead Papillion as they outscored West 18-11 in the quarter. Ladwig led West with

four points. West led 37-36 at the end of the quarter.

Mitch Garrison made two free throws to open the 4th quarter and give Papillion their first lead of the game at 38-37. Neither team scored on their next five possessions. There would be four lead changes over the final minutes of the 4th quarter. With the score tied 44-44, West would convert on 5-8 free throws over their next four possessions to take a 49-46 lead. After moving the lead to 51-48, Abels hit his 8th 3-pointer of the game to take a 53-51 lead. Ladwig made a basket to tie the game at 53 with 28.2 seconds remaining in the game. Tyler Filkins was fouled for Papillion, but missed both free throws. On the 2nd miss, Carbajal stole the ball from Lusso. Papillion was called for a travel that ended the regulation tied 53-53.

Both teams scored seven points in the first

overtime to force a 2nd overtime. Millard West took an early lead in the 2nd overtime. Papillion missed four 3's in the 2nd overtime. Zach Kallman was fouled with 4.6 seconds left in the game and a 64-61 lead. He made the 2nd free throw to seal the victory for the Wildcats.

"We have a lot to learn from this game. We started strong and let them come back. We have to have more of a killer instinct," Morrison said. "There were a lot of end-of-the-game situations that we can learn from."

Millard West: Hower 2, Ladwig 14, Olberding 9, Ware 10, Kallman 9, Lusso 21

Papillion: Lewis 9, Broderick 4, Carbajal 5, Figueroa 2, Bullock 3, Abels 24, Filkins 4, Garrison 10



	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	OT	
MW	17	9	11	16	7	5	65
PLV	5	13	18	17	7	1	61

	Leader	#
Assists	Ware	6
Blocks	Lusso	3
Rebounds	Lusso / Ware	8
Steals	Ladwig	4
Points	Lusso	21

Junior Varsity

Papillion L 60-62

The Tale of Two Halves

Omaha Westside beat Millard West for the 2nd time this year 66-56. The Wildcats came out on fire and 35-22 at the half. Westside answered with their own offensive display and outscored West 44-21 in the 2nd half. Ben Wilkinson led four Warriors in double digits with 17 points.

AJ Ladwig and Connor Lusso scored 15 points apiece for the Wildcats.

Ladwig helped the Wildcats get off to a fast start by making 4-5 3-pointers in the first quarter. Nate Skold led the Warriors with 5 points in the quarter. West led 16-13 at the end of the quarter.

Tyler Ware and Connor Lusso took over the scoring for the Wildcats by scoring eight and seven points respectively. Millard West outscored the Warriors 19-9 in the quarter. Wilkinson made a field goal at the buzzer to make the score 35-22 at the half.

An inspired Westside team came out in the 2nd half and outscored West 19-4 in the quarter. Wilkinson made three e-pointers to lead the Warriors. Lusso scored all four Wildcat points on

4-4 free throws.

Morrison was not happy with his team's performance in the 2nd half. "I thought we let down at the end of the half. We acted like the game was over and didn't play hard in the 3rd quar-



ter."

Trailing 48-57 with three minutes left, Morrison and his Wildcats decided to try and foul Westside to get back into the game. Westside made 9-14 free throws to end the game. West could not get any closer than seven points. Westside won the game 66-56.

"It's a process this year. We

knew we would have some tough times. But they only scored 46 points the first time we played them. They scored 44 in the 2nd half. We need to go back to work defensively if we want to win any games," Morrison said. Millard West is 1-5 in their last six games after starting the season 3-1.

Millard West: Hower 2, Ladwig 15, Olberding 2, White 2, Ware 13, Kallman 7, Lusso 15

Westside: Johnson 10, Mason 1, Ferrarini 15, Wilkinson 17, Kerrigan 6, Landen 5, Skold 12

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
MW	16	19	4	17	56
OW.	13	9	19	25	66

	Leader	#
Assists	Hower	4
Blocks	—	—
Rebounds	White	7
Steals	Ladwig	3
Points	Ladwig / Lusso	15



Grand Island Wins in Offensive Struggle

It wasn't pretty, but the only thing that mattered to the Grand Island boys was that, at the end of the game, their half of the scoreboard had a bigger number on it. The Islanders won a 36-35 decision that was more dramatic than might be expected. On a night when points were hard to come by, Grand Island got just enough offense down the stretch to notch the win.

The difference in the game came down to a pair of free throws from Cory Foland with just over 23 seconds left in the fourth. The Islanders (3-10) had gone ahead by four after Travis Scheuler somehow came up with a loose ball and funneled it to Sam Foltz for the basket.

Tyler Ware hit a jumper from the line to cut the lead to one possession, then after nearly two minutes of back and forth play, Ware struck again, nailing a one-hander in the lane and converting a three-point play to give the Wildcats a one-point lead with 50 seconds left.

Things looked bleak for the Islanders as they turned the ball

over almost immediately, but incredibly, the Wildcats were whistled for a travel, and Grand Island regained the ball with 28 seconds left. After a foul, Foland hit both shots, and Millard West (4-7) suffered through two misses underneath the basket in the final seconds before Scheuler emerged with the rebound.

