



ROCKET GAMEDAY

Neenah (2-1) vs. Oshkosh North (3-1)

December 18, 2015 - 7:15 p.m.

Ron Einerson Fieldhouse



2015-16 Schedule

Dec. 1	at Bay Port	L 67-66 ot
Dec. 4	Appleton West	W 62-48
Dec. 10	at Kimberly	W 62-59
Dec. 18	Oshkosh North	7:15 p.m.
Dec. 22	Fond du Lac	7:15 p.m.
Dec. 28	*vs. Madison East	8:40 p.m.
Dec. 29	*vs. Slinger	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 5	at Appleton East	7:15 p.m.
Jan. 8	Hortonville	7:15 p.m.
Jan. 15	Oshkosh West	7:15 p.m.
Jan. 19	Appleton North	7:15 p.m.
Jan. 22	at Kaukauna	7:15 p.m.
Jan. 26	at Appleton West	7:15 p.m.
Jan. 29	Kimberly	7:15 p.m.
Feb. 2	at Oshkosh North	7:15 p.m.
Feb. 5	at Fond du Lac	7:15 p.m.
Feb. 9	Appleton East	7:15 p.m.
Feb. 11	at Hortonville	7:15 p.m.
Feb. 13	Wausau East	7:15 p.m.
Feb. 16	at Oshkosh West	7:15 p.m.
Feb. 19	at Appleton North	7:15 p.m.
Feb. 25	Kaukauna	7:15 p.m.
Mar. 1	WIAA Regional	7 p.m.
Mar. 6	WIAA Regional	7 p.m.
Mar. 7	WIAA Regional	7 p.m.
Mar. 12	WIAA Sectional (Osh. North)	7 p.m.
Mar. 14	WIAA Sectional (Marshfield)	TBA
Mar. 20-21	WIAA State (at Madison)	TBA

* - Game played at UW-Green Bay Kress Center

Series History (since 1965-66)

- ▶ Neenah leads the regular season series with Oshkosh North 48-38.
- ▶ Neenah trails the WIAA post season series with Oshkosh North 9-8.
- ▶ The longest Neenah regular season win streak in the series is 21 games (1973-1983).
- ▶ The longest Oshkosh North regular season win streak in the series is 12 games (2008-2013).
- ▶ Neenah's largest margin of victory (57 points) was in the 1976 WIAA Regional by the score of 95-38.
- ▶ Neenah's largest margin of defeat (28 points) was in 2003 by the score of 63-35.
- ▶ In the 103 total games that Neenah and Oshkosh North have battled on the court since 1973, only four games have gone to overtime.
- ▶ During the first 17 years of this rivalry, between 1973-1989, the Rockets and Spartans faced each other 11 times in the WIAA tournament. However, since 1990, they have only squared off six times with the most recent game being last year's WIAA Regional Final won by Neenah 81-71 in overtime.

Around the FVA

	Conf.		Overall		Friday, Dec. 18 Games
	W	L	W	L	
Oshkosh West	2	0	4	0	Oshkosh North at Neenah
Kaukauna	2	0	3	0	Kaukauna at Oshkosh West
Neenah	2	0	2	1	Fond du Lac at Appleton North
Oshkosh North	1	1	3	1	Hortonville at Appleton West
Appleton West	1	1	3	1	Appleton East at Kimberly
Kimberly	1	1	2	1	Tuesday, Dec. 22 Games
Hortonville	1	1	3	2	Fond du Lac at Neenah
Appleton East	0	2	2	3	Oshkosh West at Appleton West
Fond du Lac	0	2	1	3	Appleton East at Oshkosh North
Appleton North	0	2	0	4	Hortonville at Kimberly
					Appleton North at Kaukauna



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Tale of the Tape

(Conf. Only)	Neenah	Osh. North
Scoring Average	62.0	80.0
Scoring Defense	53.5	81.0
Scoring Margin	+8.5	-1.0
Field Goal Pct.	52.4	46.7
3pt Field Goal Pct.	35.0	27.5
Free Throw Pct.	66.0	75.5
Field Goal Pct. Def.	37.1	48.2
Rebounds/Game	22.0	27.0
Assists/Game	8.5	11.0
Turnovers/Game	12.0	14.0
Steals/Game	8.5	13.5
Blocks/Game	2.5	0.5
All-Time History:		
FVA Record	469-255	389-311
FVA Win Pct.	.648	.556
FVA Titles	13	5

Neenah Fight Song

Go, Neenah, win this game;
 Keep your spotless fame.
 We will cheer you all the while,
 As you fight and fight.
 RAH, RAH, RAH!

We'll cheer 'til the echoes loud resound,
 For our joys are all profound;
 Then we'll sing to Alma Mater.
 Neenah High!

Neenah Boys Basketball Booster Club Mission Statement:

To advance the boys basketball program of the NJSD with moral, physical and financial assistance.



