

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
12	Emmanuel Lewin	F	6-4	Sr.	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, 70-42 at Neenah, 173-98 overall)

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

OSHKOSH NORTH Spartans

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-point	3-point	Free throws	Fouls
10	Josh Dilling	G	6-4	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Kaden Lasee	G	6-1	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Garang Deng	G	6-4	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
20	Ethan Tessmer	F	6-4	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Reed Seckar	G	5-10	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Jalen Keango	G/F	6-4	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Mason Day	G/F	6-1	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
30	Matthew Berger	F	6-4	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Greg Harden	F	6-3	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Cooper Juedes	G	6-1	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
40	Julien Harden	F	6-3	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Coach: Brad Weber (3rd season, 50-17 overall)

Assistant Coach: John Cameron and Jordan Schade

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, Rich Frost and Willie Tucker

OSHKOSH NORTH Spartans

No.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	2-point	3-point	Free throws	Fouls
3	Christo Giannopoulos	5-10	Fr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
10	Jose Rodriguez-Calix	5-6	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Terrence Jordan	6-1	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Evan Chopp	6-0	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Skyler Smith	6-2	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
20	Ari Giannopoulos	5-10	Fr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
30	Carson Krumrei	5-11	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Logan Gleason	6-2	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Cooper Juedes	6-1	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
35	Jack Kese	6-2	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
44	Tyrus Lister	6-0	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
45	Moses Mathiang	6-4	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Coaches: John Flanigan and Boston Johnston

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

OSHKOSH NORTH

No.	Name	Hgt.
3	Kegan Schlichting	5-9
10	Ben Boelter	5-11
11	Lyndon Hemmrich-Hartman	5-10
12	Hunter Carlson	6-0
14	Luke Sonnleitner	6-1
15	Devion Latham	6-1
20	Caston Frank	6-3
22	Quintin Crisler	6-2
23	Fred Ware	5-10
24	Drake Moxon	6-0
32	Mason Berger	6-0
33	Logan Frank	6-2
35	John Klingler	6-4
40	Jeremiah Housworth	6-4
44	Dayshawn Henry	6-1
45	Cormac Sammons	6-1

Coaches: Jake Rennert & Matt Sonnleitner

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	7:30 p.m.
2/4	Appleton East	7:30 p.m.
2/7	Appleton North	6 p.m.
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	11	0	13	2
Hortonville	10	2	14	2
Neenah	9	2	11	2
Oshkosh North	8	4	11	5
Kaukauna	6	5	7	7
Oshkosh West	6	5	7	7
Appleton North	4	8	6	9
Appleton East	2	10	2	13
Fond du Lac	2	10	6	10
Appleton West	0	12	1	14

Tonight's Games

Oshkosh North at Neenah
 Hortonville at Oshkosh West
 Appleton North at Fond du Lac
Saturday, Feb. 1 Games
 Kaukauna vs. Mahtomedi, Minn.
Tuesday, Feb. 4 Games
 Appleton East at Neenah
 Appleton North at Oshkosh West
 Fond du Lac at Kaukauna
 Hortonville at Appleton West
 Oshkosh North at Kimberly

TONIGHT'S Matchup

Tonight the Rockets welcome head coach Brad Weber and his Oshkosh North Spartans inside the hallowed walls of the Ron Einerson Fieldhouse. This evening will be the first of a five-game home stand (which is believed to be the longest in over a century) as the Rockets will conclude their 2020 regular season competing on friendly hardwood for six out of their final nine games. Coach Weber is now in his third year of leadership of the Spartan basketball program and brings a team that is currently 8-4 in the FVA (fourth place), 11-5 overall, and playing its best basketball of the season. The Spartans are currently on a six-game winning streak where they have demolished their opponents by an average of 23 points a game.

The Rockets and Spartans battled earlier this season on December 6 when Neenah overcame foul trouble to senior Max Klesmit to eventually prevail 79-68 in a game that was much closer than the final score might indicate. This Spartan team has a number of resources on offense. They are led in scoring by guard (#10, 6'4" senior) Josh Dilling (averaging 18 ppg) and forward (#23, 6'4" junior) Jalen Keago (averaging 17 ppg). However, two other players the Rockets must keep an eye on tonight are seniors (#12, 6'4" guard) Garang Deng and (#30, 6'4" forward) Matthew Berger, who are also averaging double figures in points. Finally, the Rockets will have to deal with the height, length and athleticism that has been a trademark of Oshkosh North basketball teams. With a win, Neenah would sweep the regular season series with Oshkosh North for only the fourth time since the turn of the century (2000, 2002, 2015).

The Rockets return to the Ron Einerson Fieldhouse after a short two-game road trip. Last Friday night the Rockets defeated arch rival Fond du Lac 77-46 in front of a small collection of friends and family members. Thankfully, Fond du Lac brought a nice pep band, otherwise the environment inside the Fond du Lac fieldhouse resembled a trip to a mausoleum. Regardless, the Rockets jumped out to a quick 25-9 lead, only to allow it to dwindle to a 12-point halftime advantage. Neenah outscored Fond du Lac 20-5 in the first eight minutes of the second half to put the game away. However, the night will be memorable for another reason as senior Max Klesmit passed 2015 graduate Matt Heldt (1,303 career points) as the school's all-time scoring leader with a three-pointer midway through the second half. Congratulations Max on that impressive accomplishment.