"So many things happened in that last minute," Islander coach Jeff Hofeldt said. "The lead changed, then we had the turnover and it was instant disappointment. We were just about to foul them when their kid traveled. Foland stepped up and hit those free throws – that says a lot about him and how he can handle pressure. Our whole team showed their character in staying focused to the end of the game."

Millard West coach Bill Morrison said his team needs to work on end of the game situations. "We made a lot of mistakes in the 4th quarter. We had four or five turnovers, a missed lay-up, and two bad 3-pointers. Any one of those possessions

could have put us on top."



MW
Hower

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
MW	12	8	9	6	35
GI	4	12	14	6	36

	Leader	#
Assists	Ware / Hower	2
Blocks	Lusso	1
Rebounds	Lusso	8
Steals	4 players	3
Points	Ware / Lusso	11

4, Ladwig 3, White 4, Ware 11, Lusso 11, Smith 2

GI Foltz 5, Scheuler 11, Ayoub 4, Fyfe 4, Foland 4, Ogden 2, Wenz 4, Brooks 2

Junior Varsity

Omaha Westside L 49-55
Millard North L 46-48
Grand Island W 50-43

Reserve

Omaha Westside W 42-37
Millard North L 33-36

Freshman A

Millard North W 37-35
Omaha Westside L 48-61

Freshman B

Millard North W 48-46
Omaha Westside W 51-36

Titans Overcome in Offensive Battle

On a night where making baskets was as easy as throwing rocks in the water from a boat, the Papillion South Titans beat Millard West in an offensive battle, 73-71. The two teams put on a three point shooting display as they combined for 20-39 from behind the arc. Millard West led through most of the game, but the Titans took a late lead and made 7-8 free throws to end the game with the victory.

AJ Ladwig started the 3-point display by making three 3-pointers in the first quarter for West. South's Thomas Albert added two of his own in the quarter for the Titans. Millard West led 12-11 before four Wildcats scored field goals in an 8-3 run to end the quarter with a 20-14 lead.

Both teams started the 2nd quarter with a 3-pointer. South made a 3-pointer on their first three possessions and four in the quarter. The Titans scored 15 points on their first 6 possessions and took a 29-26 lead mid-way through the quarter. Millard West answered by outscoring South 13-7 in the 2nd half of the quarter. Albert made five 3-pointers and scored 17 points to lead the Titans in the first half. Ladwig scored 11 and Brendan White added nine for the Wildcats in the first half. West led 39-36 at the half.

Papio South only made one 3-pointer in the 3rd quarter,

but outscored West (who had two 3's by Josh Olberding) 16-14 in the quarter. Olberding and Ryan Rolfzen led their respective teams with 6 points in the quarter. West held a 53-52 lead entering the final period.

The two teams combined for five 3's in the first half of the final period as the teams were tied at 66-66. Two Millard West turnovers and 5-6 free throws from the Titans gave Papio South a 71-66 lead. Tyler Ware made a basket to cut the lead to 71-68. Chandler Thomas made two free throws to ice the game for the Titans. But, AJ Ladwig had one more 3-pointer for the crowd, a 35-footer at the buzzer.

"It's a good thing we shot well tonight, or it could have really got ugly," Morrison said. "Games like these are tough to lose. We played well enough offensively to win. We just didn't get enough stops on defense to win the game."

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
MW	20	19	14	18	71
PS	14	22	16	21	73

Millard West: Ladwig 17, Olberding 12, White 11, Ware 14, Kallman 8, Lusso 9

Papio South: Milz 2, Suponchick 12, Albert 25, Hueser 3, Rolfzen 18, Barber 3,



	Leader	#
Assists	Ware / Olberding	3
Blocks	—	—
Rebounds	Ware / White	5
Steals	Ware / Lusso	2
Points	Ladwig	17

Both teams combine for 20-39 three-point field goal attempts.

Junior Varsity

Bellevue East W 62-50
Omaha Benson L 41-62

Freshman A

Fremont W 79-40
Papillion South W 63-31
Omaha Benson L 48-49

Reserve

Papillion South L 40-44
Omaha Benson W 68-42

Freshman B

Fremont W 81-45
Papillion South W 66-16
Omaha Benson W 64-50

Runnin' Rabbits Run Away With Victory

Omaha Benson separated made a 3-pointer in the last minute of the third quarter and went on to outscore Millard West 16-10 in the final quarter for a 62-54 victory. There were 10 lead changes and 7 ties in the first three quarters of the game. Avery Langford led all scorers with 17 points for the Bunnies. AJ Ladwig scored 16 for the Wildcats.

Both teams exchanged baskets in the first quarter with no team leading by more than three points. Ladwig and

CJ Carter led their respective teams with six points on two 3-pointers apiece. West led 16-15 at the end of the quarter.

Benson took a 21-17 lead mid-way through the 2nd quarter before Millard West scored 16 points on their last seven possessions. Johnny Hower 8 points, including two 3-pointers in the stretch. Benson answered by finding seams in the Wildcat 2-3 zone and made three 3-pointers to make the score 33-30, Millard West, at the half.

Millard West went to a 3-2 zone in the 2nd half and Ben-

son's Raquim Brown scored six quick points in the paint. West was able to hold onto the lead behind 8 points from Ladwig and a free throw from Brendan White. Carter made a 3-pointer

from the left corner to give the Runnin' Rabbits a 46-44 lead going into the final period.

