



# ROCKET GAMEDAY

Neenah (3-4) vs. Appleton North (0-8)

December 19, 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	L 67-71
Dec. 2	at Wisconsin Rapids	W 59-45
Dec. 8	at Fond du Lac	W 69-59
Dec. 12	at Appleton West	L 56-63
Dec. 15	Kimberly	L 61-70
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

- ▶ Neenah leads the regular season series with Appleton North 35-9.
- ▶ Neenah leads the postseason series with Appleton North 1-0 (2014 WIAA Regional Final 66-42 victory).
- ▶ Over the past 50 years, the only FVA school that Neenah has a better regular season winning percentage against than Appleton North (.795) is Menasha (.837).
- ▶ The longest Neenah regular season win streak in the series is 11 games (2012 to current).
- ▶ The longest Appleton North regular season win streak in the series is 2 games (1996 & 2010-2011).
- ▶ Neenah's largest margin of victory (34 points) was last January when the Rockets beat the Lightning 91-57.
- ▶ 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 the two schools.
- ▶ In the 45 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 of those games.

## Around the FVA

	Conf.		Overall		Tuesday, Dec. 19 Games
	W	L	W	L	
Oshkosh North	5	0	6	0	Appleton North at Neenah
Kimberly	5	0	5	0	Menomonee Falls at Fond du Lac
Kaukauna	5	1	5	1	Young Coggs Prep at Oshkosh North
Oshkosh West	3	2	5	2	<b>Wednesday, Dec. 20 Game</b>
Appleton West	3	2	4	3	Kaukauna vs. Upson-Lee, Ga. (at Fort Myers, Fla.)
Hortonville	2	3	2	5	<b>Friday, Dec. 22 Games</b>
<b>Neenah</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Monona Grove at Neenah</b>
Fond du Lac	1	4	2	5	Hortonville at Fond du Lac
Appleton East	1	5	2	6	Oshkosh North at Kimberly
Appleton North	0	5	0	8	Appleton West at Oshkosh West
					Kaukauna vs. Corbin, Ky. or Mars, Pa. (at Fort Myers, Fla.)



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## Tale of the Tape

(FVA games only)	Neenah	App. North
Scoring Average	65.0	45.8
Scoring Defense	67.6	71.4
Scoring Margin	-2.6	-25.6
Field Goal Pct.	40.3	33.3
3pt Field Goal Pct.	33.8	31.5
Free Throw Pct.	67.1	62.5
Field Goal Pct. Def.	53.7	47.8
Rebounds/Game	25.5	23.4
Assists/Game	15.5	8.8
Turnovers/Game	11.8	16.2
Steals/Game	9.3	4.6
Blocks/Game	2.5	1.8
<b>All-Time History:</b>		
FVA Record	489-274	113-288
FVA Win Pct.	.641	.282
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!

### 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 hardwood tonight as they roll out the welcome mat for head coach Jerry Overstreet and his Appleton North Lightning. Neenah is in the middle of a season-long five-game homestand. After tonight's game the Rockets will venture out of FVA action when they welcome the Silver Eagles of Monona Grove on Friday night. This is an important date to put in your calendar as the Neenah basketball program will be honoring the 40th anniversary of the 1978 WIAA state champion basketball team (only undefeated team, 26-0, in school history) on Friday night. Following the Christmas holiday, Neenah will return to conference action hosting Kaukauna (January 6) and Appleton East (January 9) before traveling to Oshkosh West on January 12.

Coach Overstreet and his Lightning come into tonight's game starving for a win. Appleton North is 0-8 on the season (0-5 in the FVA). They have lost their eight contests by an average of 23 points per game and with the exception of their season-opening one-point defeat to Fox Valley Lutheran (66-65), the Lightning have not come within 10 points of any of their seven other opponents. Those numbers only tell the story for this year, as the former Racine Case standout is trying to change the fortunes and culture of a basketball program that has lost 51 of its last 54 conference games entering this season. In the 48-year history of the FVA, only the Menasha Bluejays between 2011-14 have suffered through a worse four-year run (1-71). The Lightning do return several experienced players from last year's team. Senior #34 Sam Crowley and junior #21 Luke Van Handel return from last year's starting line-up and fellow seniors #3 Adam Zeratsky, #5 Noah Koleske, #24 Michael Krause, and #1 Jack Van Ekeren all experienced playing time last year.

The Rockets enter tonight's game looking to erase the taste of their most recent defeat. Last Friday night the undefeated and state-ranked Kimberly Papermakers came from behind to defeat the Rockets 70-61. The Rockets probably played a season-best 18 minutes of basketball in the first half taking a 32-30 lead into the locker room. Unfortunately, the Rockets had no answer for the duo of senior guard Alec Rosner and junior forward Levi Nienhaus-Borchert as those two combined for over half of Kimberly's total points. If Neenah wins tonight, Big Red can even their overall record at 4-4 on the season.