Earlier this week, the Rockets traveled to Oshkosh West to battle the Wildcats. Neenah squandered a double-digit lead in the first half and actually trailed at halftime for the first time all season (27-26). The second half was an 18 minute "Maalox masher" where both teams traded baskets, turnovers and fouls. At the end, the Rockets had the ball with 65 seconds left and managed to hold onto it for a last second shot attempt by Klesmit which touched nothing, but the bottom of the net, for a 52-50 escape from Oshkosh West. While the game was far from a basketball clinic, the Rockets followed the philosophy of the longtime owner of the Oakland Raiders Al Davis, "Just win baby" which, the Rockets ultimately did by two points.

Tale of the Tape (FVA Games Only)

	Neenah	Osh. North
Scoring Average	74.4	74.6
Scoring Defense	55.6	62.3
Scoring Margin	+18.8	+12.3
Field Goal Pct.	50.4	49.3
3pt Field Goal Pct.	32.4	38.2
Free Throw Pct.	75.9	71.6
Field Goal Pct. Def.	42.7	42.2
Rebounds/Game	28.8	28.6
Assists/Game	12.9	15.0
Turnovers/Game	10.3	13.4
Steals/Game	9.0	10.1
Blocks/Game	2.0	1.4

All-Time History:

FVA Record	517-288	453-329
FVA Win Pct.	.642	.579
FVA Titles	13	7

TURNING Back the Clock

With the FVA celebrating its golden anniversary, we thought it would be appropriate to review some memorable seasons in Neenah history. Tonight we will review one of the finest teams in Neenah basketball history, the 1971 Rockets. Coach Einerson was beginning his third season in Neenah, with the previous two seasons ending at the UW Field House with back-to-back state runner up finishes and a combined record of 45-7. Neenah graduated 10 seniors from the 1970 ball club that statistically speaking was the most dominant basketball team in Neenah history. Their average margin of victory (23.4 points a game) is a record that may never be broken. The 1971 Rockets would be led by the only two players to see the floor as juniors in 1970, co-captains Rick Matson and Bill Schultz. These two young men would end up as co-team MVP's, and first-team all-conference stars in leading the Rockets on an unforgettable season.

The Rockets began the season with a 72-46 destruction of Beaver Dam. This happened often for the next month as Neenah would defeat Appleton East, Kewaunee, Menasha, Marinette and Oshkosh to run their record to 6-0. More impressively was the fact that their closest game was an 82-59 decision over Oshkosh. However, that would change with their next opponent when defending state champion Appleton West entered the O.J. Gymnasium. The Rockets earned some much needed revenge with a 46-44 victory over the Terrors. Junior (1971 FVA honorable mention all-conference) Jim Crist scored on a rebound follow up basket with one second to go to provide the winning margin. Neenah played outstanding defense in that win by holding the Terror dynamic duo of Rich Reitzner and Tim Moriarty to a combined total of 17 points for the evening.

In case anyone from Appleton thought that Neenah win was a fluke, the Rockets would travel to Appleton West a month later and defeat the Terrors 62-51. Neenah ended its regular season with a perfect 18-0 record which (as of 1971) had never yet happened in school history. (In the last 50 years, only the 1978 team has accomplished that impressive feat of an undefeated regular season). In their 18 regular season victories only two games were close, the 46-44 win over Appleton West and a season ending 63-62 victory over Kimberly. In regional action the Big Red Machine pounded Oshkosh (87-51), Ripon (75-58) and Fond du Lac (86-55) to earn a ticket to the Kolf Sports Center. After pasting Waupun (77-54), the Rockets found themselves in a fight with Manitowoc for the fourth consecutive year with a trip to state on the line. Trailing by seven in the fourth quarter, the Rockets came from behind and sealed a 63-61 victory when Bill Schultz hit two free throws with six seconds left in regulation.

At state the top ranked Rockets beat Milwaukee Boys Tech 65-47. In the state semifinal the Rockets could not hold onto a double digit lead in the second half and lost to eventual state champion Janesville Parker 54-52. One day later the Rockets would defeat Wausau East in the third place game to conclude their season 25-1. Until Tuesday, February 4, when we welcome the Patriots of Appleton East, NEENAH WITH PRIDE!

SERIES History

- ◆ Neenah leads the regular season series with Oshkosh North 50-46. From 1973-1990, Neenah led the series 32-4. Since 1990, Oshkosh North has a 42-18 advantage.
- ◆ Neenah trails the WIAA post season series with Oshkosh North 9-8.
- ◆ The longest Neenah regular season win streak in the series is 21 games (1973-1983).
- ◆ The longest Oshkosh North regular season win streak in the series is 12 games (2008-2013).
- ◆ Neenah's largest margin of victory (57 points) was in the 1976 WIAA regional by the score of 95-38.
- ◆ Neenah's largest margin of defeat (41 points) was in 2018 when the Spartans defeated the Rockets in Oshkosh 77-36.
- ◆ In the 113 total games that Neenah and Oshkosh North have battled on the court since 1973, only four games have gone to overtime. The last game was the 2015 WIAA regional final which Neenah prevailed 81-71.
- ◆ During the first 17 years of this rivalry, (1973-1989), the Rockets and Spartans faced each other 11 times in the WIAA tournament, with the Rockets holding a 6-5 advantage. However, since 1990, they have only squared off six times, with the Spartans winning four out of those six games.



NEENAH VS. OSHKOSH NORTH
FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 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!