

VARSITY ROSTERS

NEENAH Rockets

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-point	3-point	Free throws	Fouls
1	James Weiland	F	6-2	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Mason Flees	G	6-1	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Roan Koeper	C	6-9	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Luke Jung	F	6-3	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
10	Aviv Pradhananga	G	5-11	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Nick Schultz	G	6-0	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Cole Schaefer	F	6-4	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Amani Meyer	G	5-10	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
14	Joey Daun	G	6-1	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
20	Trey White	G	5-10	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Cal Juckem	F	6-2	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Xavier Bezares	G	6-0	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
25	Benjy Bell	G	6-3	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
30	Carter Burns	G	5-10	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
31	Nyok Ryak	F	6-2	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Drew Dunning	C	6-8	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Head Coach: Lee Rabas (10th season, 184-72 at Neenah, 287-128 overall)
Assistant Coaches: Al Krueger, Ron Billman, Mike Johnson and Matt Kinderman
Program Assistants: Jon Braeger, Kyle Schuh, Trent Persinger and Phil Tanvas

WISCONSIN RAPIDS Red Raiders

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-point	3-point	Free throws	Fouls
0	Zak Mancel	G	5-9	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
1	Sean Roenius	G	6-1	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
2	Cobi Ver Hulst	G	5-11	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Brody Gilbertson	G	6-3	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Austin Tisland	F	6-3	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Parker Marzofka	G	5-7	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
10	Isaiah Tork	G	5-9	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Tim Karbowski	G	5-9	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Tyson Stempa	F	6-1	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Jarrett Szelagowski	G	6-0	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Jordan Szelagowski	G	5-11	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
	Trey Dietrich	G	5-10	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
	Kais Poteat	G	6-0	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Head Coach: Jack Smalley (2nd season, 10-32 overall)
Assistant Coach: Phil Jagielo and Brad Tork

JUNIOR VARSITY ROSTERS

NEENAH Rockets

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	2-point	3-point	Free throws	Fouls
2	Gavin Keepers	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Matthias Charles	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Daeman Logterman	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Chase Nitz	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
10	Kolton Fleege	F	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Dylan McNamara	F	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Tyler Clark	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
14	Henry Farrell	F	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
20	Cooper Sieck	F	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Ashton Van Beek	F	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Dawson Oberer	C	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Harrison Gerdin	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
25	Jackson Rindt	F	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
31	Colin Martin	F	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
34	Jacob Jungwirth	C	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Head Coach: Trey Buchberger
Assistant Coaches: Alex Madden and Logan Malueg

WISCONSIN RAPIDS Red Raiders

No.	Name	2-point	3-point	Free throws	Fouls
0	Walker Schmitt	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Jacob Mancel	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Carter Kuehl	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
10	Zak Mancel	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Peyton Ruesch	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Parker Marzofka	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
20	Kais Poteat	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Jackson Dewitt	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
35	Trey Dietrich	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
	Wyatt Preston	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Head Coach: Justin Pyan

FRESHMAN ROSTERS

NEENAH

No.	Name	Pos.
2	Summitt Abel	F
3	Austin Ziebell	G
4	Ian McAvoy	G
5	Jonah Rivet	G
11	Jeremy Bruder	G
12	Levi Steckling	G
15	Charlie Perry	F
20	Christian Flees	G
22	Deaken Rittner	G
24	Elliot Devlin	F
25	Brock Koepke	F
31	Cole Niemuth	G

Coaches: Marc Goodman, Jamyle Brantley, Ryan Komp and Ian Olszewski

2024-25 Neenah Schedule			
11/27	at Brookfield East	L	46-56
12/6	Kimberly	W	72-58
12/13	at Fond du Lac	L	57-58
12/17	Kaukauna	W	66-56
12/20	at Appleton East	W	53-29
12/21	Kenosha Indian Trail	W	80-43
12/28	at Hudson	W	55-52
1/3	Oshkosh North	W	51-44
1/7	Hortonville	L	49-61
1/10	at Appleton West	W	88-62
1/14	Oshkosh West	W	55-41
1/17	at Appleton North	W	57-49
1/24	at Kimberly	W	67-48
1/28	Fond du Lac	L	48-57
1/31	at Kaukauna	L	50-78
2/4	Appleton East	W	62-32
2/7	at Oshkosh North	L	41-69
2/8	Wisconsin Lutheran	L	45-46
2/14	at Hortonville		7:30 p.m.
2/15	Wisconsin Rapids		6 p.m.
2/18	Appleton West		7:30 p.m.
2/21	at Oshkosh West		7:30 p.m.
2/25	Marshfield		7:30 p.m.
2/27	Appleton North		7:30 p.m.
3/7	WIAA Regional		7 p.m.
3/8	WIAA Regional		7 p.m.
3/13	WIAA Sectional (site TBA)		7 p.m.
3/15	WIAA Sectional (at Wis. Rapids)	TBA	
3/21-22	WIAA State (at Madison)	TBA	

