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Millard West Boys Basketball

Wildcat Report

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Wildcats Go 1-2 in Tough Week

Bellevue East Upsets Wildcats

The Bellevue East Chieftains used a strong defensive effort in the 2nd half to upset Millard West 53-50.

Fred Knotts and Joey Skoff did most of the damage for the Chieftains scoring 21 and 15 points respectively.

Millard West's Zach Olson led the way for the Wildcats with five 3-pointers and 17 points.

East jumped out to a 11-3 lead in the first quarter. West was able to battle back with a 7-0 run and close the lead to 11-10.

West opened the 2nd quarter with back to back 3-pointers by Zach Olson. But, the Chieftains scored on four consecutive possessions and led 19-16. The Wildcats led going into the half 24-21.

Gage Dengel scored 8 of his 12 points in the 1st half before Knotts and Skoff took over the scoring in the 2nd half. The two guards scored 28 of the Chieftains' 32 points in the 2nd half.

West hit another scoring drought midway through the 3rd quarter as East built a 36-32 lead with 2:06 left in the quarter. A basket by Jacob Harmdierks and another 3-pointer by Olson kept the Wildcats within 1, 36-35.

East took the lead for good on a 3-pointer by Skoff with 4:57 left in the game, 44-41.

The Chieftains did most of their damage in the 4th quarter from the free throw line by making 10-11 to help keep West out of reach.

Wildcats Jump Out on Benson

Millard West got back on the winning track by beating Omaha Benson 76-65. The Wildcats led by 13 at half and built their lead up to 23 points before the Bunnies leaped back into the game.

West had three players score in double digits. Zach Olson scored 17 points, and Cam Watson and Tristan Gomes added 14 points each.

Denim Johnson led the way for Benson with 16 points after playing in the first quarter. Jalen Parmer-Watson scored 13 points.

The game started out with a lot of scoring. West led 12-10 in the first four minutes of the game. The two teams combined for seven 3-pointers in the first quarter. Olson scored 10 points for the Wildcats and helped build a 19-14 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Olson continued to lead the Wildcats in the second period with five points. The offensive showing continued by both teams in the first part of the quarter before West was able to pull away before the half. The Wildcats took a 38-25 lead into the half.

"We scored a lot of points in the first half, but we weren't satisfied with our effort," coach Bill Morrison said. "We missed a lot of point-blank shots and were 0 for 7 from the line."

"We challenged them to get focused on both ends of the floor and to take care of business," Morrison added.

Papio South Conquers West

In an important Wildcard game, Papillion-LaVista South used their defense and long-range shooting to beat Millard West 68-57.

Lok Wur and Jared Mattley combined for 46 points, scoring 25 and 21 points respectively.

Nate Glantz scored 13 points off the bench for the Wildcats and Zach Olson added 12 for Millard West.

In a high-scoring first quarter, West had seven players score, including three different players making a 3-pointer.

South scored 17 points on five 3-pointers. Mattley made three and Graham Cassoutt made two long range shots. West led 18-17 after the 1st quarter.

The Titans took a 29-21 lead with 5:02 left in the half on another 3-pointer by Mattley. (Mattley scored 19 of his 21 points in the first quarter.)

West battled back and came to within 2 at 29-27 before South went on a 10-0 run to end the half.

"We made some uncharacteristic mistakes and the end of the quarter," Coach Bill Morrison said. "We had some unforced turnovers that led to them getting the lead before the half."

The Titans came out of the half aggressively and were able to build a 22 point lead with 2:49 left in the 3rd quarter. Wur scored 12 points in the quarter for Papio South.

Scores

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Freshman A (10-4)		Freshman B (11-2)		Reserves (6-10)		Junior Varsity (18-2)		Varsity (10-8)	
Burke	W 55-39	Burke	W 62-28	Burke	L 42-52	Burke	W 66-59	Bell East	L 50-53
Mil North	W 67-57	Mill North	W 58-48	Bennington	L 52-68	PLVS	W 49-28	Benson	W 76-65
				Elk South	L 39-46			PLVS	L 57-68

Bellevue East Continued

Midway through the final period, the Wildcats forced three consecutive turnovers, but they were unable to score on any of the ensuing possessions.

Olson made his final 3-pointer of the game with 46 seconds left to draw the Wildcats to within 51-50. Knotts made two free throws to give the Chieftains a 53-50 lead.

West worked the ball around and got Olson a contested shot from the corner to tie the

game, but the shot did not fall.

"We didn't do a great job of keeping our composure in the 2nd half. We let our emotions get the best of us too many times," Coach Bill Morrison said.

