

VARSITY ROSTERS

NEENAH Rockets

| No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Yr. | 2-point | 3-point | Free throws | Fouls |
|-----|---------------------|------|------|-----|----------|---------|-------------|-------|
| 2 | Michael Monroe | G | 5-10 | Sr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 3 | Chevalier Emery Jr. | G | 6-0 | So. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 4 | Adam Koellermeier | G | 6-1 | Jr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 5 | Max Klesmit | G | 6-3 | Sr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 10 | Ryan Janssen | G | 6-1 | Jr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 11 | Charlie Wolfgram | G | 6-1 | Jr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 12 | Emmanuel Lewin | F | 6-4 | Sr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 13 | Bryce Henderson | F | 6-1 | Sr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 14 | Rex Bayer | G | 5-11 | Sr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 15 | Brady Frost | C | 6-7 | Jr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 20 | Devin Vinci | G | 5-11 | Jr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 21 | Carter Thomas | F | 6-5 | So. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 22 | Jake Dietz | F | 6-3 | Jr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 23 | Ethan Noe | F | 6-5 | Jr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 24 | Garrett Luepke | F | 6-4 | Sr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 25 | Cal Klesmit | G | 6-1 | Fr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 31 | Austin Schumacher | G | 6-2 | Jr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |

Head Coach: Lee Rabas (5th season, 62-40 at Neenah, 165-96 overall)

Assistant Coaches: Al Krueger, Ron Billman, Todd Mueske and Randy Ropella

FOND DU LAC Cardinals

| No. | Name | Ht. | Yr. | 2-point | 3-point | Free throws | Fouls |
|-----|-------------------|------|-----|----------|---------|-------------|-------|
| 2 | Henry Wright | 6-2 | Jr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 3 | Fletcher Haus | 6-0 | Sr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 4 | Eli Schipper | 6-2 | Sr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 10 | Alex Gilhart | 5-10 | Sr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 11 | Luke Bruckner | 6-2 | Jr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 15 | Drew Dickmann | 6-0 | So. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 20 | Zach Seyfert | 6-0 | Jr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 22 | Tyler Van DeSlunt | 5-9 | Jr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 23 | Alex Rusch | 6-2 | Jr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 32 | Cole Linder | 6-2 | Jr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 33 | Mack Sebert | 6-4 | Jr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 34 | Kyle Walljasper | 6-2 | Jr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 40 | Elijah Diederich | 6-3 | Jr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 42 | Jamariea Dalton | 6-1 | Fr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |

Head Coach: Nick Ford (1st season, 3-1 overall)

Assistant Coach: Doug Follis

JUNIOR VARSITY ROSTERS

NEENAH Rockets

| No. | Name | Pos. | Yr. | 2-point | 3-point | Free throws | Fouls |
|-----|-----------------|------|-----|----------|---------|-------------|-------|
| 2 | Payton Kramer | G | So. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 3 | Cayden Retzki | G | So. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 4 | Jayden Sexton | G | So. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 5 | Cal Klesmit | G | Fr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 11 | Will Riemenapp | G | So. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 12 | Victor Guerra | G | So. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 13 | Evan Paque | G | So. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 15 | Mason Hobbs | G | So. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 21 | JJ Paider | F | So. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 23 | Leyton Daharsh | F | So. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 25 | Will Kordus | G | So. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 33 | Eli Schmidt | F | So. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 35 | Gradin Taschner | G | So. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 43 | Elias Strasman | C | So. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |

Coaches: Jake Coenen, Rich Frost and Willie Tucker

FOND DU LAC Cardinals

| No. | Name | Ht. | Yr. | 2-point | 3-point | Free throws | Fouls |
|-----|-------------------|------|-----|----------|---------|-------------|-------|
| 2 | Ian Ledger | 5-6 | So. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 3 | Stephen Schreiter | 6-2 | Fr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 4 | Moe Craine Jr. | 6-0 | Jr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 10 | Owen Gray | 5-10 | So. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 11 | Justin Schebrel | 6-0 | So. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 12 | Ethan Wagner-Lang | 6-2 | Fr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 20 | Zyshonne Altman | 6-0 | Jr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 22 | Tate Velasco | 6-1 | Jr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 23 | Domonic James | 6-4 | So. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 32 | Quinten Friess | 6-3 | So. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 33 | Aidon Camacho | 6-2 | So. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |

