



ROCKET GAMEDAY

Neenah (16-4) vs. Appleton North (3-16)

February 20, 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	W 54-36
Jan. 30	at Kimberly	L 49-55
Feb. 3	Oshkosh North	W 56-41
Feb. 6	Fond du Lac	W 71-43
Feb. 10	at Appleton East	W 49-17
Feb. 12	Hortonville	W 73-49
Feb. 17	Oshkosh West	W 77-50
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

- Neenah leads the regular season series with Appleton North 30-9.
- Neenah leads the post season series with Appleton North 1-0.
- Over the past 50 years, the only FVA school that Neenah has a better winning percentage against than Appleton North (.775) is Menasha (.825).
- The longest Neenah regular season win streak in the series is 9 games (1999-2003).
- The longest Appleton North regular season win streak in the series is 2 games (1996 & 2010-2011).
- Neenah's largest margin of victory (31 points) was in 2009 at 60-29.
- 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 40 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 games.

Around the FVA

	Conf.		Overall		Friday, Feb. 20 Games
	W	L	W	L	Appleton North at Neenah
Kaukauna	15	1	19	1	Kaukauna at Oshkosh North
Kimberly	13	2	16	3	Fond du Lac at Hortonville
Neenah	13	3	16	4	Appleton West at Kimberly
Oshkosh North	11	5	13	7	Oshkosh West at Appleton East
Oshkosh West	6	10	8	11	Saturday, Feb. 21 Game
Appleton West	6	10	7	13	Oshkosh West at Ashwaubenon
Hortonville	5	10	8	11	Tuesday, Feb. 24 Game
Appleton East	4	12	6	14	Hortonville at Kimberly
Fond du Lac	4	12	5	15	Thursday, Feb. 26 Games
Appleton North	2	14	3	16	Neenah at Kaukauna
					Fond du Lac at Kimberly
					Appleton East at Appleton North
					Oshkosh North at Appleton West
					Hortonville at Oshkosh West



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Tale of the Tape

	Neenah	App. North
Scoring Average	59.4	42.4
Scoring Defense	43.3	59.5
Scoring Margin	16.1	-17.1
Field Goal Pct.	51.4%	32.8%
3pt Field Goal Pct.	36.2%	30.8%
Free Throw Pct.	75.0%	67.5%
Field Goal Pct. Def.	39.8%	51.9%
Rebounds/Game	25.6	17.3
Assists/Game	14.1	5.1
Turnovers/Game	9.2	11.5
Steals/Game	5.4	3.7
Blocks/Game	2.9	0.5
All-Time History:		
FVA Record	465-255	112-246
FVA Win Pct.	.646	.313
FVA Titles	13	0

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



Tonight the Rockets welcome head coach Eric Eastman and his Appleton North Lightning to the friendly confines of the Ron Einerson Fieldhouse for their regular season home finale. Next Thursday, the Rockets will travel to Kaukauna to conclude the 2014-15 regular season. This weekend Neenah will learn their tournament draw for the opening round of the WIAA tournament during the annual seeding meeting. Neenah will likely be a No. 2 seed and host a WIAA regional semifinal on Friday, March 6.

The 2014-15 basketball season has been a struggle for the Lightning after experiencing three consecutive winning seasons (first time in school history) from 2012-14. Coach Eastman brings the youngest roster in the FVA (11 underclassmen, including 7 sophomores) into Neenah tonight looking for their first road win of the 2014-15 FVA season. The Lightning has played better lately, as it has experienced its only two conference wins against Oshkosh West and Fond du Lac within the past three weeks. Offensively, Appleton North is led by three players that average between seven to nine points per game. Those three are junior guards Tony Mattiolo (9.1 ppg), Spencer Christensen (7.3 ppg) and senior forward Jacquan McGraw (7.9 ppg).

Tonight is a special night at Neenah since it will be the final time that six young men will wear their Neenah home jersey for a regular season game. These players are #2 Jake Aijala, #3 Ty Hegg, #4 Trevor Entwisle, #11 Harold Boccheciamp, #15 Adam Pronschinske, and #31 Matt Heldt. At the conclusion of tonight's varsity game, there will be a post game senior night ceremony where we will recognize all of the commitment, hard work, dedication, and time that these six student athletes have given to the Neenah boys' basketball program. We strongly encourage all fans to stay in their seats and recognize these fine young men that have represented our school on the court, in the classroom and in the community for the past two to three years. How successful has Neenah basketball been with these six seniors on varsity? During the past three seasons the Neenah Rockets have gone 45-7 in FVA competition and 60-11 overall. This will be the first time that Neenah has finished in the top three in the FVA in three consecutive seasons since 1987-89. If the Rockets win their final two conference games, it will be the first time since 1974-76 that the Rockets will have three straight seasons with three or fewer losses in the FVA. Now, some of you long time Neenah basketball historians might be asking about those outstanding teams from the 1980's? Yes, we had some really fine ball clubs that were FVA conference champions in 1981, 1982, 1985, and those back to back marvelous teams in 1987 and 1988 (which went 27-1 in the FVA over those two seasons). However, we never had a three year consecutive run of conference wins like this during the 1980's. Bottom line, anytime our current teams can be statistically compared to Coach Einerson's powerhouses of the 1970's, that is a significant achievement. Congratulations Jake, Ty, Trevor, Harold, Adam, and Matt.



