

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 |
| 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, 74-42 at Neenah, 177-98 overall)

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

OSHKOSH WEST Wildcats

| No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Yr. | 2-point | 3-point | Free throws | Fouls |
|-----|--------------------|------|------|-----|----------|---------|-------------|-------|
| 3 | Tyler Binner | G | 5-8 | Sr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 4 | Riley Frey | G | 6-1 | Sr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 5 | Nick Pohjola | G | 5-11 | Jr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 10 | Max Pieterick | G | 6-2 | Jr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 12 | Zach Rebholz | G | 5-10 | Jr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 14 | Noah Alford | F | 6-3 | Sr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 20 | Sam Troudt | F | 6-4 | Sr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 22 | Bennett Whiteley | F | 6-2 | Sr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 24 | Karter Thomas | G | 6-0 | Sr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 30 | Caleb Fuller | F | 6-3 | Sr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 32 | Jacquez Overstreet | G | 6-3 | Jr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 34 | John Koth | F | 6-5 | Jr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 40 | Drew Lasky | G | 6-0 | Jr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 42 | Alex Schlichting | F | 6-5 | So. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 44 | Vaughn Kerrigan | F | 6-1 | Sr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 50 | Avery Saginak | G | 5-11 | Jr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |

Head Coach: Michael Johnson (5th season, 44-68 overall)

Assistant Coaches: Matt Boyce and Jeremy Mercer

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 and Rich Frost

OSHKOSH WEST Wildcats

| No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Yr. | 2-point | 3-point | Free throws | Fouls |
|-----|---------------------|------|------|-----|----------|---------|-------------|-------|
| 5 | Beau Lasky | G | 5-10 | Fr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 10 | Ethan Shefchik | G | 6-0 | So. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 12 | Jack Gibson | G | 5-9 | So. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 14 | Joe Gonzalez | G | 5-9 | So. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 20 | Mason Rohr | G | 5-10 | So. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 22 | James Bradley | G | 5-10 | So. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 24 | Mason Bechard | G | 5-9 | So. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 30 | John VandenHeuvel | F | 5-10 | So. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 32 | Michael Stack | F | 6-1 | So. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 34 | John Koth | F | 6-5 | Jr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 40 | Jacob Larson | F | 5-11 | So. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 42 | Alex Schlichting | F | 6-5 | So. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 44 | Tristan Johanknecht | F | 6-4 | Fr. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |
| 52 | Zach Bancroft | G | 5-10 | So. | 22222222 | 333333 | 1111111111 | 12345 |

Head Coach: Doug Whiteley

FRESHMEN ROSTERS

NEENAH

| No. | Name | Pos. |
|-----|-------------------|------|
| 2 | Jackson Schломann | 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

OSHKOSH WEST

| No. | Name | Pos. |
|-----|---------------------|------|
| 4 | Hank Meyer | G |
| 5 | Tray Thomas | G |
| 10 | Jyceri Birmingham | G |
| 12 | Bradán Barker | G |
| 14 | Devin Buhrow | G |
| 20 | Nolan Reichenberger | F |
| 22 | Trevor Rice | F |
| 24 | Erik Grey | G |
| 30 | Bryant Wright | G |
| 32 | Devonte Kershaw | G |
| 40 | Sam Sienkiewicz | F |
| 42 | Kieran Patrick | F |
| 50 | Zach Chastek | G |
| 52 | Emery Erickson | F |
| 54 | CJ Rojas | F |

Coaches: Craig Clark and Andrew Hofmeister

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 | W | 88-57 |
| 12/13 | at Appleton West | W | 70-20 |
| 12/17 | at Appleton East | W | 79-44 |
| 1/3 | at Appleton North | L | 58-66 |
| 1/7 | Kaukauna | W | 92-63 |
| 1/10 | at Hortonville | W | 78-74 |
| 1/14 | Appleton West | W | 79-56 |
| 1/17 | Kimberly | L | 66-68 |
| 1/24 | at Fond du Lac | W | 77-46 |
| 1/27 | at Oshkosh West | W | 52-50 |
| 1/31 | Oshkosh North | W | 60-56 |
| 2/4 | Appleton East | W | 74-50 |
| 2/7 | Appleton North | W | 66-39 |
| 2/11 | Stevens Point | W | 73-53 |
| 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 |
| Kimberly | 14 | 0 | 16 | 2 |
| Neenah | 12 | 2 | 15 | 2 |
| Hortonville | 12 | 3 | 16 | 3 |
| Kaukauna | 9 | 5 | 10 | 8 |
| Oshkosh West | 8 | 6 | 9 | 8 |
| Oshkosh North | 8 | 7 | 11 | 8 |
| Appleton North | 4 | 11 | 6 | 13 |
| Fond du Lac | 4 | 11 | 8 | 11 |
| Appleton East | 3 | 13 | 3 | 16 |
| Appleton West | 0 | 16 | 1 | 18 |