"We were out of timeouts and did not get a good play called on the last play," Morrison continued. "I needed to get us a better chance for a good look. We had plenty of time."

MW (9-8)	10	14	11	15	50
BE (5-14)	11	10	15	17	53

MW — Olson 17, Humm 7, Watson 3, Odermann 2, Beanum 4, Anderson 6, Gomes 2, Meyersick 9

BE — Knotts 21, Skoff 15, Archie 5, Dengel 12

Omaha Benson Continued

The Wildcats responded by scoring 18 points in the first six minutes of the 2nd half. The led 56-33 with 2:18 left in the 3rd quarter.

"The first part of the 2nd half was pretty good, but then we lost focus again at the end of the period. It just felt like a pick-up game," Morrison said.

West still held a 69-46 lead with 4:57 left in the game. That is when Benson got back into the game.

Benson went on a 16-0 run over the next three minutes and drew to within seven points, A free throw by Cam Watson and a put-back by

Kaedyn Odermann put the game out of reach for Benson.

Morrison said his players played well in the game. "We had a lot of good individual performances in the game. We did a lot of good things. We just need to be able to stay disciplined and maintain a lead,"

Gomes had 9 rebounds, 7 assists, three blocks and two steals to go along with his 14 points.

Olson made four three-pointers on the night. Odermann led the team with 10 rebounds, and Dalys Beanum dished out 8 assists.

OB (6-13)	11	11	14	26	65
MW (10-8)	19	19	22	16	76

OB — Ignowski 9, Parmer-Watson 13, Gallion 1, Lewis 5, Henderson 5, Daniels 2, Johnson 16, Adkisson 4, Foard 3, Holston 7

MW — Olson 17, Humm 2, Watson 14, Glantz 4, Odermann 9, Beanum 8, Gomes 14, Meyersick 6, Conway 2

Papio South Continued

The Titans led 56-39 at the end of the 3rd quarter.

"They got physical with our bigs and did a good job of doubling down when they needed to. We wanted to make it tough on Mattley and use other guys to help slow down Wuk." Morrison said about the game plan.

"Crossoutt had a great game for them. He made four 3's and played very good defense on our bigs. He really sent the tempo for them." Morrison said.

West cut the lead to 60-50 with 5:30 left in the game after Glantz hit two 3-pointers, and

Olson added another..

Cassoutt answered with his fourth 3-pointer of the game. The Titans scored the rest of their points from the free throw line.

The two teams were very close in wildcard points going into the game. The win by the Titans will put them into position to host a first round game in the district tournament.

"We can't worry about that," Morrison said. "We need to figure out what we are good at and what we didn't do well this last week and fix it. We only have two weeks before districts. We need to by playing our best basketball.

PLVS (11-10)	17	22	17	12	68
MW (10-9)	18	9	12	18	57

PLVS — Glenn 5, Mattley 21, Winkler 2, Wur 25, Norblade 1, Cassoutt 12, Lett 2

MW — Olson 12, Watson 9, Glantz 13, Odermann 6, Beanum 9, Gomes 2, Meyersick 6.

WILDCAT BASKETBALL

1st Annual MBA Scholarship to Be Awarded

The Millard Basketball Association is going to start giving a scholarship to Seniors from Millard West who have played at least two years for the MBA program.

To fund the scholarship, members of the high school team and the members of the MBA are going to do a joint free throw fundraisers.

Players will get sponsors to donate money per free throw made. Each player will shoot 50 free throws and then collect donations.

Half of the money raised will go

toward offering scholarships for the class of 2019. The other half will be donated to The American Cancer Society.

The current Seniors were asked to chose a charity of their choice to be the recipients of money raised through this fund raiser.

The high school players will shoot their free throws during practice this week.

MBA players are going to shoot free throws on February 24th before or after their team pictures.

"We are excited about this. It has been an idea of ours for a while. We are hoping to raise at least \$10000 in this first year and give five Seniors a \$1000 scholarship. We will not know exactly how many scholarships we will offer until after the fund raiser."

Recipients of the scholarship do not have to be on the Varsity basketball team. They must have played two years in the MBA, fill out an application, and write a short essay.

Lower Levels

Freshmen A

Millard West jumped out to a 21-4 lead in the first quarter and were able to hold onto their lead for the remainder of the game. The Wildcat won 55-39.

Aiden Nelson scored 11 in the win at Burke.

The Wildcats beat cross town rival Millard North 67-57. They won both of the first two quarters and led 34-26 at the half.