Turning Back the Clock

Tonight we are going back one year and reflecting on the 2014 WIAA Regional Final between the Neenah Rockets and Appleton North Lightning played at the Ron Einerson Fieldhouse. This game is the only time in their 20-year rivalry that these two conference members have ever faced off in a WIAA tournament game. The Rockets entered the game as the FVA conference champions (22-1) and the top seed in the sectional. The Lightning (13-9) was the No. 5 seed in the sectional, and had come into this game as winners of seven of its last eight games. Neenah defeated Appleton East 41-27 to advance to this regional final. Meanwhile, Appleton North survived an overtime battle with cross-town rival Appleton West 54-50 to earn a ticket to the regional final. The Rockets had already defeated the Lightning twice during the regular season. In January, Neenah beat Appleton North 66-50 at home, and then the Rockets completed the sweep in February when they won in Appleton 55-37. Would the Rockets be able to beat a talented and experienced Lightning team three times in three months? As we all found out, the Rockets provided that answer within the first eight minutes of the regional final.

In quite possibly the most impressive offensive performance of any quarter all season long, Big Red hung 26 points on the Lightning during the first quarter of the regional final. The Rockets were a perfect 10-for-10 from the field and led the Lightning 26-11 after eight minutes of action, much to the delight of the Neenah Rocket fans. The Rockets were so efficient on offense that they scored on 11 of their 12 possessions in the first quarter. The Lightning fought back in the second quarter to cut the Rocket lead to 28-16. However, Neenah responded by clamping down on defense and ending the second quarter on a 12-0 spurt which extended the Rocket lead to 40-16 at the half. The Men of Bork did not let up in the third quarter. The Rockets eliminated any possibility of this game being competitive by opening the second half on a 20-10 run to expand their commanding lead to 60-26. Coach Bork emptied the bench in the fourth quarter and the Rockets earned another WIAA regional title with a convincing 66-42 win. Junior post Matt Heldt led a balanced Rocket offensive attack (four starters scored in double digits) with 16 points. With this victory the Rockets would march on to the sectional semifinal where they would meet up with Stevens Point. Neenah would have a comeback for the ages (down 36-21 at half) and defeat the Panthers 59-56 to advance to the sectional title game. The Rockets crushed Marshfield 54-31 to earn their 26th trip to Madison. At state, Neenah beat Mukwonago 58-41, before falling short to Germantown in the state title game. This story wraps up another season of the feature we call "TURNING BACK THE CLOCK." We hope you have both enjoyed and possibly even been educated by these magnificent memories of Neenah Rocket basketball. Until next November, NEENAH WITH PRIDE!



Neenah Rockets

16-4 Overall, 13-3 Fox Valley Association

Head Coach: Scott Bork (3rd season, 60-11 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 North Lightning

3-16 Overall, 2-14 Fox Valley Association

Head Coach: Eric Eastman (7th season, 65-92 overall)

Assistant Coaches: Craig Donaldson and Bruce Valk



No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
1	Mitch Mologne	G	5-11	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Tony Mattioli	G	5-11	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Spencer Christensen	G	5-11	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Chandler Crane	F	6-2	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Zach Gasick	F	6-4	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Collin Squier	G/F	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Carl Valk	G	5-10	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Jacquan McGraw	F	6-3	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Jake Bellin	G	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
31	Jacob Hiltunen	G	5-11	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Josh Gasick	F	6-3	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Nick Cochran	F	6-2	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
41	Connor Dahlke	F/C	6-4	So.	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	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

Coaches: Kyle Popp and Ron Billman

Appleton North Lightning

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
1	Sam Crowley	G	6-0	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Anthony Bennett	F	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Colin Mowbray	G	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
14	Josh Van Deraa	G/F	5-9	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Collin Squier	F/G	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Carl Valk	G	5-10	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Sam Ellsworth	F	6-2	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Jake Bellin	G	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
31	Jacob Hiltunen	G	5-11	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Josh Gasick	F	6-3	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
43	Miles Saunders	F/G	6-1	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
45	Michael Krause	F	6-2	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Coach: Joel Hermansen

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 North Lightning

No.	Player	Ht.	Yr.
1	Sam Crowley	6-0	Fr.
3	Jack Vanekeren	5-6	Fr.
5	Wes Sommers	5-7	Fr.
11	Ryan Anselment	5-9	Fr.
13	Cade Coenen	5-10	Fr.
14	Bryan Meyer	6-1	Fr.
21	Noah Koleske	6-0	Fr.
22	Leo Koenig	5-10	Fr.
24	Jack Shockey	5-10	Fr.
32	Deepak Vir	6-3	Fr.
33	Jacob Carpenter	6-1	Fr.
41	Connor Woodke	6-3	Fr.
43	Miles Saunders	6-1	Fr.
45	Michael Krause	6-2	Fr.

Coach: Derek Blom