



ROCKET GAMEDAY

Neenah (10-3) vs. Appleton West (3-10)

January 27, 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	7:15 p.m.
Jan. 30	at Kimberly	7:15 p.m.
Feb. 3	Oshkosh North	7:15 p.m.
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)

- Neenah leads the regular season series with Appleton West 58-34.
- Neenah leads the WIAA postseason series with Appleton West 3-2. The Terrors won the first two meetings (1967 Regional and 1970 WIAA State Title game) and the Rockets have won the last three (1972 and 1993 Regional, 1974 Regional Final).
- The longest Neenah regular season win streak in the series is 6 games (1974-1976 & 1996-1998).
- The longest Appleton West regular season win streak in the series is 4 games (2002-2003).
- Neenah's largest margin of victory (40 points) was in 1998 by the score of 71-31.
- Neenah's largest margin of defeat (27 points) was in 1993 by the score of 80-53.
- In the 97 total meetings since 1965-66, only three games have gone to overtime. One of those games was in the 2001-02 FVA conference opener when the Terrors prevailed in four overtimes 68-66 at the Dick Emanuel Gymnasium.

Around the FVA

	Conf.		Overall		Tuesday, Jan. 27 Games
	W	L	W	L	
Kaukauna	9	0	13	0	Kaukauna at Appleton East
Kimberly	8	1	11	1	Oshkosh West at Fond du Lac
Neenah	7	2	10	3	Appleton North at Hortonville
Oshkosh North	7	3	9	5	Kimberly at Oshkosh North
Oshkosh West	5	4	7	5	
Appleton East	4	5	6	7	Friday, Jan. 30 Games
Hortonville	3	6	6	7	Neenah at Kimberly
Appleton West	2	7	3	10	Oshkosh West at Appleton North
Fond du Lac	1	8	2	11	Appleton East at Appleton West
Appleton North	0	10	1	12	Hortonville at Kaukauna
					Fond du Lac at Oshkosh North



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Tale of the Tape

	Neenah	App. West
Scoring Average	58.3	50.5
Scoring Defense	44.5	54.3
Scoring Margin	13.8	-3.8
Field Goal Pct.	49.7%	44.3%
3pt Field Goal Pct.	37.1%	35.8%
Free Throw Pct.	76.2%	60.7%
Field Goal Pct. Def.	41.7%	45.2%
Rebounds/Game	23.8	18.8
Assists/Game	11.9	6.8
Turnovers/Game	8.5	8.2
Steals/Game	4.9	4.6
Blocks/Game	2.5	0.7

All-Time History:

FVA Record	459-254	348-365
FVA Win Pct.	.644	.488
FVA Titles	13	3

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!

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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 hardwood tonight for their second consecutive home game when they welcome head coach Brennan Hussey and his Appleton West Terrors. Coach Hussey is now in his 8th year of leading the Terror program, and brings a ball club that is 3-10 overall and 2-7 in the FVA. Yet, Appleton West may be the one team in the FVA that is playing better than what their actual record indicates. The Terrors got off to a rough start this year losing their first seven games. However, the Terrors are playing much better lately as they have gone 3-3 in their last six games. In all three of those losses, Appleton West was very competitive. Two weeks ago the Terrors lost at Kaukauna by six points. Then last week they lost on a buzzer-beater three-point shot to Kimberly 45-42, and then lost by seven at Oshkosh North last Friday night. So as you can see the Terrors are a dangerous team that can play with anyone. Neenah learned that fact during the FVA opener this season. The Rockets defeated the Terrors 42-32 in a low scoring, very physical game played back on December 5. In that game, the Rockets led only by four points (26-22) heading into the fourth quarter. The Terrors are led in scoring by senior guard Jayzon Owens who is averaging 13 points per game. Three other players that the Terrors depend on for offensive production are Pierre Majors, Dominick Thompson, and Joey Reader. All three of these young men average between 7 and 9 points per game.

The Rockets look to bounce back from a game they literally handed over to Kaukauna (75-70) in what can best be described as a heartbreaking defeat in front of a jam packed/standing room only crowd on the hallowed grounds of the Ron Einerson Fieldhouse. After scoring a season-low 17 points in the first half, the Men of Bork exploded out of the locker room with a 20-4 run in the first four minutes of the third quarter to take a 37-31 lead. With the Ghosts teetering against the ropes, the Rockets were unable to provide the knock-out punch. Yet, the Rockets still held a five-point lead at 53-48 with 1:50 left in regulation. Then a combination of empty trips on offense (missed free throws and costly turnovers) and Kaukauna hitting some big shots (including free throws) pushed the game to overtime. In overtime, Big Red held a two-point lead with under six seconds to go, only to watch Carter Belling drive approximately 70 feet for a layup to send the game to a second overtime. Nonetheless, Neenah still held a one-point lead at 63-62 with 2:20 left in the second overtime before allowing the Ghosts a seven-point possession consisting of three layups, one free throw and three offensive rebounds during a disastrous 71-second span of the final overtime.