Head Coach: Eric Henry

Assistant Coach: Austin Gifford

FRESHMEN ROSTERS

NEENAH

| No. | Name | Pos. |
|-----|-------------------|------|
| 2 | Jackson Schlomann | F |
| 3 | Elliot Swanson | G |
| 4 | Drew Gentile | G |
| 5 | Sam Coulthard | G |
| 12 | Nolan Juckem | G |
| 13 | Noah Harmon | F |
| 15 | Coy Rajotte | G |
| 21 | Jase Jenkins | F |
| 22 | Josh Armstrong | G |
| 25 | Will Sorensen | G |
| 34 | Dylan Thurber | C |

Coaches: Marc Goodman and Nick Braemer

FOND DU LAC

| No. | Name |
|-----|------------------|
| 1 | Keenan Robertson |
| 2 | Simon Schipper |
| 3 | Colton Blank |
| 4 | Keshawn Johnson |
| 10 | Caleb Nehls |
| 11 | Carter Wendt |
| 12 | Ben Graham |
| 13 | Jontrell McGraw |
| 14 | Robbie Magdaleno |
| 20 | Mason Schnell |
| 22 | Kian O'Loughlin |
| 23 | Will Braatz |

Coach: Marcus Ruch
Assistant Coach: Willie Franke

2019-20 Neenah Schedule

| | | |
|---------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| 11/26 | at Marshfield | W 79-66 |
| 11/30 | Green Bay Preble | W 80-42 |
| 12/6 | at Oshkosh North | W 79-68 |
| 12/10 | Fond du Lac | 7:30 p.m. |
| 12/13 | at Appleton West | 7:30 p.m. |
| 12/17 | at Appleton East | 7:30 p.m. |
| 1/3 | at Appleton North | 7:30 p.m. |
| 1/7 | Kaukauna | 7:30 p.m. |
| 1/10 | at Hortonville | 7:30 p.m. |
| 1/14 | Appleton West | 7:45 p.m. |
| 1/17 | Kimberly | 7:30 p.m. |
| 1/24 | at Fond du Lac | 7:30 p.m. |
| 1/27 | at Oshkosh West | 7:30 p.m. |
| 1/31 | Oshkosh North | 7:30 p.m. |
| 2/4 | Appleton East | 7:30 p.m. |
| 2/7 | Appleton North | 6 p.m. |
| 2/11 | Stevens Point | 7 p.m. |
| 2/14 | Oshkosh West | 7:30 p.m. |
| 2/18 | at Kimberly | 7:30 p.m. |
| 2/21 | Hortonville | 7:30 p.m. |
| 2/22 | at Waukesha West | 3 p.m. |
| 2/27 | at Kaukauna | 7:30 p.m. |
| 3/6 | WIAA Regional | 7 p.m. |
| 3/7 | WIAA Regional | 7 p.m. |
| 3/12 | WIAA Sectional | 7 p.m. |
| 3/14 | WIAA Sectional (at D.C. Everest) | 7 p.m. |
| 3/20-21 | State (at Madison) | TBA |



| | Conf. | | Overall | |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | W | L | W | L |
| Hortonville | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Neenah | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Appleton North | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Kimberly | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Kaukauna | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Fond du Lac | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Oshkosh North | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Oshkosh West | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Appleton West | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Appleton East | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 |

Today's Games

Fond du Lac at Neenah
Appleton North at Kimberly
Hortonville at Kaukauna
Oshkosh North at Appleton West
Oshkosh West at Appleton East

Friday, Dec. 13 Games

Neenah at Appleton West
Hortonville at Fond du Lac
Appleton East at Oshkosh North
Kaukauna at Appleton North
Kimberly at Oshkosh West

TONIGHT'S Matchup

Tonight the Rockets return to the friendly confines of the Ron Einerson Fieldhouse to host head coach Nick Ford and his Fond du Lac Cardinals. Ford, a 2009 Fond du Lac alum, becomes the fourth different Cardinal head coach in the last seven years that will attempt to return the Fond du Lac basketball program back to the top of the FVA.

