

Wildcat Basketball

2015-2016

Same Destination, Different Route



Seniors

Preston
Humphrey

Austin
Hall

Chris
Russell

Logan
Anderjaska

Wildcat Review

Varsity Roster

3	Austin Hall	6'1	12
4	Preston Humphrey	5'8	12
5	Simon Hay	6'2	11
10	Christian Hall	5'10	11
12	Logan Anderjaska	6'2	12
14	Brody Belt	5'8	10
22	Shae Wyatt	5'11	11
24	Giavonni Guido	5'10	10
32	Ryan Hitchens	5'8	11
34	Colby Gomes	6'5	10
40	Chris Russell	6'2	12
42	JJ Schomberg	6'4	11
50	Omid Sidiqi	6'5	11
54	Brock Burling	6'7	10

COACHING STAFF

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Bill Morrison
Dan Hall

Junior Varsity

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Freshman

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The 2015-2016 Millard West Boys Varsity Basketball Team is reading to get the season started.

This year's team only has two players returning that logged Varsity minutes last season.

Austin Hall is a returning point guard that averaged 7.4 points and 3.1 assists last year. He also was a back up point guard during his Sophomore season.

Logan Anderjaska also played a major role on last year's 19-6 state tournament qualifying team. He averaged 5.5 points and 2.7 rebounds.

Coach Bill Morrison will count on these two Seniors to provide a lot of leadership during the season. "We will need

Austin and Logan to help bring this team along. We have a lot of talented players, but they do not have much Varsity experience," he commented.

Juniors Simon Hay and Shae Wyatt will start at guards for the Wildcats. Simon lettered as a Junior and Wyatt averaged 13 points for Smoky Hill High School in Aurora, CO, last season.

"Simon has really improved over last season and is a very good shooter from behind the arc," Morrison said. "Shae brings a level of athleticism that we have not had at Millard West. He is very quick and is a good jumper. It is nice to have him back in the district." Shae attended Beadle Middle School

through his 7th grade year.

The 5th starting spot is still up for grabs for the Wildcats. "We have a lot of options and a lot of different types of teams we can put on the floor. We could put a big, physical team out there, or go five-guards. I'm anxious to see how the season plays out. It's hard to tell at this point," Morrison said.

14 of the 28 players on Millard West's top three teams were on the State Runner-up Football team. They will only have five practices under their belt going into the first game.





Preseason Cont.

Morrison talked about the late start to the season. “It is a good problem to have. I just don’t know how ready they will be for the first few games. I know they won’t be in basketball shape!”

Players that will round off the first weekend Varsity team include Seniors Preston Humphrey, Chris Russell, and Dylan Thompson. Juniors Omid Sidiqi and Christian Hall, and Sophomores Colby Gomes and Brock Burling.

“We lost a lot of good players and had a great year last year. Our goals will be the same, but the way we reach them will be different. We were a pre-season top-ten team and had a lot of experience back from the previous year,” Morrison said. “It will be a fun year. I think we will be very good by the end of the season.

Class A
Pre-Season Ratings

1. Omaha South
2. Creighton Prep
3. Norfolk
4. Omaha Burke
5. Omaha Westside
6. Millard South
7. Papillion LaVista
8. Bellevue West
9. Gretna
10. Fremont

Wildcats Launch Past Rockets in Opener

Millard West traveled to Lincoln Northeast for their first game of the 2015-16 season Thursday night. They started off fast, scoring 19 points in the first quarter, and never looked back. The Wildcats won 62-43.

Simon Hay led all scorers with 16 points. Returning letterman Austin Hall and Logan Anderjaska added 11 and 10 points respectively.

Northeast were led by Malcom Helmstadter with 15 points. Trace Tupper, the 6’9” center, added 14 points.

Shae Wyatt stole the jump ball and scored on a layup to start the game. He got a steal off the press and was fouled 12 seconds into the game.

Good defense and hot shooting helped the Wildcats jump to an early lead. LNE committed 6 turnovers in the opening period. Simon Hay made 3 of 4 shots from behind the arc and scored 11 points in the opening period.

The Rockets continued to have trouble controlling the ball in the 2nd

quarter as they committed 6 more turnovers. West led 28-20 with 2:40 remaining in the half.

Hall and Wyatt hit back-to-back 3-pointers. Hall then scored off a turnover to complete an 8-2 run to finish the half. The Wildcats led by 14 at the break, 36-22.

Coach Bill Morrison was happy with his team’s play in the first half. “The guys came out ready to play. I thought we were very aggressive on both ends of the floor,” he said.

The Wildcats continued to attack in the 2nd half. They started the half forcing two turnovers on the first three possessions and opening a 42-24 lead with 6:29 left in the quarter.

Millard West cooled off until the end of the quarter. Northeast only scored two field goals in the quarter, but they were 7-11 from the free throw line.

“I thought we got a little greedy in the middle of the 3rd quarter. We were taking chances on defense and taking some quick shots,” Morrison said of his team.

The Wildcats extended their lead to 52-33 on a free throw by Hay before the Rockets made one more run.

LNE scored 8 points in four possession to cut the lead to 56-41 with 2:42 left in the game.

West spread the floor and melted the rest of the clock away to record the victory.

“It’s nice to get that first win under our belt. Obviously, there are some things we can work on, but we did a lot of good things,” Morrison said. “We didn’t know what to expect after only having five practices with our entire team.”

Kearney beat Creighton Prep 69-65 in the other half of the Early Bird Classic. The Bearcats will travel to Millard West for a 2:45 game Saturday. LNE and prep will play in the consolation game at 1:00 at Millard West.

MW	19	17	15	11	62
LNE	12	10	11	10	43

MW — A Hall 11, Humphrey 5, Hay 16, Anderjaska 10, Wyatt 9, Gomes 7, Sidiqi 2, Burling 2.

LNE — Morrell 2, White 8, Jones 2, Little 2, Helmstadter 15, Tupper 14.

Bearcats Hold On to Beat West by 1

Kearney made two 3-pointers on their first two possessions and jumped out to a 9-2 lead. Millard West fought hard the entire game but could not ever get more than a 1-point lead as the Bearcats won 68-67.

The Wildcats tied the score at 63-63 after a basket by Austin Hall with just under three minutes left in the game.

West forced a turnover but turned it over twice themselves as Kearney made 3 of 4 free throws.

The two teams exchange turnovers before Shae Wyatt scored to make the score 65-66. Two more free throws by Kearney gave the Bearcats a 68-65 lead.

Hall converted on a lay up and got fouled. After a missed free throw, the Wildcats missed two put back opportunities and trailed 67-68.

Hall drew an offensive foul and had one last chance to win the game with 15.5 seconds left. Hall drove

the left side of the lane but had his shot blocked as the Bearcats won by one.

"We had our chances to win the game at the end, but we didn't do enough early," Coach Bill Morrison said. "They outplayed us to start the game and we fouled too much."

Kearney made four 3-pointers in the first half including 3 by Kanon Koster. Koster led the Bearcats with 9 points in the quarter while Logan Anderjaska scored four for the Wildcats.

West took their first lead of the game, 26-25, on a 3-pointer by Wyatt midway through the 2nd quarter. Simon Hay scored 8 points for the Wildcats in the quarter. Kearney led 32-31 going into the half.

The two teams exchanged leads throughout the 3rd quarter as no team led by more than 3 until Zack Ryan made two free throws for a 54-49 lead. Hay made a 3-pointer at the buzzer to make the score 52-54.

Each team committed eight turnovers as the two teams battled in the final quarter. Kearney committed 22 turnovers to West's 15 for the game.

Austin Murray scored 24 for the Bearcats including 8 for 9 from the free throw line. Koster added 16 and Ryan scored 10 points for Kearney.

Hall led the way for the Wildcats with 18 points. Hay added 14 on 4-10 shooting from behind the arc.

"We need to learn from this



game and move forward," Morrison said. "We did do a lot of good things, but I feel like it is a game we could have won."

Kearney	19	13	22	14	68
West	16	15	21	15	67

Kearney — Ryan 10, Teichmeirer 8, Waller 5, Murray 24, Robinson 2, Roseberry 3, Koster 16.

West — A Hall 18, Humphrey 2, Hay 14, C Hall 2, Anderjaska 8, Wyatt 9, Gomes 9, Russell 2, Sidiqi 1, Burling 2.





Dominant First Half Keys Win for South

A sharp first half and a so-so second were more than enough Thursday night for Omaha South to roll to a 73-49 Metro Conference boys basketball victory over Millard West.

The Packers (3-0) looked in the first half like the dominant team expected to be among the contenders for the Class A state championship.

An estimated 700 at South watched the Packers take a 44-20 lead at halftime. They outscored the Wildcats (1-2) 22-10 in each the first and second quarter; even an errant alley-oop pass by Karlon McSpadden worked out just fine.

The attempted pass from the right wing by the 6-foot-2 senior guard hit the center of the backboard square and went through the net for a 3-point basket with less than 15 seconds remaining in the first half.

“The first half I thought we played really well at both ends,” South coach Bruce Chubick said. “Then halfway through the third we had them in the double bonus.”

Turnovers and fouls slowed South in the second half. At one point the Packers had committed 11 fouls to Millard West’s three. But Chubick said there was only one source of blame for why that happened.

“We probably earned them all because we got a little tired in the legs at the end,” Chubick said. “When everybody breaks away from what we do as a team, you’re going to turn the ball over.”

Chubick and his staff won’t have any trouble finding things for the Packers to work on after they slogged their way through the fourth quarter.

“We’ve got to get a lot better,” Chubick said. “It’s all there. We just have to get all of the right pegs in the right holes.”

Iowa football recruit Noah Fant led the Packers with 22 points by making 8 of his 12 field goals and 6 of 9 free throws. Junior Aguek

Arop, a Nebraska basketball recruit, added 16, and McSpadden had 10. Simon Hay and Shae Wyatt led the Wildcats with 12 points apiece.

Millard West couldn’t get closer than 19 points in the second half. South built its lead to 30 before the third quarter ended and didn’t let Millard West get closer than 23 in the final eight minutes.

“A team like that is good at making runs,” Wildcats coach Bill Morrison said. “You just can’t make mistakes or take bad shots. You just have to play solid. We didn’t turn

it over too much, but it seemed like every turnover turned into two points for them.”

MW (1-2)	10	10	19	10	49
At OS (3-0)	22	22	21	8	73

MW: A Hall 2-4 5-5 9, Humphrey 1-1 1-2 3, Hay 4-15 0-0 12, C Hall 0-1 0-0 0, Anderjaska 2-4 1-2 5, Wyatt 3-13 3-6 12, Guido 0-1 0-0 0, Gomes 1-4 2-2 4, Sidiqi 2-2 0-0 4, Burling 0-2 0-0 0. Totals: 15-47 12-17 49.

OS: Lee 1-2 0-0 3, McSpadden 4-8 0-0 10, McGary 1-3 0-4 2, Tate 1-1 0-0 2, M Arop 4-7 0-0 9, Walker 4-10 0-0 9, Fant 8-12 6-9 22, A Arop 7-12 2-4 16. Totals: 30-55 8-17 73.

3-point goals: MW 7-28 (A. Hall 0-2, Hay 4-12, C. Hall 0-1, Anderjaska 0-2, Wyatt 3-8, Guido 0-1, Gomes 0-2), OS 5-9 (Lee 1-1, McSpadden 2-3, McGary 0-1, M. Arop 1-3, Walker 1-1).

Total fouls: MW 13, OS 17. Fouled out: None. Technical fouls: None. Turnovers: MW 15, OS 16. Rebounds: MW 22 (Anderjaska 5), OS 41 (A. Arop 9). Field-goal percentage: MW .319, OS .545. Free-throw percentage: MW .706, OS .471. A-700 (est.).



Wildcats Win Big Over the Islanders

Millard West jumped out early and never looked back as they beat Grand Island 67-30 Saturday night. After the first eight minutes, West led 22-2.

Shae Wyatt scored 18 points on 7-7 shooting, including 4-4 from behind the arc. Colby Gomes added 11 points and five rebounds.

Both teams started the game with a turnover before Grand Island took a 2-0 lead. The Islanders would not score the remainder of the quarter and committed seven turnovers in the quarter.

Wyatt scored eight of his points in the first quarter. The Wildcats 4-5 from 3-point land in the first quarter.

“We set some goals for the game and told the team we need to go out from the start and dominate,” Coach Bill Morrison said.

The Islanders switched to a 1-3-1 defense and slowed the Wildcats down in the 2nd quarter. GI outscored MW 10-8 in the quarter as West went into the break with a 30-12 lead.

“I thought we were really good defensively in the first half,” Morrison said. “And we did a great job of limiting them to one shot on each possession.”

West came out of the half in attack mode and went on a 11-0 run in the first four minutes of the half.

Wyatt scored eight of the 11 points in the run.

Morrison took his starters out midway through the quarter. The bench was able to outscore Grand

be successful this year.”

West was 26-48 shooting including 9-18 from the 3-point line. They only committed 10 turnovers and outrebounded GI 34-18.



Island 7-6 in that time.

A quick 11-4 start in the 4th quarter helped dismiss any hope of a comeback for the Islanders. Morrison again cleared the bench, this time with five minutes remaining in the game.

“I thought all 12 guys played well tonight,” Morrison said. “We stuck to the plan defensively, moved well, on offense, rebounded well, and shot the lights out.”

Morrison said his team met all four goals that they set before the game started. “We played at the speed we need to if we are going to

MW	22	8	18	19	67
GI	2	10	6	12	30

MW — A Hall 5, Humphrey 5, Hay 8, Hall 4, Anderjaska 2, Wyatt 18, Guido 4, Gomes 11, Russell 4, Sidiqi 2, Burling 4

GI — Schanaman 2Warren 5, Burnham 2, , Trotter 2, Yusif 4, Wald 4, Root 2, Redwine 2, Keezar 3.





Wildcats Outscore Thunderbirds in Metro Tourney

Millard West outscored Bellevue West 79-70 in an exciting first round game of the Metro Tournament Saturday morning.

The Wildcats led 54-50 going in to the final period. Despite scoring 19 points in the 4th quarter, the Thunderbirds were never able to take the lead from Millard West.

