



ROCKET GAMEDAY

Neenah (12-4) vs. Fond du Lac (3-13)

February 6, 2015 - 7:15 p.m.

Ron Einerson Fieldhouse



2014-15 Schedule

Nov. 25	at Peoria (Ill.) Notre Dame	W 64-34
Dec. 5	at Appleton West	W 42-32
Dec. 12	Kimberly	L 44-47
Dec. 19	at Oshkosh North	W 56-46
Dec. 23	at Fond du Lac	W 56-31
Dec. 29	*Arrowhead	W 54-30
Dec. 30	*Germantown	L 63-67
Jan. 3	Bay Port	W 60-40
Jan. 6	Appleton East	W 53-26
Jan. 9	at Hortonville	W 60-54
Jan. 16	at Oshkosh West	W 78-57
Jan. 20	at Appleton North	W 59-40
Jan. 23	Kaukauna	L 70-75 2ot
Jan. 27	Appleton West	W 54-36
Jan. 30	at Kimberly	L 49-55
Feb. 3	Oshkosh North	W 56-41
Feb. 6	Fond du Lac	7:15 p.m.
Feb. 10	at Appleton East	7:15 p.m.
Feb. 12	Hortonville	7:15 p.m.
Feb. 17	Oshkosh West	7:15 p.m.
Feb. 20	Appleton North	7:15 p.m.
Feb. 26	at Kaukauna	7:15 p.m.
Mar. 6	WIAA Regional	7 p.m.
Mar. 7	WIAA Regional	7 p.m.
Mar. 12	WIAA Sectional (Menasha)	7 p.m.
Mar. 14	WIAA Sectional (Wausau)	TBA
Mar. 20-21	WIAA State (at Madison)	TBA

* - Game played at Concordia Univ., Mequon

Series History (since 1965-66)

- Fond du Lac leads the regular season series with Neenah 29-24.
- Fond du Lac is the only school in the FVA that owns an all-time winning record over the Rockets.
- Fond du Lac leads the WIAA postseason series with Neenah 7-5.
- The longest Neenah regular season win streak in the series is 8 games (currently from 2011-2015).
- The longest Fond du Lac regular season win streak in the series is 11 games (1993-1998).
- Neenah's largest margin of victory (36 points) was in 1970 at 85-49.
- Neenah's largest margin of defeat (34 points) was in 1995 at 70-36.
- In the 65 total games that Neenah and Fond du Lac have played since 1965-66, 11 of those games have ended up going to overtime. Five of those 11 games happened within a four-year span between the 2001-02 and 2004-05.
- Neenah and Fond du Lac are the only two schools in the history of the FVA to have an all-time conference winning percentage over .600.

Around the FVA

	Conf.		Overall		Friday, Feb. 6 Games
	W	L	W	L	Fond du Lac at Neenah
Kaukauna	11	1	15	1	Oshkosh West at Appleton West
Kimberly	11	1	14	1	Appleton North at Kaukauna
Neenah	9	3	12	4	Appleton East at Oshkosh North
Oshkosh North	8	5	10	7	Saturday, Feb. 7 Game
Oshkosh West	6	6	8	7	Kimberly at Minneapolis DeLaSalle
Hortonville	4	8	7	9	Tuesday, Feb. 10 Games
Appleton East	4	8	6	10	Neenah at Appleton East
Appleton West	4	8	5	11	Appleton West at Appleton North
Fond du Lac	2	10	3	13	Oshkosh North at Hortonville
Appleton North	2	11	3	13	Kaukauna at Fond du Lac
					Kimberly at Oshkosh West



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Tale of the Tape

	Neenah	Fond du Lac
Scoring Average	57.4	45.4
Scoring Defense	44.4	61.5
Scoring Margin	13.0	-16.1
Field Goal Pct.	49.0%	43.7%
3pt Field Goal Pct.	33.6%	32.6%
Free Throw Pct.	75.4%	61.3%
Field Goal Pct. Def.	41.2%	48.4%
Rebounds/Game	25.8	20.0
Assists/Game	12.8	9.0
Turnovers/Game	9.6	13.2
Steals/Game	5.2	3.8
Blocks/Game	2.8	1.4
All-Time History:		
FVA Record	461-255	286-164
FVA Win Pct.	.644	.635
FVA Titles	13	9

