

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, 72-42 at Neenah, 175-98 overall)

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

APPLETON NORTH Lightning

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-point	3-point	Free throws	Fouls
1	Mitch Cambray	G	5-9	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Anders Brekke	G	5-11	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Brock Mischler	G	6-1	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Trent Mullen	G	5-9	Fr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
10	Brock Donaldson	G	6-2	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Jake Gilbert	G	6-1	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Austin Williamson	G	6-0	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Max Nelson	F	6-8	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Dante Borland	F	6-3	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Jack Kritzer	F	6-5	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Jaden Seubert	F	6-5	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Ryan Popp	F	6-3	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Wilson Zuck	G	5-11	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
34	Eli Patzer	F	6-4	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
43	Vincent Bauer	F	6-4	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Head Coach: Chris Kellett (2nd season, 14-27 at North; 49-42 overall)

Assistant Coaches: Eric Mueller and Brandon Backman

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

APPLETON NORTH Lightning

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-point	3-point	Free throws	Fouls
1	Josh Gilbert	G	5-9	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Aidan Greer	G	5-7	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Jack Budiac	G	5-11	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Elijah Koleske	G	6-1	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Sean Garrigan	G	5-8	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Caleb Monroe	F	6-4	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Owen Hager	G	6-3	Fr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Eli VanGompel	G	6-0	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Carson Berlick	G/F	6-3	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
31	Connor Hardy	G/F	6-2	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Colton Schroeder	G/F	6-1	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Will Schroeder	F	6-2	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
45	Nick Vandenberg	F	6-3	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Head Coach: Steve Coenen

Assistant Coach: Nate Otto

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

APP. NORTH

No.	Name
1	Carson Busch
2	Jack Deitrich
3	Matt Dvoracek
4	Damien Borland
5	Caden Popp
11	Garrett Hietpas
12	Jeremy Nelson
13	Garrett Staszak
21	Stone Hulke
23	Ben Isom
24	Gavin Tate
32	Ben Frantal
33	Jack Hintz
34	Brock Salm
44	Peyton Mattson
50	Ezra Dorschner
55	Alex Munns

Coach: Rodney Owens

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	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
Kimberly	13	0	15	2
Hortonville	12	2	16	2
Neenah	11	2	13	2
Kaukauna	8	5	9	8
Oshkosh North	8	6	11	7
Oshkosh West	7	6	8	8
Appleton North	4	10	6	11
Fond du Lac	3	11	7	11
Appleton East	2	12	2	15
Appleton West	0	14	1	16

Today's Games

Appleton North at Neenah

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

Tuesday, Feb. 11 Games

Stevens Point at Neenah
Appleton West at Appleton East
Wisconsin Rapids at Appleton North

TONIGHT'S Matchup

Tonight the Neenah Rockets return to the friendly confines of the Ron Einerson Fieldhouse to compete against a familiar face in head coach Chris Kellett and his Appleton North Lightning. Coach Kellett (Neenah alum, class of 2003) is in his second season of rebuilding the Appleton North basketball program. This season marks the 25th season that Appleton North high school has been open and competed in the FVA. Excluding Two Rivers (who spent 1978 and 1979 in the FVA) and relative newcomer Hortonville (entered FVA in the 2015 season) Appleton North is the only member school to never win a conference title in boys' basketball. Considering the dominant force that Appleton North is in so many sports, that statistic is thought-provoking. In fact, in the previous 24 years, the Lightning have only had a winning record four times. Three of those seasons happened in succession between 2012-2014. To his credit, Coach Kellett was able to garner more victories in his first year (last season FVA record of 5-13) than the school had won in the previous four seasons combined.

With their current conference record at 4-10 and remaining conference schedule this season, the Lightning should improve on their five-win total from 2019. One big reason for significant optimism in the Appleton North program is sophomore (#13, 6'8") forward Max Nelson. Nelson leads the Lightning in scoring at 19 points a game and is one of the top ranked players in the state of Wisconsin in the class of 2022. Another player the Rockets need to keep a close eye on tonight is senior (#23, 6'5") forward Jack Kritzer, who averages 12 points a game. The Lightning's season has been one of streaks. Following an opening game victory over Fond du Lac (58-40) Appleton North lost five consecutive games. Then, right after Christmas, the Lightning won five consecutive games. Yet, since January 14, Appleton North has lost six games in a row. Appleton North and Neenah faced each other earlier this season in Appleton on January 3. The Lightning snapped a 15-game regular season losing streak to Neenah with a 66-58 victory. The eight-point margin could have been worse as Appleton North shot a dreadful 16-38 from the free throw line in a game where 48 personal fouls were called between the two teams.

The Rockets enter tonight's game fresh off a 74-50 whipping of Appleton East that was not nearly as competitive as the score might indicate. Neenah jumped out to an early 22-9 lead which expanded to 39-24 at the half. The Rockets started the second half on a 23-4 run and led 62-28 with 9:00 left in the game. One interesting stat during the game (that you don't see every night at a high school basketball game) was that senior Max Klesmit had outscored Appleton East on his own (32-28) when Coach Rabas took him out of the game midway through the second half. Tonight will be a different challenge as the Rockets will face a team in Appleton North with significantly more size and talent than the Patriots. For the Rockets it is a big game from the standpoint that there are only five FVA games left this season and Neenah can't afford any losses if it holds any hope to catch Kimberly for the 2019-20 FVA conference title.