Millard West's Austin Hall led all scorers with 25 points and recorded 5 assists. Shae Wyatt and Logan Anderjaska added 15 and 10 points respectively for the Wildcats.

Bellevue West had four players score in double digits. AJ Jackson, Nico Felici, and Cedric Johnson scored 17 points each. Cade Johnson added 11 points.

Bellevue West dominated the first quarter and jumped out to a n 11-2 lead with points from five different Thunderbirds. Bellevue West led 17-9 before Millard West's Anderjaska scored, and Hall got fouled and made both free throws as time ran out.

Morrison was not happy with his team's performance in the first quarter. "That is the way we have been practicing. We have to get a sense of urgency," he said. "Our #1 key to the game was to set the tempo in the first four minutes. We didn't do that."

The Wildcats woke up after Hall's play to end the first quarter. Millard West started the 2nd quarter with a 12-1 run and took a 25-18 lead.

The two teams exchanged baskets for the remainder of the quarter. Millard West tried to hold the

ball for the last 1:20 of the quarter. A turnover and basket by Collin Richard gave the Wildcats a 37-32 lead at the half.

The Wildcats Started the 3rd quarter strong, scoring 10 points on their first four possessions and opening a 47-37 lead.

Felici kept the Thunderbirds in the game by making three 3-pointers in three straight possessions. Millard West led 54-50 after the 3rd quarter.

Bellevue West cut the lead to 56-55 on a basket by Jackson. With 5:55 left in the game. Millard West would score on all but one possession in the remainder of the game.

"Austin (Hall) did a great job of controlling the game in the fourth quarter," Morrison said. "He seemed to get it to the right guy on every possession."

Morrison was also pleased with his bench's performance in the game. "Preston played great and Brock made some big plays for us."

Coach Morrison was happy with the win. "We played very well offen-



sively in the last three quarters," he said. "We could be a really good team if our defense ever matches our offense and we learn how to come out strong."

BW	17	15	18	19	70
MW	13	24	17	25	79

BW — Jackson 17, Cade Johnson 11, Felici 17, S. Johnson 4, Richards 4, Cedric Johnson 17

MW — Hall 25, Humphrey 8, Hay 9, Anderjaska 10, Wyatt 15, Gomes 5, Burling 7.

2nd Half Helps Packers Win Metro Tourney Game

Omaha South couldn't shake Millard West in its 62-50 win until the start of the second half. The Wildcats got to halftime in a 27-27 tie on Austin Hall's basket. They were even in turnovers — eight apiece — with the Packers, too.

Aguek Arop had 17 points and a game-high nine rebounds for the Packers. Noah Fant and Caleal Walker had 12 points apiece and Karlon McSpadden added 10.

Shae Wyatt led the Wildcats with 18 points, including four 3-pointers. Simon Hay scored 15 points for West.

South started their scoring with a put-back dunk by Fant and another dunk by Walker after a Millard West turnover.

West started the game with a 3-pointer by Hay. The Wildcats then committed three consecutive turnovers before Wyatt added a 3-pointer to make the score 8-6 in favor of the Packers.

Three more Wildcat turnovers allowed South to extend their lead to 18-12 at the end of the first quarter.

West settled down in the 2nd quarter. West connected on three 3's in the quarter. The two teams went into the half tied up at 27-27.

"We did a lot of good things in the first half, but we can still get better," coach Bill Morrison said.

But the first four minutes of the third were all South. All-Nebraska football player Noah Fant got a basket in transition after a missed 3-pointer. Caleal Walker made a 3-pointer for South,

Future Husker hoopster Aguek Arop and Karlon McSpadden combined for back-to-back baskets to force a Millard West timeout. Arop completed a three-point play for a 39-29 lead with 4:04 left in the period.

South scored on eight of their first 11 possessions of the 2nd half. The Wildcats could never get closer than nine after their 14-4 run.

"South is great about putting pressure on you the whole game," Morrison said. "They turned our mistakes into points to start the 2nd half."

MW(3-3)	12	15	7	16	50
OS (7-0)	18	9	18	17	62

MW: Wyatt 18, Hay 15, Hall 7, Humphrey 3, Sidiqi 3, Russell 2, Gomes 2.

OS: A Arop 17, Walker 12, Fant 12, McSpadden 10, McGary 6, M Arop 5.

Tournament Scores

First Round

O South / Bell East	76-19
Mil West / Bel West	79-70
Westside / Papio South	45-42
Mil South / O Northwest	66-41
Papio LV / O Bryan	68-55
O Central / Mil North	73-59
O Burke / O North	56-47
Prep / O Benson	79-61

Consolation Games

Bell West / Bell East	72-37
Papio South / O Northwest	71-55
Mil North / O Bryan	83-76
O North / O Benson	54-52

Second Round

O South / Mil West	62-50
Mil South / Westside	59-46
Papio LV / O Central	61-54
Prep / O Burke	76-72

Semi-Finals

O South / Mil South	51-55
Prep / Papio LV	77-64

Finals

O South / Prep	33-54
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Teams Ready for Tough January Schedule

The first month of the season has come and gone. After a long stretch without games, the teams are ready for a tough January schedule.

"We play nine games in January," Coach Bill Morrison said. "There is not an easy game on the schedule. We are going to have to execute every night to be successful."

Morrison said the break has helped his team. "Obviously, we would have liked to compete for the Metro Championship, but we probably needed the practices

more. We worked hard on fixing some things that we didn't do well in the first six games," he said.

The Wildcats first game back will be against district rival Millard South. The Patriots hold a 6-1 record.

"They don't have a great player, but they play really well together. They run the floor on offense and play hard on defense," Morrison commented. "It should be a fun atmosphere. Millard-Millard games always are. Hopefully we can fill the gym with black and green."

The four lower level teams build an 18-2 record in the month of December. Both the Freshman A and B teams remain undefeated. The JV team is 6-1, and the Reserves hold a 4-1 record.



Wildcats are Sharp Early, Stop #2 Patriots

Millard West’s hot shooting in the first half led to victory Thursday night against second-ranked Millard South.

The unranked Wildcats shot almost 70 percent from the field over the first two quarters and rolled to a 70-57 win over the visiting Patriots. Millard West moved to 4-3, while Millard South fell to 6-2.

“We’ve got a lot of guys who can shoot,” Wildcats coach Bill Morrison said. “I’ve seen that in practice, so it was nice to see it in a game.”

One of those guys was junior guard Shae Wyatt, who lit up the Patriots for 28 points. He had 19 in the first half, hitting 7 of 8 shots. That included five 3-pointers.

“He missed one shot, so I yelled at him at halftime,” Morrison joked. “All of our shooting was just contagious in

that first half.”

The Wildcats had 43 points at halftime, sinking 16 of 23 shots from the field (69 percent). Millard South fell behind by 21, but a long 3-pointer just before the halftime buzzer by Matt Kirkle gave the Patriots some needed momentum heading into the second half.

“I was worried about that one because we were up on Westside by 20 some years ago when they hit a shot like that,” Morrison said. “Then they came back and beat us.”

Millard West cooled off considerably in the third quarter and scored just four points. Garran Pauli and Kirkle combined for all 12 of Millard South’s points in the quarter as the Patriots went into the final period trailing 47-37.

But the Wildcats weren’t about to let this one slip away and maintained their double-digit lead the rest of the way. Wyatt scored nine points in the fourth quarter to help clinch the victory, much to the delight of the home fans in the packed gym.

“The crowd was great tonight,” Wyatt said. “I really fed off of that energy.”

Wyatt said the game was something the Wildcats were pointing toward since losing to top-ranked Omaha South in the Metro holiday tournament.

“We were prepared for them,” he said. “I think this win proves that we’re a lot better than our record.”

Senior guard Austin Hall added 12 points for the Wildcats, who made 7 of 9 shots from the field in the fourth quarter to put away the Patriots.

Pauli finished with 14 for Millard South, while Kirkle had 13 and Noah Dartmann 12.

“We knew they wouldn’t quit,” Morrison said. “We got a little tentative in the third quarter, but overall I was really happy with the way we played.”

Mil South (6-2)	17	8	12	20	57
Mil West (4-3).....	21	22	4	23	70

MS: Calvin Rudolph 3, Riley Miller 5, Ryan Pfitzer 7, Jaxon Harre 3, Noah Dartmann 12, Garran Pauli 14, Matt Kirkle 13.

MW: Austin Hall 12, Preston Humphrey 7, Simon Hay 7, Logan Anderjaska 2, Shae Wyatt 28, Colby Gomes 8, Brock Burling 6.



Wildcats Out-Shine North Star

The Millard West boys basketball team traveled to Lincoln North Star and won 66-57. Simon Hay and Shae Wyatt scored 15 points each for the Wildcats.

North Star's Triston Simpson led six players in double figures with a game high 22 points. Dillon Brandt scored 16 points, and Logan Cale added 13 for the Navigators. Logan Anderjaska scored 10 for Millard West.

West started the game fast by scoring on their first four possessions and taking an early 10-4 lead. Simon Hay made three 3-pointers in the quarter as West led 20-12 after the opening period.

The Wildcats scored the first five points of the 2nd quarter to take a 25-12 lead. The Navigators responded with a 6-0 run and scored nine points on four consecutive possessions to stay within striking distances of the Wildcats. West led 33-22 going into the half.

North Star scored on five of their first six possessions of the 2nd half to draw within six points of the Wildcats, 38-32. Two 3-pointers by Hay and Giavonni Guido helped West extend their lead to 44-34. North Star cut the lead back to six before Preston Humphrey made another 3-pointer to give West a 49-40 lead after three quarters.

Simpson scored 18 points in the second half, including 11 in the final period to keep the Navigators close. A 3-pointer by Cale closed the Wildcat lead to 60-53 with 1:25 left in the game. Four free throws by Anderjaska and an alley-oop pass to Wyatt helped the Wildcats build a 66



-55 lead with 32 seconds remaining in the game.

"Obviously, we shot the ball very well," coach Bill Morrison said. "But what I was proud of was how well the guys followed the defensive plan. Especially without much practice since the Millard South game."

West was not able to practice Friday and had a short shoot-around Saturday morning.

"We had a few break-downs defensively, but it was because of aggressive mistakes rather than not working hard," Morrison said.

The Wildcats were 11 of 23 from behind the 3-point line and 12 of 20

on 2-point field goals.

MW (5-3)	20	13	16	17	66
LNS (4-7)	12	10	18	17	57

MW—A Hall 7, Wyatt 15, Humphrey 6, Hay 15, Anderjaska 10, Guido 3, Gomes 4, Russell 2, Burling 4.

LNS—Carlson 2, Ruhl 1, Cale 13, Simpson 22, Juracek 3, Brandt 16.





Monarchs Outlast Wildcats in Top-10 Match Up

It's far too early to declare a 15-year-old the next anything, but Ed Chang showed Friday night why Creighton and Nebraska want him.

The 6-foot-7 Papillion-La Vista sophomore riddled Millard West for a career-high 31 points. He made seven 3s, in nine tries, for another career high during the Monarchs' 80-73 road win.

Chang popped a couple 3s from pro range, not what Millard West coach Bill Morrison expected at all.

"He was shooting 27 percent (on 3s) coming in," he said. "I knew he could shoot it, but not like that.

"Chang's better than I thought. I know why people are recruiting him, but I didn't think he was that good right now. At least he was tonight."

Monarchs coach Dan Moore said Chang has gotten a lot of attention in his budding career, so he wasn't concerned how Chang would handle the instate offers that started Sunday with Creighton and continued Tuesday night with NU.

"He's been humble and really down to earth," Moore said. "We tease him once in a while to make sure his head's not too big to get in the door. He just tries to play. He has kind of a green light, and once in a while he'll take a shot and I'll shake my head, but he has the green light because he can make those shots. The ones in transition, he's green light all the time."

There was more to this game than just Chang. Millard West (5-4), ranked ninth in Class A, probably would like to have only 90 seconds back against the Top 10 No. 3 Monarchs (10-1). That's was the length of an 8-0 run to start the final quarter that gave the Monarchs separation for the first time at 64-54.

Aided by steals from backups Goamar Ruach and BJ Deng, the run consisted of a basket by Chad Lechtenberg, who had 22 points, and six points in a row from Chang via a free throw, a basket off Lechtenberg's inbounds pass and his sixth trey of the game.

"I thought we got caught up in the game too much and tried to make the big play too often," Morrison said. "We shoot a lot of 3s, but we took some trying to do the nail in the

coffin thing."

Millard West's leading scorer was 6-foot-5 sophomore Colby Gomes. Already committed to NU baseball as a pitcher, Gomes had 19 points — matching his output for the past four games — while sinking three 3s.

"He was in the scouting report, but not shooting 3s. Definitely not," Moore said. "I watched three of their games, and he was kind of tentative. I was impressed. He played well. I'll admit no way in the world was he a guy we were going to have to worry about."

Gomes also had the 1-2 athletic play of the night — a tomahawk jam in the third quarter while Chang fouled him and then a put back after Papio failed to block him out on his missed free throw — for what would be the Wildcats' only lead after the third quarter.

Did getting dunked on affect Chang? Nah. He smiled about it afterward, which you can do after hushing the home student section with, what else Friday night, a 3 the next time down court.

Floor leader Ayo Akinwale had 16 points for the Monarchs, who shot better on 3s (12 of 17, 70.6 percent) than free throws (14 of 21, 66.7).

Millard West also shot well, 50.8 percent (29 of 57), as Austin Hall had 17 points, Shae Wyatt 14 as the focal point of Papio's defense at the start, and Simon Hoy 12.

"We knew they could score in bunches, and we knew we had to play four quarters," Moore said.

Papio-LV	17	22	17	24	—80
Mil West	14	19	21	19	—73

PLV: Isaac Hiebert 0-2 0-0 0, Ayo Akinwale 7-13 1-4 16, Peyton Priest 1-3 0-0 2, Chad Lechtenberg 7-10 4-4 22, Ed Chang 10-16 4-7 31, Goamar Ruach 1-2 4-4 6, Braxton Fonyonga 0-1 0-0 0, BJ Deng 1-1 1-2 3. Totals 27-48 14-21 80.