Lastly, tonight is Middle School Night for the boys basketball program. During halftime of the varsity game, the eight teams that play basketball at Shattuck Middle School (four in seventh grade, four in eighth grade) will be introduced. Please give a warm welcome to our future Neenah Rockets!



## Turning Back the Clock

Tonight we are going back four seasons to 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 22-year rivalry that these two conference members have faced off in a WIAA tournament game. The Rockets entered the game as the FVA conference champions (22-1) and the #1 seed in the sectional. The Lightning (13-9) were the #5 seed in the sectional, and had come into this game winners in seven out 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 total 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.

Coach Scott Bork's squad 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 over the Lightning. Junior post Matt Heldt led a balanced Rocket offensive attack (four starters scored in double digits) with 16 points. With this victory the Big Red would march on to the sectional semifinal where they would meet up with SPASH. Neenah would have a comeback for the ages (down 36-21 at half) and defeat SPASH 59-56 to advance to the sectional title game (to this date, the last WIAA tournament game that SPASH has lost). Two days later, the Rockets crushed Marshfield 54-31 to earn their 26th trip to Madison. At the Kohl Center, Neenah would comfortably defeat Mukwonago 58-41 in the state semi-final, before falling short to Germantown in the state title game. Until Friday night when we welcome the Silver Eagles of Monona Grove, Neenah WITH PRIDE!



# Neenah Rockets

**3-4 Overall, 1-4 Fox Valley Association**

**Head Coach:** Lee Rabas (3rd season, 31-24 at Neenah, 134-80 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

# Appleton North Lightning



**0-8 Overall, 0-5 Fox Valley Association**

**Head Coach:** Jerry Overstreet (1st season, 0-8 overall)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
1	Jack Van Ekeren	G	5-10	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Adam Zeratsky	G	6-1	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Ryan Henning	G	5-10	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Noah Koleske	F	6-2	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Brooks Ambrosius	F	6-1	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Jack Kritzer	F	6-4	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
14	Ryan Popp	F	6-2	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Luke Van Handel	F	6-3	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Kyle Hammen	G	6-2	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Patrick Watson	G	5-11	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Michael Krause	F	6-3	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
31	Jacquez Overstreet	G	6-2	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Brock Mischler	F	6-1	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Devin Blom	G	6-1	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
34	Sam Crowley	F	6-7	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
42	Bryan Meyer	F	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	Davis Greene	G		So.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
3	Hayden Jones	G		Jr.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
11	Rex Bayer	G		So.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
13	Hayden Schoultz	F		So.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
15	Bryce Henderson	G		So.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
21	Jacob Dietz	F		Fr.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
23	Ethan Krueger	G		So.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
31	Jacob Kaszuba	C		So.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
33	Marcus Hickey	F		Jr.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
35	Garrett Luepke	F		So.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
41	Michael Monroe	G		So.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
45	Ethan Noe	F		Fr.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345

**Coaches:** Todd Mueske, Chevalier Emery and Paul Theorin

## Appleton North Lightning

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
1	Patrick Watson	G	5-11	So.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
3	Preston Van Offeren	G	5-9	Fr.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
5	Kaleb Peterson	G	5-10	So.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
11	Alvin Dupree	F	6-0	So.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
13	Ryan Popp	F	6-2	So.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
14	Michael Wendt	F	6-1	So.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
21	Wilson Zuck	G	5-10	Fr.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
22	Anders Brekke	G	6-0	Fr.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
23	Brock Mischler	F	6-1	So.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
24	Jaden Seubert	F	6-5	So.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
31	Jacquez Overstreet	F	6-2	Fr.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
32	Jack Kritzer	F	6-4	So.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
33	Vincent Bauer	F	6-3	So.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345

**Coaches:** Peter LaCourse and Willie Tucker

# 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

## Appleton North Lightning

No.	Player	Ht.	Yr.
1	AJ Helse	5-9	Fr.
2	John Carew	5-8	Fr.
3	Eli Patzer	6-1	Fr.
4	Evan Kedrowski	5-10	Fr.
5	Calder Brooks	5-6	Fr.
11	Ethan Ferry	5-6	Fr.
12	Ethan Wolff	5-11	Fr.
13	Brayden Goymerac	5-9	Fr.
21	Nick Milani	5-10	Fr.
23	Ethan Post	5-10	Fr.
24	Austin Holmes	5-9	Fr.
32	Carter Wranosky	5-11	Fr.
33	Austin Williamson	5-11	Fr.
34	Jacob Perre	6-0	Fr.
44	Mason Werner	6-2	Fr.

**Coaches:** Chris Werner and Michael Rose