

BOYS COACHES' BIOS

AL KRUEGER | Assistant Coach



Coaching Experience: 23rd year with Neenah Basketball

High School and College: Manitowoc Lincoln HS, UW-La Crosse

What It Means To Be A Neenah Rockets Coach:

I'm just honored and proud to be a small part of the rich Neenah Rockets Tradition

Favorite Basketball Memory: Coaching on the Kohl Center Floor

Most influential coach/teacher: I have three: Brian Shaw (H.S. Basketball Coach), Pete Holm (H.S. Football Coach), Lindy DeNamur (guidance counselor and youth coach)

Favorite Meal: Grandma's Thanksgiving Dinner

Dream Vacation: Musky fishing with Bill Sandy for a week on Lake of the Woods

Favorite Childhood Basketball player: Larry Bird

TODD MUESKE | Assistant Coach



Coaching Experience: Neenah Basketball, UW Fox Valley, Menasha Basketball, Notre Dame Academy, Oneida Nation Basketball, Bayfield Basketball, AAU Basketball

Family: Wife - Irma; Sons - Morgan and Zack, Daughter - Mandy

High School and College: Appleton East HS, UWO

What It Means To Be A

Neenah Rockets Coach: I'm honored and blessed to be working for one of the best basketball programs in the state

Favorite College Basketball Team: Wisconsin Badgers

Favorite Sports Movie: Hoosiers

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Favorite Neenah restaurant: Zuppa's

RON BILLMAN | Assistant Coach



Coaching Experience: 4th season as Varsity Assistant, 4 seasons as JV Assistant, 4 seasons as Freshman coach, various levels of Neenah Hoops Club

Family: Wife: Gayle, Stepsons: Don and Matt

High School and College: Neenah HS, UW-Eau Claire

What It Means To Be A Neenah Rockets Coach: Neenah with Pride, Baby!

Elementary and Middle Schools: Tullar Elementary, Conant Junior High

Favorite Sports Movie: Hoosiers

Favorite Basketball Team: Wisconsin Badgers

Favorite Neenah Basketball Memory: 1978 state championship game - Rally from 31-13 down to win state

Stadium/Arena I'd most like to play in: Hinkle Field house @ Butler University

PEYTON MELLENTHIN | Assistant Coach



Coaching Experience:

This is my first year

High School: Neenah

Elementary School: Spring Road

What It Means To Be A

Neenah Rockets Coach: It means everything, I'm very excited to continue to be a part of this amazing program

Favorite Basketball Teams: UNC, The Bucks

Favorite Sports Movie: Moneyball

Most influential coach/teacher: Coach Cavaiani

Favorite Neenah restaurant: Culvers

Favorite basketball memory: Making it to state in 2019

Favorite Meal: Honey BBQ chicken wings with ranch

Basketball player you'd like to play one on one: Russell Westbrook

Past and present coaches with over 10 years of service to Neenah High School Boys Basketball

Ole Jorgensen 39 yrs. (1926-1965) Varsity Head Coach 39 seasons

Ron Fedenko 31 yrs. (1967-69, 1970-2000) Freshman Coach 31 seasons

Ron Einerson 25 yrs. (1968-93) Varsity Head Coach 25 seasons

Rich Paske 25 yrs. (1965-90) Varsity Assistant 25 seasons

Bob Mott 23 yrs. (1981-98, 2000-2007) Freshman 15 seasons, JV Head Coach 8 seasons

Don Flunker 22 yrs. (1965-90) Freshman Coach 13 seasons, JV Head Coach 9 seasons

Al Krueger 22 yrs. (1997-2009, 2012-present) JV Head Coach 12 seasons, Varsity Assistant 10 seasons

Tom Berven 16 yrs. (1965-81) JV Coach 16 seasons

Chas Pronschinske 14 yrs. (2001-11, 2012-16) Varsity Head Coach 6 seasons, Varsity Assistant 8 seasons

Scott Bork 13 yrs. (2002-15) Varsity Head Coach 3 seasons, Assistant 10 seasons

Ron Billman 12 yrs. (2008-16, 2018-present) Freshman 4 years, JV Assistant 4 years, JV Assistant 4 years

Marc Goodman 11 yrs. (2011-present) Freshman Head Coach, Varsity Assistant

VARSITY BOYS BIOS

ELI SCHMIDT #2 | Senior



Birthdate:
06/23/04

Family:
Matt (Dad)
Jen (Mom)
Macy (Sister)

Elementary School:
Spring Road

Social Media handle:
@_elischmidt_

What it means to be a Neenah Rocket basketball player: It means everything. Knowing

I am able to have an important role in such a successful program is the best feeling. I hope to continue to help Neenah Basketball's history and legacy continue on.