MW: Austin Hall 6-8 3-4 17, Simon Hoy 5-14 0-0 12, Logan Anderjaska 4-6 0-1 9, Shae Wyatt 5-11 2-2 14, Colby Gomes 8-12 0-1 19, Chris Russell 0-0 0-0 0, Preston Humphrey 1-3 0-0 2, Brock Burling 0-2 0-0 0, Giavonni Guido 0-1 1-2 1. Totals 29-57 6-10 73.

3-point goals: PLV 12-17 (Hiebert 0-1, Akinwale 1-2, Lechtenberg 4-5, Chang 7-9), MW 9-24 (Hall 2-4, Hoy 2-8, Wyatt 2-6, Gomes 3-5). Total fouls: PLV 9, MW 14. Fouled out: none. Technicals: none. Turnovers: PLV 12, MW 13. Rebounds: PLV 22 (Chang 8), MW 26 (Anderjaska 7). Field-goal percentage: PLV .563, MW .509. Free-throw percentage: PLV .667, MW .600. A: 1,200.



Millard Wins Battle of the "Wests"

The Millard West Boys Basketball team traveled to Bellevue West and grinded out a 51-42 victory. Shae Wyatt led the Wildcats with 19 points. AJ Jackson scored 12 for the Thunderbirds.

Millard West came out hot to start the game and took a 14-3 lead early in the game by scoring on their first five possessions. In that stretch, they made four three-pointers.

After a Bellevue West time out, the Thunderbirds were able to slowly cut into the lead. Millard West led 19-16 after the first quarter.

Coach Bill Morrison talked about his team's shooting to start the game. "We have a lot of confidence in our shooters. Sometimes we fall a little too much in love with the long ball though and forget to attack the basket," he said.

The scoring slowed down for both teams in the 2nd quarter as each team were able to score two field goals in the quarter. The Wildcats were 4-6 from the free throw

line in the quarter. MW led 27-20 going into the half.

"We really wanted to improve on our team defense after last night's game," Morrison said. "I thought we played pretty good team defense most of the night."

The scoring did not pick up much in the third quarter. The Wildcats

were held scoreless through the first half of the quarter until Wyatt ignited his team by driving through the lane and finishing with a dunk over Cedrick Johnson. MW outscored the Thunderbirds 8-6 in the quarter and led 35-26 going into the final period.

The Wildcats opened up a 12 point lead 48-36 on a basket by Austin Hall. The Thunderbirds forced three turnovers in a row and made a 3-pointer, but could not get any closer than seven points in the final minutes of the game.

"This was a good win for us," Morrison said. "To beat them on their home court, with a good crowd, especially when we didn't shoot it well, shows some maturity from the guys. I told them we would have to be mentally tough tonight, and I think we were for the most part."



MW	19	8	8	16	51
BW	16	4	6	16	42

MW: A Hall 5, Humphrey 6, Hay 7, Anderjaska 9, Wyatt 19, Gomes 5

BW: Jackson 12, Cade Johnson 1, Felici 2, S Johnson 7, Richards 9, Cedrick Johnson 9, Mitchell 2.



Current Standings

World Herald Rankings

1. Omaha South, 13-0
2. Creighton Prep, 11-2
3. Papillion-La Vista, 11-1
4. Fremont, 12-1
- 5. Millard West, 6-4**
6. Omaha Westside, 8-5
7. Lincoln Northeast, 8-5
8. Omaha Central, 7-4
9. Millard South, 8-4
10. Lincoln North Star, 6-7

NSAA Wildcard Standings

• Omaha South	45.3846
• Papillion-LaVista	44.8333
• Fremont	44.3077
• Creighton Prep	43.6923
• Lincoln Pius X	42.7000
• Millard West	42.6000
• Kearney	42.5833
• Norfolk	42.3846
• Millard South	42.0833
• Omaha Central	41.9091





Wildcats Claw Back, Take Over in Final Quarter Against Burke

After being out of sync offensively for three quarters, the Millard West boys basketball team put it all together for the final eight minutes.

The Wildcats, ranked fifth in Class A, scored 24 points in the fourth quarter as they rallied for a 49-47 win over Omaha Burke Thursday night at Millard West.

The Wildcats were 7 of 28 from the field with eight turnovers through three quarters. Then they went 6 of 11 from the field, hit all nine free throws and committed no turnovers in the fourth.

Burke controlled the tempo the first three quarters, Millard West coach Bill Morrison said. "We wanted to get it up and down on them, but they turned it into a half-court game. They are very skilled individually, and we didn't want to get in a half-court game."

Despite a sputtering offense, Millard West (7-4) was within 27-25 entering the fourth quarter. Burke (4-8) led 25-18 two minutes into the sec-

ond half before going scoreless the next five minutes.

"We sort of have trouble putting a team away," Burke coach Kevin Kobs said. "We just didn't get it done from the free-throw line tonight. That was a struggle for us."

While Burke went 5 of 12 from the line on the night, the Wildcats were 16 of 19, hitting all 14 after halftime.

"We've been shooting a lot (in practice) because we've been down around 60 percent," Morrison said.

His team needed all those free throws: Its biggest lead in the fourth quarter was four points. Burke tied the score 35-35 with 2:59 left on a Junub Char basket. Char led Burke with 16 points.

But, on the ensuing possession, Millard West guard Shae Wyatt found Colby Gomes on a backdoor cut for a traditional three-point play. Burke answered with a basket before Wyatt hit a 3-pointer from the right wing to make it 41-37 with 1:40 left. Burke

couldn't get closer than two after that as the Wildcats were 6 of 6 from the line in the final 1:11.

Wyatt scored a game-high 21 points. "Shae's got a lot of talent," Morrison said. "When he's playing well, he gives us a lot of energy."

Millard West improved to 4-1 in January and will host Millard North on Friday. Burke also plays Friday as it travels to Lincoln Northeast.

Burke (4-8) 14 5 8 20---47
West (7-4) 7 11 7 24---49

OB: D Mitchell 2-5 3-4 7, Abramo 1-3 0-0 3, Char 7-12 1-3 16, S Mitchell 1-9 0-0 2, Rasmussen 0-1 0-0 0, Tut 5-9 1-2 11, Henrich 4-7 0-3 8. Totals 20-46 5-12 47.

MW: Hall 0-3 2-2 2, Humphrey 0-2 0-0 0, Hay 3-8 4-5 13, Anderjaska 2-5 5-6 9, Wyatt 7-14 3-3 21, Guido 0-1 0-0 0, Gomes 1-3 2-3 4, Chris Russell 0-1 0-0 0, Brock Burling 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 13-39 16-19 49.

"We Own Millard"

The Millard West Boys Varsity basketball team hosted cross-town rival, Millard North Friday night in front of a capacity crowd. And the Wildcats impressed, winning 62-51.

Logan Anderjaska led all scorers with 25 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead the Wildcats. Shae Wyatt and Simon Hay added 14 and 11 points respectively.

Three Mustangs scored in double digits in the loss. Jake Lenagh led with 13 points. Nick Ferrarini and John Timmerman scored 11 points each.

Millard North opened the game with a 4-0 lead. The Wildcats did not wait long to answer. Anderjaska started West's scoring with a 3-pointer. Wyatt followed it with a steal and dunk to take a 5-4 lead. The Wildcats would not give up their lead for the remainder of the game.

Lenagh made his 2nd basket of the game to draw the Mustangs to within one, 7-6. West answered with a 10-0 run with scores from four different players.

North made two 3-pointers to end the quarter. West held a 19-12 lead

after one period.

"We came out with a lot of energy. Shae's dunk got the crowd into it, but I thought Logan's energy tonight got our players going," Coach Bill Morrison said. "Logan brought a little extra tonight."

Anderjaska scored eight points on the first four possessions of the 2nd quarter and extended West's lead to 27-15. The two teams exchanged runs the rest of the quarter. North scored on their last two possessions of the half and trailed 26-32 at the break.

Millard North (cont.)

West scored nine unanswered points to start the second half to take a 41-27 lead. A basket by Wyatt gave West their biggest lead of the game 44-49. West led 46-33 after three quarters.

Hay made two 3-pointers early in the 4th quarter to give the Wildcats a 53-38 lead. North was able to cut the lead to 56-48 on a 3-pointer by Ethan Morrison. West made 6 of their last 8 free throws to put the Mustangs away and prompt a "We Own Millard" chant from the Wildcat Crazies.

Morrison said that being the best team in Millard was one of the goals his team set for the season. West beat Millard South 70-57 to start West's 5-1 record in January.

"I thought the guys did a great job of following our game plan defensively," Coach Morrison said. "I know the guys were looking forward to this game."

Both students sections brought a lot of energy to the game. "There were a lot of students here to-night," Morrison said. "That makes it a lot of fun for the guys."

MN (6-7)	12 14 7 18 51
MW (8-4)	19 13 14 16 62

MN — Ferrarini 11, Morrison 9, Timmerman 11, Geist 2, Moyer 5, Lenagh 13.

MW — A Hall 2, Hay 11, Wyatt 14, Anderjaska 25, Gomes 8, Burling 2

Wyatt's 3rd Quarter Boosts Wildcats

After leading 25-21 at halftime, Shae Wyatt helped Millard West break away from Papillion-LaVista South by scoring 13 points in the 3rd quarter.

West beat the Titans 56-41 on their home court. Wyatt led three Wildcats in double digits with 15 points. Austin Hall and Simon Hay scored 11 and 10 points respectively for the Wildcats.

A. DiGiacomo led all scorers with 16 points. Z Bussard added 11 points for Papio South.

On the first play of the game Logan Anderjaska grabbed a rebound on a missed 3-point attempt. The game was stopped because Anderjaska was scratched in the game. Anderjaska would not play the rest of the game for the Wildcats.

West started the game going on an 8-0 run while forcing five consecutive turnovers. South would get back into the game by making three 3-pointers. West led 14-11 after the first quarter.

The Wildcats were able to extend their lead to 22-13 midway through the 2nd quarter. South hit two more 3's late in the quarter to pull within four, 25-21.

"When Logan got hurt, that changed our rotations a little," coach Bill Morrison said. "Brock (Burling) came in and had a nice game for us."

Millard West led 35-31 with 2:57 left in the third period before going on a 10-0 run to end the quarter. Wyatt led the Wildcat attack scoring 13 points in the quarter. West led 45-31.

"We started playing a little more aggressive in the third quarter," Morrison said. "It was nice to get a win on a night when we weren't playing at our best."

West led by as much as 16 in the 4th quarter and took home the victory, 56-10.

Mil West (9-4)	14 11 20 11 56
Papio S (4-10)	11 10 10 10 41

MW — Hall 11, Humphrey 8, Hay 10, Wyatt 15, Guido 2, Gomes 6, Burling 4.

PS — Jatczak 5, Nekola 3, DiGiacomo 16, Van Ackern 6, Bussard 11.

Current Rankings

Omaha-World Herald

- 1. Omaha South, 15-0, 1
- 2. Papillion-La Vista, 13-1, 3
- 3. Omaha Creighton Prep, 12-3, 2
- 4. Fremont, 14-1, 4
- **5. Millard West, 8-4, 5**
- 6. Omaha Westside, 9-6, 6
- 7. Omaha Central, 9-5, 8
- 8. Lincoln North Star, 8-7, 10
- 9. Lincoln East, 11-4, NR
- 10. Omaha Burke, 5-8, NR





Center-Guard Combo Lifts Omaha Central in Upset

A potential season-swinging weekend got off to a good start Friday night for Omaha Central.

The 10th-ranked Eagles put together their best four quarters of the season and surged in the second half to beat fifth ranked Millard West 72-59.

Things won't be as cozy as they were Friday at the Eagles' Nest when Central travels to third-ranked Omaha Creighton Prep, Class A's defending state champion, Saturday night.

"That's the best we've played all year from start to finish," Central coach Ben Holling said. "If you're going to play someone tough (Saturday) like that, it's good to go in coming off a game like this. It would be awfully tough putting up an egg and then heading to Prep tomorrow."

Holling's point guard and big man helped guarantee that wouldn't be an issue.

Guard Roman Behrens filled the stat sheet with 25 points, seven rebounds and five assists. The sophomore, son of former Central coach Eric Behrens, scored 11 in the fourth quarter as the Eagles scored 12 of the first 14 points of the final frame.

Junior center Isaiah Poor Bear-Chandler added a double-double (22 points and 12 rebounds), giving the Eagles an inside presence that Millard West had trouble matching.

Still, the Wildcats hung tough through the first three quarters, in large part behind some hot shooting.

But Millard West went nearly five minutes without a bucket in the second half, a stretch that spanned the end of the third and start of the fourth quarters.

By the time it was over, a one-point game turned into a 57-44 lead with less than four minutes to play. Millard West never got the deficit under 10 the rest of the way.

"We shot it well early, but I didn't think we played good team offense," Millard West coach Bill Morrison said. "It was all individual. Then our shots weren't falling. We didn't move fast enough, we didn't cut hard enough all night. And that caught up to us. We played tired."

Behrens and Poor Bear-Chandler hooked up for the exclamation point, an alley-oop dunk in traffic after some nifty ball handling with about 2½ minutes to play.

Holling's team looked formidable with the combination of the two.

"My point guard I never have to worry about and I have the best big guy in the state, in my opinion," Holling said. "It makes my life really, really easy. They played really well tonight."

Simon Hay scored 21 points to lead Millard West, which is home to Class A No. 9 Lincoln East on Saturday before a Tuesday-night game at sixth-ranked Omaha Westside.



M West (9-5) 17 12 13 17—59
O Central (11-5) 16 16 13 27—72

MW: Simon Hay 21, Logan Anderjaska 15, Austin Hall 9, Shae Wyatt 6, Colby Gomes 5, Giavonni Guido 3.

OC: Roman Behrens 25, Isaiah Poor Bear-Chandler 22, Brandon Reed 11, Keondre Spivey 8, Chance Hall 6.

Hot-Shooting Spartans Bury Millard West

OMAHA — The Lincoln East offense was like a high-efficiency furnace Saturday at Millard West.

The Class A No. 7 Spartans started hot, they spread the warmth throughout the lineup and about the only noise you heard was the ball swishing through the net.

East shot 68 percent from the field (24-of-35) and Pete Ackerman led four Spartans in double-figures with 19 points as the Spartans won their fourth straight game with a 66-44 boys basketball victory over the No. 5 Wildcats.

