



ROCKET GAMEDAY

Neenah (1-1) vs. Oshkosh West (3-0)

December 1, 2017 - 7:30 p.m.

Ron Einerson Fieldhouse



2017-18 Schedule

Nov. 22	Milwaukee North	W 80-69
Nov. 28	Hortonville	L 72-75
Dec. 1	Oshkosh West	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 2	at Wisconsin Rapids	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 8	at Fond du Lac	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 12	at Appleton West	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 15	Kimberly	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 19	Appleton North	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 22	Monona Grove	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 6	Kaukauna	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 9	Appleton East	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 12	at Oshkosh West	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 16	Oshkosh North	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 19	Fond du Lac	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 20	*Wausau East	3:45 p.m.
Jan. 26	at Kimberly	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 30	at Hortonville	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	at Appleton North	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 8	at Kaukauna	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	Appleton West	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 16	at Appleton East	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 22	at Oshkosh North	7:30 p.m.
Mar. 2	WIAA Regional	7 p.m.
Mar. 3	WIAA Regional	7 p.m.
Mar. 8	WIAA Sectional (App. East)	7 p.m.
Mar. 10	WIAA Sectional (Marshfield)	TBA
Mar. 16-17	WIAA State (at Madison)	TBA

* - Game at Menominee Nation Arena, Oshkosh

Series History (Since 1960)

- ▶ Neenah leads the regular season series with Oshkosh West 67-32.
- ▶ Neenah leads the post season series with Oshkosh West 17-5. Yet, these teams have not faced each other in the post season since 2006.
- ▶ The only school that Neenah has played more often than Oshkosh West in the WIAA Tournament series is Menasha (23 times). The Rockets are 18-5 against the Bluejays (since 1960).
- ▶ The longest Neenah regular season win streak in the series is 23 games (1977-1988).
- ▶ The longest Oshkosh West regular season win streak in the series is 8 games (2003-2007).
- ▶ Neenah's largest margin of victory (39 points) was in 1984 by the score of 81-42.
- ▶ Neenah's largest margin of defeat (24 points) was in 2001 by the score of 64-40.
- ▶ In the 121 total games that Neenah and Oshkosh West have played since 1959-60, only 10 games have ended up going to overtime. Oddly, four of those games happened between the 1984-85 and 1985-86 seasons, and three others happened between 2006-07 and 2007-08.

Around the FVA

	Conf.		Overall		Friday, Dec. 1 Games
	W	L	W	L	
Oshkosh West	1	0	3	0	Oshkosh West at Neenah
Oshkosh North	1	0	2	0	Hortonville at Appleton East
Hortonville	1	0	1	0	Kimberly at Appleton North
Kimberly	1	0	1	0	Fond du Lac at Kaukauna
Kaukauna	0	0	0	0	Appleton West at Oshkosh North
Appleton West	0	0	0	1	Appleton West at Oshkosh North
Neenah	0	1	1	1	Saturday, Dec. 2 Games
Fond du Lac	0	1	1	1	Neenah at Wisconsin Rapids
Appleton East	0	1	1	2	La Crosse Logan at Hortonville
Appleton North	0	1	0	3	Tuesday, Dec. 5 Games
					Kaukauna at Appleton East
					Hortonville at Merrill
					Fond du Lac at Sheboygan North
					Appleton North at Waupun
					Manitowoc at Appleton West



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Tale of the Tape

(FVA games only)	Neenah	Osh. West
Scoring Average	72.0	83.0
Scoring Defense	75.0	46.0
Scoring Margin	-3.0	+37.0
Field Goal Pct.	40.6	49.1
3pt Field Goal Pct.	38.5	35.0
Free Throw Pct.	71.4	66.7
Field Goal Pct. Def.	56.1	39.1
Rebounds/Game	31.0	45.0
Assists/Game	19.0	17.0
Turnovers/Game	16.0	16.0
Steals/Game	10.0	10.0
Blocks/Game	3.0	4.0
All-Time History:		
FVA Record	480-271	378-381
FVA Win Pct.	.642	.498
FVA Titles	13	8

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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Tonight's Matchup