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 hallowed grounds of the Ron Einerson Fieldhouse for the second time in four days when they roll out the welcome mat for head coach Mark Ziebell and his Fond du Lac Cardinals. Coach Ziebell is in his first year of trying to rebuild this once proud basketball powerhouse. The Cardinals enter tonight's game at 2-10 in the FVA, and 3-13 overall on the season. How far have the Cardinals dropped off in the past few years? Consider these statistics. During Fond du Lac's first 15 seasons in the FVA (from 1990, which was Fond du Lac's first year of basketball in the FVA, through the completion of the 2004 season) the Cardinals garnered nine conference championships and had a conference winning percentage of .845. During the past 10 seasons the Cardinals have not won a conference title and have a conference winning percentage of .367. Coach Ziebell is no stranger to the battles of the FVA, as he is a proud member of the 1986 FVA champion Oshkosh North Spartans. In fact, Ziebell is one of only a handful of players in the 44-year history of the FVA that was the conference's leading scorer, leading rebounder and Most Valuable Player all in the same year (1986).

Through their first 16 games this season the Cardinals have not had one dominant scorer. In reality, they have four different players that all average between 7.8 points per game and 8.8 ppg. These four players are two sophomores (Caleb Goldstein and Sam Fredrickson) and two seniors (Brian Luteyn and Marcus Ruch). The varsity roster is a young roster with eight out of the 12 spots belonging to freshmen, sophomores and juniors.

The Rockets responded to last Friday's tough loss at Kimberly in a positive fashion this past Tuesday night. The Men of Bork smashed the Spartans of Oshkosh North in a crucial game, 56-41, in a game that wasn't as close of the final score may indicate. Senior Matt Heldt dominated the post and put up a season-high 35 points to lead the Rocket offensive attack. With that win the Rockets are now positioned in third place in the FVA (two games behind co-leaders Kaukauna and Kimberly) with six games left over the final three weeks.

An interesting thing happened in the FVA this past Tuesday night. Undeclared Kaukauna lost to Oshkosh West, which had just lost to previously winless Appleton North. We bring this fact up to show that every night is a battle in the FVA. If the perceived "favorite" doesn't come prepared mentally and physically, or ready to compete for 32 minutes on both ends of the floor, anything can happen.



Turning Back the Clock

Tonight we are looking back on the 1971 WIAA Regional Final played between the Neenah Rockets and Fond du Lac Cardinals at the O.J. Gymnasium at Neenah High School. The undefeated and top-ranked Rockets had some difficulty the night before in beating Ripon. In fact, Neenah actually trailed 30-28 at the half before opening the third quarter on a 16-0 run, on their way to a convincing 75-58 victory. Actually, the final margin could have been worse if the Rockets would have made their free throws on Friday night. Neenah only connected on 13-for-28 from the charity strip in the regional semi final victory.

In front of a capacity crowd of 3000 fans, the mighty Rockets took care of business early in the regional final against the Cardinals. There would be no halftime deficit on this night. In fact, if the game was a heavyweight title fight, it might have been called at the half. Playing what third year head coach Ron Einerson called "an outstanding first half, and the kind of ball we feel we're capable of playing" the Rockets flattened the Cardinals during the first two quarters of action by taking a commanding 50-24 halftime lead. The Rocket pressure defense was a key during the first half. Neenah turned Fond du Lac over 16 times in 16 minutes. The Cardinals did provide some resistance in the third quarter, but Neenah still held a comfortable margin at 66-42 heading into the final quarter. The fourth quarter allowed Coach Einerson to empty his bench and display his Rocket depth. The final score wound up 86-55.

Against Fond du Lac, the Rockets improved their free throw shooting connecting on 24-for-31 for the night. All-conference stars (junior) Ed Hawley and (senior) Bill Schultz led Neenah in scoring with 20 and 19 points, respectively. FVA 1971 Player of the Year Rick Matson added 11 for the top-ranked Rockets who moved their record to a perfect 21-0 on the season. With this win Neenah advanced to the sectional in Manitowoc. At the sectional, the Rockets defeated Waupun 77-54, and then defeated Manitowoc on the Ships' home court for the third consecutive year. In that memorable game the Rockets came back from seven points down with 2:37 left in the game. At state, the Rockets defeated Milwaukee Tech 65-47 before losing a heartbreaker to Janesville Parker 54-52 in a game where Neenah held a 16-point second half lead. The Rockets would end the season beating Wausau East for third place and finishing 25-1. Until next Thursday when we welcome the Polar Bears of Hortonville, NEENAH WITH PRIDE!