Benson forced three turnovers, and West missed four free throws as the Bunnies stretched their lead to 52-46. Benson pulled the ball out and went into their

delay game. Millard West had chances to cut into the lead, but could not convert. Benson won the game 62-54. Morrison said his team's play early in the 4th quarter hurt them. "We had some bad possessions and a couple wide-open misses early in the 4th. We never recovered from that."

Despite the loss, Morrison was happy with his team's effort as the Wildcats dropped to 4-9 on the season. "We lost two close games this weekend to two top-ten teams. We are real close. We are finally playing hard. We played about 28 good

minutes tonight and 30 last night." Morrison said. "You have to play 32 minutes to beat good teams."

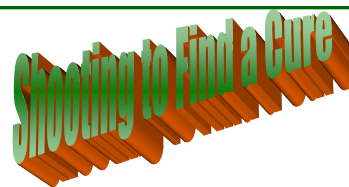
Millard West: Hower 8, Ladwig 16, White 3, Ware 7, Kallman 11, Lusso 7, Smith 2

Omaha Benson: Brown 10, Prince 3, Carter 14, Washington 4, Lambert 5, Langford 17, White 2, McCoy 5, Bol 2



	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
MW	16	17	11	10	54
OB	15	15	16	16	62

	Leader	#
Assists	Ware	4
Blocks	Ladwig	2
Rebounds	Ware	9
Steals	White	3
Points	Ladwig	16



The boys basketball team donated \$4190.55 to the National Breast Cancer Foundation. Coach Dan Hall was the top shooter, making 92 free throws, and Josh Olberding donated the most money at \$216.50.

Wildcats Beat Thunderbirds in Overtime

Tyler Ware traveled the length of the floor in 4.8 and made a 12-foot floater to overcome what looked like a sure Thunderbird victory for a 73-72 Wildcat win. Ware scored 16 points in the 2nd half and led the Wildcats with 20 points in the game. Jeremiah Dotzler led Bellevue West with 17 points in the game.

Morrison was excited about his team's win. It was only their 2nd win in the last 10 games. "A lot of people played well tonight. It was a total team effort," Morrison said. "This is a tough place to play and Bellevue West always plays tough D. It reminded me of some of the East-West games when I started out at Bellevue East."

Dotzler scored 8 points in the first quarter as Bellevue West started the game leading 10-3. The Wildcats settled down and fought back to trail 14-18 by the end of the quarter. Bellevue West forced five turnovers from the Wildcats, but could not convert the into points and pull away. Millard West scored 8 points in the last 5 possessions of the half and forced 3 Thunderbird turnovers late in the half. Tyler Ware forced two of those turnovers as the Wildcats scored four points in transition to cut the lead to 27-30. Des Roberts hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer to give Bellevue West a 6-point lead going into the half.

Roberts continued to score in the 3rd quarter and led Bellevue with seven points. The two teams exchanged baskets throughout the quarter. Ware led the Wildcats with 8 points in the quarter. Bellevue outscored Millard 17-13 in the quarter and extended their lead to 50-40.

Millard West changed to a man-to-man defense and cut into the lead. Bellevue led 55-47 when the Wildcats went on a 9-0 run behind two 3-pointers by AJ Ladwig and 3-3 free throws by Johnny Hower. The two teams were tied 56-56 with 3:08 remaining in the game. Millard West was plagued with poor shooting from the charity strip in the final quarter. The Wildcats only converted on 7-16 free throws.

Dotzler hit a 3-pionter with 27.6 seconds remaining in regulation to give Bellevue West a 63-62 lead. Lusso was fouled on a rebound and AJ Ladwig* made one free throw to tie the game. The Thunderbird's Roberts got a good look from the top of the key at the buzzer, but was unable to make the basket as the game went into overtime.

Ladwig opened the overtime with a 3-pointer, and Ware and Lusso added baskets to take a 70-66 lead. Ware made a free throw and Dotzler answered with a 3-pointer to make the score 71-70, Millard West. Up one, with 6.3 seconds remaining, Lusso got fouled after a rebound. He missed both free throws and fouled Roberts which put him at the line with a chance to win the game with 4.8 seconds remaining in overtime. Roberts made both free throws to take a 72-71 lead. Ware took the inbound pass at the free throw line, dribbled it three times, and made a 12-foot floater to win the game for the Wildcats, 73-72.

Ladwig and Lusso each scored 16 points to complement Ware's game high 20 points. "Tyler really played well in the 2nd half. That was a great individual effort at the end," Morrison said. "AJ hit some big shots late and Connor stepped up and played well. I thought we had it sown up when he went to the line. It's not like him to miss that many free throws." Millard West: Hower 5, Ladwig 16, Olberding 7, White 4, Ware 20, Kallman 5, Lusso 16

Millard West: Hower 5, Ladwig 16, Olberding 7, White 4, Ware 20, Kallman 5, Lusso 16

Bellevue West: Travis 7, Roberts 16, Peterson 2, Davis 10, Gregory 10, Dotzler 17, Clash 9, Eiserman 1

Junior Varsity

Bellevue West L 50-60
Lincoln East W 54-42

Reserve

Bellevue East W 52-38
Omaha NW W 64-36
Bellevue West W 46-31

Freshman A

Bellevue East W 72-28
Omaha NW W 63-27

Freshman B

Bellevue East W 77-21
Bellevue West W 84-38

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	
MW	14	13	13	23	10	73
BW	18	15	17	13	9	72

	Leader	#
Assists	Ware	4
Blocks	3 players	1
Rebounds	Kallman	10
Steals	Hower	2
Points	Ware	20

West Holds On For Win Over Spartans

Millard West started with a 17-10 first quarter lead, but had to hold on to beat Lincoln East 56-55. The Wildcats led through most of the game before Lincoln East took their only lead of the game with under a minute left. Connor Lusso scored a basket with 12.7 seconds remaining to re-take the lead and help the Wildcats win the game. Lusso led West with 17 points. Jordan Yurth led the Spartans with 21 points.