While Fond du Lac still has the third highest winning percentage all-time and second most conference titles won, the Cardinal basketball program has struggled as of late. In Fond du Lac's first 15 years in the FVA, the school won nine conference titles and never had a losing record. In the past 15 years, the Cardinals have only enjoyed a winning record in conference play twice (2008, 2017) and last year became only the fourth school (Appleton West 1997; Appleton North 2016, 2018; Menasha 2002, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014) since the FVA expanded to 10 schools in 1996 to finish a season 0-18 in league play. The good news for the Fond du Lac faithful is that Coach Ford has the Cardinals off to a 3-1 start on the young season. The Cardinals are 2-0 in the Fox River Classic conference defeating Sheboygan North (46-38) and Manitowoc (64-61) and 1-1 in the FVA beating Appleton West (50-41) and losing to Appleton North (58-40) last Friday night. A player the Rockets will need to keep an eye on tonight is junior (#33, 6'4") Mack Sebert, who was one of the leading scorers for the Cardinals last year as a sophomore on varsity.

Believe it or not, tonight is the only home conference basketball game the Rockets will play before Christmas this year. In what has to be one of the most unusual schedules in over a century of Rocket basketball, Neenah will play four of its next five games on foreign hardwood. Then the Rockets will play seven out of their next nine games at home.

Neenah takes the court tonight looking for its first 4-0 start since the 2014 season. Last Friday night the Rockets defeated a very game Oshkosh North Spartan ballclub 79-68, in a game that was closer than the final score might indicate. The Rockets faced adversity early when 90 seconds into the game senior Max Klesmit was sitting next to Coach Krueger on the bench with two personal fouls. Coach Rabas inserted Klesmit back into the game at the 5:33 mark of the first half with Neenah trailing 23-22. The Rockets finished the half on a 14-9 run to take a 37-31 lead. Neenah extended its lead to as many as eight at 52-44 at the 10:32 mark of the second half. Following a timeout, the Spartans responded with a 17-7 run to take a 61-59 lead with 6:42 left in the game. Klesmit and Carter Thomas made some key baskets down the stretch with Thomas hitting all 10 free throw attempts to help the Rockets pull away. Neenah made 14 of its 16 second half free throw attempts.

Tonight is Middle School Night. At halftime of the varsity game, you will get an opportunity to meet the teams and coaches that comprise the seventh and eighth middle school basketball program at Shattuck.

Tale of the Tape (FVA Games Only)

| | Neenah | Fondy |
|----------------------|--------|-------|
| Scoring Average | 79.0 | 45.0 |
| Scoring Defense | 68.0 | 49.5 |
| Scoring Margin | +11.0 | -4.5 |
| Field Goal Pct. | 38.7 | 34.2 |
| 3pt Field Goal Pct. | 28.6 | 30.3 |
| Free Throw Pct. | 85.2 | 65.0 |
| Field Goal Pct. Def. | 48.8 | 37.3 |
| Rebounds/Game | 30.0 | 23.0 |
| Assists/Game | 14.0 | 17.0 |
| Turnovers/Game | 11.0 | 18.0 |
| Steals/Game | 13.0 | 3.0 |
| Blocks/Game | 1.0 | 2.0 |

All-Time History:

| | | |
|--------------|---------|---------|
| FVA Record | 509-286 | 314-216 |
| FVA Win Pct. | .640 | .592 |
| FVA Titles | 13 | 9 |