Other Neenah Sports and Activities: Baseball

Favorite aspect of Neenah High School: The REF

Favorite Class at NHS: Water Games

Favorite Neenah Teacher: Mrs. Hager

Favorite or most influential basketball coach: Coach Klesmit

Favorite basketball memory: Dunking in front of John Wall

Favorite thing about playing basketball: The family it creates

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Favorite Movie: Dumb and Dumber

Arena I'd most like to play in: Madison Square Garden



CHEVALIER EMERY JR. #3 | Senior



Birthdate:
03/17/03

Family:
Chevalier
(Dad), Stacy
Berzinsky

Elementary School:
Hemlock Creek

Social Media handle:
Instagram: Iceemeryjr, Twitter:
Chevalier_emery

What it means to be a Neenah Rocket basketball

player: It means to play the right way and be a part of a winning program

Favorite Class at NHS: Journalism

Favorite Neenah Teacher: Mrs. Hager

Favorite Neenah hangout: Ron Einerson Fieldhouse

Favorite thing about playing basketball: the atmosphere

What I will miss about high school: My family

Favorite Athlete: Michael Jordan

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Favorite Meal: Chick-Fil-A

Favorite Movie: Space Jam

Arena I'd most like to play in: Rupp Arena

Dream Vacation: Bahamas



JJ PAIDER #13 | Senior



Birthdate:
06/14/04

Family:
Todd (Dad),
Tracy (Mom),
Norah (Sister)

Elementary School: Clayton

Social Media handle:
josephpaider

What it means to be a Neenah Rocket basketball player: To be a part of a historic program and represent Neenah the right way

Other Neenah Sports and Activities: Golf, DECA, Launch

Favorite aspect of Neenah High School: The people and opportunities

Favorite Class at NHS: Water Games

Favorite Neenah Teacher: Mr. McDonald

Favorite Neenah hangout: Bruce's house

Most influential basketball coach: Craig Donaldson

Favorite basketball memory: Beating Kimberly last year

Favorite thing about playing basketball: Dunking

What would you sing on Karaoke night: Come on Eileen

Arena I'd most like to play in: Madison Square Garden

Dream Vacation: Bahamas



MATT JUNG #20 | Senior



Birthdate:
03/25

Family:
Parents, Steve
and Wendy,
Brothers, Joe,
Sam, and Luke

Elementary School: Tullar

Social Media handle: Mattkj06

Other Neenah Sports and Activities: Football

Favorite Class at NHS: Calculus

Favorite Athlete: Eli Manning

Favorite Meal: Burgers

Favorite Neenah hangout: Half Apps

What I will miss about high school: Seeing my friends

Favorite Pro and/or college Basketball team: Bucks

Favorite Neenah Teacher: Mrs. Underhill

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Favorite Movie: Remember the Titans

What do you buy if you won the lottery: a new fish tank

Stadium I'd most like to play in: Kenan Memorial Stadium

Favorite part of playing basketball: Hanging out with the guys

Dream Vacation: Florida



VARSITY BOYS BIOS

CARTER THOMAS #21 | Senior



Birthday: 10/21/03

Family: Bill (dad), Jeanne (mom), Keaton (brother), and Ozzy (dog)

Elementary School: Lakeview

Social Media handle: carter_thomas21

What it means to be a Neenah Rocket basketball player: It's



an honor to wear a jersey for a program and community that has so much history and success.

