

Players poised for three-point basket

The three-point shot has found its way into high school basketball. Like it or dislike it, it's here. Baskets made beyond 19-feet, 9-inches will now count for three points instead of two.

The presence of the old American Basketball Association (ABA), the first to install the three-point rule, is still being felt.

"I think it gives some of the smaller teams an opportunity to score from the outside," Omro boys' Coach Mike Warczak said. "It will pull some of the bigger teams out so they will not be able to play so much zone."

Area players who figure to benefit from the rule change include Greg Roberts of Oshkosh West, David Schumert of Oshkosh Lourdes, Paul Valentine and Jerry Curtin of Neenah, Brian

Beisenstein of Menasha St. Mary, Doug Werch of Ripon, Todd Hoytink of Winneconne, Todd Rice of Omro and Tim Cullen, Dave Kempf and Scott Flanagan of Weyauwega-Fremont.

"(The three-point shot) sure can cause a swing in the game very quickly," Weyauwega-Fremont Coach Mike Flanagan said. "(But) If you don't hit it, it can take you out of the game."

Neenah's Ron Einerson, entering his 20th year as the Rockets coach, would like to see the addition of a shot clock.

"I don't worry about the rules because I don't make them," Einerson said. "I just go along with them. (But) I would like to see a shot clock. It has a tendency to speed up the game. It adds a little excitement."