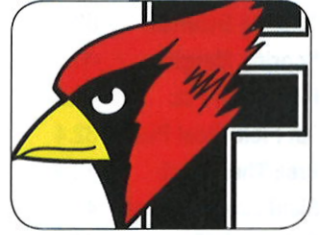




ROCKET GAMEDAY

Neenah (1-3) vs. Fond du Lac (1-3)
December 20, 2016 - 7:30 p.m.
Ron Einerson Fieldhouse



2016-17 Schedule

Nov. 26	at Monona Grove	W 56-50
Dec. 2	at Appleton East	L 43-46
Dec. 8	Kaukauna	L 72-92
Dec. 10	at Wausau East	L 51-71
Dec. 20	Fond du Lac	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 22	Oshkosh West	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 27	*vs. Superior	8:40 p.m.
Jan. 3	at Hortonville	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 6	at Oshkosh North	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	at Kaukauna	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 13	Appleton North	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 17	at Appleton West	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	Kimberly	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 24	Appleton East	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 28	Milwaukee Marshall	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	at Oshkosh West	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 3	at Fond du Lac	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 7	Hortonville	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	Oshkosh North	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	at Appleton North	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	Appleton West	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 23	at Kimberly	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 28	WIAA Regional	7 p.m.
Mar. 3	WIAA Regional	7 p.m.
Mar. 4	WIAA Regional	7 p.m.
Mar. 9	WIAA Sectional (A. North)	7 p.m.
Mar. 11	WIAA Sectional (Marshfield)	TBA
Mar. 17-18	WIAA State (Madison)	TBA

* - Game played at UW-Green Bay Kress Center

Series History

- ▶ Fond du Lac leads the regular season series with Neenah 30-26.
- ▶ Fond du Lac is the only FVA school that owns a winning record over Neenah.
- ▶ Fond du Lac leads the WIAA post season series with Neenah 7-6.
- ▶ The longest Neenah regular season win streak in the series is 10 games (from 2011-2016).
- ▶ The longest Fond du Lac regular season win streak in the series is 11 games (1993-1998).
- ▶ Neenah's largest margin of victory (36 points) was in 1970 by the score of 85-49.
- ▶ Neenah's largest margin of defeat (34 points) was in 1995 by the score of 70-36.
- ▶ In the 69 total games that Neenah and Fond du Lac have played since 1965-66, 11 of those games have ended up going to overtime. Five of those eleven games happened within a 4 year span between the 2001-02 season and the 2004-05 season.
- ▶ Neenah and Fond du Lac are the only two schools in the history of the FVA to have an all time conference winning percentage over .600.

Around the FVA

	Conf.		Overall		Tuesday, Dec. 20 Games
	W	L	W	L	Fond du Lac at Neenah
Oshkosh North	2	0	4	0	Hortonville at Oshkosh North
Kimberly	2	0	3	0	Appleton East at Kimberly
Kaukauna	2	0	2	0	Oshkosh West at Appleton North
Appleton East	2	0	3	2	Kaukauna at Appleton West
Oshkosh West	2	0	2	2	Thursday, Dec. 22 Games
Appleton West	0	2	2	2	Oshkosh West at Neenah
Appleton North	0	2	2	3	Bay Port at Kimberly
Neenah	0	2	1	3	Fond du Lac at Menasha
Fond du Lac	0	2	1	3	Tuesday, Dec. 27 Games
Hortonville	0	2	0	2	Neenah vs. Superior (at Green Bay)
					Appleton West at DeForest



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Tale of the Tape

(Conf. Only)	Neenah	Fond du Lac
Scoring Average	57.5	57.5
Scoring Defense	69.0	66.5
Scoring Margin	-11.5	-9.0
Field Goal Pct.	46.3	45.5
3pt Field Goal Pct.	32.4	34.0
Free Throw Pct.	88.9	50.0
Field Goal Pct. Def.	47.5	44.3
Rebounds/Game	26.0	23.5
Assists/Game	13.0	14.0
Turnovers/Game	18.5	15.0
Steals/Game	5.0	6.0
Blocks/Game	0.5	2.5
All-Time History:		
FVA Record	477-265	295-181
FVA Win Pct.	.643	.620
FVA Titles	13	9

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!

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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Tonight's Matchup



The Rockets return to the hallowed grounds of the Ron Einerson Fieldhouse tonight after getting snowed out last Friday. That home game against the Oshkosh West Wildcats has been rescheduled for Thursday, December 22. So the Rockets will play two games within 72 hours this week. Tonight Neenah rolls out the welcome mat for head coach Mark Ziebell and his Fond du Lac Cardinals. Coach Ziebell is already in his third season of leadership of the Cardinal basketball program.