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Tonight's Matchup



The Rockets return to the hardwood tonight for the first time in eight days as they battle the Spartans of Oshkosh North. The Spartan program is led by the dean of FVA head basketball coaches, head coach Frank Schade. Coach Schade is in his 30th season of guidance over the Oshkosh North program. The green and gold head into tonight's game with a 1-1 record in the FVA and 3-1 overall record. The Spartans defeated both of their non conference opponents (Waukesha South and Menasha) before splitting a pair of FVA conference games in overtime (defeating Fond du Lac and losing to Kimberly).

The Spartans are replacing a lot of offensive firepower from last year's 16-8 team. Lost to graduation were Nick Bauer, Seth Taylor, Jacob Madut and Blake Marquardt. The lone returning starter from last season is junior Philip Flory. However, Flory is yet to see action this season due to an injury. Nonetheless, the Spartans can still score. Coach Schade has four players that are averaging at least 10 point per game entering tonight's contest. They are senior guards Cole Ellestad (10.3 ppg) and Austin Trochinski (14.7 ppg), sophomore guard Tyrese Haliburton (15.7 ppg) and junior guard Shane Wissink (20.7 ppg). Another variable that must be dealt with tonight is the 1-3-1 zone defense that Coach Schade has used for years. The Rockets must be strong with the ball and limit their turnovers if they want to advance their record to 3-0 in the FVA.

Speaking of the Rockets, they may well be the surprise of the FVA after two weeks of action. Following a heartbreaking overtime loss to the Bay Port Pirates in the non-conference season opener, the Big Red has rattled off consecutive victories (in complete different fashion) to begin the 2015-16 FVA season. Two weeks ago the Rockets soundly defeated the Appleton West Terrors, at home in the Ron Einerson Field House, 62-48. Then last Thursday, on the road in Kimberly, the Rockets came from 11 points down with 12 minutes left in the second half to stun the defending FVA champion Kimberly Papermakers 62-59. Neenah displayed impressive resiliency and poise in never giving up and continuing to fight and chip away at the double digit deficit throughout the entire second half. With 2:22 left in the game the Rockets had finally tied the score at 55-55. While it may have seemed like the final two minutes of game action lasted 20 minutes, the Rockets made just enough free throws on the offensive end of the court and just enough stops on the defensive end of the court to hold on for a huge confidence building road win in early December.



Turning Back the Clock

Tonight we are looking back on last year's overtime battle in the WIAA Regional Final played between the (16-7) Oshkosh North Spartans and the (19-4) Neenah Rockets. Neenah had already defeated Oshkosh North twice during the year (56-46 at Oshkosh North, and 56-41 at Neenah). In the second game the Rockets received 35 points from all-conference center Matt Heldt. With a regional final win, the Rockets would earn a trip to the WIAA Sectional and also complete a three-game sweep of the Spartans for the first time since 2002.

The Rockets went to work in the first quarter targeting their advantage in the post with Matt Heldt. In fact, Heldt scored eight of Neenah's first 11 points. After one quarter of action the Rockets led the Spartans 13-7. Neenah would continue to get Heldt the ball in the post and he responded despite the double team efforts of the Spartans. The Rockets opened up their largest lead of the half when a basket put the margin at 26-15 at the 4:00 mark of the second quarter. The Spartans responded with some buckets, yet after 16 minutes of action, the Rockets headed off to the locker room with a 30-21 lead.

The second half started with plenty of long-range bombing, especially from the Spartans. Back-to-back three-point field goals from Spartan seniors Seth Taylor and Blake Marquardt cut the Rocket lead to 31-27. Neenah responded with a 5-0 run highlighted with a back door alley-oop from Trevor Entwisle to Adam Pronschinske which woke up the Rocket Nation. The Spartans answered with more long range bombs, this time from Marquardt and Philip Flory to close the Neenah lead to 42-37 after 24 minutes of action. Neenah would take control to start the fourth quarter and took a 57-47 lead with 3:06 left in the game on a three-point play by Heldt. Then the Spartans erupted. Significantly aided by both poor free throw shooting (4-for-9 from the line during the last three minutes of the fourth quarter) and some untimely turnovers by the Rockets, as well as their own deadly long range shooting, Oshkosh North went on a 14-4 run to close the fourth quarter and force overtime. The Spartans received three-point baskets from Taylor, Marquardt (twice) and Ben Leib (with under 10 seconds left in regulation) to tie the game at 61-61 and force overtime.

However, with their season on the line, the Men of Bork circled the wagons in overtime. Ty Hegg began overtime with a three-point basket. After a Spartan basket by Taylor cut the Rocket lead to 64-63, Heldt scored five points over two consecutive possessions to put Big Red ahead 69-63 with 1:32 left in overtime. From that point, Neenah went a perfect 9-for-9 from the charity stripe to close out the Spartans 81-71 and collect another WIAA regional plaque. In his final game at the Ron Einerson Fieldhouse, Heldt scored 25 points to help lead the Rockets to victory.

Until Tuesday, Dec. 22, when we welcome the Cardinals of Fond du Lac, NEENAH WITH PRIDE!



