

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
12	Emmanuel Lewin	F	6-4	Sr.	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, 67-41 at Neenah, 170-97 overall)

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

APPLETON WEST Terrors

No.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	2-point	3-point	Free throws	Fouls
2	Jahfed Campbell	6-1	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Nick Rabe	6-2	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
10	Minh Tri Nguyen	5-8	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Bryce Sweeney	6-0	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
14	Jackson Knoebel	5-10	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
20	Jack Porter	5-10	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Garrison Hinkens	6-4	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Eli Gast	6-1	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Cayden Bell	6-3	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Caeden Myers	6-6	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
30	Chancellor Rabas	6-4	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
31	Austin Georger	6-4	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Kaden Krueger	6-1	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Spencer Steffen	6-7	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
40	Carson Hacker	6-6	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
44	Tyler Tetzke	6-1	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
50	Jordan Schultz		Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Head Coach: Adam Ligocki (1st season, 1-10 overall)

Assistant Coaches: Bob Duimstra, Adam Mentzel, Will Olewinski

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, Rich Frost and Willie Tucker

APPLETON WEST Terrors

No.	Name	Yr.	2-point	3-point	Free throws	Fouls
2	Sam Seiler	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Nick Rabe	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
10	Minh Tri Nguyen	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Isaac Grundman	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
14	Allen Post	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
20	Bomani Hooper	Fr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Jack Post	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Mikail Harmison	Fr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Ben Vallafskey	Fr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Dylan Hubbard	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Brandon Dodge	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
34	Cameron Evans	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Head Coach: Neil Hall

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

APPLETON WEST

No.	Name
0	Kaden Gowdy
1	Rolland Tremain
2	Mason Estrada
3	Ezra Brown
4	Denium Potts
5	Minh Thanh Nguyen
12	Jonah Larson
14	Evan Fassbender
15	Gary Gallego
22	Brendan Nesemann
23	EJ Holt
25	Matt Vander Putten
45	Cooper Brown
52	Noah Brinkman

Coach: Shayne Porter

Assistant Coach: Justin Simpson

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	7:45 p.m.
1/17	Kimberly	7:30 p.m.
1/24	at Fond du Lac	7:30 p.m.
1/27	at Oshkosh West	7:30 p.m.
1/31	Oshkosh North	7:30 p.m.
2/4	Appleton East	7:30 p.m.
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	8	0	9	2
Neenah	6	1	8	1
Hortonville	7	2	10	2
Oshkosh West	5	2	6	4
Appleton North	4	4	6	5
Oshkosh North	4	4	6	5
Kaukauna	4	4	5	6
Appleton East	2	7	2	9
Fond du Lac	1	8	4	8
Appleton West	0	9	1	10

Today's Games

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

Friday, Jan. 17 Games

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

TONIGHT'S Matchup

Tonight the Rockets roll out the welcome mat for head coach Adam Ligocki and his Appleton West Terrors. Coach Ligocki is in his first year of leadership of the Terror basketball program and brings a ballclub that is 0-9 in the FVA and 1-10 overall for the season. The Terrors lost a lot of offensive firepower to graduation (66 points a game) from last year's team that finished tied with Neenah for third in the FVA at 12-6. The Terrors' lone victory of the season came during the Christmas holiday break with a 67-56 victory at Wausau West.

These two teams squared off a month ago at Appleton West. The game was a defensive battle for most of the first half as both teams only combined for 25 total points (Neenah led 17-8) 14 minutes into play. The Rockets would close the half on a 10-0 spurt to take a 27-8 lead into the half. Neenah methodically extended the lead to 37-13 five minutes into the second half. The Rockets then went on a 19-2 run to move the lead to 56-15 and basically end the competitive portion of the game. From that point Coach Rabas emptied the bench with the final result being a 70-20 Rocket victory. The 20 points allowed represented only the third time in the 50-year history of the FVA that Neenah had allowed 20 points or fewer in a conference game. On December 10, 2013 the Rockets defeated Menasha 64-20 and one season later on February 10, 2015 Neenah held Appleton East to 17 points in a 49-17 victory. The 17 points allowed was the fewest points Neenah had allowed in any game (conference or non-conference) since a 42-16 victory over New London back in 1945.

The Rockets have responded well since they lost at Appleton North two weeks ago. Last Tuesday, the Big Red hung 92 points on Kaukauna in a 92-63 victory.

Last Friday, the Rockets registered an important 78-74 road win in Hortonville. The game was tight 10 minutes into the game with the score tied at 11 before the Rockets went on a 19-4 burst to open up a 30-15 lead with two minutes left in the half. Hortonville scored seven of the final nine points of the half, but Neenah still took a 32-22 advantage into the locker room. The Polar Bears came out hot in the second half and cut the Rocket advantage to 43-39 with 11:04 left in the game. Hortonville took the lead at 47-46 with 8:47 left in the game. Following a Coach Rabas timeout, the Rockets answered to take back the lead. However, this game was far from finished. Battling severe foul trouble (Max Klesmit and Bryce Henderson both fouling out, Carter Thomas and Chevalier Emery both having four fouls) Hortonville managed to stay close. Still, Neenah looked to be in the driver's seat up 76-70 with 17 seconds left in the game. Four straight points by Hortonville changed that outlook. In the end, the Rockets executed an inbounds play and junior Ethan Noe scored a lay-up at the buzzer to provide the final score of 78-74. The Rockets had a number of contributions from throughout their lineup. Two underclassmen played a key role in the victory. Junior Jake Dietz was an offensive machine, scoring 28 points and grabbing 11 rebounds. Sophomore Carter Thomas added another 16 while playing with four fouls. This win was Neenah's fifth in their last six trips to Hortonville.