Tonight the Rockets welcome head coach Michael Johnson and his Oshkosh West Wildcats to the Ron Einerson Fieldhouse for a key FVA early season battle. Coach Johnson is in his third year of leadership of the Wildcat program and brings a team to Neenah that has high expectations for the 2017-18 FVA season. The Wildcats return four starters (#3 Ben Kohl, 6-0 senior guard, #14 Tony Lancaster, 6-3 junior guard, #34 Luke Haasl, 6-9 junior forward, and #42 Derek Kroll, 6-5 senior forward) from a team that finished 6-12 in the FVA last season. Both Kohl and Kroll averaged over double figures in scoring last year as juniors, so those are two players the Rockets need to keep an eye on tonight. Oshkosh West also possesses defensive size in post with Haasl's 6-9 frame providing a challenge for opponents to shoot around. The Wildcats are 3-0 on the young season with dominating wins over Marshfield (84-58), Milwaukee Riverside (84-65) and Appleton North (83-63). The Wildcats have not finished with a record over .500 in the FVA since 2010-11 when they went 12-6. With their combination of experience and size Oshkosh West should be able to compete for a top four finish in the FVA this season.

The Rockets enter tonight's game 1-1 on the young season, as they look to bounce back from a disappointing home loss to Hortonville on Tuesday night. In that game, the Polar Bears jumped out to an early lead in the first half, which they extended to a seven-point margin at halftime (39-32). Hortonville then started the second half on an 8-2 spurt which caused their lead to swell to a 13-point advantage (47-34). The Rockets responded with an 18-4 run to take a 52-51 lead halfway through the second half. Neenah held onto a slim margin until the final 90 seconds of the game. Then, Hortonville executed on the offensive end of the court and Neenah didn't. The result was a frustrating three-point loss (75-72). To be candid, for the Rockets to play better tonight there must be some significant improvement on the defensive end of the court. Yes, the Polar Bears shot very well from the field (55% for the game), but the amount of open looks that Hortonville was afforded after a routine ball reversal is something the Rockets must clean up if they want to compete with upper echelon teams in the FVA.

After tonight the Rockets will head on the road for a three-game stretch. Neenah will travel to Wisconsin Rapids tomorrow night, Fond du Lac next Friday and Appleton West on December 12. The Red and White will then return to the friendly confines of the Ron Einerson Fieldhouse two weeks from tonight when they host the Kimberly Papermakers.



Turning Back the Clock

Tonight we are going to the 1989 WIAA regional final between the Oshkosh West Indians and the Neenah Rockets. Mother Nature tossed a curveball at the WIAA tournament series that year. The traditional Friday/Saturday games had to be moved back because of a major snow storm that hit northeast Wisconsin on Friday, March 3, dumping over a foot of snow. Hence, the regional semifinal between the Neenah Rockets and Oshkosh North Spartans was played on Saturday, March 4 at Oshkosh North. The Rockets took care of the Spartans by a score of 75-64. With that win the Rockets would face Oshkosh West at Fond du Lac Goodrich High School on Monday evening, March 6, for a trip to the sectionals.

The Rockets entered the regional final with a record of 12-9. However, they had won 10 out of their last 12 games and were playing much better at the end of the season. Oshkosh West entered the final with a 13-8 record on the season. This game would be the third time these teams would face each other in 1989, with both teams winning a game at home. A key for the Rockets that night would be to contain the FVA's leading scorer that year, Oshkosh West senior Jason Jungwirth. He was a first team all-conference selection who averaged 20 points a game his senior campaign at West.

Coach Einerson's Rockets started fast. Neenah scored the first four baskets of the game, all off of offensive rebounds, to take a quick 8-0 lead. An early highlight of the game was a two handed dunk by Rocket senior Justin Freier. Oshkosh West would respond with a run to cut the Neenah lead to 14-10 early in the second quarter. However, Neenah responded to that run with a run of their own. The Rockets ended the half on a 10-4 spurt to head into the locker room with a 24-14 lead. As in most tournament games, the beginning of the second half was important. The Rockets scored the first seven points of the third quarter and opened up a 31-14 lead. Oshkosh West would never get any closer than 14 points the rest of the game. Neenah played a 2-3 zone which caused Oshkosh West problems throughout the evening. The Rockets wound up playing one of their best games of the season in dominating Oshkosh West by a final score of 65-39!

The Rocket defense held Oshkosh West to a 3-for-23 effort from the three-point line, and only 16-for-65 from the field for the game. Led by Freier and FVA Player of the Year Kevin Rule, the Rockets dominated the glass, outrebounding Oshkosh West by a 46-28 margin. Big Red was led in scoring with 20 points by senior all-conference honorable mention guard Dan McClone. Freier, who also attained honorable mention all-conference honors, had an impressive game with 15 points, 16 rebounds and 7 blocked shots. The Rocket defense limited Jungwirth to only 10 points all night. With the win, the Rockets won another regional title and earned a ticket to the Kolf Sports Center. Later that week, Neenah would defeat Two Rivers in double overtime, before falling to Sheboygan North in the sectional final. Until Friday, December 15, when we welcome the Papermakers of Kimberly, NEENAH WITH PRIDE!



