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Millard West Boys Basketball Wildcat Report

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Blue Jays End Wildcats' Season

As Millard West was slowing Omaha Creighton Prep's two primary offensive weapons Monday, the Junior Jays needed others to step up in their District A-3 championship game.

Enter Will Hanafan and Spencer Moes, who lifted Prep out of its 10-day funk and carried the Junior Jays to a 69-60 victory over Millard West before an estimated 1,400 at Prep's Heider Center.

Hanafan finished with 17 points on 7-of-12 shooting, and Moes was 3-of-4 from the field and made 13 of 14 free throws to finish with a game-high 20 points. Jayden Temme also finished in double figures with 12 points.

"Will Hanafan, he's our defensive guy, but he scored for us tonight. I don't like the midrange jump shot. He loves it.

"That's his shot. I've got to let him go with it."

The victory sends the 21-3 Junior Jays to state for the third straight season and the 56th time in school history. Prep will play a yet-to-be-determined opponent in a first-round game March 9 at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln.

Prep lost back-to-back games to

Papillion-La Vista and Lincoln Southeast to end the regular season, then was pushed to the limit in Saturday's first-round district win over Omaha Northwest before winning 62-61.

Luedtke said he wasn't certain how this young, inexperienced team would bounce back. None of his regulars saw significant time in Prep's last two state tournament appearances.

"After Saturday's game against Northwest we didn't know what to expect tonight," Luedtke said. "These guys were resilient. They showed a lot of moxie down the stretch. They showed a lot of confidence.

"We told them 'You're not getting the wild card. You need to win and earn your ticket.' For a lot of these guys, it's going to be the first time they're at state."

Coach Bill Morrison said the goal of the Wildcats, who finished 15-11, was to shut down Prep's leading scorers Kyle Luedtke and Akol Arop, and they suc-

ceeded in that mission.

Luedtke, the coach's son, finished with four points, all on free throws, while Arop scored 10 points but only took five shots.

"We wanted to take Luedtke and Arop out, and we did a pretty good job on that. And their next two guys stepped up,"

Morrison said. "Will Hanafan was amazing. I told the guys: they beat us. We didn't lose the game."

Hanafan said he was ready for the moment.

"What's dangerous about us is we have a lot of guys who can score," he said. "Kyle and Akol obviously are our two main scorers, but when they're off, it opens up a lot of stuff for other people."

The Wildcats grabbed a quick 12-6 lead, but Prep rallied to go up 16-



Wildcats End Season After Loss in District Finals

15 on a dunk by Arop with three seconds remaining in the first quarter.

Prep stretched that lead to 32-23 by halftime with a 13-2 run after Millard West's Colby Gomes left the game with a sprained ankle.

early in the third quarter and were still up seven late in the period before Millard West battled back to 44-41 heading into the fourth quarter.

The Wildcats wouldn't go away until the free throw shooting sealed

Schnuerle 0-0 0-0 0, Omid Sidiqi 1-3 0-0 2, Brock Burling 3-3 2-2 8. Totals-21-56 8-10 60.

CP: Akol Arop 4-5 2-2 10, Spencer Moes 3-4 13-14 20, Tommy Steier 0-0 0-0 0, Kyle Luedtke 0-5 4-4 4, Jayden Temme 4-7 1-1 12, Will Hanafan 7-12 0-0 17, Matt Wellendorf 0-0 0-0 0, Grant Matthies 2-4 0-0 6. Totals-20-37 20-21 69.

3-point goals: MW 10-32 (Hay 3-11, Wyatt 1-6, Hall 4-10, Guido 1-2, Buscher 0-1, Gomes 1-2); CP 9-20 (Moes 1-2, Luedtke 0-4, Temme 3-6, Hanafan 3-5, Matthies 2-3).

Total fouls: MW 19, CP 13. Fouled out: None. Technical fouls: None. Turnovers: MW 7, CP 10. Rebounds: MW 22 (Burling 5), CP 24 (Arop 7).

