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# Millard West Boys Basketball Wildcat Report

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## West Wins 3 in a Row and Earn #9 Ranking

### Wildcats Weather the Storm to Get Win

Elkhorn South almost overcame a twelve point deficit after three quarters but could not pull off the come back as they missed three shots in the lane in the last 22 seconds of the game.

The Storm made an exciting game out of the contest that was dominated by Millard West for the first three quarters. The Wildcats could have closed the game in the 4th quarter, but they were 5 of 12 from the free throw line.

The Millard West bench outscored the South bench 27-2 in the game. The Wildcats were led by Cam Watson, Tristan Gomez and Evan Meyersick all the west with 8 points each.

Jace Piatkowski and Zach Lafave led the Storm with 16 and 12 points respectively.

West was able to jump out to an 8-2 lead in the first quarter to start the

game. Another 6-0 run later in the quarter helped build a 14-7 lead. In the last seconds of the quarter, Piatkowski was able to pick up a batted ball and drain a 3-pointer as time ran

The Wildcats had games with Millard South and Omaha North were cancelled last week due to weather.

West stepped up their defensive pressure in the 2nd quarter and held Elkhorn South to 5 points.

Nate Glantz gave the Wildcats a spark as he scored seven points in the period. The Wildcats built a 26-15 lead by the end of the first quarter

Elkhorn South cut the lead to 30-23 on a free throw by Piatkowski with 3:08 left in the 3rd quarter. The Wildcats answered with an 8-2 run to end the period and appeared to have the game under control.

Piatkowski made two free throws with 3:25 Left in the game. In the last 3 minutes of the game, West combined on only 5 of 12 free throws



out to close the gap to 14-10.

"We were nervous about how our guys would come out a play tonight," Coach Bill Morrison said. "It seems like a long time since we have had a game."

## Scores

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#### Freshman A (7-4)

Central L 51-55  
Prep L 21-49

#### Freshman B (7-2)

Central W 21-49  
Prep L 51-55

#### Reserves (6-6)

Central L 24-41

#### Junior Varsity (15-1)

Central W 63-53  
Elk South L 48-53  
Fremont W 61-31

#### Varsity (7-6)

Elk South W 46-44  
Fremont W 54-37

## Elkhorn South (cont.)

and gave the Storm a chance to get back in the game.

Piatkowski made another basket to get the score to 44-40 and fouled to stop the clock with 1:13 left in the game.

West was 1 of 2 free throws and Preston Murphy drove the lane to score and bring the Storm to within three points, 45-42.

West was 1 of 2 free throws with 0:51 remaining in the game. Murphy was able to drive into the interior of the Wildcat defense again and score to cut West's lead to 46-44 left in the game.

With 0::22 on the clock, West missed both free throws that could have put the Storm out of reach.

Piatkowski got a good look on a backdoor play, but could not convert. Two teammates for the Storm got rebounds and missed their put-back attempts as the clock ran out.

"Hopefully we learn a lot from this. We did some good things and controlled the clock," Morrison said. "All we needed to do was make our free throws and it would have been a lot easier."



ES (8-8)	10	5	10	19	44
MW (6-6)	14	12	11	9	46

ES — Brown 5, Piatkowski 16, Murphy 5, Lafave 12, Jorgensen 4, Peterson 2.

MW — Olson 1, Humm 3, Watson 8, Glantz 7, Odermann 6, Beanum 1, Anderson 4, Gomes 8, Meyersick 8

## Wildcats Tame Tigers

The Millard West Wildcats had another strong defensive showing and defeated Fremont High School 54-37.

The Wildcats were led by Tristan Gomes with 10 points, 8 rebounds, 3 steals, 3 assists, and 2 blocks. Zach Olson scored 9 for the Wildcats. Cam Watson and Nate Glantz scored 8 points each, and Evan Meyersick added 7 points to the cause.

Caden Curry led all scorers with 12 points for Fremont. The Tigers are now 3-12 on the season.

West started out strong and jumped to a 15-5 first quarter lead. Gomes paced the 'Cats in the early going with 6 points.

Fremont was able to outscore West in the 2nd quarter. The Tigers cut the Wildcat lead to 23-19 on a basket by Jake Heineman in the final minute of the half. Glantz hit his 2nd 3-pointer of the quarter at the buzzer to give the Wildcats a 26-19 lead going into half.

"Fremont's zone slowed us down in the first half," Coach Bill Morrison said. "In the 2nd quarter, we got some good looks inside, but we couldn't convert on them."

The Wildcats came out of the half and attacked the Tiger zone with some high-low action. West quickly took a 32-21 lead early in the 3rd quarter.

Five different Wildcats scored in the 3rd quarter to give West a 37-26 lead after three periods of play.

Triston Keeney grabbed an offensive rebound and made the put-back midway through the final period to help the Tigers pull to within 8 points, 43-35.

West scored on five of their last possessions to pull away from Fremont for the victory. West converted on 9 of 12 free throws in the final period.

"We have put together a good stretch of three games where our defense really carried us," Coach Morrison said. "Our depth and versatility are also beneficial. I really feel like I can put anyone in the game and not worry about what will happen."