Lincoln East jumped out to an early lead when Josh Hasteifer scored the first 8 points for the Spartans on the first five possessions. Millard West got hot and made 7 of 10 field goals to end the quarter. AJ Ladwig

scored seven for the Wildcats and Hasteifer finished with 8 in the quarter for East.

The Spartans outscored West 14-10 in the second quarter to pull within 24-27 at the half. Brad Hilligoss led East with six points, and Brendan White led the Wildcats with six points in the quarter.

The two teams exchanged baskets throughout the 3rd quarter. Lusso got hot for the Wildcats as he led the team with eight points in the quarter. Jordan Yurth scored six for the Spartans. Millard West took a 40-34 lead into the final period.

Lincoln East did not give up. They scored on 10 of 15 possessions in the final period. Yurth led the comeback with 11 points in the final period. Late in the 4th quarter, East combined for 5-6 free throws and took the lead at 52-51 for the first time since early in the first quarter. Lusso answered with an old-fashioned three point play for the Wildcats. Yurth got open on the left wing and made a 3-pointer to give the Spartans a 55-54 lead with under a minute left in the game. Lusso made a basket from under the backboard with 12.7 left to give a one-point lead back

to West. Yurth missed a shot for East from the left wing. White grabbed the rebound to secure the win for the Wildcats.

“Connor came up big late in the game, and Brendan grabbed a big rebound to secure the win,” Morrison commented. “We’ve lost a lot of close one’s lately. It was nice to come away with another win.”

Millard West only made 4-16 three pointers, but finished over 50% from the floor because of a 20-33 showing inside the arc. Lincoln East out-rebounded West 24-20 but had more turnovers (14-10) in the game.

Millard West: Hower 3, Ladwig 15, Olberding 2, White 6, Ware 10, Kallman 3, Lusso 17

Lincoln East: Hilligoss 6, Yurth 21, Herstein 1, Broderdsen 2, Newman 3, Grantham 8, Hasteifer 10, Quinn 4

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
MW	17	10	13	16	56
LE	10	14	10	21	55

	Leader	#
Assists	Ware	5
Blocks	Ladwig	2
Rebounds	Lusso	8
Steals	Ladwig	4
Points	Lusso	17



Millard West Wins 3rd Consecutive Game



Millard West used a strong first half to gain a lead on the Burke Bulldogs and was able to finish with a 65-53 victory. West made 14-20 free throws in the final period to secure the win. Four Wildcats scored in double-digits, led by Zach Kallman's 14 points. Scottie Davis led the Bulldogs with 16 points.

Five Wildcats scored in the first quarter as they took a 13-9 lead at the end of the quarter. West started the 2nd quarter with a 19-7 run over the first five-and-a-half minutes of the quarter. The Wildcats combined for four straight 3-pointers in that span. Burke finished the quarter with a 7-0 run to pull within nine at the half.

"I thought we let up at the end of the half," Morrison commented. "They have so much offensive power, that we can't do that."

Both teams shot very well in the 3rd quarter. West was 7-16 from the field and Burke was 7-15. Neither team shot a free-throw in the quarter. Burke outscored West 17-15 in the 3rd quarter to pull within 7 points at the end of the quarter.

Morrison instructed his team to be aggressive in the fourth quarter. "I thought we could get the ball inside and get to the basket." Millard West scored on 12-15 possessions in the 4th quarter, including 14-20 shooting from the foul line. With a nine-point lead, Millard

West went to their delay game and took a minute-and-a-half off of the clock before Burke was able to foul.

"I thought we played together tonight. We did a lot of good things. Burke has a lot of talent, and I thought our guys did a nice job of neutralizing that," Morrison said. Millard West was 17-33 from the field and 6-11 from behind the 3-point arc. They also out-rebounded the Bulldogs 32-24.

Millard West: Hower 2, Ladwig 11, Olberding 9, White 5, Ware 11, Kallman 14, Lusso 11, Smith 2

Omaha Burke: Hill 14, Miller 2, Poppen 5, McGaugh 13, Davis 16, Joekel 2

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
MW	13	19	15	18	65
OB.	9	14	17	13	53

	Leader	#
Assists	White	4
Blocks	Ladwig / Smith	1
Rebounds	Kallman	9
Steals	Ware	4
Points	Ware	13



Junior Varsity

Omaha Bryan L 40-51
Omaha Burke W 51-40

Reserve

Omaha Bryan W 44-32
Omaha Burke L 68-69

Freshman A

Omaha South W 64-21
Omaha Bryan W 46-27
Omaha Burke W 65-50

Freshman B

Omaha Bryan W 86-24
Omaha Burke W 61-56

Bryan Handles Wildcats

Omaha Bryan outscored Millard West 34-21 in the first half and went on to beat the Wildcats 34-21. Galen Gullie led the Bears with 20 points. DK Augustine added 13 and Reath Jeich scored 10 for Bryan. Connor Lusso was the only Wildcat in double-digits, scoring 16 points.