Tonight's Game
Oshkosh West at Neenah

Saturday, Feb. 15 Game
Bay Port at Appleton West

Tuesday, Feb. 18 Games
Neenah at Kimberly
Oshkosh West at Kaukauna
Appleton East at Appleton North

TONIGHT'S Matchup

Tonight the Neenah Rockets conclude their season-long five-game homestand as they welcome head coach Michael Johnson and his Oshkosh West Wildcats to the spacious, comfortable and friendly confines of the Ron Einerson Fieldhouse. Coach Johnson is in his fifth year of leadership of the Wildcat program. He has a ballclub that is 9-8 overall and 8-6 in league play. With one more conference win this season the Wildcats will clinch a .500 or better record in FVA play for the first time since 2011. Their next conference win will also be their 400th all-time in FVA history. Only Neenah, Kimberly, Oshkosh North and Appleton East have won more FVA league games in the past 50 seasons.

To Coach Johnson's credit, Oshkosh West has played a tough overall schedule this year. Besides playing in the rugged FVA, the Wildcats have tested themselves against defending state champion Brookfield Central, Division 2 power Onalaska, and with a game next Saturday against Chippewa Falls. The Wildcats have a veteran lineup with plenty of skill. Senior (#24, 6'3") forward Karter Thomas leads the powerful Wildcat arsenal, averaging 21 points a game. Just behind him in scoring is fellow senior (#30, 6'3") forward Caleb Fuller, who is averaging 17 points a game. Another player the Rockets will need to keep a close eye on tonight is junior (#32, 6'3") guard Jacquez Overstreet, who is averaging 10 points a game on the season.

The Rockets are in the middle of a busy portion of their late season schedule. Neenah will play four games in the next eight days, three of them being tough conference battles against Oshkosh West, Kimberly and Hortonville. On Tuesday, the Rockets stepped out of FVA action to face the SPASH Panthers. The Rockets took a seven-point lead (31-24) at halftime, knowing that they didn't play a real clean half of basketball with their amount of turnovers. Neenah was much more efficient in the second half and eventually defeated the Panthers 73-53. Senior Max Klesmit led Neenah with 28 points, while underclassmen Jake Dietz and Carter Thomas both added 18 apiece. With a win tonight, the Rockets would produce a season-high seven-game winning streak. However, if the first contest at Oshkosh West is any indication, tonight's game will be a 36-minute battle. Neenah traveled to Oshkosh West on January 27 and escaped with a two-point victory over the Wildcats. Neenah led throughout the first half, and actually owned a double digit lead at 26-16 with 3:48 left in the half. However, Oshkosh West went on a 11-0 spurt to take a 27-26 lead into the half. The entire second half was an 18-minute struggle. Ultimately, a pull up jumper by Max Klesmit at the buzzer provided the Big Red with a 52-50 win over the Wildcats.

One fun interesting fact for tonight that you don't get to see every day in the FVA. Fans will get to see Karter Thomas (Oshkosh West senior) play against Carter Thomas (Neenah sophomore). We weren't able to verify it earlier this season when these two teams met in Oshkosh, if that was the first time in FVA history that two competing teams had players with the same name in each team's starting lineups within the same game.



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Tale of the Tape (FVA Games Only)

| | Neenah | Osh. West |
|----------------------|--------|-----------|
| Scoring Average | 72.7 | 66.4 |
| Scoring Defense | 54.1 | 64.9 |
| Scoring Margin | +18.6 | +1.5 |
| Field Goal Pct. | 49.1 | 45.0 |
| 3pt Field Goal Pct. | 31.9 | 34.0 |
| Free Throw Pct. | 76.7 | 76.2 |
| Field Goal Pct. Def. | 42.1 | 46.7 |
| Rebounds/Game | 29.3 | 27.6 |
| Assists/Game | 12.7 | 16.7 |
| Turnovers/Game | 10.0 | 13.2 |
| Steals/Game | 8.6 | 8.6 |
| Blocks/Game | 2.3 | 2.3 |

All-Time History:

| | | |
|--------------|---------|---------|
| FVA Record | 520-288 | 399-409 |
| FVA Win Pct. | .644 | .494 |
| FVA Titles | 13 | 8 |

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!