"We have a very versatile team and we can score a lot of different ways," said Ackerman, a 6-foot-2 junior who was 5-of-6 from the field (3-of-4 on three-pointers) and 6-for-7 at the free-throw line. "We're always looking for back-door cuts to the basket and our big guys inside, but we have our three-game outside to back us up just in case."

East (13-4) hit 15 of its first 19 shots and was 8-of-9 from the field in the second quarter after Ackerman's 12-foot baseline jumper gave East a 34-15 advantage with 2:35 left in the first half. Back-to-back three-pointers by Colby Gomes and Shae Wyatt in the first minute of the third quarter got Millard West (9-6) as close as 36-30.

An Austin Hall three with 1:55 left in the third cut East's lead to 45-38, but it was all Spartans after that as East pulled away with a 21-6 run in the final 9:55.

East spread the floor in the fourth quarter and was nearly perfect in the period as it netted 5 of 6 shots both from the field and from the foul line. Ackerman had eight points in the final period.

"We came out with intensity early and really set the tone," said East coach Jeff Campbell, whose team shot 52 percent in a 59-55 win at Bellevue West on Friday night. "We try not to force shots and we don't look for one particular person to score. It's guys being patient and taking shots they're confident they can hit."

Jordan Janssen, a 6-5 sophomore, led the Spartans' inside game with 12 points, while guards Nathan Netz and Hunter McPhail added 10 each.

Gomes, another 6-5 sophomore, paced Millard West with 12 points.

LE (13-5)	14	22	13	17	66
MW (9-6)	8	16	14	6	44

LE — Netz 10, Ackerman 19, Griesel 6, McPhail 10, Reimers 5, Johnson 12, Barrett 4.

MW — Hall 7, Hay 8, Anderjaska 7, Wyatt 8, Gomes 12, Burling 2

Wildcats Stay Ranked

The Millard West Boys Basketball Team remains in the Top 10 despite losing two games last weekend. The Wildcats dropped to 9th in the *Omaha-World Herald* Class A rankings.

CLASS A

1. Omaha South, 18-0, 1
2. Creighton Prep, 15-3, 3
3. Papillion-La Vista, 15-2, 2
4. Fremont, 16-1, 4
5. Omaha Westside, 11-6, 6
6. Lincoln East, 13-4, 9
7. Omaha Central, 11-6, 7
8. Lincoln Southeast, 9-8, NR
9. **Millard West, 9-6, 5**
10. Omaha North, 6-8, NR

New School Record

The 2015-2016 Millard West Basketball team has broken the school record for most 3-pointers made in a season.

The Wildcats broke the record during their game with Lincoln East. They have made 109 3-pointers so far this season.

The former record was 104 set by the 1998-99 Wildcats.

The team is also in pursuit of the team 3-point shooting percentage record for the season. They are currently shooting 36.6%. The record is set at 38.1%.





Wildcats Strike Thunderbolts Early

No 9 Millard West raced to a 15-2 lead at the end of the first quarter, and it was enough to held on for a win over Pius Friday night in Lincoln.

Logan Anderjaska scored a team-high 14 points, including 10 in the second half as the Wildcats (10-6) snapped a 2-game losing streak.

West built their lead by forcing 8 turnovers and allowing Pius to convert on just 1 of 10 field goals in the quarter. Austin Hall made two three pointers to lead the Wildcats with 6 points in the opening period.

The Thunderbolts got back in the game with offensive rebounding, eventually closing to 20-14 with just under 3 minutes to play in the half. But Pius was 0-3 from the 3-point line and turned the ball over three times the rest of the quarter. West led 24-14 at the break.

Coach Bill Morrison was happy with his team’s intensity in the first half. “Preston (Humphrey) gave us a great spark in the 2nd quarter”.



West was able to build their lead to 36-21 on a basket by Colby Gomes with 3:14 left in the period. Pius trailed 39-26 after 3 quarters.

The Thunderbolts would not go away. They outscored West 21-16 in the final period. Pius cut the score to 46-41 on Jerome Schmidt’s put back with three minutes to play.

But Millard West stayed aggressive, attacking the basket. Shae Wyatt scored on back-to-back drives to push the Wildcats’ lead to 50-41 with



1:54 left, and Simon Hay hit three free throws to seal the win.

“I didn’t feel like our guys panicked at all, they just went out and executed,” Morrison said. “That’s what we concentrate on — if something bad happens, you go on to the next play.”

Joe Burt led Pius (9-5) with 14 points. Hay had 10 points and Wyatt added nine for Millard West, which hosts Norfolk on Saturday and plays at Omaha Westside on Monday.

“We said we’re going to treat this like a state tournament,” Morrison said, “and see if we can win three games in four days.”

Millard West	15	9	15	16	55
Lin Pius X	2	12	12	21	47

MW — Hall 8, Humphrey 6, Hay 10, Anderjaska 14, Wyatt 9, Gomes 9, Gomes 6, Burling 2

LPX — Burt 12, Schmidt 2, Wieser 9, Hall 4, Wordekemper 3, Hansen 1, Robertson 7, Lewandowski 6, Schoening 3. .



2nd Half Comeback Gives Wildcats a Big Victory

Millard West hustled to wipe out a nine-point halftime lead for Norfolk and went on to drop the Panthers to 1-5 in games against Metro teams.

Norfolk led 31-21 at halftime despite future Division I center Logan Strohm not playing much due to West's Logan Anderjaska drawing two charging calls on Strohm.

Austin Hall had 17 points, leading five Wildcats scoring in double figures, in the Class A No. 9 Wildcats' 69-61 win. They shot 67 percent in the second half.

Norfolk jumped out to a 13-2 lead by hitting three 3-pointers and out-hustling the Wildcats. The Panthers led 17-7 after the first eight minutes of play.

Brandon Villalpando scored seven points in the first quarter and added five more for Norfolk in the 2nd quarter. "Villalpando really hurt us tonight. We knew he could shoot, but he did a great job of penetrating and finding the right guy for them," Coach Bill Morrison said.

Millard West (10-6) went on a 15-0 run in the third quarter, started by a three-point play by Hall and a pro-range 3 by Shae Wyatt that tied the game 35-35. Brock Burling, who gave West 10 points off the bench, scored off a Hall assist and the Wildcats never trailed again.

Hall led the Wildcats with 8 points and 2 assists in the 3rd quarter. West outscored Norfolk 25-8 in the period and led 46-38 going into the 4th quarter.

"We wanted to really get the ball inside third quarter and weren't able to finish," said Norfolk coach Ben Ries.

A 3-pointer by Villalpando brought the Panthers to within 54-49 with just under five minutes left in the game. Travis Larson made a basket

to keep the Wildcat lead at five, 56-51. But the Wildcats scored on their last eight possessions of the game, including 11-14 free throws and a dunk by Wyatt.

"Part of why this win was so big for us is that we want to be a home seed for districts," Wildcats Coach Morrison said. "Norfolk is a great program and they are good again this year."

The previous weekend, Millard West absorbed a pair of double-digit losses. "(That's) still kind of hanging on me. We didn't play very good defense last weekend," Morrison said. "It's nice to see that we fixed a little bit, but we still have a ways to go."

Brandon Villalpando, who also played well in Norfolk's 30-point home win Friday over No. 4 Fremont, had a game-high 23 points. Lane McCallum added 15. Logan Strom, was held to nine.

As in their previous Metro losses, the Panthers (13-6) fell prey to a quicker team. And West has shooters, primarily Wyatt and Simon Hay, unafraid to take 23-footers. Morrison said they earn the green light because they get passing grades in shooting drills at practice.

"We can't be just about shooting the 3," he said. "We won because we out-hustled Norfolk in the 2nd half. That was something we didn't do in the 1st half."

Norfolk (13-6) 17 13 8 23-61
Mil West (10-6) 7 14 25 23-69

N: Brandon Villalpando 23, Lane McCallum 16, Logan Strom 9, Luke Kluver 6, Matt Hagedorn 3, Richard Dover 2, Travis Larson 2.

MW: Austin Hall 17, Colby Gomez 13, Simon Hoy 12, Shae Wyatt 11, Brock Burling 10, Logan Anderjaska 4, Chris Russell 2.

Wildcat Youth Night





No Cool Down For Warriors' Hot Hand Against Wildcats

February 8 Ratings

1. Omaha South, 20-0, 1
2. Creighton Prep, 16-3, 2
3. Papillion-La Vista, 16-3, 3
4. Lincoln East, 15-4, 6
5. Omaha Central, 12-6, 7
6. **Millard West, 11-6, 9**
7. Omaha North, 8-8, 10
8. Omaha Westside, 11-7, 5
9. Norfolk, 13-6, NR
10. Fremont, 17-2, 4

It was Big Monday in the meat locker of Omaha Westside's gym, but Anthony Bratton and his teammates were red-hot shooters.

The Warriors made 8 of 10 shots in the first quarter, 11 of 14 in the third and 7 of 9 in the fourth while pulling away to a 74-53 win over Millard West.

Even with Westside making 3 of 11 tries in the second quarter, it shot 66 percent for the game. Bratton was 13 of 16 — 81 percent — and the 6-foot-6 junior put up a stat line of 27 points, 14 rebounds (tying his season high) and six assists that was his best composite of the season.

"Our strength plays a little bit to their weakness," Westside coach Brian Nemecek said. "I thought we exploited at least the inside play a little bit tonight, and Anthony is obviously a load in there. He did a nice job. He's a capable passer, and he was a huge difference-maker.

"I thought he and AJ Meeks had really big second halves." Meeks, who got to halftime with four points in a tie game, erupted for 10 in the third and finished with 20.

Class A No. 6 and Top 10 No. 7 Millard West (11-7), playing for the third time in four nights, saw its shooters ice up in the fourth quarter in the cold gym — so cold that some spectators and one sportswriter kept their coats on.

Trailing 52-46 after three quarters, the Wildcats went scoreless on 10 of their first 11 possessions and scored seven points in the frame. It allowed Class A No. 8 Westside (12-7) to go on a 15-2 run for a 67-48 lead, and soon the subs were in the game for both teams.

"We got down a little bit, and we didn't play very smart," Wildcats coach Bill Morrison said. "We got down a little more, and (Westside) picked up its intensity. Not to take anything away from them, but we took some really bad shots."

Junior guard Shae Wyatt led Millard West with 21 points, including 14 of its 27 after halftime. None of his teammates hit more than one

basket in the second half.

Bratton had a season high for assists, with nearly every one going for a 3-pointer.

Bratton said Westside practices having him double-teamed in the post to work on his passing skills. So Millard West's double teams weren't very effective.

Westside won the second half, Bratton said, after its coaches challenged the Warriors at the break to keep Millard West off the boards and lock down on defense. The Wildcats snagged five rebounds to Westside's 20 in the final 16 minutes.

Nemecek said Westside's defense has been inconsistent at times during the season.

"For some reason teams come into our gym and shoot well, but we really focused from a practice perspective on getting better defensively," he said.

"I thought we followed the game plan pretty well with their shooters. They have some dangerous guys out there who can make 3s from all over the places."

Just not Monday night in the meat locker.

Mil West (11-7).....15 11 20 7 —53
O Westside (12-7)...19 7 26 22—74

MW: Shae Wyatt 21, Austin Hall 9, Simon Hoy 5, Colby Gomes 7, Logan Anderjaska 5, Omar Sidiqi 4, Brock Burling 2.

OW: Anthony Bratton 27, AJ Meeks 20, Trae Meeks 13, Colin Kirsch 5, A.J. Nolin 3, Alex Lindquist 3, Sam Frankel 2, Karaun Outerbridge 1.



Wildcats Run Rabbits Out of the Gym

The Millard West Boys Basketball team beat Omaha Benson Friday night 70-29. After a slow start, the Wildcats outscored Benson 63-20 in the final three quarters.

Shae Wyatt led West with 18 points, including four 3-pointers. Ro-Neal Ross scored 14 points to pace Benson.

Millard West's defense created two steals on the opening two possessions of the game, but could not convert on the ensuing lay-ups. The Wildcat's outside shooting was also cold in the first quarter, making only 1 of 7 3-point attempts in the period. Benson led 9-7 after the first quarter.

The Wildcats scored on seven of their first eight possessions to go on a 19-4 run and extend their lead to 26-19. West played 11 guys in the 2nd quarter. Six different Wildcats

scored in the period. Wyatt scored 10 of his 18 points in the period. West led 33-18 at the break.

"We thought the guys have been a little tired lately, so we scripted our substitutions for the first three quarters," Coach Bill Morrison said. "I thought it gave us a nice boost and gave some guys who don't usually play much a chance to play."

The Wildcats picked up right where they left off in the 2nd half. They outscored Benson 10-2 in the first three minutes of the quarter. Eight Wildcats scored in the quarter.

The starters did not play in the fourth quarter for Millard West. The reserves were able to outscore Benson 13-2 in the final period.

"I thought the way the guys handled our substitution plan showed a lot of maturity," Morrison said.

Millard West was very efficient on offense. They scored 70 points on 53 possessions. The Wildcats were 12/21 on 3-point field goals, and 13/24 from inside the arc. They also made 6/7 free throws.

Two school records were broken in the game. The team made 12 3-point goals to set the record for most 3-pointers made in a game by a team. Shae Wyatt surpassed AJ Ladwig's record of 45 3-pointers made in a season.

MW	7	26	24	13	70
OB	9	9	9	2	29

MW A Hall 3, Hay 9, Anderjaska 7, Wyatt 18, Guido 7, Gomes 5, Russell 2, Schomberg 8, Sidiqi 5, Burling 6.

OB Moore 9, Broer, 2, Price 2, McIntosh 2, Ross 14,

Vikings Sink Wildcats

The Omaha North boys basketball team traveled to Millard West and left with a 56-60 victory. The Vikings built up a 14-point lead midway through the 3rd quarter and held on to win.

Jordan Nash led the Vikings with 11 points. Boum Dobuol and Tyrell Carroll both added 10 for Omaha North.

Brock Burling led the Wildcats with 11 points off of the bench, and Austin Hall scored 10 to pace Millard West.

Millard West built up an 18-13 play in the first quarter behind balanced scoring. North called a timeout with 18.5 seconds remaining in the quarter and scored to cut the lead to 18-15.