Lusso and Ladwig led the way early for the Wildcats, who led 10-8, with six points apiece. Gullie hit a 3-pointer with time running out to cap off a 9-2 run

to end the first quarter. Gullie had 8 points in the quarter.

Bryan's offense was very efficient in the 2nd quarter as they scored 17 points on nine of their 11 possessions. Augustine led the way with 8 points. West was only managed to score 9 points in the quarter and trailed by 13 at the half. Morrison was upset with his team's intensity in the first half. "I didn't think we played very hard. It seemed like they got to the basket on every possession. We have to play with a sense of urgency."

Bryan went on a 10-4 run to start the quarter and take their biggest lead of the game, 44-25. West scored on their next four possessions and went on a 10-3 run to end the quarter. Lusso led the way for the Wildcats with 6 points in the quarter as Millard West outscored Bryan 14-13 and cut the lead to 12.

West came out hot in the 4th quarter and scored seven points on their first three possessions. Ladwig's 3-pointer pulled the Wildcats to within five. West missed two 3-pointers on their next possession that would have brought the game to within two. With a

seven point lead, Gullie and the Bears went into their delay game. West could not force Gullie to give up the ball. He was 7-8 from the line in the quarter. Bryan would end the game by outscoring West 14-5 and winning 61-47.

"When we play hard, we are a pretty good team," Morrison said after the game. "But we didn't play hard tonight. We have to play 32 minutes." Bryan was 20-35 from the field and out-rebounded the Wildcats 22-18 on the night. West won the turnover battle 8-10.



	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
MW	12	9	14	12	47
OB	17	17	13	14	61

	Leader	#
Assists	Ware	4
Blocks	Lusso / Kallman	1
Rebounds	Lusso	9
Steals	Ware	2
Points	Ladwig / Ware	15

Millard West: Hower 2, Ladwig 9, Olberding 3, White 3, Ware 2, Kallman 6, Lusso 16, Smith 6

Omaha Bryan: Mason 5, Gullie 20, Augustine 13, Gatouch 8, Kerwin 3, Jeich 10, Avalos 2

Wildcats Win at Papillion

Four Wildcats scored in double figures to help Millard West beat Papillion-LaVista 64-57 at Papillion Thursday night. AJ Ladwig and Tyler Ware scored 15 points each to lead the Wildcats. The Wildcats seemed to have the game in check in the 4th quarter, but Papillion cut the lead to three in the last minute. Millard West made 4-4 free-throws to end the game and come away with the victory. Mitch Garrison led Papillion with 12 points.

The Monarchs went to Garrison early in the game. He scored all 10 of the Monarch points in the first quarter. Tyler Ware scored five points early in the quarter on 5-7 free-throws and AJ Ladwig made back-to-back field goals late in the quarter for his five points. Millard West led 14-10 at the end of the quarter.



The 2nd quarter was high-scoring, and fast-paced. The teams combined for 35 points and 12 turnovers in the 2nd quarter. "They really forced the tempo in the 2nd quarter. They play hard. I knew they would," Morrison commented. "They don't play like a team with only 4 wins." Zach Kallman scored 7 for the Wildcats and Matt Schommer scored 6 for Papillion.

The 3rd quarter continued in the same fashion as the 2nd quarter. The Monarchs started the quarter with an 11-4 run to take a 38-36 lead. But West answered, and ended the quarter with an 8-2 run of their own. West led 44-41 at the end of the 3rd quarter.

The Wildcats stayed hot early in the 4th quarter. They extended their lead to 13, 58-45, midway through the final period. The Monarchs put some baskets together and Millard West missed the front end of two 1-and-1 situations to make the game close. Josh Ables made a 3-pointer to cut the lead to 57-60 with under a minute left. West would make 4-4 free throws to close the game with a 64-57 victory.

Millard West shot over 50% from the field, including 4-10 from behind the 3-point arch. Papillion was only 20-52 from the field, 2-21 from behind the arc. The Monarchs out-rebounded West 32-30, and only had 11 turnovers to West's 18.

Millard West: Ladwig 15, Olberding 6, White 5, Ware 15, Kallman 13, Lusso 10

Papillion: Lewis 8, Carbajal 3, Figueroa 5, Bullock 8, Schommer 10, Abels 3, Barcal 8, Garrison 12

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
MW	14	18	12	20	64
PLV	10	17	13	17	57

	Leader	#
Assists	Ware	4
Blocks	Lusso / Kallman	1
Rebounds	Lusso	9
Steals	Ware	2
Points	Ladwig / Ware	15

Junior Varsity

Papillion W 43-40
Millard South W 63-36

Reserve

Papillion L 52-63
Millard South W 54-41

Freshman A

Papillion W 50-41

Freshman B

Papillion W 46-44



Millard South Wins Rivalry Game

The Patriots of Millard South outscored Millard West 15-8 in the final period to win the last game of the regular season for both teams 45-41. The Patriots were 11-16 from the free-throw line in the 4th quarter to seal the victory. South was led by Regan Fowler with 13 points and Quinten Urban added 10. Connor Lusso scored 10 for the Wildcats.