Neenah Rockets

2-1 Overall, 2-0 Fox Valley Association

Head Coach: Lee Rabas (1st season, 2-1 at Neenah, 105-57 overall)

Assistant Coaches: Chas Pronschinske, Al Krueger

Student Assistant: Sam Borchers

Video Assistant: Matthew Elbe

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
2	Josh Mericle	G	6-0	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Jose Alba-Zielinski	G	6-1	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Cole Szczepaniak	F	6-0	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Anthony Dehn	G	6-1	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Eli Powell	F	6-5	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Payton Mericle	G	6-0	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Rayce Prosser	G	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Jonah Matulle	F	6-4	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Patrick Wangelin	C	6-5	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Jordan Mascal	F	6-5	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
31	Anthony Bartman	C	6-6	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Zavier Sims	F	6-5	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
41	Joe Jung	G	6-1	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
43	Greg Lenhart	F	6-1	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Oshkosh North Spartans



3-1 Overall, 1-1 Fox Valley Association

Head Coach: Frank Schade (30th season, 439-228 overall)

Assistant Coaches: Brad Weber, John Cameron, Jordan Schade

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
3	Shane Wissink	G	5-10	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
10	Quincy Anderson	G	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Brett Ellestad	G	6-2	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Josh Leib	G	6-0	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
14	Tyrese Haliburton	G	6-3	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
20	Hayden Gabrijska	G	6-2	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Austin Trochinski	G	6-2	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Dylan Krumrei	F	6-2	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Cole Ellestad	G	6-1	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
30	Landon Mueller	P	6-3	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Matt Hickey	P	6-0	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Phillip Flory	G	6-4	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
35	Luke Lane	F	6-0	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
40	Mitch Sundstrom	F	6-2	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345



Rocket Tradition

29 Conference Championships:
1928, 1929, 1930, 1932, 1939, 1940,
1943, 1945, 1946, 1949, 1951, 1961,
1962, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1971, 1975,
1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1981, 1982,
1985, 1987, 1988, 1998, 2014

3 State Championships:
1930, 1975, 1978
7 State Runner Ups:
1920, 1939, 1969, 1970,
1972, 1988, 2014

26 State Tournament Appearances:
1920, 1925, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931,
1932, 1939, 1940, 1942, 1947, 1952,
1966, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1974,
1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1988, 2000,
2010, 2014

Junior Varsity

Neenah Rockets

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
2	Seth Hammett	G	5-9	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Peyton Mellenthin	G	5-9	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Chance Pronschinske	G	5-9	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Logan Morrow	G	6-3	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Matthew Pavletich	G	6-1	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Peter Herberg	F	6-3	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
25	Tyler Van Oursouw	G	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
31	Spencer Schamens	F	6-2	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Jaxon Spiegelberg	G	5-9	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
41	Caleb Feavel	F	5-11	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
43	Tyrese Taylor	F	6-4	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
45	Dakota Bartlett	G	6-4	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Coaches: Kyle Popp and Ron Billman

Statistics Assistant: Nathan Laeyendecker

Oshkosh North Spartans

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
10	Quincy Anderson	G	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Wil Schmidt	G	5-8	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Jose Rodriguez	G	5-6	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
14	DeShawn Kraemer	G	5-1	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Lovell Washington	F	5-11	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
30	Gout Deng	F	6-4	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Josh Schuttenhelm	F	6-3	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
35	Kaleb Crooks	F	6-3	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Coaches: Rick Leib and Chad Miller

Freshmen

Neenah Rockets

No.	Player	Ht.	Yr.
2	Kyle Martis	5-2	Fr.
3	Tim Nault	5-11	Fr.
4	Max Schneider	5-10	Fr.
5	Ethan Parker	6-1	Fr.
11	Grayson Schroeder	5-8	Fr.
13	Teddy Gullickson	5-7	Fr.
15	Quinn Rechner	5-7	Fr.
21	Carson Hughes	5-10	Fr.
23	Mason Morrow	5-10	Fr.
25	Hayden Jones	5-9	Fr.
31	Logan Eiden	6-1	Fr.
33	Marcus Hickey	6-1	Fr.
35	Sam Dietrich	5-9	Fr.
43	Martin Morales	6-0	Fr.
45	Andy Jensen	5-11	Fr.

Coaches: Marc Goodman and Christian Schnell

Oshkosh North Spartans

No.	Player	Ht.	Yr.
3	Carter Swanson	5-5	Fr.
10	Tre Palacios	5-5	Fr.
11	Brennon Colburn	5-8	Fr.
12	Braden Christie	5-4	Fr.
14	Joey Hickey	5-4	Fr.
15	Seth Harms	5-8	Fr.
20	Gavin Rhode	5-6	Fr.
22	Ethan Hinderman	5-7	Fr.
23	Dion Stulo	5-8	Fr.
24	Lucas Pinkerton	5-8	Fr.
30	Jason Hall	6-0	Fr.
33	Luke Salzsieder	6-1	Fr.
44	Jabriel Davenport	6-2	Fr.
45	Marcel Haliburton	5-7	Fr.
Mgr.	Dakota Van Ravenstein		

Coaches: Jon Berger and Alex Madden