Tonight is the beginning of a crucial three game stretch spanning the next seven days. After tonight's game with the Terrors, the Rockets will battle two of the conference heavyweights. Friday, Neenah will travel to Kimberly, and then a week from tonight the Rockets will host Oshkosh North. However, as intriguing as those games are on the schedule, the only thing that matters tonight is earning a win over the Terrors.



Turning Back the Clock

Tonight we are looking back on a WIAA Regional semifinal played between the Appleton West Terrors and the Neenah Rockets. This game was significant for two reasons. One, it was the first game of the 1993 basketball tournament. Secondly, it would be the final home game head coach Ron Einerson would ever coach at Neenah. The Hall of Famer would be retiring at the conclusion of the 1993 season, his 25th at Neenah, and his 37th overall. The Rockets had struggled during the 1993 campaign, finishing the regular season tied for sixth (with Appleton West) in the FVA with a 6-10 conference record and overall mark 7-13. The teams had split their season series during 1993, so tonight's game would be the "rubber match." Tonight's game would also be the first post season game that these two rivals would meet in almost 20 years. The Rockets and Terrors had also produced 4 unforgettable WIAA tournament games (1967, 1970, 1972, 1974) between 1967-74 where the largest margin of victory in any of those games was six points.

The Rockets blasted out of the gates with a 16-4 lead halfway through the first quarter. The Terrors would close the margin to a six-point deficit after eight minutes of action (20-14). Both teams shot the ball very well in the second quarter, resulting in 44 total points scored in the quarter. Neenah would take a 10-point lead into the intermission (44-34). Coach Gene Wodele's Terrors came after the Rockets in the third quarter and outscored them 18-8 to tie the game at 52-52. All-conference junior guard (and future major league baseball player) Matt Erickson keyed the Terror attack by scoring 20 game-high points. Appleton West would continue to lead throughout the fourth quarter and led 69-65 with one minute left. A jumper by Rocket junior Jason Callaway cut the Terror lead to 69-67. Following a Terror turnover, junior Casey Brown found fellow junior Ryan Eklund in the corner, and Eklund buried the three-point basket to give the Rockets a 70-69 lead. Appleton West would turn the ball over on their next two possessions, and the Rockets would connect on four consecutive free throws to provide the final winning margin of 74-69. With this win the Rockets would advance to the Regional Final at Menasha on Saturday, and also gave Coach Einerson a win in his final home game. Four days later, the Rockets beat the Bluejays, giving Coach Einerson another regional title, as well as his 423rd win at Neenah, and 556th win overall. Until next Tuesday, when we welcome Oshkosh North, NEENAH WITH PRIDE!



Neenah Rockets

10-3 Overall, 7-2 Fox Valley Association

Head Coach: Scott Bork (3rd season, 54-10 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

Appleton West Terrors

3-10 Overall, 2-7 Fox Valley Association

Head Coach: Brennan Hussey (8th season, 88-89 overall)

Assistant Coaches: Steve Reader, Evan Sweeney



No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
5	Dominick Thompson	G	5-10	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Jayzon Owens	G	5-10	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Ethan Herbst	G	6-0	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Dominic Smith	G	6-0	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Pierre Majors	G	6-3	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Jeason Thomas	G	6-1	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
25	Jason Leadley	G	5-9	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
30	Nolan Lietzke	F	6-0	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Drayke Smith	F	6-2	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Joey Reader	F	6-5	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
35	Quaron Stewart	G	6-0	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
43	Jack Flynn	F	6-7	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
50	Robert Otto	F	6-4	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 - Coaches: Kyle Popp and Ron Billman

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

Appleton West Terrors - Coaches: Dan Kastner, Andrew Kastner

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
3	Andrew Barry	G	5-9	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Thad Miller	G	5-10	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Dazon Farris	G	5-10	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Patrick Fisher	G	5-10	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Griffin Milliren	G	5-11	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Rylan Reoh	G	5-10	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Clay Martinson	G	6-1	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
25	T.J. Miller	G	5-10	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
31	Carter Bell	F	6-3	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Jack Mahoney	G	6-5	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
35	Josh Pitz	F	6-3	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
41	Mason Lettau	F	6-3	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
43	Nick Brinkman	F	6-2	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345

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

Appleton West Terrors

No.	Player	Ht.	Yr.
2	Alex Ganzel	5-9	Fr.
4	Noah Garcia	5-8	Fr.
10	Eli Hartjes	5-11	Fr.
12	Jared Schmid	5-8	Fr.
14	Shane Nelson	5-9	Fr.
20	Sam Watermolen	5-9	Fr.
22	Spencer Schultz	5-9	Fr.
24	Pinder Singh	5-10	Fr.
30	Blake Pahlow	5-10	Fr.
32	Seth Kurkowski	5-10	Fr.
34	Alec Goffard	5-10	Fr.
40	Kevin Pritzl	6-0	Fr.
42	Tommy Lindsey	6-0	Fr.
44	Alex Kiley	6-1	Fr.
50	Brennan Kraut	6-2	Fr.
52	Ryan Schmit	6-7	Fr.

Coaches: Chris Curtin, Adam Mentzel