With the score tied 22-22, North forced Millard West into five empty possessions and led 27-22 with 2:54 left in the game. North led 27-26 going into the break.

Millard West Coach Bill Morrison said he disappointed with his team's play in the first half.

"They had a tough schedule this week. We wanted to come out with a lot of intensity and try to build a big lead,"

Morrison said. "Instead, we let them control the tempo."

Morrison added that he was hopeful his team would turn it around in the 2nd half. "We didn't play very well in the first quarter and were only down by one," Morrison said.

Instead, the Vikings were the aggressor. A wide open 3-pointer by Carroll forced West to call a timeout with the score 37-29. Morrison substituted for the entire starting line up with 5:26 remaining in the quarter.

The Wildcats closed the 3rd quarter with a 10-2 run and trailed 46-40.

Omaha North pulled the ball out to start the 4th quarter to try to spread out the Wildcat defense. The strategy did not work as West forced two turnovers and went on a ten to four run to

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Omaha North Continued

tie the game 50-50 with five minutes to play in the game.

West led one time in the 4th quarter, 54-52, but then missed their next three shots and committed a turnover to allow North to gain a 58-54 lead.

“We shouldn’t have to worry about effort at this time of the year,” Morrison said. “That is really disappointing.”

“We didn’t play very well and still had quite a few chances to win the game,” Morrison added. We will come in next week and work on fixing our mistakes. We need a sense of urgency. Districts are in two weeks.”

Om North	15	12	19	14	60
Mil West	18	8	14	16	56

ON — Wells-Ross 2, Stokes 9, Carroll 10, Williams 2, Johnson 5, Laravie 9, Nash 11, Kitt 2, Dobuol 10

MW — A Hall 10 Humphrey 3, Hay 8, Anderjaska 7, Wyatt 6, Gomes 9, Sidiqi 2, Burling 11



2nd Quarter
Helps West Overcome Huskies

After trailing by one at the end of the first quarter, the Millard West Boys Basketball team outscored Omaha Northwest 17 to 6 in the 2nd quarter. The Wildcats went on to outscore the Huskies 40 to 31 in the second half.

West won the game 72-53 behind five players scoring in double digits. Colby Gomes led the way with 17 points. Brock Burling (13), Simon Hay (12), Logan Anderjaska (10), and Shae Wyatt (10), added to the Wildcats’ total.

Nyiwe and Vasser both scored 10 points to pace Northwest.

Both teams came out hot in the first quarter. Northwest took an early 10-7 lead. After West tied the score 10-10, the Huskies were able to close the period with a 16-15 lead.

Anderjaska scored eight points in the first quarter for the Wildcats.

Northwest was only able to convert on one field goal and committed five turnovers in the 2nd quarter. West led 32-22 at the half.

The Wildcats were able to force a faster pace in the third quarter. West led 44-34 with 3:42 in the quarter. Gomes scored the next eight points for the Wildcats and helped them open a 16 point lead.

Gomes and Anderjaska converted on two dunks after turnovers. Northwest continued to be plagued by turnovers as they turned the ball over five times in the period.

West scored 11 points in their first four possessions and put the game out of reach for the Huskies.

MW	15	17	20	20	72
ONW	16	6	19	12	53

MW — Hall 3, Humphrey 2, Hay 12, Anderjaska 10, Wyatt 10, Guido 3, Gomes 17, Sidiqi 2, Burling 13.

ONW — Minor 8, Davis 4, Thomas 3, Kohls 5, Nyiwe 10, Star 4, Perkins 9, Vasser 10.

Wildcats Pressure Silver Hawks in the 2nd Half

Millard West used a 25-7 3rd quarter to record their 14th victory of the season over Lincoln Southwest Saturday night. The Wildcats won 56-42 and finished the season with a 14-8 record.

Simon Hay led the Wildcats with 13 points, while Shae Wyatt and Colby Gomes added 11 points each.

Tyler Lenz was the only scorer in double digits for the Silver Hawks with 12 points.

Southwest led 6-0 midway through the first quarter as the Wildcats were unable to score on their first 8 possessions of the game. Wyatt and Hay got West going by making back to back 3-pointers for West. Southwest led 11-10 after the first eight minutes of play.

Coach Bill Morrison blamed cold shooting for his team's slow start. "We took good shots, they just weren't falling," he said. "I thought we did a good job of working hard on defense and the shots started to fall for us."

The 2nd quarter did not produce much more offense for either team. West went on a 7-0 run late in the quarter to open up a 24-19 lead going into the half.

The Wildcats came out in the 3rd quarter with a full court press. They

forced 12 Silver Hawk turnovers in the quarter. The Wildcats scored the last 11 points of the quarter and led 49-26 after 3 periods of play.

Southwest did not give up. They scored 10 points on four straight possessions to cut the Wildcat lead down to 50-36. West was able to control the clock the rest of the game and win 56-42.

"Our bench gave us a lot of energy in the 2nd half. We did a great job in the 3rd quarter of applying pressure and turning the game into our pace of play," Morrison said.

The Wildcats ended the season with a 14-8 record. District play will begin Saturday, February 26. The Wildcats will host the first round game on Saturday. Whether or not West will host the 2nd round will be determined after all regular season games are played.

LSW	11	8	7	16	42
MW	10	14	25	7	56

LSW — Lenz 12, Druse 2, Els 5, Hunzeker 6, Dowd 5, Bogle 2, Lenners 2, Siedel 2, Homer 2, Kohl 4.

MW — _ Hall 2, Humphrey 8, Hay 13, Anderjaska 7, Wyatt 11, Guido 2, Gomes 11, Sidiqi 2.

Class A District Pairings

A-6 District

**1. Millard West
Vs.**

4. Lincoln Southwest

**2. Lincoln Northwest
Vs.**

3. Millard North

Final Regular Season Basketball Rankings

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





Wildcats Advance to District Finals

Millard West Hosted Lincoln Southwest for the 2nd time in as many games in the opening round of the Class A-6 District Tournament.

The Wildcats beat Southwest 56-42 last Friday in their last game of the regular season. West came out victorious again, winning 59-39 and advancing to the finals of their district.

“I was not excited about playing Southwest again, but it did make preparation easier,” Millard West Coach Bill Morrison said. “We made some adjustments to our defense this week. I thought our guys did a nice job of staying focused all week.”

The two games were very similar. They were both close at halftime and Millard West’s pressure forced Southwest to turn the ball over and allowed West to pull ahead.

Saturday, West led 10-8 after the first quarter. Southwest turned the ball over six times, but West was not able to convert them into points.

Back-to-back three pointers by Colby Gomes and Austin Hall gave Millard West a 18-12 lead. After a basket by Silver Hawk, Tyler Lenz, Hall hit another ‘three’ and gave West a seven point advantage. The Wildcats led 24-20 at the half.

West led 33-22 with 5:16 left in the quarter before going on a 12-0 run and forcing five consecutive Silver Hawk turnovers. Shae Wyatt led the way for the Wildcats with eight points in the quarter.

Millard West built a 55-34 lead by scoring on four of their first five possessions of the 4th quarter. They proceeded to control the clock and only shot free throws for the remainder of the game.

“This game was very similar to the first game,” Morrison said. “The biggest difference was that we played better with the lead in the 4th quarter.”

Austin Hall led the Wildcats with 16 points, 7 assists, and 3 steals. Wyatt finished the game with 13 points.

Southwest’s Lenz was the only player in double digits with 12 points. The Silver Hawks were 11-39 from the field on the night.

Millard West will host Lincoln Northeast in the finals of the district tournament at 7:00 p.m. on Monday night. Northeast eliminated Millard North by beating them xx-xx in Lincoln Saturday.

Morrison likes his teams chances Monday night. “Northeast has a nice team with some nice players, but we are playing pretty well right now. If we play well on defense, we should have a good night,” he said.

A win Monday, will give the Wildcats their third trip to the state tournament in four years. This is the 6th time in seven years that West has made it to the district tournament finals.



LSW	8	12	7	12	39
MW	10	14	22	13	59

LSW — Lenz 12, Druse 6, Els 5, Hunzeker 2, Dowd 3, Bogle 6, Lenner 2, Kohl 3

MW — A Hall 16, Humphrey 7, Hay 3, C Hall 1, Anderjaska 9, Wyatt 13, Gomes 8, Burling 2

Lincoln Northeast Claims State Berth With Overtime Victory Over Millard West

Lincoln Northeast may have been in line for a wild card. But why wait?

The Class A No. 10 Rockets punched their ticket for next week's state basketball tournament with a 68-63 overtime win over Millard West on Monday night in the District A-6 final.

"This group of guys, there's a lot of things I love about them, but the thing I love the most about them is the kind of competitors that they are," Northeast coach David Mercer said. "They don't give in. They don't quit. They fight, they compete. Losing is the worst thing in the world to these guys, and that's why they're so successful."

A fast start to the extra session had the Rockets playing in front for the game's final three minutes. Junior guard Tyson Shadegg, who didn't score in the third and fourth quarters, put Northeast ahead with a 3-pointer a minute into overtime, then followed with a scoop shot on the break to give his team a cushion it would never relinquish.

Shadegg was just 3 of 10 from the floor through regulation before his buckets.

"At least I got going at the end of the game," he said. "That's where it matters."

Mercer was not surprised to see his point guard come up big when it mattered most.

"That's Tyson," the coach said. "When it's time to switch it on, he does it. He just kind of took over there."

Millard West trimmed its deficit to 61-59 on a three-point play by Colby



Gomes, but saw that momentum wiped away on the next trip down the floor.

Northeast center Trace Tupper converted a three-point play on a sequence that first looked to be a charge and then appeared to be well before the shot. The 6-foot-9 Tupper was granted the continuation and converted the free throw to swing things back toward Northeast.

Millard West coach Bill Morrison, whose team now sweats out Tuesday's remaining district finals with an eye on the wild card, called it a "big call."

"The lead is big all the time, but in overtime it's even bigger," he said. "It's easier to play with the lead. You're in control and you can kind of control what you want to do."

Still, Morrison's team had a couple of opportunities late, but a shot

in the lane with 30 seconds left was off, and a clean look at what would have been a game-tying 3-pointer missed left.

Talon Little sank a pair of free throws with 12 seconds left to seal a third straight trip to the state tournament for the Rockets.

Northeast might not have even gotten to overtime without Malcolm Helmstadter-Whitlow. The freshman scored seven of his game-high 23 points in the fourth quarter.

"He was on the attack the second half, too," Mercer said. "We wanted to get Trace the ball, but it was kind of slowing everything else down for us. We wanted to change and get on the attack a little bit more, and Malcolm was the catalyst for that."

Tupper finished with 20 points, nine rebounds and six blocks.

Logan Anderjaska led Millard West with 18 points and six rebounds. Teammate Shae Wyatt added 16 for the Wildcats.

LNE (16-9) 19 16 5 16 12-68
MW (15-9) 15 16 15 10 7-63

LNE: Tyson Shadegg 13, Talon Little 4, Malcolm Helmstadter-Whitlow 23, Tivon Phillips 8, Trace Tupper 20.

MW: Austin Hall 4, Simon Hay 8, Logan Anderjaska 18, Shae Wyatt 16, Colby Gomes 11, Brock Burling 6.





“Tough End to a Good Year”

Wildcats Earn Wildcard Berth

After losing to Lincoln Northeast on Monday night, they had to wait for the outcome of three district finals Tuesday night to find out if their season would continue at the State Tournament.

The NSAA wildcard system allows for one Class A team that does not win their district tournament to qualify for the state tournament. Every game of the season is used to calculate the wildcard standings.

Millard West needed Fremont to win their district and either Lincoln East or Omaha Central to win their game Tuesday night. If all three teams would win, the Wildcats would also earn the wildcard berth.

Fremont beat Lincoln Southeast 54-42, and Omaha Central beat Omaha Northwest 57-49 to help Millard West's cause. Norfolk upset Lincoln East 59-53 which caused the Spartans to drop from 5th in wildcard standings to 9th.

Millard West will be the 8th seed at the 2015-16 State Tournament. They will play Omaha South in the first round of the tournament on Thursday, March 10, at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln. The tip is set for 2:00 p.m.

Coach Bill Morrison was excited for his team's qualification. "It is a great reward for everything we have done this season," he said. "Tuesday night may have been more nerve wrecking than Monday's game. We had no control over what was going to happen."

West beat Lincoln East out of the wildcard berth by 0.05 points. Central winning their district final gave Millard West 3 points because they moved to 18-6 and a division one team. Lincoln Southeast lost and dropped to 12-13. The loss caused Southeast to drop to division three. Because East had played them twice, the Spartans lost six points.

LINCOLN — Omaha South has manhandled its competition most of the season, and that trend continued Thursday at the boys state basketball tournament.

The Packers, ranked No. 1 all year, rolled to a 64-36 win over Millard West in a first-round Class A game at Pinnacle Bank Arena. South moves to 26-1 while the unranked Wildcats finish 15-10.

But here's the scary part — South head coach Bruce Chubick said his team didn't play that well offensively.

"I thought we were shaky to start," he said. "I'd give an 'A' to our defense but a 'C' to our offense."

The Packers defense helped them build a 13-5 lead at the end of the first quarter and 30-15 lead at the half. South scored 13 points off of Wildcat turnovers.

"They were very physical with our guards," Coach Bill Morrison said. "We had trouble getting the ball into the lane. They really disrupted our offense."

West had two starters, Logan Anderjaska and Shae Wyatt pick up two fouls in the first quarter. "Those fouls changed our substitution patters and our roles. It also affected their ability to play tough defense," Morrison said.

South picked up the offensive intensity in the third quarter, outscoring Millard West 24-10. Caleal Walker had eight in the period while Noah Fant added seven.

The reserves played much of the fourth quarter as Chubick gave his starters a rest before Friday's 7 p.m. Class A semifinal.

While Chubick wasn't totally pleased by the Packers' offensive effort, South fans did get to enjoy four dunks. Aguek Arop had two while Walker and Fant each had one.

Fant, who finished with a game-high 17 points, said the Packers were not going to look past Millard West. South had won two previous games against the Wildcats by an average of 18 points.

"The biggest thing is that we want to be state champs very bad," he said. "That's what motivates us the most." The Packers are seeking their first state title since 1990.