Last year the Cardinals finished 6-12 in the FVA (7th place) and 9-15 overall. It marked the eighth consecutive season that the Cardinals have finished below .500 in the FVA. Compare that to Fond du Lac's first 12 years in the FVA when it won nine conference titles and never finished with more than three conference losses, and that stat clearly illustrates how far this once dominant program had fallen from the glory days of Dick Diener. However, this could be the year that Coach Ziebell leads the Cardinals back to their normal winning ways. This team is talented and could contend with Kaukauna, Kimberly and Oshkosh North for a top four finish in the top heavy FVA this season. This summer, Fond du Lac had the good fortune to add senior 6'4" star Luke Loewe to the Cardinal arsenal. The future William and Mary Tribe basketball player spent the last three years starring at Ripon high school and is one of the top rated seniors in the Wisconsin class of 2017. Don't forget, the Cardinals also return three lettermen that all averaged over double figures last year in points in senior guard Caleb Goldstein, junior guard Drew Jorgensen and senior forward Sam Fredrickson. The Cardinals are 1-3 on the young season. They have split two non conference games, losing to Menomonee Falls 81-61 and blitzing Milwaukee Juneau 82-41. Fond du Lac is 0-2 in the FVA, losing to Oshkosh North 65-54 and Oshkosh West 68-61.

With the postponement of the Oshkosh West game last Friday, tonight will mark the first time Neenah has played in 10 days. Hopefully the additional practice time has been beneficial to the Rockets since Neenah is looking to snap a three-game losing streak and also searching (just like the Fond du Lac Cardinals) for its first FVA conference win of the 2016-17 season. In order for Neenah to earn a victory tonight, there is going to have to be some improvement on the defensive end of the court. In Neenah's last performance at home which was a 92-72 loss to Kaukauna on December 8, the Rockets allowed the most points ever by a Neenah team in the 43-year history of the Ron Einerson Fieldhouse. Neenah followed that up with allowing 71 at Wausau East two days later. The strength of this Fond du Lac team is their ability to score. Tonight should be a good test to see if the Rockets have ratcheted up their defensive intensity, communication and execution.



Turning Back the Clock

Tonight we are going back 37 years to the 1980 WIAA regional semifinal between the Fond du Lac Cardinals of the Fox River Valley Conference and the Neenah Rockets of the FVA. The Cardinals, coached by first-year head coach Marty Paulson (succeeded Dave Bartolutti), brought a 14-4 overall record (10-4, second place in the FRVC) to Neenah while the Rockets were 9-9 (7-7, fifth place). This was the first time in Coach Ron Einerson's 12 years at Neenah that he had a club finish .500 for the regular season. That stated, Neenah had never lost a first round game during Coach Einerson's first 11 years of program leadership. Not only had the Rockets never lost in the first round during that stretch, they had collected nine regional plaques, nine sectional plaques and two state titles. So this was a program that didn't expect to just participate in tournament action in March, they expected to win in March. In fact, the Rockets had not lost a tournament opening round game since Coach Doug Martin's 1967 powerhouse team was upset by Appleton 57-56. The Red and White ended their regular season in 1980 with consecutive wins over the Oshkosh West Indians and the Kaukauna Galloping Ghosts to enter the postseason with some momentum.

Both teams started off hot from the field. Neenah led 20-18 after eight minutes of action, and expanded that lead to 40-32 at the half. The 40 points represented a season-high for points in a half. The Cardinals responded in the third quarter cutting the Neenah lead to 59-54 after three quarters. The game got even tighter in the fourth quarter when Fond du Lac sliced the Neenah lead to three (65-62). Then the Rockets exploded with a 22-6 run over the final five minutes of the game to cook the Cardinals. Junior Jeff Dehn started the run with a jump shot, followed by two free throws. Senior (second-team all FVA) John Korth then hit back-to-back long range bombs to extend the Neenah advantage to 73-62. After the Cardinals and Rockets exchanged baskets for five consecutive possessions, Neenah closed out the scoring with 10 consecutive points at the free throw line to make the final margin a resounding 87-68 victory. Coach Einerson in his post game synopsis credited the Rockets for their domination on the glass (Neenah out rebounded Fond du Lac 42-18) and their outstanding shooting from the charity stripe (Neenah connected on 21 out of 22 attempts during the game). This was in stark contrast to a Neenah team that had shot just 60 percent from the free throw line for the first 18 games of the season. Korth led the scoring ledger for the Rockets with 24 points, while fellow senior (2nd team all FVA) Mark Johnson added 21 for Big Red. One night later, the Rockets would defeat the Indians of Oshkosh West to collect their 10th WIAA regional title in the past 12 years.