TURNING Back the Clock

In the first 49 years of the FVA, nine different teams have won a WIAA boys basketball state title. Tonight, we will look back at the first team to do it, the 1975 Neenah Rockets. These Rockets returned two starters from their 1974 squad that finished 19-4 and lost in the quarterfinals of the WIAA state tournament. Those two players were seniors Wayne Kreklow and Paul Perry. Both of them would become co-captains and first-team all-FVA players on a team that would bring the gold ball back to Neenah for the first time since 1930.

The Rockets began the season 4-2. Their first loss was to a Dick Bennett-coached Eau Claire Memorial squad 60-51. A few games later the Rockets would get tripped up by (co-runner up) Oshkosh West in double overtime 62-60. Following a four game winning streak, Neenah lost to the other FVA runner up, Kimberly Papermakers, 61-56. However, this defeat would be the last one the Big Red would face the entire season! Neenah went on a tear to end the regular season by winning its final seven games by an average of 18 points a game. In the process they would avenge both of their conference losses by pounding Oshkosh West (75-54) and hammering Kimberly (80-52) on the last night of the conference season. The Rockets finished the regular season with a 12-2 mark in conference and an overall ledger of 15-3.

In tournament action, Neenah beat New London (62-38) and Oshkosh West (67-64) for the regional title. The Rockets' next game would be a tussle. In one of the most famous sectional games ever held at the Kolf Sports Center the Rockets hung on to beat Sheboygan North in overtime, 68-64. Neenah blew an 11-point fourth quarter lead and found itself down three points with four seconds to play in the game. Senior Paul Perry went to the line and made the first free throw. He intentionally missed the second one and had a jump ball with North player Stu Hopfensperger (older brother of future Rocket Head Coach Tim Hopfensperger). Perry won the jump and tipped the ball to Wayne Kreklow, who buried a 23-foot jumper at the buzzer to get Neenah to overtime. The head coach of Sheboygan North that night was Mike Curtin (father of future Rocket top 3 career scoring leading scorer Jerry Curtin). Once Neenah got past North, they defeated Fond du Lac 61-55 for their sixth sectional title in 7 years!

In the state quarterfinals, the Rockets jumped out on Pulaski early by a score of 35-15 and wound up winning 65-54. The Rockets did the exact same thing the next night when they led Racine Horlick 31-13 early, and held on for a 77-72 victory. Perry nailed some key free throws in the final moments to ice the game. In the state title game, Neenah overcame an ankle injury to the state player of the year (Wayne Kreklow), a delay when the lights went out in the UW Fieldhouse, and Milwaukee Marshall, to win the state championship 64-55. Kreklow's gutty performance was symbolic of this 1975 team that was a cohesive, tight knit group, which consistently exhibited solid team play and support for each other.

The following day an estimated crowd of over 5000 fans flooded every square inch of the Armstrong Fieldhouse to welcome home their heroes. Until Friday, February 21, when we welcome the Polar Bears of Hortonville, NEENAH WITH PRIDE!

SERIES History

- ◆ Neenah leads the regular season series with Oshkosh West 78-37.
- ◆ Neenah leads the post season series with Oshkosh West 18-6. Between 1965 and 1989, Neenah won 13 consecutive WIAA tournament games against Oshkosh West.
- ◆ These teams have not faced each other in the post season since 2006.
- ◆ The only school that Neenah has played more often than Oshkosh West in WIAA Tournament play is Menasha (37 times). The Rockets are 28-9 against the Blue Jays (since 1930).
- ◆ The longest Neenah regular season win streak in the series is 23 games (1977-1988).
- ◆ The longest Oshkosh West regular season win streak in the series is 8 games (2003-2007).
- ◆ Neenah's largest margin of victory (39 points) was in 1984 by the score of 81-42.
- ◆ Neenah's largest margin of defeat (34 points) was in the 1956 WIAA Regional by the score of 99-65.
- ◆ In the 139 total games that Neenah and Oshkosh West have played since 1930, only 10 games have ended up going to overtime. Oddly, four of those games happened between the 1984-85 and 1985-86 seasons, and three others happened between 2006-07 and 2007-08.



NEENAH VS. OSHKOSH WEST
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2020
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.