Wildcats coach Bill Morrison said poor shooting and turnovers (18) hurt his team.

"They outplayed us," he said. "I thought we were a little rushed on offense and turned it over too many times, which really got them going."

South suffered its only loss this season against Aurora (Colorado) 59-55 on Feb. 13. Since that setback, the Packers have won five games by an average of 28.6 points.

"We're going to keep fighting," Fant said, "and go as hard

State Tourney continued

as we can."

Walker finished with 14 points for South while Arop — a Nebraska recruit — had 12 points and nine rebounds. Arop, a 6-foot-5 junior, missed last year's state tourney with a knee injury.

"He's a pretty big piece of the puzzle," Chubick said. "It's nice to have him here."

Wyatt paced the Wildcats with 16 points. Anderjaska and starting guard Simon Hay, who average a combined 19 points, were held scoreless.

Morrison talked of his team's ac-

complishments this year. "Obviously, we would have like to have a better showing in the tournament," he said.

"It was a tough ending to a good year."

Millard West has qualified for the state tournament in three of the last four years. But, they have failed to advance in any of the three tournaments. No Millard school has won a first round state tournament game since West beat Omaha Westside in 2000.

"We knew we had a chance to get to the state tournament. The guys worked hard all year and continued to get better," Morrison continued. "We

need to find a way to get past this first round in the future."

M West (15-10).....5 10 10 11—36
O South (26-1).....13 17 24 10—64

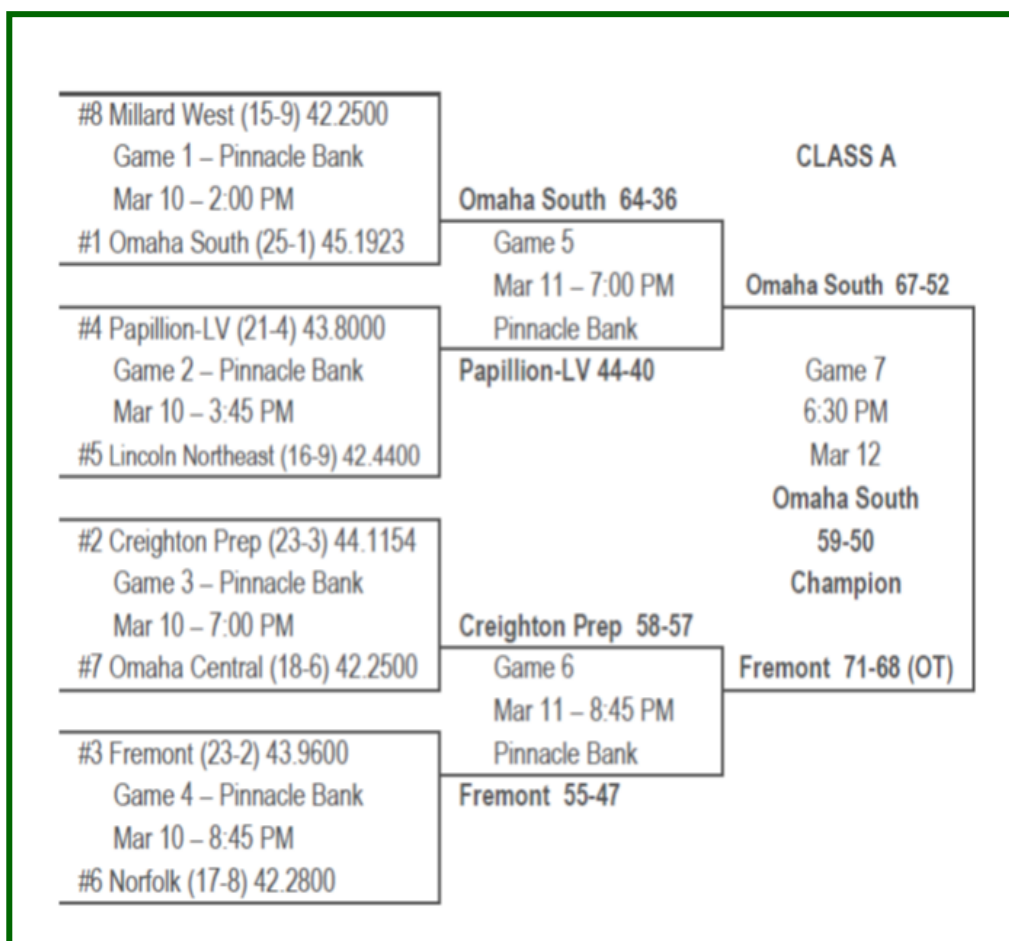
MW: Austin Hall 1, Preston Humphrey 5, Shae Wyatt 16, Colby Gomes 8, JJ Schomberg 3, Omid Sidiqi 2, Brock Burling 1.

OS: Karlon McSpadden 7, Monte McGary 6, Jordan Deleon 2, Makoor Arop 6, Caleal Walker 14, Noah Fant 17, Aguek Arop 12.

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Final Rankings

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#	Class A	Record	Pvs
1.	Omaha South	28-1	1
2.	Fremont	25-3	7
3.	Creighton Prep	24-4	2
4.	Papillion-La Vista	22-5	3
5.	Omaha Central	18-7	4
6.	Lincoln Northeast	16-10	8
7.	Norfolk	17-9	9
8.	Lincoln East	19-6	5
9.	Lincoln North Star	13-12	—
10.	Millard West	15-10	10



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2015-16 Final Stats



		Points										Rebounds		Other				
Name	GP	Pts	2FG	2F-		3FG	3F-		FT	FTA		Off	Def	Ast	Blk	Stl	TO	Chrg
A Hall	25	217	46	82	56%	20	60	33%	65	92	71%	13	33	102	3	36	53	1
Humphrey	25	86	21	41	51%	6	21	29%	26	45	58%	11	29	24	1	25	18	1
Hay	25	261	40	97	41%	47	142	33%	40	49	82%	4	66	52	7	29	49	
C Hall	15	7	1	3	33%	1	12	8%	2	4	50%	4	5	7		4	2	1
Anderjaska	25	201	74	116	64%	3	11	27%	37	59	63%	41	60	27	26	30	27	9
Belt	2	0	0	1	0.0%	0	1	0.0%										
Thompson																	2	
Wyatt	25	352	56	128	44%	65	162	40%	45	60	75%	13	58	29	9	43	29	1
Guido	21	25	4	12	33%	4	13	31%	5	7	71%	6	8	17	3	9	7	
Hitchens	2																	
Gomes	25	202	53	90	59%	23	72	32%	27	45	60%	36	58	26	11	31	21	1
Russell	23	12	6	18	33%	0	1					6	21	8	5	14	8	3
Schomberg	9	11	1	3	33%	3	5	60%				1	6	1		1	1	1
Sidiqi	21	31	12	18	67%	1	4	25%	4	7	57%	9	10	7	4	2	5	
Burling	25	88	39	69	57%				10	15	67%	21	50	9	25	7	7	
Team Totals	25	1493	353	679	52%	173	504	34.3%	261	383	68%	182	421	309	94	231	231	18
Opponents	25	1396	399	766	52%	120	345	34.8%	236	371	64%	203	519				355	



	Season Leader	Stat
Made Free Throws	Austin Hall	65
Free Throw Percentage	Simon Hay	82%
2-Pointers Made	Logan Anderjaska	74
2-Point Percentage	Logan Anderjaska	64%
3-Pointers Made	Shae Wyatt	65
3-Point Percentage	Shae Wyatt	40%
Points	Shae Wyatt	352
Assists	Austin Hall	102
Blocked Shots	Logan Anderjaska	26
Rebounds	Logan Anderjaska	173
Steals	Shae Wyatt	43

New School Records and Leaders



Game Records / Leaders

12 3-Pointers Team 1st



Season Records / Leaders

232	Steals	Team	1st
172	3-point Field Goals Made	Team	1st
355	Turnovers Forced	Team	1st
231	Turnovers Committed	Team	1st
9.2	Turnovers Per Game	Team	1st
51.7%	2-point Field Goals Made	Team	2nd
1493	Points Scored	Team	2nd
65	3-pointers Made	Shae Wyatt	1st
47	3-pointers Made	Simon Hay	2nd
81.6%	FT Percentage	Simon Hay	3rd
9	Charges Taken	Logan Anderjaska	3rd
43	Steals	Shae Wyatt	T 4th
63.8%	2-point Percentage	Logan Anderjaska	4th
102	Assists	Austin Hall	7th
352	Points Scored	Shae Wyatt	7th
40.1%	3-point Percentage	Shae Wyatt	8th
25	Blocked Shots	Logan Anderjaska	T 8th

Career Records / Leaders

74	Games Played	Austin Hall	3rd
228	Assists	Austin Hall	3rd
156	Free Throws Made	Austin Hall	4th
65	3-pointers Made	Shae Wyatt	4th
11	Charges Taken	Logan Anderjaska	T 5th
57	3-pointers Made	Austin Hall	T 5th
65	Games Played	Logan Anderjaska	T 6th
33	Blocked Shots	Logan Anderjaska	6th
80	Steals	Austin Hall	T 6th
57.6%	2-point Percentage	Logan Anderjaska	7th
71.0%	FT Percentage	Austin Hall	8th
25	Blocked Shots	Brock Burling	T10th
118	2-pointes Made	Logan Anderjaska	T10th



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Scores & Leaders

Opponent	We	They	Assists	Blocks	Rebounds	Steals	Points	Performance	6th Man Award
Lin Northeast	W	62	43	C Hall -- 3	Russell -- 1	SW, CG -- 7	Gomes -- 3	Hay -- 16	Hay -- 9.71
Kearney	L	67	68	Hay -- 3	Burling -- 2	SH, CG -- 6	LA, SW -- 3	A Hall -- 18	A Hall -- 9.90
Omaha South	L	49	73	A Hall -- 6	1	Anderjaska -- 6	Wyatt -- 4	Hay -- 12	A Hall -- 7.89
Grand Island	W	67	30	A Hall -- 6	CG, BB -- 2	LA, CG -- 5	Hay -- 3	Wyatt -- 18	Wyatt -- 18.98
M1: Bell West	W	79	70	AH, SH -- 5	Anderjaska -- 2	Anderjaska -- 6	LA, CG -- 2	A Hall -- 25	A Hall -- 17.31
M2: Om South	L	50	62	A Hall -- 6	Russell -- 2	SH, LA -- 5	Anderjaska -- 2	Wyatt -- 18	Hay -- 11.65
Millard South	W	70	57	A Hall -- 6	SH / BB -- 3	Wyatt -- 4	Humphrey -- 3	Wyatt -- 28	Wyatt -- 16.36
Lin Northstar	W	66	57	AH / LA -- 5	1	Anderjaska -- 5	Wyatt -- 3	SW / SH -- 15	Anderjaska -- 11.38
Papillion LV	L	73	80	A Hall -- 3	Burling -- 2	Gomes -- 6	Humphrey -- 3	Gomes -- 19	Gomes -- 14.09
Bellevue West	W	51	42	Gomes -- 4	1	Anderjaska -- 9	Anderjaska -- 2	Wyatt -- 19	Anderjaska -- 9.95
Omaha Burke	W	49	47	A Hall -- 3	1	Anderjaska -- 7	AH / SW -- 2	Wyatt -- 21	Wyatt -- 16.27
Millard North	W	62	51	A Hall -- 7	LA / SW -- 2	Anderjaska -- 10	AH / SW -- 3	Anderjaska -- 25	Anderjaska -- 21.40
Papio South	W	56	41	A Hall -- 3	Wyatt -- 1	Burling -- 6	Hall -- 4	Wyatt -- 15	Wyatt -- 9.61
Omaha Central	L	59	72	2	1	Gomes -- 6	1	Hay -- 24	Hay -- 15.28
Lincoln East	L	44	66	A Hall -- 4	1	3	Wyatt -- 3	Gomes -- 12	Gomes -- 6.96
Lincoln Plus X	W	55	47	A Hall -- 4	Anderjaska -- 5	Burling -- 4	Humphrey -- 3	Anderjaska -- 14	Anderjaska -- 13.18
Norfolk	W	69	61	A Hall -- 5	Gomes -- 3	Hay -- 6	Wyatt -- 3	Hall -- 17	Gomes -- 12.39
Omaha Westside	L	53	74	A Hall -- 4	Anderjaska -- 2	LA/OS -- 4	Wyatt -- 3	Wyatt -- 21	Wyatt -- 11.63
Omaha Benson	W	70	29	Humphrey -- 4	GG / BB -- 1	Sidiqi -- 7	Hay -- 3	Wyatt -- 18	Guido -- 11.77
Omaha North	L	56	60	Anderjaska -- 3	Burling -- 3	LA/BB -- 5	1	Burling -- 2	Burling -- 15.53
Om. Northwest	W	72	53	A Hall -- 5	Hay -- 2	Burling -- 7	Gomes -- 3	Gomes -- 17	Burling -- 14.75
Lin Southwest	W	56	42	Hay -- 6	Anderjaska -- 2	LA/CG -- 3	PH/CG -- 2	Hay -- 13	Hay -- 10.75
D1: LSW	W	59	39	A Hall -- 7	Anderjaska -- 5	Gomes -- 5	Hall -- 3	Hall -- 16	Hall -- 19.04
D2: LNE	L	63	68	A Hall -- 7	Anderjaska -- 1	Anderjaska -- 6	Hay -- 5	Anderjaska -- 18	Anderjaska -- 17.30
S1: O South	L	36	64	A Hall -- 4	1	Wyatt -- 5	Wyatt -- 3	Wyatt -- 16	Humphrey -- 7.19
Season Leader		1493	1396	A Hall -- 102	Anderjaska -- 26	Anderjaska -- 101	Wyatt -- 43	Wyatt -- 352	
Season Best		79	30	A Hall -- 7	3	Anderjaska -- 10	Wyatt -- 4	Wyatt -- 28	Anderjaska -- 21.40
Record		59.7	55.8	12	11	18	8	38	-----