Until Thursday, December 22 when we welcome the Wildcats of Oshkosh West, NEENAH WITH PRIDE!



Neenah Rockets

1-3 Overall, 0-2 Fox Valley Association

Head Coach: Lee Rabas (2nd season, 14-14 at Neenah, 117-70 overall)

Assistant Coaches: Al Krueger, Randy Ropella, Gage Moede

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
2	Josh Mericle	G	6-1	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Joe Jung	G	6-0	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	A.J. Dehn	G	5-11	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Chance Pronschinske	G	5-11	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Sam Borchers	G	5-11	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Rayce Prosser	G	6-0	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Matthew Pavletich	F	6-1	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Logan Morrow	F	6-3	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Jordan Mascal	F	6-4	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
25	Zavier Sims	F	6-4	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
31	Anthony Bartman	C	6-5	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Peter Herberg	F	6-3	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
45	Greg Lenhart	F	6-0	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Fond du Lac Cardinals



1-3 Overall, 0-2 Fox Valley Association

Head Coach: Mark Ziebell (3rd season, 16-35 at Fond du Lac, 215-292 overall)

Assistant Coaches: Jeremiah Hoffman, Steven Jorgensen

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
2	Caleb Goldstein		6-0	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Drew Jorgensen		6-0	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Hunter Smit		5-9	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
10	Jack Cole		6-0	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Sam Fredrickson		6-7	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
20	Peyton Head		6-5	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Damon Johnson		6-1	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Luke Loewe		6-4	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Ian Spletter		6-2	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Quintin Winterfeldt		6-2	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
34	Trevor Taylor		6-3	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
42	Jack Rusch		6-3	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
44	Devon Krzanowski		6-2	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

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
2	Sam Dietrich	G	5-11	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Peyton Mellenthin	G	5-10	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Hayden Jones	G	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Grayson Schroeder	G	5-11	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Jack Van Dyke	G	6-5	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Dan Craig	G	5-8	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Mason Morrow	G	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Max Klesmit	G	6-1	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
25	Tim Nault	F	6-1	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Marcus Hickey	F	6-2	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
35	Logan Eiden	F	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
41	Andy Jensen	F	6-1	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
43	Tyrese Taylor	C	6-4	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
	Ethan Parker	F	6-3	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Coaches: Christian Schnell and Ron Billman

Fond du Lac Cardinals

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
3	Kienan Farr		5-9	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Bryce Holz		6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Jonah Deitte		6-2	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
10	Noah Sabel		6-3	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Trenton Ellis		5-10	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Chris Stewart		6-4	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Caden Krug		5-9	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
20	Dylan Greuel		5-10	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Joe Dardis		6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Austin Strutz		6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Vince Ransom		5-11	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
40	Grady Rosenthal		6-3	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Coach: Eric Henry

Freshmen

Neenah Rockets

No.	Player	Ht.	Yr.
2	Davis Greene	5-11	Fr.
3	Michael Monroe	5-6	Fr.
4	Cole Schultz	5-7	Fr.
5	Dylan Anderson	5-11	Fr.
11	Rex Bayer	5-8	Fr.
13	Kameron Kellogg	5-7	Fr.
15	Evan Webster	5-8	Fr.
21	Brandon Koga	6-0	Fr.
23	Bryce Henderson	5-10	Fr.
25	Garrett Luepke	6-0	Fr.
31	Dom Veaser	5-8	Fr.
33	Sam Jung	5-10	Fr.
35	Hayden Schoultz	5-11	Fr.
43	Jacob Kaszuba	6-0	Fr.
45	Josh Brazee	6-1	Fr.

Fond du Lac Cardinals

No.	Player	Ht.	Yr.
1	Zach Demaskie		Fr.
3	Sam Nielsen		Fr.
4	Eli Schipper		Fr.
5	Alex Gilhart		Fr.
10	Donnie Johnson		Fr.
11	Carter Adelmeyer		Fr.
12	Adam Hedman		Fr.
13	Ethan Kissinger		Fr.
14	Michael Meyers		Fr.
15	Elijah Diederich		Fr.
20	Moses Riehl		Fr.

Coach: Connor Morovits

Coaches: Marc Goodman, Todd Mueske & Rich Frost