Jaxson Cahoy scored 19 points and Tanner Farrell scored 12 points in the win. Freshmen A improves to 10-4 on the season

Freshmen B

The Wildcats Freshmen B earned a commanding win over Burke High school. The Wildcats out scored the Bulldogs in each quarter and win 62-28.

The 10-2 Wildcats were lead offensively by Caden Becker who had 18

and Cayden Schaecher had 9.

Other Wildcat scoring was Young with 8, Neumann and Spreitzer had 7, Fialla and Traubel had 5, Holzer had 2 and Haith with 1.

Millard West was able to travel to Millard North and come out with the win, 58-48.

Beau Young and Ben Beresh led the scoring in the win. Will Holzer had a great defensive performance.

Reserves

Millard West cut a second half Burke lead of 15 to 5 points with 3 minutes left but gave up offensive rebounds on three straight possessions, two of which were on free throws, late in the game.

The boys battled hard in the 52-42 loss and were led by Spencer Fortune who had 11 points.

After being tied 14-14 at the end of the 1st quarter, Bennington outscored Millard West in each of the last three quarters. The Badgers won 68-52.

Hunter Strong and Ben Kelley scored 13 points each for the Wildcats. Ben Bizal added 9 points.

A strong defensive performance

was not enough as the Wildcats fell into a scoring slump at the end of the 3rd quarter as the Storm pulled away to win 46-39.

Caleb Lemon led the team with 13 points.

Junior Varsity

The JV Boys were down 2 going into the 4th Quarter and, by stepping up their energy on the defensive end, they were able to come out victorious.

The Wildcats were able to get the lead and hold onto it by making 8 of 12 free throws in the 4th quarter.

Ryan Larsen led the team with 20 points. James Conway contributed 17 and Chase Hultman had 11.

West used their defense to beat Papillion South 49-28. After trailing by 3 at halftime, the JV boys played one of their best halves of the season, outscoring the Titans, 35-11.

James Conway, Chase Hultman, Dustin Hatch, and Quinn Frost led the team with 8 points apiece. All 8 players scored.

Weekly Practice / Game Schedule

Monday, Feb 11

Practice

V/JV 3:30—5:10

R/9th 5:10-6:40

Games

No Games

Tuesday, Feb 12

Practice

V/JV 3:30-5:10

Games

Res at Pius X 7:30

Bus leaves 5:30

9A vs PLVS 6:00

9B vs PLVS 7:30

Wednesday, Feb 13

Practice

V/JV 3:30-5:10

Games

No Games

Thursday, Feb 14

Practice

9A TBA

V/JV 11:30

Games

JV vs LNS 5:30

Var vs LNS 7:15

Friday, Feb 15

Practice

V/JV TBA

Games

JV at Kearney 5:30

Var at Kearney 7:15

Bus leaves 2:00

Saturday, Feb 16

Practice

No Practice

Games

No Games

Practice/Game times are always subject to change.





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FUNDAMENTALS * SPORTSMANSHIP**

Kings and Queens Tournament Champs

8th Green



7th Green



6th Sorum



7th Black



5th White



5th Batten





MILLARD BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION FREE THROW CHALLENGE

The MBA/Wildcat Hoops organization and Millard West High School boys basketball have decided to set up a fund raiser that will pay back to the players in the program and to the community.

We will have a Free Throw fund raiser to help fund the scholarship and to donate funds to the charity of choice by the 2019 seniors. This year, the seniors have chosen *The American Cancer Society* as their charity.

Each player in the MBA and High School program will participate in the fund raiser by getting sponsors and by shooting free throws.

Each player will ask parents, friends, relatives, neighbors, teachers, etc. to sponsor them. It would also be great if the player could *sponsor themselves*. A 10¢ donation would be a maximum of \$5.00. There are two ways that a person can sponsor a player. They can give a flat donation or they can give a pre-determined amount per free throw made. Our goal is for every player to get sponsored for a minimum of \$2 to \$3 per free throw made. \$2 per free throw would raise \$10,000 to \$15,000 this first year, \$3 could possible raise \$20,000.

We will have all MBA players participate in this event on Sunday, February 24th. The 24th is the same day as the MBA team pictures. We will have players shoot right after their picture time. If needed, a player can come in at a different time to shoot. High school teams will shoot at practice.

The MBA team that raises the most money will get a pizza party compliments of the organization. We will also give 2 players from each class an award. One award will be for the player who raises the most money. The second award will be for the player who makes the most free throws.

We are very excited about the potential of this fund raiser. It is an idea we have had for a while and is past due. Teaching players to raise and donate money for a cause bigger than themselves is an important value that we want to instill in our athletes.

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