Millard South jumped out to an early 11-4 lead in the first four minutes of the game. Millard West tightened up their defense and clawed back to within 3 at the end of the quarter to make the score 13-10 Patriots.

Millard South slowed the game down against the Millard West 2-3 zone in the 2nd quarter. Each team only had 10 possessions in the quarter. The Wildcats scored on four straight possessions early in the quarter to take an 18-13 lead, but the Patriots answered in the second half of the quarter. They scored 12 points on the last 5 possessions of the half, including a 3-pointer at the buzzer by Fowler, to take a 25-20 lead into the half.

Morrison was disappointed in the effort at the end of the half. "They scored on two offensive rebounds and a loose ball on their last three possessions. We have to get the loose

balls."

The Wildcats were more aggressive in the 3rd quarter. They outscored South 13-5 in the quarter. West was 9-11 from the free-throw line. Zach Kallman led the way for the Wildcats with 7 points in the quarter. Fowler scored all five points for South.

South was able to take the lead at 37-36 with two free throws by Eddie Collins. West missed a lay up on their press break and a 3-pointer on their next two possessions. Collins added a basket to give the Patriots a 3 point lead, 39-36. Millard South would shoot nothing but free throws the rest of the game.

"I thought Tyler got fouled on that lay-up. That would have been big because we would have had the lead late in the game," Morrison said. "They pulled it out and made us foul them. They missed enough to give us a chance."

Connor Lusso made a basket and fouled it with a 3-pointer to pull within 3 at 41-44. After a timeout by West, Millard South turned the ball over on the press with 6.7 seconds left in the game. AJ Ladwig got a wide open shot that could have tied the game at the buzzer, but the

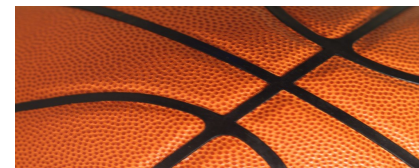
ball hit the front of the rim and bounced out. Millard South won 45-41.

West: Hower 1, Ladwig 5, Olberding 8, White 4, Ware 6, Kallman 7, Lusso 10

South: Collins 4, Erikson 4, Fowler 13, Urban 10, Headley 6, Gruwell 5, Beck 3

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
<i>MW</i>	10	10	13	8	41
<i>MS</i>	13	12	5	15	45

	Leader	#
Assists	Ware	2
Blocks	Lusso	2
Rebounds	Lusso	9
Steals	Ware	2
Points	Lusso	10



Bryan Bears End Wildcat Season

The Bryan Bears jumped out to a 10 point lead in the first quarter and never let down in the first round of the A6 district tournament at Papillion La-Vista South. Reath Jiech scored 18 points for the Bears in their 57-41 victory. Millard West was let by AJ Ladwig and Connor Lusso with 10 points each. Millard North

beat North Platte 60-50 in the other semi-final game and will meet Bryan on Monday night.

Millard West ended their season with an 8-12 record.

Connor Lusso scored two baskets for West to take an early 4-3 lead, but that would be the last lead of the game for the Wildcats. Bryan scored on eight of their eleven possessions in the first quarter to score 17 points,

led by Jiech with 8. Bryan executed their game plan of taking the ball to the basket and earned four trips to the free-throw line. Ethan Montalvo added a 3-pointer at the buzzer to take the 10-point lead at the end of the quarter.

"They came right at us and went right to the hole. We

missed some open shots early and didn't seem to get into the flow," commented Coach Morrison.

"That 3 at the buzzer hurt, because I thought we had settled down and were ready to get back

into the game."

Bryan's three inside players scored all 14 of their points in the 2nd quarter. Millard West was more aggressive and attacked the basket. Lusso added 4 points and the team was 5 of 8 from the free throw line. The Bears led 31-18 at the half.

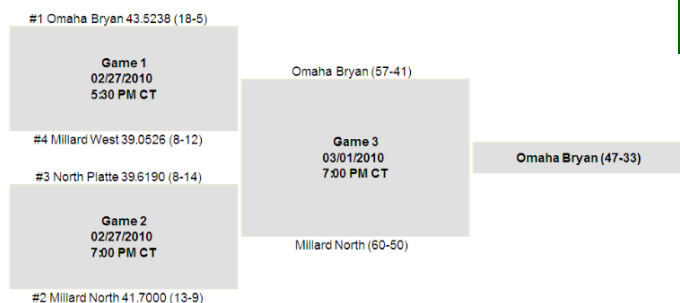
Millard West came out of the half more aggressive on defense, but was called for 7 fouls in the first three-and-a-half minutes of the half. The Wildcats only managed to score six points in the quarter. Bryan got their biggest lead of the game when DK Augustine made a free throw to take a 54-36 lead with 2:08 in the game.

"That was a disappointing way to end the season. We did a lot of good things over the course of the year, and I think we improved a lot. Bryan just took it at us tonight. They have a really good team," Morrison said after the game.

