# Millard West Boys Basketball Wol. 10, No. 8 Wildcat Report

### **Bulldogs Hold On to Beat Wildcats**

After getting off to a big 1st half lead, the Burke Bulldogs had to fend off a 4th quarter come back attempt by Millard West. The Wildcats were able to cut the lead down to 5, but could not get any closer in the 57-51 loss to the Bulldogs.

David Moreano led three Burke players in double digits with 15 points. Xavier Watts scored 13 and Phillip Cude added 10 to the winning Cause.

Evan Meyersick led the Wildcats with 13 points. Cam Watson and Kaedyn Odermann both score 10 points apiece for the Wildcats

Moreano scored the first 10 points for Burke on three 3-poiniters and a free throw. Baskets by Watts and Cude gave Burke a 14-11 lead at the end of the first quarter.

In the 2nd quarter, the Bulldogs got hot while the Wildcats had a hard time finding the basket. Burke got off to a 10-0 run to start the quarter and extend their lead to 24-11.

Watts made two three-pointers and Moreano and Rienke each hit a long-ball in the quarter. West was 3-11 shooting from the field in the quarter and 1-4 from the line.

"We had good looks at the basket. We just couldn't make a shot," Coach Bill Morrison said. "And Burke really got hot from behind the arc."

The Bulldogs looked as if they were going to run off with the game early in the 3rd quarter. They extended their lead to 41-19 on another 3-pointer by Moreano with 4:55 left in the quarter.

West was able to score eight straight points on the next three possessions to cut the lead to 41-27.

Watts put an end to the Wildcat run by hitting a 15-foot jumper, stealing a pass, and making a 3-pointer on the ensuing possession. Burke led 48-32 at the end of the 3rd quarter.

Odermann helped West get back into the game as he led an 11-2 run with six points.

The Wildcat defense forced five turnovers to help ignite the run. Watson made a basket on a drive through the lane with 3:02 left in the game to make the score 50-43.

West turned the ball over on their next two possession to put the comeback on hold.

Burke finished the game by shooting 7 of 13 from the line. West made one final attempt at closing in on the

Bulldogs. A 3-pointer by Watson and an "old-fashioned" 3-point play by Dom Humm with 1:07 left in the game cut the lead to 54-49.

"Our guys never gave up. They fought hard. We just need to figure out how to be more consistent," Coach Morrison said. "We seem to have had one bad quarter in most of our losses that we couldn't overcome."

MW (4-6) 11 7 14 19 51 OB (4-7) 14 21 13 9 57

MW —Olson 2, Humm 9, Watson 10, Glantz 1, Odermann 10, Anderson 3, Meyersick 13, Conway 3

OB — Hron 4, Watts 13, Moreano 15, Marshall 7, Cude 10, Rienke 3, Kenedy 5



## Scores

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Freshman A (7-2)			Freshman B (6-1)			Reserves (6-4)			Junior Varsity (12-0)			Varsity (4-6)		
Mil S	L	44-58	Mil S	W	40-31	Mil S	W	34-33	Mil S	W	62-43	Burke	L	51-57
O North	W	55-45	O North	W	48-44	O North	L	45-48	O North	W	52-48			

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#### **Lower Levels**

#### Jr. Varsity

The Millard West JV team outscored Millard South in all four quarters on their way to a convincing 62-43 win. A strong defensive effort allowed the Wildcats to control the game from start to finish.

Nate Glantz led the team with 18 points. Chase Hultman contributed 12 points followed by Jacob Jones with 10 points.

The JV boys held on for victory at Omaha North in a 52-48 victory and moved their record to 12-0.

The Wildcats led 31-18 at half, but the Vikings would fight back in the 2nd half. North outscored the West 7-15 in the final period, but it was not enough to overcome the Wildcat lead.

Nate Gantz led the team with 17 points, (16 in the first half). James Conway contributed 10 points.