WIS. RAPIDS

No.	Name
1	Nolan Ganski
2	Julius Knighten
3	Calvin Ripper
4	Roman Rodriguez
5	Mason Presley
10	Jayden Vang
11	Reid Jarosinki
12	Grant Gehrke
13	Brycen Spranger
14	Maverick Presley
20	Wesley Bay
21	Noah Baria
22	Drew Steltenpohl
23	Carter Braund
24	Jake Young
25	Colby Dix
30	Maksym Kurszewski
31	Xavier Segovia
32	Skyler Yusten
33	Richard Sewell
34	Owen Terzynski
35	Hunter Smits
40	Owen Olsen
42	Isaiah Strehlau

Coaches: Nick Thompson, Nick Davis and Jamie Sparkes

	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Kaukauna	11	2	15	3
Fond du Lac	11	2	14	5
Appleton North	10	4	13	5
Neenah	9	5	11	7
Hortonville	8	6	13	6
Oshkosh North	7	7	11	9
Kimberly	7	7	9	9
Appleton East	3	11	5	14
Oshkosh West	2	12	6	14
Appleton West	0	14	2	17
Today's Games				
Wisconsin Rapids at Neenah				
Green Bay East at Appleton West				
Tartan, Minn. vs. Appleton North				

TONIGHT’S Matchup

Good evening basketball fans. Tonight the Rockets welcome head coach Jack Smalley and his Wisconsin Rapids Red Raiders to Neenah High School. Coach Smalley is in his second season of leadership of the Red Raider basketball program and is looking to rebuild this once-dominant basketball program. While most basketball fans know that Neenah has made the most WIAA state tournament appearances all time with 30, some might have forgotten, or simply not known, that Wisconsin Rapids is in the top five in all-time state history with 22 state tournament appearances.

Wisconsin Rapids enters tonight’s game 2-15 for the season. However, the Red Raiders are playing much better basketball recently as they have won two of their last three games with victories over Wausau East (75-69) and Chippewa Falls (57-45). The 2025 Wisconsin Rapids basketball team is a young team with a roster that only has four seniors, but also has four sophomores on the varsity roster. The Red Raiders are led in scoring by senior guard (#1, 6’1”) Sean Roenius at 16.2 ppg. Right behind Roenius in scoring honors is junior wing (#3, 6’3”) Brody Gilbertson at 15 ppg.

The Rockets entered last night’s game at Hortonville at 11-7 overall. The last two weeks have been like a bad nightmare for the Rockets, losing four out of their last five games, with their only victory coming over eighth-place Appleton East 62-32.

Obviously, the Rockets have been shorthanded due to some unfortunate key injuries. That stated, each loss has presented a different issue. Neenah lost a tough physical grind-it-out game to Fond du Lac at home 57-48. A few days later, the Rockets allowed a season high 78 points in a defeat at Kaukauna. Following the victory over Appleton East last Tuesday, the Rockets put forth their worst display of basketball all year in an embarrassing performance of effort and execution at Oshkosh North. However, 24 hours later, the Rockets gave top-ranked Wisconsin Lutheran all they could handle in a one-point loss to the Vikings last Saturday evening.

Tonight’s game is vital for a couple of reasons. First it is a non-conference game against a team that is in our WIAA sectional. With the seeding meeting being eight days away, the Rockets need every victory possible over the next week to secure a first round home game. Secondly, the 2024-25 regular season is over in 12 days. While that may be hard to believe since we started playing games before Thanksgiving, it is true. Neenah only has four more opportunities (Appleton West, Oshkosh West Appleton North in the FVA and Marshfield non-conference) to build some momentum and confidence before the WIAA tournament begins in early March.



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Tale of the Tape	Neenah	Wis. Rapids
Scoring Average	57.9	47.6
Scoring Defense	52.1	61.8
Scoring Margin	+5.8	-14.2
Field Goal Pct.	48.3	41.9
3pt Field Goal Pct.	35.3	29.6
Free Throw Pct.	71.8	71.7
Field Goal Pct. Def.	46.5	51.2
Rebounds/Game	26.1	19.8
Assists/Game	10.6	6.7
Turnovers/Game	10.5	13.8
Steals/Game	6.1	5.4
Blocks/Game	2.4	1.9
All-Time History:		
FVA Record	591-307	-
FVA Win Pct.	.658	-
FVA Titles	15	-

ROCKET Tradition

Tonight we are going back 26 years to the 1999 WIAA regional semifinal played between the Neenah Rockets and the Wisconsin Rapids Red Raiders on Tuesday, March 2, 1999 in Wisconsin Rapids. But, before we get to that game, a brief summary on how the Rockets got to that point in the season.

