



ROCKET GAMEDAY

Neenah (9-10) vs. Appleton West (12-7)

February 10, 2018 - 6:30 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	W 54-36
Dec. 22	Monona Grove	L 78-85
Jan. 6	Kaukauna	L 63-84
Jan. 9	Appleton East	W 72-57
Jan. 12	at Oshkosh West	W 71-65
Jan. 16	Oshkosh North	L 49-79
Jan. 19	Fond du Lac	L 64-70 2ot
Jan. 20	*Wausau East	W 76-43
Jan. 26	at Kimberly	L 47-59
Jan. 30	at Hortonville	W 69-56
Feb. 2	at Appleton North	W 65-48
Feb. 8	at Kaukauna	L 57-77
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 Appleton West 66-39.
- ▶ Appleton West leads the WIAA postseason series 4-3. The Terrors won the first four (1964, 1965, 1967 regionals and 1970 WIAA State title game) and the Rockets have won the last three (1972 and 1993 regional, 1974 regional final).
- ▶ The only FVA rival that Neenah has gone a longer time (Appleton West 1993) without playing a WIAA tournament game against is Kimberly, which the Rockets last faced in 1981.
- ▶ The longest Neenah regular season win streak in the series is 6 games (1974-1976 and 1996-1998).
- ▶ The longest Appleton West regular season win streak in the series is 4 games (2002-2003).
- ▶ Neenah's largest margin of victory (40 points) was in 1998 by the score of 71-31.
- ▶ Neenah's largest margin of defeat (27 points) was in 1993 by the score of 80-53.
- ▶ In the 112 total games that Neenah and Appleton West have played since 1959-60, only four games have gone to overtime. One was last year's double overtime thriller. Another was a four-overtime battle between the Rockets and Terrors in the 2001-02 FVA conference opener when the Terrors prevailed 68-66 at the Dick Emanuel Gymnasium.

Around the FVA

	Conf.		Overall		Saturday, Feb. 10 Games
	W	L	W	L	
Oshkosh North	15	1	19	1	Appleton West at Neenah
Kaukauna	15	1	18	2	Appleton East at West Bend West Rhinelanders at Hortonville
Kimberly	12	4	16	4	Tuesday, Feb. 13 Games
Appleton West	10	5	12	7	Appleton East at Stevens Point Hortonville at Wausau East
Neenah	6	9	9	10	
Oshkosh West	6	9	8	11	Friday, Feb. 16 Games
Hortonville	6	10	6	12	Neenah at Appleton East
Fond du Lac	5	11	7	13	Kaukauna at Oshkosh North Kimberly at Appleton West
Appleton East	3	12	4	13	Appleton North at Hortonville
Appleton North	0	16	0	20	Fond du Lac at Oshkosh West



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Tale of the Tape

(Conf. games only)	Neenah	App. West
Scoring Average	62.4	63.3
Scoring Defense	64.6	61.6
Scoring Margin	-2.2	+1.7
Field Goal Pct.	43.0	42.7
3pt Field Goal Pct.	34.0	31.9
Free Throw Pct.	71.8	66.3
Field Goal Pct. Def.	48.7	42.3
Rebounds/Game	22.6	29.9
Assists/Game	12.6	11.1
Turnovers/Game	13.4	12.4
Steals/Game	7.7	5.3
Blocks/Game	1.5	2.9
All-Time History:		
FVA Record	494-279	382-391
FVA Win Pct.	.639	.494
FVA Titles	13	3

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, for the second consecutive season, the Rockets welcome head coach Brennan Hussey and his Appleton West Terrors inside the hallowed walls of the Ron Einerson Fieldhouse for the regular season home finale. After tonight, Neenah will conclude the 2017-18 regular season with games next Friday (2/16) at Appleton East and the following Thursday (2/22) at Oshkosh North. On Sunday, Feb. 18, the Rockets will learn their seed in the 16 team WIAA sectional. The WIAA tournament will begin on Friday, March 2.

The 2017-18 season has been a solid one for the Terror basketball program. They are currently 10-5 in the FVA (12-7 overall) and have clinched no worse than a fourth place finish behind state ranked powers Oshkosh North, Kaukauna and a talented and athletic Kimberly ball club. In fact, all five of the Terrors FVA conference losses have come to those three opponents. Coach Hussey (now in his 11th season of leadership of the Appleton West program) certainly has some talent at his disposal this season. Junior Will Mahoney (#21, 6'1" guard) leads the Terrors in scoring averaging over 16 points a game. Another Terror to keep an eye on tonight is senior Eli Hartjes (#32, 6'5" forward) who averages over 12 points a game this season. Eli's dad (Greg Hartjes) was Terror head coach the last time Appleton West won the FVA title in basketball in 2003. Another asset the Terrors are blessed with this season is length; as they have three players in the playing rotation that are 6'5" or taller in Hartjes, Seth Kurkowski (#40, 6'6") and Ryan Schmit (#44, 6'9").

The Rockets have gone 3-2 (defeating Wausau East, Hortonville, Appleton North and losing to Kimberly and Kaukauna) since we last saw them play at home three weeks ago. Tonight is a really big game for a couple of reasons for the Red and White. As mentioned earlier, the WIAA seeding meeting is around the corner and the Rockets need every win to improve their potential seed. Second, despite some of the challenges of injuries this season, Neenah can still finish in the top half of the FVA. This is a conference that could have the WIAA division one state champion and division two state champion when it is all said and done this March in the Kohl Center. Third, the Rockets have mysteriously struggled at home this year going 3-7. Since the early 1970's when Neenah moved from the O.J. Gymnasium at Shattuck to the Ron Einerson Fieldhouse at Neenah High School, only the 2004 Neenah Rockets have lost eight or more regular season home games in one season in this facility. That is a mark this team doesn't want anything to do with. Finally, tonight is Senior Night. It will be the final time that Rayce Prosser, Chance Pronschinske, Matthew Pavletich and Peter Herberg will put on a Neenah basketball home white jersey for a regular season game.