JUNIOR VARSITY		
Lincoln Northeast	W	73-62
Kearney	W	56-47
Omaha South	W	61-57
Grand Island	W	64-56
Millard North	L	50-54
Millard South	W	51-41
Omaha Central	W	63-57
Lincoln North Star	W	64-45
Bellevue West	W	80-61
Omaha Bryan	W	61-45
Millard South	W	68-60
Lincoln East	W	53-49
Bellevue East	W	68-25
Lincoln Pius X	W	64-60
Norfolk	W	49-41
Creighton Prep	L	50-71
Papillion LV	L	68-71
Lin Southwest	W	71-68
Omaha North	W	56-49
		16-3

RESERVES		
Omaha South	W	71-37
Fremont	W	73-28
Millard North	W	61-39
Westside	W	65-38
Creighton Prep	L	50-58
Omaha Central	W	61-49
Omaha Benson	W	75-21
Westside	W	78-48
Bryan	W	74-35
Millard South	W	70-52
Bellevue East	W	63-19
Norfolk	W	51-40
Creighton Prep	W	48-39
Lincoln Pius	W	56-52
Papillion LaVista	W	45-28
Omaha North	W	62-45
	15-1	

FRESHMEN A			FRESHMEN B		
Omaha South	W	77-48	Omaha South	W	58-16
Lin Northeast	W	50-31	Millard North	W	69-33
Fremont	W	59-28	Bellevue West	W	92-21
Millard North	W	49-45	Omaha Central	W	65-33
Bellevue West	W	72-27	Omaha Benson	W	58-46
Omaha Central	L	66-68	Westside	W	60-55
Lincoln East	L	50-54	Omaha Bryan	W	50-40
Omaha Benson	W	55-53	Elkhorn South	W	52-34
Westside	W	55-36	Millard South	W	55-48
Omaha Bryan	L	54-64	Omaha Burke	W	58-49
Elkhorn South	W	64-53	Bellevue East	W	77-12
Millard South	W	54-47	Creighton Prep	L	42-60
Omaha Burke	W	47-45	Ralston	W	73-12
Bellevue East	W	59-47	Papillion LV	W	65-57
Creighton Prep	L	42-72	Omaha North	W	66-45
Ralston	W	76-35		14-1	
Papillion LV	W	56-38			
Omaha North	L	48-51			
Omaha Burke	W	55-50			
Omaha Central	L	55-62			
	14-6				





JV

First Row – Brody Belt, Brandon Hargis, Ryan Hitchens

2nd Row – Giavonni Guido, Chris Connell, Sammy Scharff, Christian Hall

3rd Row – Coach Matt Starks, Omid Sidiqi, Brock Burling, JJ Schomberg, Ryan Buscher, Coach Dale Call



Reserves

Front Row — Cade Cutler, Brendan Tauber, Brody Belt, Harley Gordman, Jared Ott

Back Row — Chris Connell, Connor Ekborg, Hunter Schnuerle, Tyler Bandiera, Easton Young, Coach Bret Siepker



Freshman

Front Row – Jackson Galloway, Layton Belohrad, Andrew Hall, Wade Ott, Jaeson Adams, Riley Macy, Luke Olsen

2nd Row – Hunter Grantham, Ethan Feist, Caleb Neville, Caleb Riedel, Ryan Michel, LJ Hajduch, Caleb Loberg

3rd Row – Coach Trev Fiedler, Coach Ian DeLaet, Jacob Harmdierks, Ryan David, Michael Ilg, Tyler Schmidt, Devin Thomas, Connor McDonnell, Ethan Hupp

Junior Varsity Roster

5	Brody Belt	5'8"	10	G
10	Christian Hall	5'10"	11	G
12	Chris Connell	6'1"	10	G
20	Sammy Scharff	6'0"	11	F
22	Brandon Hargis	5'11"	11	G
24	Giavonni Guido	5'10"	10	G
32	Ryan Hitchens	5'8"	11	G
42	JJ Schomberg	6'4"	11	F
50	Omid Sidiqi	6'5"	11	C
52	Ryan Buscher	6'3"	11	F
54	Brock Burling	6'7"	10	C

Reserve Roster

3	Cade Cutler	5'7"	10	G
4	Jared Ott	5'10"	10	G
5	Brody Belt	5'8"	10	G
10	Easton Young	5'11"	10	G
12	Chris Connell	6'1"	10	G
14	Tyler Bandiera	6'0"	10	G
20	Harley Gordman	5'7"	10	G
24	Brenden Tauber	5'10"	10	G
34	Austin Harris	6'2"	10	G
40	Hunter Schnuerle	6'1"	10	F
42	Connor Ekborg	6'3"	10	F

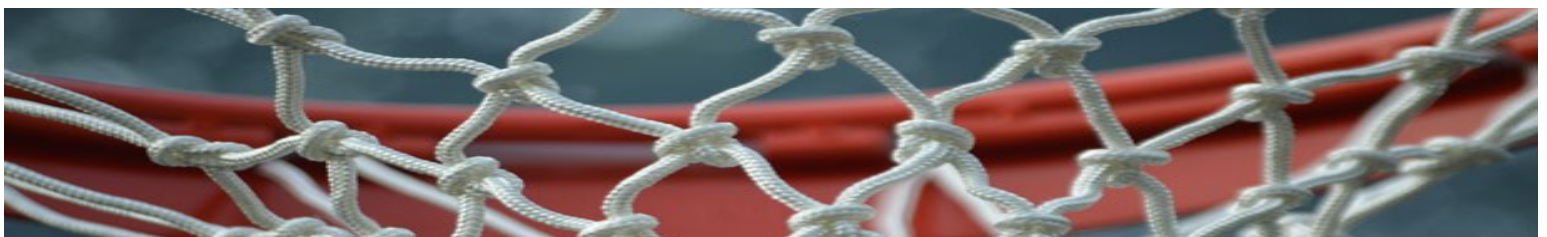
Freshman Roster

1	Caleb Loberg	5'10	9	F
2	Caleb Neville	5'10	9	G
3	Jaeson Adams	5'4	9	G
4	Luke Olsen	5,4	9	G
5	Jackson Galloway	5'7	9	G
10	Ryan Michel	5'8	9	G
11	Andrew Hall	5'8	9	G
12	Connor McDonnell	6'1	9	F
14	Caleb Riedel	5'8	9	G
20	Ethan Feist	5'10	9	F
21	Layton Belohrad	5'6	9	G
22	Wade Ott	5'10	9	G
24	Riley Macy	5'6	9	G
25	L.J. Hajduch	5'11	9	G
30	Devin Thomas	6'1	9	F
31	Tyler Schmidt	6'2	9	C
32	Michael Ilg	6'2	9	F
34	Jacob Harmdierks	6'3	9	C
35	Ryan David	6'3	9	F
45	Hunter Grantham	6'0	9	F

Varsity Picture (from page 1)

First Row – Preston Humphrey, Dylan Thompson, Logan Anderjaska, Shae Wyatt, Christian Hall

2nd Row – Simon Hay, Colby Gomes, Brock Burling, Omid, Sidiqi, Chris Russell, Austin Hall





Week 1

Junior Varsity

The JV team beat Lincoln North-east 73-62. J.J. Schomberg and Ryan Buscher led the team with 13 points apiece. Brody Belt, Tyler Bandiera, and Brandon Hargis

chipped in 10 points apiece

On Saturday, the JV's improved their record to 2-0 by beating Kearney 56-47. Brock Burling led the team with 11 points..

Week 2

Junior Varsity

The JV team beat Omaha South 61-57. Brock Burling led the team with 22 points.

The JV moved their record to 4-0 on a 64-56 victory at Grand Island. Brandon Hargis scored 13 and Omid Sidiqi had 12 points, Ryan Hitchens was 6-8 from the free throw line in the 4th quarter to help seal the win.

Reserves

The Reserve team beat Omaha South 71-37. All 11 Wildcats scored, led by Chris Connell with 12 points.

Freshmen

The Freshmen A team beat Omaha South 77-48. Jacob Harmdierks led West with 17 points in a game in

which all Wildcat players scored.

The Freshmen B team also beat the Packers by the score of 58-16. Tyler Schmidt had 16 points for West. Ryan Michel added 11 for the Wildcats.

The 9th grade A-Team traveled to Lincoln Northeast and won 50-31. Jacob Harmdierks led the team with 15 points and Ryan David scored 14 for the Wildcats.

Week 3

Freshmen

The A team beat Fremont 59-28 on Monday. They used a 23-3 3rd quarter to take control of the game. All 10 players scored for the Wildcats.

On Tuesday, both the A and B teams beat Millard North.

The A team won 49-45. Ryan David and Jacob Harmdierks each had 14 points. Riley Macy went 4/4 on free throws in the final minute to help secure the victory.

In the B team, the B-team Bombers won 69-33. Tyler Schmidt led all scorers with 18 points.

Reserves

The Reserves traveled to Fremont on Monday and won 73-28. All 10

players scored in the victory over the Tigers. Chris Connell lead all scorers with 14 points. Brody Belt had 12 while Connor Ekborg, and Easton Young added 10 points apiece.

On Tuesday, the Reserves beat Millard North 61-39. After only leading by 3 at half, Millard West held Millard North to only 12 points in the 2nd half. Tyler Bandiera scored a team high 15 points, and Easton

Young added 14 to the win.

JV

The JV lost their first game of the season when Millard North beat them 54-50 on Tuesday.

Brandon Hargis led the Wildcats with 11 points. Ryan Hitchens and Brody Belt added 10 and 9 points respectively.



Lower Level Tournament Results

JV

The JV team won the opening round of the Millard North Tournament by beating Millard South 51-41. JJ Schomberg led the Wildcats with 12 points. Chris Connell and Ryan Hitchens scored 10 each.

The finals of the tournament were canceled due to weather.

Freshmen

The A-Team won the opening game of their tournament by beating the Bellevue West 72-27. Jacob Harmdierks led the way with 23 points. Michael Ilg and LJ Hajduch added 14 and 13 points

apiece.

The B-Team also beat Bellevue West in convincing fashion. The Wildcats scored 55 points in the first half and went on to win 92-21.

Andrew Hall and Tyler Schmidt led the way with 18 points each. Ryan Michel scored 14 points. Devin Thomas and Hunter Grantham added 13 and 10 points respectively.

The finals of the freshmen tournaments were canceled due to weather.

Reserves

The Reserve team earned the run-

ner-up tournament in their holiday tournament.

In the opening round, they beat Omaha Westside 65-38. Brody Belt led the Wildcats with 14 points while Cade Cutler and Chris Connell scored 12 points each.

In the Championship game, Creighton Prep beat the Wildcats 50-58.

The JV and Freshmen tournament championship games were cancelled due to weather on December 28th.

Week 5

Freshmen

On Tuesday, the Freshmen A team lost their first game of the season in a 68-66 game at Omaha Central. The Eagles hit the go ahead shot with 10 seconds remaining in the game. Leading scorers for the Wildcats were Ryan David (26) and Jacob Harmdierks (19).

The B team beat Central 66-33. They outscored the Eagles 27-5 in the first quarter. Tyler Schmidt led all scorers with 17 points.

On Saturday the A-team lost to Lincoln East 50-54. Jacob Harmdierks led all scorers with 20 points. Caleb Neville added 11.

Junior Varsity

The JV team beat Omaha Central 63-57. Leading scorers for the Jr. Wildcats were JJ Schomberg and Christian Hall with 12 and 10 points respectively. The team was 13/17 from the line in the 4th quarter.

On Saturday, West beat Lincoln

North Star 64-45. JJ Schomberg led West with 14 points. Brock Burling, Omid Sidiqi, and Giavonni Guido all scored 10 points. The Wildcats made 9 three-pointers in the game.

Reserves

The Reserves beat Central on Tuesday night 61-49. Chris Connell led the Wildcats with 12 points while Connor Ekborg hit double-digits by scoring 10 points.

Week 6

Reserves

On Tuesday, the Reserve team traveled to Omaha Benson and won 75-21. Hunter Schnuerle scored 15 points. Brody Belt and Connor Ekborg added 10 points each. All ten players scored in the game.

On Thursday, the Reserves played at Omaha Westside. The Wildcats won 78-48. Brody Belt and Chris Connell scored 18 and 16 points each.

Freshmen

The Freshmen picked up a pair of victories on Tuesday over Omaha Benson. The A team won 55-53. They outscored the Bunnies 19-14 in the 4th quarter to earn the W.

The B team also won, 58-46. Tyler Schmidt led the Wildcats with 23 points.

On Saturday, the Freshmen teams swept Omaha Westside. The A team won 55-36. Jacob Harmdierks led the team with 17 and Michael Ilg added 10 points for the Wildcats.

The B team also won by a score of

60-55. Ethan Feist and Devin Thomas each scored 16 points to lead the team.

JV

The only JV game of the week was on Saturday at Bellevue West. The Jr. Wildcats won 80-61. JJ Schomberg led the team with 18 points. Christian Hall and Brock Burling added 14 and 11 points respectively. Both teams made 11 3-pointers and were 12 of 13 from the free throw line.

Freshmen

The Freshmen A team lost 54-64. Bryan came out to a 23-8 lead in the first quarter. Jacob Harmdierks led all scorers with 23 points.

In the B game, Millard West out-scored Bryan 22-9 in the 4th quarter to win 50-40. Ethan Feist led all scor-

ers with 13 points.

Reserve

The Reserve team beat the Bears 74-35. Connor Ekborg scored 13, and Hunter Schnuerle added 11 points to the victory.

Week 7

JV

In the final game of the day, the JV team beat Bryan 61-45. The Wildcats got off to a fast start by hitting five 3-pointers in the first quarter.

Week 8

Freshmen

The Freshmen teams traveled to Elkhorn South on Monday and came home with two victories. Ryan David scored 27 points to lead the A-team to a 64-53 victory.

The B-team beat the Storm 52-34. Wade Ott led a balanced attack with 9 points. Five Wildcats scored six or more points.

On Thursday, both the A and B teams beat Millard South. Jacob

Harmdierks led the A-team to a 54-47 victory by scoring 23 points. The team was 70% from the line during the game.

The B-team beat the Patriots 55-48 in overtime to win the 2nd game of the night.

The Wildcats scored 17 points in the bonus period. Devin Thomas score 7 on his 11 points in overtime.

Reserves

The Reserve team beat Millard South 70-52. The Wildcats led 48-21

at halftime of the game. Four Wildcats scored in double digits, Hunter Schnuerle 12, Brody Belt 11, Chris Connell 10, and Austin Harris 10.