The 1998-99 basketball season was a year of unexpected change in Neenah. Following the resignation of head coach Tim Hopfensperger in the fall of 1998, Neenah administration selected former Wisconsin Badger sharpshooter Tim Locum to take over the reins of the varsity basketball program on a one-year interim basis. The 29-year-old Locum inherited a team that had graduated six seniors (including three all-conference performers in Matt Hofkens, 1st team, Jon Fleming, 2nd team, and Craig Stier, honorable mention) from an FVA conference champion ball club that finished the 1998 season 18-5 and as sectional final runner-up.

The Rockets tipped off the 1999 season with consecutive non-conference games against traditional private school powers in Madison Edgewood and Appleton Xavier. In a storyline that would be a re-occurring theme throughout the 1999 season, the Rockets came from behind at home to pull out victories in both competitive games. The joy from starting the season 2-0 didn’t last very long. The Rockets got off to a poor start losing their first four FVA conference games. In fact, Neenah played very inconsistently the first two-thirds of the 1999 FVA conference season.

In early February, Neenah was 7-8 for the season and had just come off of back to back double digit beatings at the hands of state powers Oshkosh West and Fond du Lac. Their season actually changed on February 6 when they traveled to Appleton North to play the Lightning. Once again, the Rockets came from behind in overtime to defeat the Lightning. Neenah ended its regular season on a five-game winning streak to finish 10-8 in the FVA and in a three-way tie for fourth place.

In WIAA tournament action, Neenah was sent west to take on the Red Raiders of Wisconsin Rapids in a game that would be nip-and-tuck for 32 minutes. The Rockets led throughout most of the first half and took a 37-33 lead into the half. Then a scary moment happened when junior guard Sam Oatman sprained his ankle. However, it would take more than an injured ankle to slow down Oatman on this night. The second-team all-conference guard scored a season high 27 points, including 10 in the decisive fourth quarter to lead the Rockets to a 79-75 victory. Neenah scorched the nets all night long, shooting a remarkable 72% from the field, and 79% from the free throw line. Oatman was also a man on the glass grabbing a team high nine boards.

Four days later, the Rockets faced another team from the Wisconsin Valley Conference, the SPASH Panthers, in the regional final at Neenah. Unfortunately, in this tournament game the Rockets ran out of gas in the fourth quarter, squandering a late lead in a 69-63 hard fought loss to a very good SPASH team. Neenah ended the season 13-9.

However, the hard work and challenging experiences from the 1999 season would prove beneficial one year later when a number of key members would be seniors and lead Big Red back to the state tournament in March of 2000. Until next Tuesday, when the Rockets welcome the Terrors of Appleton West, NEENAH WITH PRIDE!

SERIES History

- ◆ Neenah and Wisconsin Rapids do have an extensive history playing each other over the past 60 years despite the distance between both schools.
- ◆ Since 1959, Neenah has faced Wisconsin Rapids 20 times in regular season non-conference action. The Rockets own an 18-2 advantage in the series since 1959.
- ◆ The Rockets and Red Raiders played every season between 1959 through 1970. They also played each other a few times in the 1980’s, and then have competed against each other five times since 2003.
- ◆ Neenah’s largest margin of victory in any game was in 1970 when the Rockets handled the Red Raiders 100-60.
- ◆ Wisconsin Rapids only two regular season victories came in 1966 (62-50) and 2011 (49-38).
- ◆ The Rockets have faced the Red Raiders five times in WIAA post season competition. Interestingly, all of those games occurred between 1999-2010. Neenah defeated Wisconsin Rapids twice in a regional semifinal (1999 in Rapids and 2001 in Neenah), twice in a regional final (consecutive seasons in 2009 in Rapids and 2010 in Neenah), and once in a sectional semifinal (2000 at UW Oshkosh- Kolf Sports Center)



NEENAH vs. WISCONSIN RAPIDS
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025
NEENAH HIGH SCHOOL

NEENAH TRADITION

31 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, 2021, 2022

4 State Championships:

1930, 1975, 1978, 2022

7 State Runners-Up:

1920, 1939, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1988, 2014

30 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, 2022, 2023, 2024

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