Neenah Rockets

12-4 Overall, 9-3 Fox Valley Association

Head Coach: Scott Bork (3rd season, 56-11 overall)

Assistant Coaches: Chas Pronschinske, Al Krueger

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
2	Jake Aijala	G	5-7	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Ty Hegg	G	6-2	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Trevor Entwisle	G	5-11	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Harold Boccheciamp	F	6-5	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Payton Mericle	G	6-0	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Joe Jung	G	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Adam Pronschinske	F	6-6	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Patrick Wangelin	F	6-4	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Jonah Matulle	F	6-4	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
25	Eli Powell	F	6-5	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
31	Matt Heldt	F	6-10	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
35	Cole Szczepaniak	G	6-0	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Fond du Lac Cardinals

3-13 Overall, 2-10 Fox Valley Association

Head Coach: Mark Ziebell (1st season, 3-13 at Fond du Lac; 202-270 overall)

Assistant Coaches: Steve Jorgensen, Arik Gunderson and Justin Budiac



No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
2	Caleb Goldstein	G	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Matt Schneider	G	5-11	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Drew Jorgensen	G	5-11	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
10	Kyler Bogenschneider	G	5-11	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Sam Fredrickson	F	6-7	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Jake Walgenbach	F	6-3	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
20	Peyton Head	F	6-3	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Justin Maratik	G	6-0	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Said Mahamed	G	6-1	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Brian Luteyn	F	6-5	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Coy Paulson	G	5-10	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
34	Marcus Ruch	F	6-6	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	Noah Bezier	G	5-7	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Jordan Mascal	F	6-4	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Josh Mericle	G	5-10	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Carter Brown	G	5-11	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Chance Pronschinske	G	5-7	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Matthew Elbe	G	5-9	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Mitchell Welter	G	6-2	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	A.J. Dehn	G	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Rayce Prosser	G	5-11	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
25	Chris Gilbertson	F	6-5	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
31	Greg Lenhart	F	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Anthony Bartman	F	6-3	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
35	Josh Dorschner	F	6-4	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
45	Zavier Sims	F	6-4	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Coaches: Kyle Popp and Ron Billman

Fond du Lac Cardinals

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
3	Jack Cole	G	5-11	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Riley Odekirk	G	5-11	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Keegan Berandt	G	6-1	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Devon Krzanowski	F	6-2	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
20	Jimmie Diener	G	5-11	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Ryan Norton	F	6-1	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Ian Spletter	F	6-1	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
40	Nate Diederich	G	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
50	Will Wright	F	6-1	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Coach: Steve Jorgensen

Freshmen

Neenah Rockets

No.	Player	Ht.	Yr.
2	Preston Ingalls	5-9	Fr.
3	Darik Buss	5-5	Fr.
4	Caleb Feavel	5-11	Fr.
5	Seth Hammett	5-5	Fr.
11	Nathan Laeyendecker	5-0	Fr.
13	Miles Priebe	5-6	Fr.
15	Matthew Pavletich	5-9	Fr.
21	Sam Hagner	5-9	Fr.
23	Esteban Guerra	5-11	Fr.
25	Tyler VanOursouw	5-10	Fr.
33	Jaxon Spiegelberg	5-8	Fr.
35	Ryan Frost	5-10	Fr.
43	Peter Herbert	6-2	Fr.

Coaches: Marc Goodman and Christian Schnell

Fond du Lac Cardinals

No.	Player	Yr.
2	Noah Wegner	Fr.
4	Hunter Smit	Fr.
5	Zach Dilling	Fr.
20	Matthew Collien	Fr.
21	Isaac Te Strote	Fr.
23	Parker Veness	Fr.
33	Elliott Nielsen	Fr.
34	Sawyer Jones	Fr.
40	Trevor Taylor	Fr.
41	Zach Walljasper	Fr.
42	Joe Gedemer	Fr.
50	Connor Linder	Fr.

Coaches: Arik Gunderson and Justin Budiach