

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
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, 73-42 at Neenah, 176-98 overall)

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

STEVENS POINT Panthers

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-point	3-point	Free throws	Fouls
1	Brenden Klish	G	6-2	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
2	James Jacobs	G	6-3	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Austin Beyer	F	6-3	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Kenny Schultz	F	6-0	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Brett Tuszka	F	6-2	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
10	Gavin Hyer	F	6-2	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Christian Zarazua	G	5-11	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Evan Vollendorf	G	6-3	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Owen Jordan	F	6-0	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Jared Garski	G	5-9	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
20	Bryce Pelky	F	6-2	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Damian Cejka	G	5-10	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Nate Streveler	G	6-3	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
35	Nathan Strasman	C	6-6	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Head Coach: Jon Krull (2nd season, 23-16 overall)

Assistant Coaches: Brandon DeSmet and Travis Kornowski

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 and Rich Frost

STEVENS POINT Panthers

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-point	3-point	Free throws	Fouls
1	Tyler Madlena	G	5-8	Fr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
2	Alec Potter	G	5-9	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Parker Vanderloop	G	5-10	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Arriel Council	G	5-10	Fr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Damian Cejka	G	5-10	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Jake Schultz	F	6-2	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Joe Caldwell	F	6-2	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
20	AJ Earnest	F	6-3	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Benett Klish	F	6-1	Fr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
34	Nathan Strasman	C	6-6	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
35	Daniel Zdroik	C	6-6	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Head Coach: Bruce Weinkauff

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

STEVENS POINT

No.	Name
1	Jack Diekelman
2	Isaiah Stoy
3	Bennett Ksicinski
4	Arriel Council
10	Brock Chandonais
11	Tyler Madlena
12	Marek Woytasik
13	Jameel Bardney
20	Sam Ollech
23	Austin Simon
34	Tarrik Ciftci

Coach: Cooper Kerner

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	W	79-56
1/17	Kimberly	L	66-68
1/24	at Fond du Lac	W	77-46
1/27	at Oshkosh West	W	52-50
1/31	Oshkosh North	W	60-56
2/4	Appleton East	W	74-50
2/7	Appleton North	W	66-39
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	14	0	16	2
Neenah	12	2	14	2
Hortonville	12	3	16	3
Kaukauna	9	5	10	8
Oshkosh West	8	6	9	8
Oshkosh North	8	7	11	8
Appleton North	4	11	6	12
Fond du Lac	4	11	8	11
Appleton East	2	13	2	16
Appleton West	0	15	1	17

Tonight's Games

Stevens Point at Neenah

Appleton West at Appleton East

Wisconsin Rapids at Appleton North

Thursday, Feb. 13 Games

Hortonville at Appleton North

Kaukauna at Oshkosh North

Kimberly at Fond du Lac

Friday, Feb. 14 Game

Oshkosh West at Neenah

TONIGHT'S Matchup

Tonight the Neenah Rockets welcome a familiar non-conference opponent to the Ron Einerson Fieldhouse for a key intra-sectional matchup (with the WIAA seeding meeting only a few weeks away) against the SPASH Panthers of the Wisconsin Valley Conference. Longtime Neenah Rocket basketball fans from the 1980's and early 1990's may remember the traditional non-conference matchup every year with the powerful SPASH basketball program usually during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. This current edition of Panther basketball is led by head coach Jon Krull, who is in his second season of leadership after taking over the reins following the resignation of (former Neenah Rocket head coach 2000-2005) Scott Anderson.

Krull, is no stranger to basketball success, as he was a vital player during the UW-Stevens Point run of dominance from 2003-2007 that resulted in two national titles and three conference titles. He then joined Scott Anderson's coaching staff and was a part of their three consecutive WIAA state titles between 2015-2017. While this current SPASH basketball team doesn't necessarily have the explosive firepower (Trevor Anderson, Sam Hauser, Joey Hauser, Drew Blair) of those three state title winning teams, the Panthers are still a formidable opponent for the Rockets. Currently, SPASH is one half game out of first place in the Wisconsin Valley Conference. They are led in scoring by senior (#12, 6'3") guard Evan Vollendorf who was first team all-conference last year and is averaging 21 points a game this year for the Panthers. Two other Panthers that the Rockets need to keep an eye on tonight are sophomore guards (#23, 6'3") Nate Streveler (14 ppg) and (#2, 6'3") James Jacobs (11 ppg).

Tonight, the Rockets begin their busiest stretch of the season, playing five games in the next 12 days. Following tonight's game, the Rockets will conclude this five-game homestand against the Oshkosh West Wildcats on Friday. Next Tuesday, Neenah will travel to Kimberly for a much anticipated rematch with the FVA conference leading and undefeated Papermakers. The Rockets will then return home next Friday for their regular season home finale against the Hortonville Polar Bears. Then, on Saturday, February 22, the Rockets will travel to Waukesha to battle the Wolverines of Waukesha West.

The Rockets ran their current winning streak to five consecutive games last Friday night with an impressive 66-39 victory over Appleton North. Neenah jumped out to a quick 7-2 advantage two minutes into the game. That lead expanded to 18-9 halfway through the first half. The Rockets took a commanding 32-19 advantage into halftime. Neenah kept the pressure on the Lightning by expanding its lead to 20 at 47-27 five minutes into the second half. Following an Appleton North timeout, the Rockets went on a 12-5 run to put the game out of reach at 59-32 with eight minutes of playing time left. Neenah had a balanced scoring ledger consisting of Max Klesmit (15 points) Jake Dietz (15 points) Bryce Henderson (12 points) and Carter Thomas (9 points).