Tale of the Tape (FVA Games Only)

	Neenah	App. West
Scoring Average	77.7	42.8
Scoring Defense	56.0	64.7
Scoring Margin	+21.7	-21.9
Field Goal Pct.	50.1	36.5
3pt Field Goal Pct.	31.9	29.8
Free Throw Pct.	73.6	64.7
Field Goal Pct. Def.	44.1	43.0
Rebounds/Game	29.1	25.1
Assists/Game	14.1	9.7
Turnovers/Game	11.0	21.1
Steals/Game	11.3	7.2
Blocks/Game	1.6	1.6

All-Time History:

FVA Record	514-287	395-408
FVA Win Pct.	.642	.492
FVA Titles	13	3

TURNING Back the Clock

Tonight we are going back to the 2000 regular season for a late season battle between Neenah and Appleton West. The Rockets had already defeated the Terrors in January in Neenah by a score of 68-50. On this evening, Saturday, February 19, 2000, Appleton West recognized their 1970 WIAA state champion basketball team, and also named their gymnasium after former head coach Dick Emanuel. Since Appleton West had defeated Neenah in the 1970 title game, the Rockets were the lucky opponent on this evening of commemoration for the Terrors. Just in case anyone from Neenah had forgotten the score of the 1970 title game, Appleton West left the score (58-57) on the scoreboard for the entire pregame recognition ceremony.

The 2000 Rockets were led by first year head coach Scott Anderson. He had a core of three senior stars that were back together for their third year of varsity basketball (Sam Oatman, Aaron Shaw, Derek Huebner). The Rockets entered the game at 12-4 in the FVA a 14-4 overall which was good for third place in the FVA (trailing only state-ranked powers Oshkosh West and Fond du Lac). The Terrors fed off the emotion of the evening and a noisy sellout crowd and took a 19-15 lead after eight minutes of action. Tim Haack led the charge for Appleton West scoring six out of his 16 total points in the first quarter. Appleton West maintained the momentum in the second quarter as they outpaced the Rockets by two points (17-15) to take a 36-30 lead into the half.

Terror Justin VanderWyst scored eight out of his team-high 22 points in the second quarter. Neenah began to take command in the third quarter behind ten points from Shaw (first-team all-FVA) and eight points from Oatman (first-team all-FVA). The Rocket defense held Appleton West to only 12 points in the third quarter and built a 50-48 lead after 24 minutes of action. Big Red continued to pull away from the Terrors in the fourth quarter. The key to the Neenah second half performance was Huebner (third-team all-FVA). The 6'5" senior wide body was a dominant presence in the post scoring 10 of his 17 total points in the final quarter against future Wisconsin Badger Brian Butch. The Rockets converted their free throws late in the game and marched out of Appleton with a hard fought 73-64 victory over a tough Appleton West Terror squad. Neenah was led in scoring by their big three guns of Shaw (28 points), Huebner (17 points) and Oatman (16 points). The win was Neenah's fifth in a row. One week later Neenah would close out the regular season with a 61-51 victory over Oshkosh North to end the regular season 14-4 in the FVA and 16-4 overall. In the WIAA tournament the Rockets continued their late season momentum as they destroyed SPASH in a regional final (69-51), outlasted Wisconsin Rapids in the sectional semifinal (52-38) and defeated Fond du Lac in overtime (53-50) to earn their first trip to Madison since 1988. Until Friday, January 17, when we welcome the Papermakers of Kimberly, NEENAH WITH PRIDE!

SERIES History (Since 1927)

- ◆ Neenah leads the regular season series with Appleton West 84-67.
- ◆ Appleton West leads the WIAA post season series 5-3. The Terrors won the first 5 (1958, 1964, 1965, 1967 and the 1970 WIAA State Title game) and the Rockets have won the last 3 played in 1972, 1974 and 1993.
- ◆ Appleton West was a longtime non-conference game until Neenah left the Mid-Eastern Conference in 1968 to join the Fox River Valley in 1969. Both schools were charter members of the FVA in 1970-71.
- ◆ The 27-year time span between the last time that the Rockets and Terrors have faced each other in a WIAA tournament game is the longest current streak of any of Neenah's conference rivals.
- ◆ 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 8 games (1932-1936).
- ◆ Neenah's largest margin of victory (50 points) was earlier this year by the score of 70-20.
- ◆ Neenah's largest margin of defeat (31 points) was in 1935 by the score of 48-17.
- ◆ In the 159 total games that Neenah and Appleton West have played since 1926-27, only 5 games have gone to overtime. The most memorable may have been a four-overtime battle between the Rockets and Terrors in the 2001-02 FVA conference opener when the Terrors prevailed 68-66 at the Dick Emanuel Gymnasium.



NEENAH VS. APPLETON WEST
TUESDAY, JANUARY 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.



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and Theda Care Orthopedics Plus

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!