#### **Reserves**

After a slow start, the Millard West Reserve team outscored Millard South 15-0 in the 2nd quarter and led 18-9 at the half.

Millard South battled back and outscored the Wildcats 24-16 in the 2nd half. Ben Kelley's last second layup pushed the Wildcats over the top for the 34-33 victory.

The Reserve team fell behind 9-17 after the first quarter at Omaha North. The Wildcats battled back and won both the 2nd and 3rd quarters and trailed 34-36 going into the final period.

The Vikings outscored West 12-11 in the final period and won 48-45. Ben Kelley and Hunter Strong led the Wildcats in scoring with 13 points each.

#### Freshmen A

Millard West Freshmen lost to Millard South 58-44. Jaxson Cahoy scored 12 points.

The Wildcats bounced back against Omaha North and won 55-45. Tanner Farrell led the scoring with 14 points.



#### Freshmen B

The Millard West Freshmen B were able to avenge an earlier loss to Millard South with a 40-31 victory.

The Wildcats held a slight lead throughout the game as they outscored the Patriots in three of the four quarters.

West was led in scoring by Caden Becker with 8 points. Other Wildcats scoring were Spreitzer and Holzer with 5, Parker, Weigent and Trauble had 4, Young and Haith had 3, and Neumann and Schaecher had 2 points each.

The Wildcats jumped out to an early 12-6 lead and led 23-21 at half time over Omaha North.

Field goals came at a premium in the second half. Chase Traubel made a 3-pointer in the 3rd quarter, and Cayden Becker made a basket in the 4th quarter. The rest of the scoring came from the free throw line. The Wildcats were 23-31 from the line in the second half.

Cayder Becker led the Wildcats with 19 points. Jacob Parker added 11. Chase Traubel 8, Nick Weigent 6, Beau Young and Cayden Schaecher 2, and will Holzer and 1 point to round off the scoring for West.

### Weekly Practice / Game Schedule

Monday, Jan 14 Tuesday, Jan 15 Wednesday, Jan 16

**Practice** Practice Practice

Var/JV 3:40-5:10 9th/Res 3:30-4:30 Res 6 am

9th/Res 5:10-6:40 Var/JV 3:40-5:10

9th 5:10-6:40

Games Games Games

No Game JV vs Bryan 5:30 No Game

Var vs Bryan 7:15

Thursday, Jan 17 Friday, Jan 18 Saturday, Jan 19

Practice Practice Practice

Var/JV 3:40-5:10 Res 6 a.m. No Practices

9th 5:10-6:40 9th 3:30-4:30

Games Games Games

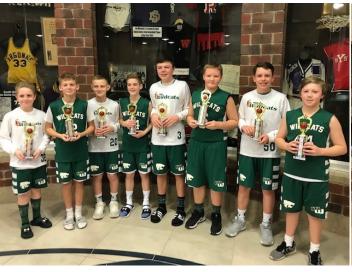
Res vs Prep 6:30 Var at Mil South 7:15 No Games

Practice/Game times are always subject to change.



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<u>1st Place</u> <u>2nd Place</u>

6th Green 5th Green

7th Green 5th White

6th White

7th Black

Fourteen MBA teams traveled to Sioux Falls, SD, this weekend to play in the Blizzard Blowout in the Sanford Pentagon. This was a great event for the program.

All games were played at the same venue which allowed parents and players a chance to watch and support other teams throughout the weekend.

There were a lot of exciting games. Multiple games came down to the wire, including a double overtime game and a quadruple overtime game.

The MBA Wildcats program made an impressive showing at the tournament. They faced some tough competition and were able to compete with different teams than they are used to playing around Omaha.

Two teams were able to win the championship hardware in their divisions. Four teams placed 2nd in their division.

The tournament was a great chance for players throughout the program to bond with players on other teams and for parents to meet other parents within the organization.



6th Grade Finlay earned 2nd place at Bennington Shootout.



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