MW (7-6)	15	11	11	17	54
FHS (3-14)	5	14	7	11	37

MW — Olson 9, Humm 2, Watson 8, Glantz 8, Harmdierks 4, Beanum 4, Anderson 2, Gomes 10, Meyersick 7.

FHS — Curry 12, Keeney 4, Dix 5, Sintek 4, Moore 2, A Queen 4, Heineman 6

## Lower Levels

### Junior Varsity

The JV team extended their win streak to 14 games in a 63-53 victory over Omaha Central.

The Wildcats raced out to a 15 point lead by halftime. Central made a comeback in the 2nd half and cut the lead to four points.

West was able to make some clutch plays to hold off the Eagles, James Conway grabbed a key offensive rebound and was fouled on the put-back for a 3-point play.

Conway led the team with 15 points. Ryan Larsen scored 13 points. Quinn Frost and Jacob Jones were also in double figures with 12 and 10 points respectively.

After leading 28-25 at halftime, the JV boys fell to Elkhorn South for their first loss of the season.

The Storm used a 14-8 3rd quarter to take the lead and were able to build their lead to 7 points in the 4th quarter.

The Wildcats were able to put some pressure on Elkhorn South and cut the lead to 2, but could not regain the lead as the Storm won 53-48.

After giving up a 10-0 to Fremont to start the game, the JV boys were able to come together for their 15th win of the season. The Wildcats led the Tigers 34-21.

In the 2nd half, West held Fremont to just 10 points on their way to a 61-31 victory.

Ryan Larsen led the team with 14 points. Dustin Hatch and Chase Hultman contributed 13 points apiece.

### Reserves

The temperatures outside were the same as Millard West's shooting. Cold. The offensive struggles sank the Wildcats in a 24-41 loss to Omaha Central.

The Wildcat defense kept them in the game in the first half. The Eagles led 21-16 at half. But a 2-14 3rd quarter put the game out of reach for the Wildcats.

### Freshmen A

Omaha Central beat the Wildcats 55-51 in a tough battle. West led by 2 after the first quarter and trailed by 1 at the end of the half.

The Wildcats tied the score 35-35 at the end of the third quarter. Central pulled away and was able to had the Wildcats the loss.

Jaxson Cahoy led the Cats with 12 points. Avery Moored grabbed 8 rebounds in the game and also had 7 points.

The Freshmen A team played solid defensively in a 49-21 loss to Prep, but they could not find ways to put the ball in the bucket and struggled offensively the entire game.



### Freshmen B

The Freshmen B team beat Omaha Central 68-57. the game was the first game for the team in 13 days.

West led 21-20 at the end of the first quarter and were tied 36-36 at the half.

A solid 15-7 gave the Wildcats the lead they needed to pull off the victory.

Caden Becker led the team with 15 points. Other Wildcat scoring included: Spreitzer 9, Holzer 8, Young 7, Parker 7, Fialla 6, Schaecher 6, Neumann 4, Traubel 4, and Weigent 2.

Prep jumped out to an 11-5 lead in the first quarter and never looked back. The Wildcats could not get things going offensively as they were outscored in every quarter.

Becker, Young, and Failla led the scoring with 6 points each. Other Wildcat scoring: Parker 5, Spreitzer 5, Holzer 2, Weigent 1.





## ***Weekly Practice / Game Schedule***

### Monday, Jan 28

#### **Practice**

V/JV 3:40-5:10

9th/Res 5:10-6:40

#### **Games**

No Games

### Tuesday, Jan 29

#### **Practice**

9th 3:30-5:00

#### **Games**

Res at Mil North 7:00

NO BUS

JV at Prep 5:30

Bus Leaves 4:00

Var at Prep 7:00

Bus Leaves 4:50

### Wednesday, Jan 30

#### **Practice**

Res 6 am

V/JV 3:40-5:10

9th 5:10-6:30

#### **Games**

No Games

### Thursday, Jan 31

#### **Practice**

V/JV 3:40-5:10

9th/Res 5:10-6:40

#### **Games**

9th A vs Papio 6:00

9th B vs Papio 7:30

### Friday, Feb 1

#### **Practice**

Boys 3:40-5:00

#### **Games**

Var at Mil South 7:15

No Bus

### Saturday, Feb 2

#### **Practice**

Res 8:00—9:00

V/JV 10:00-11:00

9th A 12:15

#### **Games**

9B vs Skutt 11:00

JV vs Lin NE 2:30

Var vs Lin NE 4:00

***Practice/Game times are always subject to change.***



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## Elkhorn Attack Tournament Results

8th Green 1st

8th White 2nd

7th Green 2nd

6th White 3rd

4th Simons 1st



Most MBA teams played in the Elkhorn Attack Tournament and also and one or two league games this weekend.



The teams are heading into the last month of the season. They will play in the Kings & Queens of the Court tournament in Bellevue February 8–10 and the Nothin' But Net tournament February 15-17.



The Winter OSA season wraps up February 18th and the Pella Playoffs will be played from February 23 through March 3rd.



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