Other Neenah Sports and Activities: Baseball

Favorite aspect of Neenah High School: The number of people who support the different teams and events

Favorite Class at NHS: Psychology

Favorite Neenah Teacher: Mrs. Underhill

Favorite thing about playing basketball: Getting to compete with friends and the pace of the game

Stadium I'd most like to play in: Madison Square Garden

Favorite Holiday: Thanksgiving

Favorite Meal: Steak and potatoes

Dream Vacation: Europe

CAL KLESMIT #5 | Junior



Birthday: 10/04/04

Family: Max (brother), Rowan (sister), Dad (Richie), Mom (Kelly)

Elementary School: Lakeview Laser

Social Media handle: calklez

What it means to be a Neenah Rocket basketball player: It means a lot to be able to have the opportunity to carry on the legacy of Neenah and the players that came before me.

Favorite aspect of Neenah High School: All the opportunities we are given.

Favorite Class at NHS: Chemistry

Favorite Neenah Teacher: Mr. Pronchinske

Favorite or most influential basketball coach: My dad, Phil and Jon Vandewettering, Coach Becker

Favorite basketball memory: Getting my first offer

Favorite thing about playing basketball: It takes you away from everything

Favorite Pro and/or college Basketball team: Milwaukee Bucks and Wofford Terriers

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Favorite Meal: Chicken

COY RAJOTTE #10 | Junior



Birthday: 01/17/05

Family: Ryan, Danielle, Tate, Skye and Tess Rajotte

Elementary School: Tullar

Social Media handle: Snapchat: coyrajotte

What it means to be a Neenah Rocket basketball player: It means to give 100% all the time and never giving up.

Other Neenah Sports and Activities: Football, Ice Fishing Team, Track

Favorite aspect of Neenah

High School: All the options for classes

Favorite Class at NHS: Math

Favorite Neenah Teacher: Mr. Rundquist

Favorite Neenah hangout: Greene's Pour House

Favorite or most influential basketball coach: Coach Rabas

Favorite thing about playing basketball: The competition

Favorite Pro and/or college Basketball team: Wisconsin Badgers

Favorite Athlete: Pat Tillman

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Favorite Meal: Fish Fry

Favorite Movie: Rudy

JACKSON SCHLOMANN #11 | Junior



Birthday: 09/10/04

Family: Mom (Jackie), Dad (Rory), Brother (Emerson)

Elementary School: Lakeview

Social Media handle: @jacksonschlomann_

What it means to be a Neenah Rocket basketball player: Lots of hard work and dedication

Other Neenah Sports and Activities: Football

Favorite Class at NHS: Business Finance

Favorite Neenah Teacher: Mr. Skogen

Favorite Neenah hangout: Eli's Pantry

Favorite or most influential basketball coach: Coach Klesmit

Favorite basketball memory: Making a buzzer beater three-pointer my freshman year

Favorite thing about playing basketball: Grinding the season out with my teammates

Favorite Pro and/or college Basketball team: Bucks, Badgers

Favorite Athlete: Jamarr Chase

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

VARSITY BOYS BIOS

JOSH ARMSTRONG #14 | Junior



Birthday: 09/20/04
Family: Marie (Mom), Matt (Dad), Madi (Sister)
Elementary School: Lakeview
Social Media handle: josh_armstrong13
Favorite aspect of Neenah High School: Having good resources to help us get better everyday
Favorite Class at NHS: Pre-calc
Favorite Neenah Teacher: Mr. Theide
Favorite or most influential

basketball coach: Coach Rabas

Favorite thing about playing basketball: Having fun and not worrying about anything else

Favorite Pro and/or college Basketball team: Bucks and North Carolina

Favorite Athlete: Aaron Rodgers

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Favorite Meal: Eggs, Bacon, Chocolate Milk

Favorite Movie: Saving Private Ryan

Favorite Musical Artist: Morgan Wallen

Where do you see yourself in 25 years: Good job, nice house, having a family

What do you buy if you won the lottery: A house on the lake and a jet ski

SAM COULTHARD #23 | Junior



Birthday: 08/27/04
Family: Mom, Dad and 2 dogs
Elementary School: Tullar
Social Media handle: scoulthard23
Other Neenah Sports and Activities: Golf
Favorite aspect of Neenah High School: The Gym
Favorite Class at NHS: US History
Favorite Neenah Teacher: Mr. McDonald