JV

The JV team beat Millard South 68-60. Brandon Hargis and Christian Hall led the team with 10 points each. The Wildcats outscored the Patriots 24-8 in the 3rd quarter.

On Saturday, The JV team beat Lincoln East 53-49. JJ Schomburg led the team with 19 points.

Freshmen

The Freshmen teams went 4-0 this week with wins over Omaha Burke and Bellevue East.

The A team beat Burke 47-45. Jacob Harmdierks led all scorers with 26 points. On Thursday, Harmdierks scored 22 players to lead the Wildcats to a 59-47 victory over Bellevue East. Nine players scored in the game.

The B team earned a 58-49 victory on Monday over the Burke Bulldogs. LJ Hajduch scored 12 points and Devin Thomas added 10 for the Wild-

cats. They moved their record to 11-0 by beating Bellevue East 77-12. Eleven players scored for West.

Reserves

The Reserves added two wins to their record this week. In a 63-19 win at Bellevue East, Hunter Schnurele scored 14 points and Easton Young added 13 for the Wildcats.

They also beat Norfolk 51-40 on Saturday. Young led the team with 11 points , and Austin Harris added 10.

Week 9

JV

The JV team beat Bellevue East 68-25. All 11 players score. Brody Belt led with 12 points. Ryan Hitchens and Sammy Scharff added 11 and 10 each.

At Lincoln Pius on Friday, the JV pulled away in the 2nd half and held on to win 64-60. Christian Hall scored 15 points, and Brody Belt added 10 points. Ryan Hitchens also scored 10 points.



Week 10

Freshmen

Both Freshmen teams split a pair of games this week.

The two teams traveled to Prep for two games on Tuesday nights. The A team lost 72-42. Jacob Harmdierks led West with 13 points.

The B team suffered their first loss of the year by losing 60-42. West jumped out to a 23-11 lead but couldn't hold on for the win.

On Thursday, both teams recorded wins at Ralston. The A team won 76-35. LJ Hajduch, Michael Ilg, Ryan David, and Harmdierks all scored in double figures for West.

The B team won 73-12. Devin Thomas led all scorers with 26 points. Riley Macy also had 12 points.

Reserves

The reserve team avenged their only loss of the season by beating Prep 48-39. Cade Cutler and Austin Harris each scored 12 points to lead the Wildcats.

On Saturday, the JV traveled to Lincoln Pius X. The Wildcats won a physical game 56-52. Chris Connell scored 16 points, and Hunter Schnuerle added 11.

Junior Varsity

The JV team had trouble shooting in the first half and never really recovered in a loss to Creighton Prep Thursday night. After trailing by 7 at half, Prep pulled away to win 71-50. Ryan Hitchens led the Wildcats with 11 points. The JV team is now 15-2.

Freshman

Jacob Harmdierks led all scores with 15 points to lead Millard West in a 56-38 win over Papillion La-Vista. Ryan David also scored 13 points for the Wildcats.

The A team lost their last game of the regular season 48-51. Jacob Harmdierks led the team with 17 points.

The Freshmen A team is the only lower level team that still has games. They will play in the end of the year City Tournament at Prep. They play Omaha Burke at 7:45 at prep on Monday night.

The B team finished the season 14-1. The B-teamers beat Papillion 65-57 behind Connor McDonnell's 15

points.

In their last game of the season, the B-team Beat Omaha North 66-45. All 11 players scored in the game. Connor McDonnell led the team with 13, and Devin Thomas scored 10.

Reserves

The Reserves won their last two games of the season. They beat Papillion 45-28. Tyler Bandiera and Chris Connell both scored 12 points in the victory.

On Saturday, West beat Omaha North 62-45. Hunter Schnuerle led the Wildcats with 17 points and Connell added 11.

The Reserves ended the season with a 13-1 record.

Week 11

Junior Varsity

The JV team lost a 71-68 battle with Papillion LaVista. Christian Hall led the team with 25 points. Giavonni Guido added 14 for the Wildcats.

On Friday Millard West beat Lincoln Southwest 71-68. Christian Hall scored 22 for West and Brandon Hargis added 11.

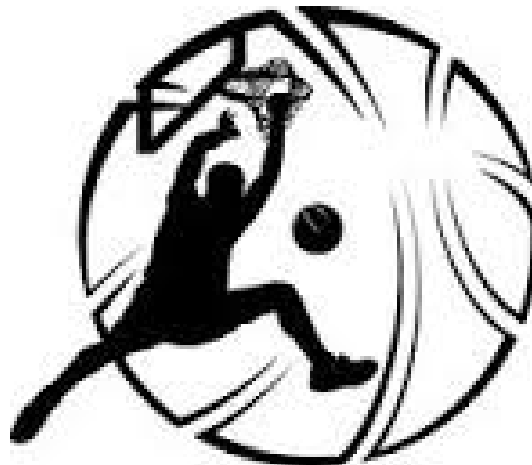
On Saturday, the JV team won 56-49 over Omaha North. JJ Schomberg led the Wildcats with 19 points. Christian Hall scored 14 points.

The JV Team ended the season with a 17-3 record.

Freshman Tournament

The Freshmen Wildcats won their first round game against Omaha Burke 55-50. West used a balanced attack to beat the Bulldogs. Ryan David, Jacob Harmdierks, Michael Ilg, and Caleb Neville all scored 8 or more points.

Omaha Central eliminated the Freshman team from the tournament with a 62-55 victory. West got out to a great start on Central but could not hold the lead. After being tied with 2:31 to go in the game, Central finished the game with a 9-2 run.





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All-Metro 1st Team

Aguek Arop	Omaha South
Caleal Walker	Omaha South
Ed Chang	Papio-LaVista
Nate Schimonitz	Creighton Prep
Ayo Akinwole	Papio LaVista

All-Metro 2nd Team

Drew Homa	Creighton Prep
Karlon McSpadden	Omaha South
Roman Behrens	Omaha Central
Will Schenken	Creighton Prep
Isaiah Poor-Bear Chandler	Central

All-Metro 3rd Team

Shae Wyatt	Millard West
Anthony Bratton	Omaha Westside
Wanjang Tut	Omaha Burke
Chad Lechtenberg	Papio LV
Garret Pauli	Millard South

Scholar Athlete Awards

Austin Hall

Simon Hay

Chris Russell

Honorable Mention

All—Metro

Logan Anderjaska

Colby Gomes

Austin Hall

Simon Hay

All-State

Logan Anderjaska

Austin Hall

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Shae Wyatt

All Nebraska 1st Team

Aguek Arop — O South
Caleal Walker — O South

Ed Chang — Papio
Ryan Williams — Fremont
Nate Schimonitz — Prep

All-Nebraska 2nd Team

Ayo Akinwole — Papio
Jared Samuelson — Gretna
Davin Wingett — Winnebago
Triston Simpson — L. Northstar
Teddy Allen — Boys Town

All Nebraska 3rd Team

Jaxon Simons — Neumann
Noah Vedral — Neumann
Drew Homa — Prep
Brooks Asher — Hastings SC
Karlon McSpadden — O South

Class A 1st Team

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Triston Simpson — L. Northstar
Drew Homa — Prep
Karlon McSpadden — O South
Logan Strohm — Norfolk





***Somewhere, there is a young boy
watching every move you make.***

***You probably don't even know
that it is happening.***

***He wants to grow up to be a Wildcat.
A Wildcat just like you!***

***Whether you know it or not,
whether you want to be or not,
you are his role model.***

***You are part of something
bigger than yourself.***

You are part of a team.

You are a Wildcat!

One-on-One With Coach Morrison

How did the football team making the state championship game affect your season.

It made it tough to select teams. About half of our roster was on the Varsity football team, including two starters and three more of our top eight. It was hard to gauge who our best players were. We found out that some of the football players' athleticism surpassed the skill of our non-football players.

Your team was 3-3 before the Christmas break. How did you think your team played in December?

We thought that might be our record before the Metro Tournament, but you could tell we weren't ready for basketball, some guys only had three practices before our first game. We felt like the Kearney loss was due to a lack of practice.



Talk about the Holiday Tournament.

We had a high scoring game with Bellevue West. We knew we could score a lot of points, but our defense needed to get better. We played much better against Omaha South than we did the first time. They had a run in the 3rd quarter that they separated from us. They are a hard team to play "catch-up" to.

You had a 16 day lay off between games between the Omaha South game and the Millard South game. Was that good or bad for your team?

Normally, I don't think I would like that much time between games. But we needed it this year. We treated it like pre-season and really got back to the basics.

You "upset" #2 South. Talk about the game.

Shae was awesome, but what I liked best was our defensive effort. The guys executed our game plan and took away some of their tendencies. Millard-Millard games. Always draw great crowds, too.

Shae moved back to Millard after moving away from Millard for three years. What impact did he have on your team?

He gave us a chance to win every game. We knew we wouldn't have much size this year. What he gave us was a 3rd guard. It was tough for teams to match up with us. With three guards, we could force teams to go small if we had the lead.

Your team was 6-1 to start January, What do you think contributed to that record?

The football players getting into shape, the two weeks of practice we had after Metro's, and the guys learning how to play with each other. That was a tough schedule we went through.

The loss you had in that stretch was to Papillion. That was a "crowd pleaser"!

I was told many times that we were fun to watch. Too many of those times game after the Papillion game. . . which we lost! Chang was incredible. There was a lot of offense in the game. We had our chances late. Colby had a monster dunk. I suppose if you didn't care who won it really was a crowd pleaser.

You dropped two games to Omaha Westside and Omaha North late in the season. How did that affect your team?

We had a tough January. Then a postponed game made us play six games in two weeks. I think fatigue had a big part to play in the Westside loss. We were down four with five minutes left and lost by 21. I'm not sure what happened in the North game. We got the game tied, and didn't change how we were playing. I felt like we continued to try to make the big play when we really didn't need to.

Your team broke team records in 3-pointers made, steals, and forced turnovers. Were those stats points of emphasis for your team?

The 3-pointers definitely were. We knew we would have to shoot it well this year to compete. I would rather beat the percentage record than the 3's made record. Late in the season, we still had a chance at that record. We were kind of surprised about the steals and turnovers record. We definitely had a different team than what we have had in my first six years.

Shae also broke the record for most 3-pointers made in a season and Simon would have broken the record. Talk about their shooting during the season.

Our guys thought they could make anything this year. We made a lot of deep three's. We probably shot a few too many, but it was what we had to do. Austin also shot his best percentage of his career, a Colby made his share of 3's.

How was it coaching Austin Hall this year and over his career? Was it tough that he was the son of your assistant coach?

Austin has grown up so much. He became so much tougher both physically and mentally. He really was an extension of our coaching staff on the floor. Earlier in his career, it was tough to coach him the same way I did others. I had to learn that I could yell at him just like any other player and he needed to learn that when I did, he didn't need to look to Dan. This year was a lot of fun. Especially as his Grandpa's health got better and was able to come to the games.

Logan had a great game against Millard North. Did that give him more confidence for the rest of the season?

I don't know if confidence is the right word. He always had a lot of confidence. I think it got him out of his "football funk." He took the loss in the championship game personally. He was a player that didn't always have great stats, but he brought a lot of competitiveness and toughness to the team.

Talk about Preston Humphrey's role on your team.

Preston kind of surprised me. I didn't think he would play much for us. He is so competitive and his energy is contagious. He was a catalyst for our team.

What about Chris Russell?

Chris is another player we didn't think would play much. He is very athletic and played very smart. He knew and accepted his role.

Tell us about your substitution pattern in the Benson game. You won 70-29.

We felt like we were really tired. I went to the starters and asked them if they wanted to sub five at a time. They said yes, which I thought was very unselfish of them.

You played back to back games against Lincoln Southwest. How did that affect your game planning for districts?

I wasn't excited about it. I was afraid we would overlook them. It did make it easier to prepare for the finals though.

Northeast got up big early in the finals and you were able to regain the lead. Talk about how your team was able to do that.

We just kept working. We did it against Norfolk and Omaha North, so it wasn't new to our guys. A little better defense and a little better shot selection got us back in the game.

What was your play call for the last 13 seconds of the game?

I probably didn't do the best job in that situation. We didn't have time to get it down the floor and run a play. I just wanted to drive and kick if needed. We passed the ball too much. We still had a decent shot.

Down five in OT, Colby had a big And-1, and then Northeast answered with their own 3-point play.

That was a tough call. I thought it was a charge, but it was close. I have now idea how it counted though.

Your team never quit, did you think you were going to come back or force it to another overtime?

We never quit. When Logan got the steal and lay-up, I thought our chances were pretty good.

What was the atmosphere in the locker room after the loss?

Different! We didn't know whether or not the season was over, so we didn't know what to think or how to feel.

What had to happen for your team to get the wildcard berth?

Fremont had to win, and either Lincoln East or Central had to win.

How did your team react to the fact they were going to get to play at state?

Great, you never know what they will think, since we drew Omaha South and the paper had been writing about how everyone wants to be on the other side of the bracket as South. But the guys came to me and said "Push us hard, we want to get these guys."

This is the third time in four years that your team has made it to the state tournament. Has there been a change in how you prepare for the tournament?

I think the coaching staff is probably a little better about it. The first year was kind of a circus atmosphere and last year was tough after the party situation. This year was much more business like.

South jumped out to a big lead in the first half, talk about their team and what happened early in the game?

They were very physical with our guards and took us out of our game offensively. I didn't think our defense was terrible when we had a chance to set up. They scored 13 points off of turnovers and another 6 off of offensive rebounds. I thought a few of our games got caught up in the "big game."

You weren't very happy with the officiating in the game.

I knew they had to call it close for us to have a chance. I also know one official probably wouldn't call it close. I didn't do a very good job of staying calm in the first half. Shae and Logan getting two early fouls didn't help me!

What was your plan in the 2nd half?

We had to scrap our defensive game plan. We wanted to play more zone, but they would have pulled it out on us if we would have. Offensively, we needed to take care of the ball and knock down some shots.



Talk about the future of the Millard West basketball program.

Our lower levels were 59-11 and we have three starters and two of our top subs coming back. We should get better. But we are going to have to work at it. Five of the eight teams at state were young. And so were a few other teams that didn't make it this year. We need to find a way to advance in the state tournament.