Tale of the Tape

	Neenah	SPASH
Scoring Average	73.2	66.2
Scoring Defense	55.2	62.4
Scoring Margin	+18.0	+3.8
Field Goal Pct.	49.3	51.0
3pt Field Goal Pct.	32.0	37.4
Free Throw Pct.	76.1	78.6
Field Goal Pct. Def.	42.3	48.6
Rebounds/Game	29.2	25.1
Assists/Game	12.8	14.3
Turnovers/Game	10.1	11.9
Steals/Game	8.5	6.6
Blocks/Game	2.4	2.6

All-Time History:

FVA Record	520-288	-
FVA Win Pct.	.644	-
FVA Titles	13	-

TURNING Back the Clock

Tonight we are going back 20 years to a sunny, unseasonably warm Saturday afternoon in March of 2000. The Neenah Rockets were on a bus heading over Lake Butte des Morts to battle the SPASH Panthers in a WIAA Regional Final at the Menasha Fieldhouse. The Rockets, under first year head coach Scott Anderson, had just finished their regular season with a solid 16-4 mark, finishing in third place in the FVA behind Fond du Lac and Oshkosh West.

The Rockets would face the 17-4 Wisconsin Valley Conference Champion SPASH Panthers for a trip to the Kolf Sports Center. In 2000, the Oshkosh Sectional was loaded. There were three teams that were ranked in the top 10 of the final state basketball poll in this sectional. They were Fond du Lac (19-1), Manitowoc (19-1) and Oshkosh West (17-3). SPASH, while not ranked in the top 10, was receiving votes. The Post-Crescent had done a preview on this sectional which documented how talented and powerful these four teams were. The PC closed the preview by mentioning that Neenah (winners in 10 out of their last 11 games) "may be the sleeper of the sectional." For the Rockets this game was an opportunity to erase the memory of losing to this very same SPASH program one year earlier (March 6, 1999). The Panthers came from behind to edge the Rockets in the Armstrong Fieldhouse 69-63 in a regional final. The 2000 Rockets returned a significant amount of talent and experience from that 1999 team.

The Rockets and Panthers would tip at 1:30 p.m. During the next two hours the large crowd of both Panther and Rocket fans would witness one of the finest offensive clinics the Neenah Rocket basketball program has performed this century in a WIAA tournament game. The Rockets started the game on fire hitting nine of their first ten attempts from the field to take a 24-12 lead after one quarter. Senior guard Aaron Shaw (2000 first-team all-conference) scored 12 of his game-high 25 points in the first quarter. Even though SPASH held Neenah without a field goal for the first four minutes of the second quarter, Neenah still added to their lead by a point going into the half up 39-26.

Any hopes that SPASH had of making a run at the beginning of the third quarter were crushed by Coach Anderson's Rockets. Neenah opened the third quarter on a 19-2 tear. Senior guard Sam Oatman (2000 first-team all-conference) chipped in eight of his 18 points during the quarter. By the beginning of the fourth quarter, the majority of the large crowd was stunned that the Panthers were trailing 62-34. That spread would widen to 66-36 until both coaches began to empty their benches at the five-minute mark of the fourth quarter.

The final score of 69-51 provided no representation of how thoroughly the Rockets throttled this outstanding SPASH team that had a talented roster of stars like Casey Taggatz and Nick Bennett. This was a SPASH program just six years removed from a state title. A shell-shocked Panther head coach Bob Schultz told Dick Knapinski of the Post Crescent after the game that "he would have bet his house that this game would be decided in the final 30 seconds." Fortunately for Coach Schultz, he didn't make that bet. Until Friday, February 14, when we welcome the Wildcats of Oshkosh West, NEENAH WITH PRIDE!

SERIES History

◆ Neenah leads the regular season series with SPASH 12-5. Neenah also leads the post-season series over the Panthers 5-4:

- 1928 Neenah 24, SPASH 13 (State)
- 1947 SPASH 46, Neenah 45 (State)
- 1999 SPASH 69, Neenah 63 (Regional)
- 2000 Neenah 69, SPASH 51 (Regional)
- 2006 Neenah 47, SPASH 40 (Regional)
- 2008 SPASH 58, Neenah 51 (Regional)
- 2012 Neenah 50, SPASH 36 (Regional)
- 2014 Neenah 59, SPASH 56 (Sectional)
- 2015 SPASH 50, Neenah 47 (Sectional)

- ◆ Neenah has been to the WIAA state tournament 27 times, SPASH has qualified 19 times.
- ◆ SPASH has won six state titles, compared to Neenah's 3
- ◆ SPASH has won a state title each time in its last four trips to Madison (1994, 2015, 2016, 2017).
- ◆ Even though these two schools have combined for 46 trips to the WIAA state tournament, they have only played each other twice in Madison (1928, 1947). They almost played in the 1988 final, but SPASH lost to Onalaska in the state semifinals.



NEENAH VS. STEVENS POINT
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 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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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!