Favorite Neenah hangout: Culvers before it closed

Favorite or most influential basketball coach: Coach Rabas

Favorite basketball memory: Having fun in hotels in like 6th, 7th and 8th grade with my hoops club team

Favorite thing about playing basketball: traveling around the country especially during AAU to different places

Favorite Pro and/or college Basketball team: Wisconsin Badgers

Favorite Athlete: Jalen Green

Favorite Meal: Steak

Favorite Movie: Step Brothers

Where do you see yourself in 25 years: at my beach house in Jamaica

ELLIOT SWANSON #24 | Junior



Birthday: 03/29/05
Family: Dad(Kent), Mom (Molly), Sister (Emma)
Elementary School: Clayton
What it means to be a Neenah Rocket basketball player: It means a lot because of how much success we have had in the past and being a part of that is really cool
Other Neenah Sports and Activities: Baseball, Launch, SALT
Favorite Class at NHS: Marketing

Favorite Neenah Teacher: Mrs. Drake

Favorite Neenah hangout: Applebee's

Favorite or most influential basketball coach: My dad

Favorite basketball memory: Beating Kimberly on a game winner my freshman year

Favorite thing about playing basketball: Being a part of a team and winning together

Favorite Pro and/or college Basketball team: Minnesota Timberwolves

Favorite Athlete: Harrison Smith

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Favorite Meal: Chipotle burrito

Favorite Movie: Talladega Nights

NOLAN JUCKEM #25 | Junior



Birthday: 03/31/05
Family: Mom, Dad, Cal (Brother), Tess (Sister)
Elementary School: Lakeview
Social Media handle: Snapchat: njuckem_4 Instagram: nolanjuckem4
Other Neenah Sports and Activities: Baseball
Favorite aspect of Neenah High School: All the people you meet

Favorite Class at NHS: Finance Literacy

Favorite Neenah Teacher: Mrs. Plankey

Favorite Neenah hangout: Argalls

Favorite or most influential basketball coach: My dad

Favorite thing about playing basketball: Spending time with teammates

Favorite Pro and/or college Basketball team: Bucks and Florida State

Favorite Athlete: Scottie Barnes

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Favorite Meal: Panda Express

Favorite Movie: Grown Ups

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WILL SORENSEN #31 | Junior



Birthday: 11/24
Family: Phil, Paula, Maria, and Hannah
Elementary School: Alliance
Social Media handle: will.soren30
What it means to be a Neenah Rocket basketball player: Being someone to look up to for younger players.
Other Neenah Sports and Activities: Baseball
Favorite aspect of Neenah High School: The culture

Favorite Class at NHS: Intro to Engineering and Design

Favorite Neenah Teacher: Tony White

Favorite Neenah hangout: Smith Park

Favorite or most influential basketball coach: Coach Swanson

Favorite thing about playing basketball: Competing and having fun with teammates

Favorite Pro and/or college Basketball team: Michigan Wolverines

Favorite Holiday: Thanksgiving

Favorite Meal: Chipotle burrito

Favorite Movie: Angel Has Fallen

BRADY CORSO #12 | Sophomore



Birthday: 07/18/06
Family: Dad (David), Mom (Angie), Sister (Marissa)
Elementary School: Tullar
Social Media handle: Instagram: brady.corso
Twitter: Brady_Corso
What it means to be a Neenah Rocket basketball player: Representing my high school and community, setting an example for the younger players, and playing for a program that has had great

success in the past

Other Neenah Sports and Activities: Baseball

Favorite aspect of Neenah High School: Being able to get into the gym whenever and all the nice people there.

Favorite Class at NHS: Math

Favorite Neenah Teacher: Mr. Klarner

Favorite Neenah hangout: Practice with the guys

Favorite or most influential basketball coach: Coach Janssen, Coach Nordgaard

Favorite basketball memory: Buzzer beater 3 to beat Kimberly

Favorite thing about playing basketball: Being able to play the game I love and competing to be the best version of myself

GOOD LUCK THIS SEASON JJ!

LOVE, MOM & DAD



PROUD OF VARSITY TEAM GRANDSONS



ELI SCHMIDT & CAL KLESMIT



KATHY & DAN KILPATRICK