TURNING Back the Clock

Tonight we are going back to the 2000 sectional final at the Kolf Sports Center. It was the 21-1 Fond du Lac Cardinals and the 18-4 Neenah Rockets. This was a game of contrasting styles. Fond du Lac was the king of the FVA at that time, winning eight out of the last 10 FVA titles under Dick Diener and had a roster loaded with talented Dieners (Dallas, Travis and Drake). While Fond du Lac was supposed to be in this game, Neenah was a surprise. Many "experts" expected Manitowoc or SPASH. Meanwhile Coach Scott Anderson brought his 18-4 Neenah Rockets to the doorstep of the state tournament. These Rockets didn't have a well-known coach, nor any future college basketball stars at DePaul or Marquette. However, these Rockets were a solid group of hard working young men. The state of Wisconsin was expecting a Diener basketball family reunion at the WIAA tournament with Dick coaching the Cardinals; Dallas, Travis, and Drake playing for Fond du Lac, and Dick's younger brother, Tom, coaching Milwaukee Vincent. However, what the state would realize by 9:30 p.m. that evening was that the Neenah Rockets would be representing the Oshkosh sectional making their 24th trip to the WIAA state basketball tournament.

Fond du Lac had beaten Neenah twice during the regular season. A key to beating Fond du Lac was staying even with them during the game. You simply could not get behind them. They were an excellent defensive team. When they had the lead in the fourth quarter they would spread you out and run clock. If you were foolish enough to foul, you sent either Travis or Drake to the charity stripe, and they were automatic. So to win, Neenah had to contain Travis and Drake, and shut down everyone else. By 7:00 p.m., there was tension in the air as a capacity crowd packed the Kolf Sports Center to watch these two rivals battle for a trip to state.

While battling on every possession, the Rockets had sent a message that this game was not going to be another double-digit loss. After the first quarter, Fond du Lac was up 10-8. Early in the second quarter Big Red received a spark when sophomore Patrick McCarthy went flying head first into the crowd to save a ball. This play and some long range bombs by senior guard Aaron Shaw ignited the Rockets as they outscored Fond du Lac 14-4 and stormed into the half up 22-14. Like all great Fond du Lac teams, they responded in the third quarter. However, what made this night different, was that when the Cardinals landed a punch, Neenah responded with one of its own. Shaw continued to be on fire as he scored 15 of his game-high 26 points in the second and third quarters to keep Neenah in the lead 35-30. The Rockets even led by seven with under four minutes to go in the game.

Then Travis and Drake took over. Scoring on multiple possessions, they tied the game at 44 with two minutes to go. Neenah burned off the last two minutes, but a last second shot by junior Jason Hollinbeck rimmed out to send the game to overtime. Neenah won the tip and Shaw hit another three, but Fond du Lac responded and led 50-49 with 38 seconds left. Shaw countered with two free throws to put Neenah up 51-50. Travis missed a 15-foot jumper which was rebounded by senior Dusty Pagel. Pagel, who only shot 56 percent from the line, hit his two biggest free throws of his life to put Neenah up 53-50 with 16 seconds to go. Fond du Lac's last attempt bounced off the backboard. For the first time since 1988, the Rockets were headed back to Madison.

Until January 7, when we welcome the Ghosts of Kaukauna, NEENAH WITH PRIDE!

SERIES History

- ◆ Since 1953, Neenah leads the regular season with Fond du Lac 38-35. This rivalry has experienced two significant swings of dominance. Fond du Lac went 27-3 between 1990-2004. Since 2005, Neenah owns a 25-5 advantage over the Cardinals.
- ◆ Fond du Lac and Neenah have played each other in 14 WIAA tournament games with each school winning seven.
- ◆ The longest Neenah regular season win streak in the series is 10 games (from 2011-2016).
- ◆ 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 by the score of 85-49.
- ◆ Neenah's largest margin of defeat (34 points) was in 1995 by the score of 70-36.
- ◆ In the 87 total games that Neenah and Fond du Lac have played since 1952-53, 12 of those games have ended up going to overtime. Five of those twelve games happened within a 4-year span between the 2001-02 season and the 2004-05 season.
- ◆ Neenah and Fond du Lac have also won the most FVA conference titles (Neenah 13, Fond du Lac 9).



NEENAH VS. FOND DU LAC
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019
RON EINERSON FIELDHOUSE

NEENAH 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

27 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, 2019

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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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!