Field goal percentage: MW .375, CP .541. Free throw percentage: MW .800, CP .952. A-1,400 (est.).



Coach Bill Morrison said the injury played a factor. "Colby has been playing great lately, so it changed our offense," he said. "But it also changed a lot of matchups. We lost our advantage at a couple spots."

The Wildcats were only able to score 8 points in the 2nd quarter.

Gio Guido and Omid Sidiqi both picked up two quick fouls. "The foul trouble and Colby's injury changed our rotation pattern," Morrison said. "I still thought we would be fine in the 2nd half after calming down and getting reset."

The Junior Jays twice led by 11

the win.

"I looked around," Hanafan said. "This is the last time I'm playing at Prep. This could be the last time I play basketball. I stepped up, took a couple of shots. I was confident in shooting them and it helped us win."

MW (15-11) 15 8 18 19-60
Prep (21-3) 16 16 12 25-69

MW: Simon Hay 4-17 0-0 11, Shae Wyatt 3-11 6-7 13, Christian Hall 5-12 0-0 14, Giavonni Guido 3-6 0-1 7, Peyton Buscher 0-1 0-0 0, Colby Gomes 2-3 0-0 5, Hunter

<u>2016-2017</u>	
<u>Millard West Records</u>	
Freshmen B	16-0
Freshmen A	21-1
Reserves	16-3
JV	17-5
Varsity	15-11

Wildcat Basketball – 2016-2017 New Records

1st	2017	Team	1666		Points Scored	Season
1st	2017	Team	72.80%	313/430	Free Throw Percentage	Season
2nd	2017	Team	150		3-Pointers Made	Season
2nd	2017	Team	35.50%	150/422	3-Point Percentage	Season
2nd	2017	Team	64.04		Points Per Game	Season
T1	2017	Shae Wyatt	8		Steals	Game
1st	2017	Simon Hay	85.90%	55/64	Free Throw Percentage	Season
T1	2017	Shae Wyatt	52		Steals	Season
2nd	2017	Shae Wyatt	52		3-point FG's Made	Season
3rd	2017	Omid Sidiqi	65.50%	38/58	2-point FG Percentage	Season
T4	2017	Shae Wyatt	96		Free Throws Made	Season
4th	2017	Shae Wyatt	446		Points Scored	Season
4th	2017	Shae Wyatt	81.40%	96/118	Free Throw Percentage	Season
5th	2017	Shae Wyatt	18.6		Avg. Points Per Game	Season
7th	2017	Shae Wyatt	40.30%	52/129	3-point FG Percentage	Season
7th	2017	Gio Guido	93		Assists	Season
9th	2017	Christian Hall	76.80%	43/56	Free Throw Percentage	Season
1st	2017	Simon Hay	84.10%	95/113	Free Throw Percentage	Career
1st	2017	Shae Wyatt	117		3-pointers Made	Career
2nd	2017	Shae Wyatt	79.20%	141/178	Free Throw Percentage	Career
2nd	2017	Shae Wyatt	16.3		Avg Points Per Game	Career
3rd	2017	Simon Hay	95		3-point FG's Made	Career
3rd	2017	Shae Wyatt	95		Steals	Career
4th	2017	Brock Burling	46		Blocks	Career
4th	2017	Shae Wyatt	40.20%	117/291	3-point FG Percentage	Career
5th	2017	Shae Wyatt	798		Points Scored	Career
6th	2017	Shae Wyatt	141		Free Throws Made	Career
7th	2017	Shae Wyatt	153		2-point Field Goals Made	Career
8th	2017	Shae Wyatt	187		Defensive Rebounds	Career
10th	2017	Colby Gomes	67		Steals	Career

Save the Date

Boys Basketball Banquet

For High School players and their
families.

April 2, 5:00 p.m.

More info to come soon.