Tale of the Tape (FVA Games Only)

	Neenah	App. North
Scoring Average	73.2	53.4
Scoring Defense	55.2	62.8
Scoring Margin	+18.0	-9.4
Field Goal Pct.	49.3	41.5
3pt Field Goal Pct.	32.0	38.8
Free Throw Pct.	76.1	60.3
Field Goal Pct. Def.	42.3	43.6
Rebounds/Game	29.2	28.0
Assists/Game	12.8	11.1
Turnovers/Game	10.1	13.6
Steals/Game	8.5	3.6
Blocks/Game	2.4	3.0

All-Time History:

FVA Record	519-288	122-324
FVA Win Pct.	.643	.274
FVA Titles	13	0



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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!

TURNING Back the Clock

With the FVA celebrating its golden anniversary, we thought it would be appropriate to review some memorable seasons in Neenah basketball history. Tonight we will review another one of the finest teams in Neenah history, the 1972 Rockets.

The 1972 Neenah Rockets returned two starters from the 1971 team that finished 25-1. Both Jim Crist (1972-1st team all-conference, FVA Player of the Year) and Ed Hawley (1972-2nd team all-conference) were all conference performers for the Rockets in 1971, and would be looked upon as leaders of the 1972 team. After all, both Hawley and Crist were part of a dominant Rocket team in 1971 that was ranked No. 1 in the state and became the first team in the history of Neenah basketball to complete a regular season undefeated. Regrettably, the Rockets couldn't maintain a 10-point second half lead to eventual champion Janesville Parker in the WIAA state semifinals and finished the season 25-1.

The Rockets began their 1972 campaign winning their first five games. During their fourth game of the season, the Rockets defeated Baraboo 85-52. During the post-game handshake the Baraboo head coach notified Coach Einerson that Baraboo would never have any interest in coming back to play at Neenah, "because it was wild." Few high schools had the deafening home court advantage that was the O.J. Gym in the late 1960's and early 1970's. In fact, the noise levels would get so high in the O.J. gym during pregame introductions that not even the Rockets knew who the P.A. announcer was calling for starting lineups!

Neenah's first loss of the year was a controversial 52-51 verdict against Appleton West. That loss would hurt the Red and White since it cost them a tie of the conference title. Neenah would win eight out of its last nine conference games to finish the FVA season slate at 10-2. The Rockets only other conference blemish was a 77-61 mid-season loss to Kimberly. Neenah would get revenge on both the Terrors and Papermakers during the second half of their conference run. The Rockets buried Appleton West 74-56, and later went to Kimberly in front of a packed gymnasium and defeated the Papermakers 67-60. Neenah finished the regular season second in the FVA at 10-2 and 16-2 overall.

In postseason play, Neenah overwhelmed Oshkosh (89-57) and Menasha (61-42) to advance to face Appleton West for a third time. The Rockets shot over 60 percent from the field in a 75-69 victory over the Terrors. At the sectional, Neenah defeated a very good Mayville team 50-43, and then beat Ripon 65-53 for its fourth consecutive trip to Madison.

In the state quarterfinal, Neenah thumped an undefeated Kewaunee team 81-65 behind 22 points from senior (1st team all-conference) Dene Storch. In the state semifinal, the Rockets got their revenge on the defending state champs by edging Janesville Parker 59-57. Storch hit two free throws with 24 seconds left to provide the winning margin. For the third time in four years Neenah was in the state title game. Despite leading 39-28 late in the third quarter, Milwaukee Hamilton came from behind to beat the Rockets 58-52. The Rockets finished the season 23-3. Consider this final stat on Neenah's dominant run. From 1969 through 1972 the Rockets went 93-11 with three runners up finishes and one third place finish.

Until Tuesday, February 11, when we welcome the Panthers of SPASH, NEENAH WITH PRIDE!

SERIES History

- ◆ Neenah leads the regular season series with Appleton North 39-10.
- ◆ Neenah leads the post season series with Appleton North 2-0 (2014 WIAA Regional Final. 66-42; 2019 WIAA Regional Final, 78-63).
- ◆ Over the past 50 years, the only FVA school that Neenah has a better regular season winning percentage against than Appleton North (.804) is Menasha (.837).
- ◆ The longest Neenah regular season win streak in the series is 15 games (2012 to 2019).
- ◆ The longest Appleton North regular season win streak in the series is 2 games (1996 & 2010-2011).
- ◆ Neenah's largest margin of victory (34 points) was in 2017 when the Rockets beat the Lightning 91-57.
- ◆ Neenah's largest margin of defeat (25 points) was in 1995-96 by the score of 78-53. That game played at Appleton North was the first game ever played between these two schools.
- ◆ In the 51 total games that Neenah and Appleton North have played since 1995-96, only four games have gone to overtime. The Rockets have won all four of those games.



NEENAH VS. APPLETON NORTH
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2020
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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.