Neenah Rockets

1-1 Overall, 0-1 Fox Valley Association

Head Coach: Lee Rabas (3rd season, 29-21 at Neenah, 132-77 overall)

Assistant Coaches: Al Krueger, Randy Ropella, Gage Moede, Paul Theorin

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
2	Jake Hablewitz	G	5-11	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Rayce Prosser	G	6-0	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Hayden Jones	G	6-1	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Max Klesmit	G	6-2	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Chance Pronschinske	G	6-0	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Mason Morrow	G	6-2	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Jack Van Dyke	F	6-5	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Matthew Pavletich	F	6-3	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Logan Morrow	F	6-5	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Grayson Schroeder	G	6-2	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
25	Tim Nault	F	6-2	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
31	Grant Flory	F	6-5	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Peter Herberg	F	6-3	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
35	Ethan Parker	F	6-3	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
41	Sam Dietrich	G	6-2	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
43	Tyrese Taylor	C	6-4	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
45	Marcus Hickey	F	6-3	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
	Peyton Mellenthin	G	5-10	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Oshkosh West Wildcats



3-0 Overall, 1-0 Fox Valley Association

Head Coach: Michael Johnson (3rd season, 18-32 overall)

Assistant Coaches: Dan Spanbauer, Matt Boyce

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
3	Ben Kohl	G	6-0	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Riley Frey	G	5-11	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Noah Steinhilber	G	6-2	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
14	Tony Lancaste	G	6-3	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
20	AJ Ambroso	G	5-11	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Riley Saginak	F	6-3	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Karter Thomas	G	5-11	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
30	Dylan Wright	F	6-1	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
34	Luke Haasl	F	6-9	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
40	Reid Oleson	F	6-1	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
42	Derek Kroll	F	6-5	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
44	Tyler Whiteley	F	6-3	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	Davis Greene	G		So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Hayden Jones	G		Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Rex Bayer	G		So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Hayden Schoultz	F		So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Bryce Henderson	G		So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Jacob Dietz	F		Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Ethan Krueger	G		So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
31	Jacob Kaszuba	C		So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Marcus Hickey	F		Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
35	Garrett Luepke	F		So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
41	Michael Monroe	G		So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
45	Ethan Noe	F		Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Coaches: Todd Mueske, Chevalier Emery and Paul Theorin

Oshkosh West Wildcats

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
4	Tyler Binner	G			2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
10	Avery Saginak	G			2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Noah Alford	G			2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
14	Riley Frey	G			2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
20	Sam Troudt	G			2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Ryan Schleis	G			2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Ian Steward	G			2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
30	Braeden Remy	G			2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Max Pieterick	G			2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
34	Joe Pfeilstifter	F			2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
40	Bennett Whiteley	F			2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
42	Bryce Schneider	F			2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
44	Vaughn Kerrigan	F			2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
50	Caleb Fuller	G			2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Coaches: Bryan Gregory and Doug Whiteley

Freshmen

Neenah Rockets

No.	Player	Pos.	Yr.
2	Adam Kollermeier	G	Fr.
3	Chase Hanselman	G	Fr.
4	Payton Phelps	F	Fr.
5	Jacob Lind	G	Fr.
11	Adam Laeyendecker	G	Fr.
13	Devin Vinci	G	Fr.
15	Mitchell McGinnis	F	Fr.
21	Theo Kotchen	G	Fr.
23	Brady Falk	F	Fr.
25	Collin Parker	G	Fr.
31	Nolan Welter	F	Fr.
33	Tyler Schraven	F	Fr.
41	Brady Frost	F	Fr.
43	Austin Schumacher	G	Fr.
45	Jacob Johnson	C	Fr.

Coaches: Marc Goodman and Rich Frost

Oshkosh West Wildcats

No.	Player
4	Matt Morrell
5	Abe Weston
10	Zach Rebolz
12	Drew Lasky
14	Grant Ostertag
20	Darnell Williams
24	David Kohl
30	Aiden Berndt
32	Seth Hickman
34	Lucas Schneider
40	Gabe Henke
42	Blake Langlitz
44	John Koth
50/52	Kyle Weister
54	Jacob Schneider

Coaches: Craig Clark and Andrew Hofmeister