Millard West: Hower 2, Ladwig 10, Olberding 8, Ware 6, Kallman 5, Lusso 10

Bryan: Mason 5, Montlvo 3, Gullie 5, Dolouny 2, Augustine 13, Gatouch 8, Kerwin 3, Jiech 18

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	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
MW	10	10	13	8	41
MS	13	12	5	15	45



	Leader	#
Assists	Olberding	4
Blocks	Hower	1
Rebounds	White	5
Steals	Ladwig	2
Points	Lusso / Ladwig	10



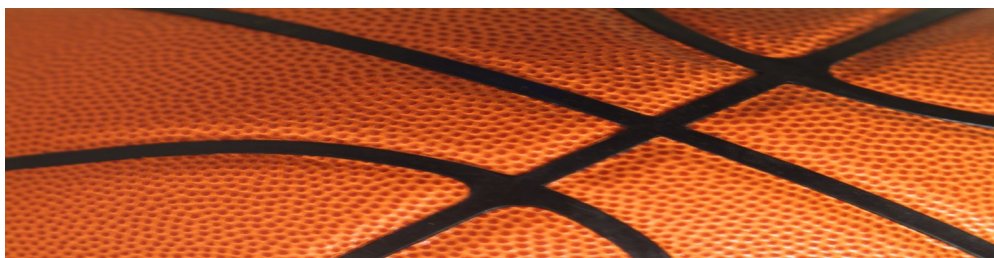
TEAM RECORDS

Varsity	8-12
Junior Varsity	8-10
Reserve	12-6
Freshman A	15-4



Creighton Prep Freshman Tourney

Omaha North	W	59-48	OT
Millard South	W	65-52	
Omaha Central	L	65-77	2OT



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New Records

1st 09-10 AJ Ladwig 45/99 45.5% 3-point % Season

New Top Ten Performances

3rd 09-10 Team 89/266 33.5% 3-point % Team

1st 09-10 AJ Ladwig 45/99 45.5% 3-point % Season

4th 09-10 Tyler Ware 41 Steals Season

7th 09-10 Connor Lusso 135 Rebounds Season

8th 09-10 Connor Lusso 19 Blocks Season

10th 09-10 Tyler Ware 65 Assists Season

4th 09-10 AJ Ladwig 61/156 39.1% 3-point % Career



Class of 2010



Varsity

Lincoln Southwest	L	48-49	
Columbus	W	53-40	
Omaha North	W	62-54	
Lincoln North Star	W	61-31	
@ Omaha Central	L	40-57	
Omaha Central	L	34-58	Metro
Omaha Westside	L	42-46	Metro
Millard North	L	42-54	
Papillion-LaVista	W	65-61	2 OT
Omaha Westside	L	56-66	
@ Grand Island	L	35-36	
Papillion-LaVista South	L	71-73	
@ Omaha Benson	L	54-62	
@ Bellevue West	W	73-72	OT
Lincoln East	W	56-55	
Omaha Burke	W	65-53	
@ Omaha Bryan	L	47-61	
@ Papillion-LaVista	W	64-57	
Millard South	L	41-45	
Omaha Bryan	L	41-57	

Junior Varsity

Lincoln Southwest	L	52	51
Lincoln North Star	W	56	60
Omaha Central	L	60	55
Omaha North	L	53	51
Millard South	L	54	46
Bellevue West	W	40	43
Papillion-LaVista	L	62	60
Omaha Westside	L	55	49
Millard North	L	48	46
Grand Island	W	43	50
Bellevue East	W	50	62
Omaha Benson	L	62	41
Bellevue West	L	60	50
Lincoln East	W	42	54
Omaha Bryan	L	51	40
Omaha Burke	W	40	51
Papillion-LaVista	W	40	43
Millard South	W	36	63





Reserves

Creighton Prep	L	39-51
Omaha North	W	64-57
Fremont	W	50-28
Central	W	56-38
Omaha Westide	W	42-37
Creighton Prep	L	33-34
Millard North	L	33-36
Omaha Westide	W	35-31
Papillion South	L	40-44
Omaha Benson	W	68-42
Bellevue East	W	52-38
Omaha Northwest	W	64-36
Bellevue West	W	46-31
Omaha South	W	46-40
Omaha Burke	L	68-69
Omaha Bryan	W	44-32
Papillion Lavista	L	52-63
Millard South	W	54-41

Freshman A

@ Creighton Prep	L	39-50
North	W	45-43
Millard South	W	52-49
@ Lincoln NE	W	63-41
@ Millard North	W	37-35
Westside	L	48-61
Fremont	W	79-40
Papillion LaVista South	W	63-31
@ Benson	L	48-49
Bellevue East	W	72-28
Northwest	W	63-27
@ Bellevue West	W	64-46
@ South	W	64-21
@ Bryan	W	46-27
Burke	W	65-50
@ Papillion LaVista	W	50-41

Prep Tournament

North	W	59-48	(OT)
Millard South	W	65-52	
Central	L	65-77	(2 OT)

Freshman B

Creighton Prep	W	47-41
Omaha North	W	88-43
Lincoln Northeast	W	72-15
Millard South	W	41-40
Millard North	W	48-46
Westside	W	51-36
Fremont	W	81-45
Papillion LaVista-South	W	66-16
Benson	W	64-50
Bellevue East	W	77-21
Bellevue West	W	84-38
Bryan	W	86-24
Burke	W	61-56
Papillion LaVista	W	46-44