Turning Back the Clock

Tonight we are going back to the 1978-79 season for a key early season battle between two conference heavyweights, the Neenah Rockets and Appleton West Terrors. Coach Einerson's Rockets entered the battle as the defending WIAA state champions. However, this was not the same Mighty Rockets that had dominated the state of Wisconsin the previous year. Gone via graduation were all-conference performers Tom Patt, Keith Cowling, Larry Henkel and the 1978 state player of the year Tim Skalmoski. Nonetheless, Coach Einerson did have Mike Kreklow back for his senior season campaign. The Rockets were in the midst of two impressive winning streaks, a 21-game win streak in the FVA and 28 consecutive wins overall. Coach Dick Emanuel's Terrors had no shortage of firepower in 1979 as they would roll out all conference performers Bruce Moriarty (first team), John Van Handel (first team) and Kurt Gunderson (honorable mention).

Kreklow opened the scoring off a lob pass to give the Rockets an initial 2-0 lead. Moriarty responded with a 3-point play to give the Terrors one of only two leads they would enjoy all evening. Neenah led after eight minutes of action 19-12, and would extend its largest first half lead to 10 points at 24-14 early in the second quarter. The Terrors responded with an 8-0 run to cut the Rocket lead to 24-22. Big Red answered with its own 8-0 run to take a 32-24 advantage into the half. The third quarter would consist of a series of runs. Appleton West cut the Rocket lead to 32-28, and then Neenah responded with three straight baskets to get the lead back to double digits at 38-28. The Terrors replied with a 6-0 run to cut the lead to 38-34, before the Rockets answered again, extending their lead to 44-38 after 24 minutes.

The Rockets finished off the Terrors in the final eight minutes of action extending their lead from as little as eight points to as many as 16. Since the Terrors were behind, they were forced to press the Rockets. That allowed Neenah to display its quickness, ball-handling and passing skills. When it was all finished the Rockets earned their fourth consecutive win over Appleton West 63-49. Kreklow, the 1979 FVA Player of the Year, led all players with 24 points and nine boards. Coach Einerson pointed out in his post-game remarks that Kreklow had some help. Fellow seniors Kevin Rohde, Tim Stoesz, Ken Tessen, and Bill Gardner all played important roles in the victory. Once again, that showed the incredible depth of the Neenah basketball program. Year after year in the 1970's and 80's, Neenah seniors continually stepped up when it was their turn to contribute to the Neenah program.

Coach Einerson's Rockets ended up winning the FVA title in 1979 for the fifth consecutive season, going 14-2 in league play and finished the season 16-4. Since tonight is the regular season finale, this story wraps up another year of "Turning Back the Clock." We hope you have enjoyed the weekly trip down memory lane reflecting on some memorable moments in the brilliant history of Neenah basketball. Until next November, NEENAH WITH PRIDE!



Neenah Rockets

9-10 Overall, 6-9 Fox Valley Association

Head Coach: Lee Rabas (3rd season, 37-30 at Neenah, 140-86 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	Peyton Mellenthin	G	5-10	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
	Hayden Jones	G	6-1	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Appleton West Terrors

12-7 Overall, 10-5 Fox Valley Association

Head Coach: Brennan Hussey (11th season, 134-122 overall)

Assistant Coaches: Steve Reader, Justin Wettstein



No.	Player	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
4	Eli Vogel	5-10	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
10	Pinder Singh	6-1	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	JD Herring	5-10	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
14	Colin Murray	6-2	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
20	Charlie Duimstra	6-5	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Will Mahoney	6-1	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Shane Nelson	6-2	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Bubba Thompson	6-2	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Kevin Pritzl	6-3	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
30	Blake Pahlow	6-1	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
31	Sam Pitz	6-4	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Eli Hartjes	6-5	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
34	Spencer Mellberg	6-2	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
40	Seth Kurkowski	6-6	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
44	Ryan Schmit	6-9	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
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

Appleton West Terrors

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
0	Bryce Sweeney	G	5-10	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
1	Jadin Reese	G	5-9	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
2	Jahfed Campbell	G	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Dajari Chester	G	5-8	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Jack Porter	G	5-9	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Carson Hacker	F	6-4	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
10	Brandon Sweeney	G	5-10	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Brett Wautlet	G	5-8	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Marquise Kennedy	F	6-3	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Tyler Tetzke	G	5-11	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Eli Gast	G	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
30	Marshawn Hayes	F	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Kaden Krueger	F	5-11	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
34	Chance Rabas	F	6-3	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
50	Jordan Schultz	F	6-3	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Coaches: Dan Kastner and Adam Mentzel

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 West Terrors

No.	Player	Ht.	Yr.
12	Minh Tri Nguyen	5-9	Fr.
14	Jackson Knoebel	5-8	Fr.
21	Kobe Cendejas	5-9	Fr.
25	Roshan Cranford Luitel	5-8	Fr.
31	Cody Vang	5-8	Fr.
33	Spencer Steffen	6-3	Fr.
35	Austin Spivey	5-9	Fr.
40	Nick Rabe	5-10	Fr.
41	Eddy Morales	5-10	Fr.
42	Patrick Crawford	5-8	Fr.
43	Joquez Thomas	5-10	Fr.
44	Garrison Hinkens	6-1	Fr.
45	Cayden Bell	6-1	Fr.
51	Austin Georger	6-3	Fr.

Coaches: Shayne Porter and Bob Duimstra