#8 Grand Island (9-13) 39.5455 Game 1 – Sports Center Mar. 11 – 2:00 PM #1 Norfolk (20-2) 45.0455	Norfolk 69-44	CLASS A
	Game 5 Mar. 12 – 7:00 PM Sports Center	Norfolk 53-51
#5 Omaha Bryan (18-5) 43.8261 Game 2 – Sports Center Mar. 11 – 3:45 PM #4 Creighton Prep (19-4) 44.1739	Creighton Prep 62-50	Omaha Central 71-58 Champion
#7 Millard South (12-11) 40.6957 Game 3 – Sports Center Mar. 11 – 7:00 PM #2 Lincoln Southeast (19-3) 44.5455	Lincoln Southeast 67-47	Omaha Central 53-52
	Game 6 Mar. 12 – 8:45 PM Sports Center	
#3 Omaha Central (20-4) 44.2917 Game 4 – Sports Center Mar. 11 – 8:45 PM #6 Lincoln High (16-5) 43.6667	Omaha Central 71-44	Creighton Preparatory Creighton Preparatory 71-56 Third Place Lincoln Southeast

Class A All State

Deverell Biggs	Om. Central
Mike Dentlinger	Mil. North
Caleb Steffensmeier	Cr. Prep
Brady Lollman	Norfolk
Derrius Vick	Lincoln SE

Super State

Deverell Biggs	Omaha Central
Dwight Smith	Ralston
Mike Gesell	South Sioux City
Austin Kaczor	Ewing
Elliott Eliason	Chadron

Final All-Class Top 10

Team	W-L	Prev
1. Omaha Central	23-4	4
2. Norfolk	22-3	1
3. Creighton Prep	21-5	3
4. Lincoln Southeast	20-5	2
5. Omaha Bryan	18-6	5
6. South Sioux City	16-5	NR
7. Lincoln High	16-6	6
8. Hastings St. Cecilia	25-1	NR
9. Omaha Skutt	21-7	NR
10. Fremont	16-5	7

Post Season Honors

All-Metro Honorable Mention

Tyler Ware
AJ Ladwig
Connor Lusso

Class A All-State

Tyler Ware
AJ Ladwig
Connor Lusso

Scholar-Athlete Awards

Metro Conference

Johnny Hower
Zach Kallman
Ben Wicks

Lincoln Journal Star

Johnny Hower
Zach Kallman

NSAA

Johnny Hower
Zach Kallman



	Season Leader	Stat
Made Free Throws	Connor Lusso	69
Free Throw Percentage	Zach Kallman	66.7%
2-Pointers Made	Connor Lusso	74
2-Point Percentage	Connor Lusso	52.1%
3-Pointers Made	AJ Ladwig	45
3-Point Percentage	AJ Ladwig	45.5%
Points	AJ Ladwig	224
Assists	Tyler Ware	65
Blocked Shots	Connor Lusso	19
Rebounds	Connor Lusso	135
Steals	Tyler Ware	41
Charges Taken	Johnny Hower	3
Double-Doubles	Connor Lusso	3

Morrison Survives First Season

Coach Bill Morrison just completed his first season as the head coach of the Millard West Wildcats. The team ended the season 8-12 on the season. We talked to Coach Morrison about his initial season in Class A.



What is the biggest difference between Millard West and Fort Calhoun?

The guys are more athletic. We cut kids that would have been starters at Fort Calhoun. The other thing is all of the extras that we do like the MBA.

What was the hardest part of the season?

Cutting kids. We told about 50 kids they couldn't be a part of the team. That was hard. I hope I never get used to that.

What was the best part of the season?

Beating Burke and Bellevue West were pretty exciting. We had great kids to work with. They never quit, even in the stretch when we went 1-8.

Your team had a lot of close games. How did that affect your team?

We were 3-5 in games decided by five or less. We didn't know how to win those games early. That was probably due to a lack of experience. Close games are always fun to win and tough to lose. Any one possession can change the game.

Mr. Hook was the last coach and now your boss. Did you get much advice from him during the season?

We talked all the time. He was very careful not to give "too much" advice.

He usually told me what the JV needed to work on. I think it was hard on him, especially around district time.

You started 3 juniors and a freshman. What is your outlook for next year?

We will be better for a few reasons. We have a lot of experience returning. The guys will also know what I want and expect from them. We will start the season at a higher level.

How did the players adjust to having a new coach?

The adjusted fine. We didn't change a lot, but terminology was different. My overall philosophy is very similar to Coach Hook's, but our approaches are a little different. We had to take a step back after the Holiday Tournament. I think we were thinking too much. We started to improve a lot in the 2nd half of the season.



Would you do anything different if you started the season over?

Of course. Hindsight is 20-20. I think I tried to do too much in the first part of the season. My plays are not very difficult, but we do a lot of different things. I think we tried to do too much, too early.



How did your staff handle the change?

My staff was great. Dan and I talked a lot during the interview process and early last summer. Dale and Ian were new to the program and adapted very well. We had a great staff top to bottom.

What are you going to do to get ready for next year?

We will work hard in June and in the Fall. We need all of our players to get better individually. The off-season is where players get better. I think we have a group of guys that will work very hard.

Are you going to change anything for next year?

I'm sure we will make some changes. We will definitely work on putting a better defense on the floor.

What was the biggest challenge you had at Millard?

Basketball is not the primary sport of enough guys. We have a great athletic program. We just need some basketball first guys. We have a lot of college athletes. We need more college basketball players.

