



ROCKET GAMEDAY

Neenah (6-6) vs. Oshkosh North (12-1)

January 16, 2018 - 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	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	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 Oshkosh North 48-42. From 1973-1990, Neenah led the series 32-4, since 1990, Oshkosh North has a 38-16 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 (36 points) was in 2016 when the Spartans won at Neenah 83-47.
- ▶ In the 107 total games that Neenah and Oshkosh North have battled on the court since 1973, only four games have gone to overtime.
- ▶ 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.

Around the FVA

	Conf.		Overall		Tuesday, Jan. 16 Games
	W	L	W	L	Oshkosh North at Neenah
Oshkosh North	8	1	12	1	Kaukauna at Hortonville
Kimberly	8	1	12	1	Fond du Lac at Appleton East
Kaukauna	8	1	10	2	Kimberly at Oshkosh West
Appleton West	5	4	7	6	Friday, Jan. 19 Games
Oshkosh West	4	5	6	5	Fond du Lac at Neenah
Neenah	4	5	6	6	Appleton West at Hortonville
Hortonville	3	5	3	7	Kimberly at Kaukauna
Fond du Lac	3	6	5	8	Appleton West at Hortonville
Appleton East	1	7	2	8	Appleton North at Appleton East
Appleton North	0	9	0	13	Saturday, Jan. 20 Games
					Wausau East vs. Neenah (at Oshkosh)
					Oshkosh West vs. Brookfield East



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Tale of the Tape

(Conf. games only)	Neenah	Osh. North
Scoring Average	65.0	81.3
Scoring Defense	64.4	61.1
Scoring Margin	+0.6	+20.2
Field Goal Pct.	44.1	53.3
3pt Field Goal Pct.	35.4	35.9
Free Throw Pct.	73.6	72.8
Field Goal Pct. Def.	48.6	41.6
Rebounds/Game	25.0	30.9
Assists/Game	13.0	12.3
Turnovers/Game	12.9	8.9
Steals/Game	7.8	12.4
Blocks/Game	1.8	3.4
All-Time History:		
FVA Record	492-275	427-316
FVA Win Pct.	.641	.575
FVA Titles	13	6

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 the Rockets return back to friendly confines of the Ron Einerson Fieldhouse when they roll out the welcome mat for head coach Brad Weber and his state-ranked 12-1 Oshkosh North Spartans. Neenah has another busy ledger of games this week playing three times within five days. After tonight's battle with the Spartans, the Rockets will host the Cardinals of Fond du Lac on Friday night and then play the Lumberjacks of Wausau East for their final non-conference game of the regular season in a neutral site game at Menominee Nation Area in Oshkosh on Saturday afternoon.

For the first time since 1986 when Mark Christenson was finishing his last season as Oshkosh North, the Spartans have a new leader on the sidelines. Long-time assistant Brad Weber took over the reins from Frank Schade who retired after 31 years and 480 wins at Oshkosh North. Coach Schade left the cupboards full for coach Weber. Weber has three regulars back from a team that finished 25-1 last year losing in the sectional final to eventual state champion SPASH. The Spartans have picked up where they left off last year. They have now won 26 out of their last 27 FVA conference games. Their leader on the court is the 2017 FVA player of the year Tyrese Haliburton. The future Iowa State Cyclone (#14, 6'5" senior guard) is averaging over 21 points per game. His running mate, Quincy Anderson (#10, 6'4" senior guard), is just as prolific and is averaging 21 points per game as well this season. Two additional Spartans the Rockets will need to keep an eye on tonight are Gout Deng (#35, 6'4" senior forward) and Matt Hickey (#32, 6'1" junior forward) who are both averaging over 8 points per game and assist the Spartans attack whether it is setting screens, getting rebounds or deflections on their zone press.

The Rockets enter tonight's game victorious in their last two conference battles. Last Tuesday, Neenah defeated Appleton East 72-57, and then last Friday the Rockets had their most impressive win of the year when they traveled to Oshkosh West and defeated the Wildcats 71-65. Neenah got off to a slow start and was trailing 18-5 six minutes into the game as the Wildcats were blistering hot from the three-point line. Big Red methodically chipped away and cut the deficit to eight (39-31) at the half. Neenah continued to make up ground on the Wildcats and finally took its first lead of the game at the 6:25 mark (52-51). From that point the Rockets never looked back as they continued to efficiently score from either the free throw line or the field, while Oshkosh West went cold from the perimeter as they learned one of the oldest rules of basketball, "those that choose to live by the three, will die by the three."



Turning Back the Clock

Tonight we are going back 31 years to a memorable WIAA tournament game between the Oshkosh North Spartans and Neenah Rockets. The year is 1987, and the Neenah Rockets had just won their 10th FVA conference title since the conference was created in 1971 (that's 10 titles in the first 17 years). The Rockets had finished the regular season 18-2 overall, 13-1 in the FVA, and ranked fourth in the final state poll. The only two teams to defeat the Rockets during the regular season were Brookfield East and Oshkosh North. The FVA conference runner up from Oshkosh North had come into Neenah and upset the Rockets on a Pat Ziebell basket at the buzzer during the regular season. That loss to the Spartans was the only FVA conference loss that Neenah suffered over a two-year span as the Rockets dominated the FVA with a sterling 27-1 mark between 1987-88. Interestingly, this 1987 regional final would be the sixth time since 1981 that these two schools battled in tournament action. The Spartans had ended the Rockets basketball seasons in 1982, 1983, 1984, and 1986. So, the Red and White not only had a score to settle from the regular season, it was time to undo these season-ending defeats to the Spartans. The site of the 1987 WIAA regional final was a jam-packed gymnasium at Oshkosh West. The Rockets, under the leadership of Coach Einerson, had advanced to the regional final by defeating the Oshkosh West Indians 67-54. The Spartans, who were led by first year head coach Frank Schade, punched their ticket by beating the Menasha Bluejays 68-58.

The game did not start out as an "instant classic." Both teams had problems getting their individual offenses going during the first quarter. The Rockets shot just 2-for-13 from the field and led 5-4 after eight minutes of action. Also, during the first quarter, Oshkosh North lost one of their star players, Dean Matsche, to a knee injury. Matsche was a first-team all conference player who averaged just under 19 points per game during his junior season. Big Red cleaned the dust out of the nets in the second quarter, outscoring the Spartans 23-14 for a 28-18 halftime advantage. The Rockets continued to be in control of the game during the third quarter as they put another 17 points on the scoreboard to take a 45-34 lead into the fourth quarter. However, momentum changed in the final quarter when the Spartans scored the first eight points to cut the Rocket lead to 45-42. Rocket junior center Craig Donaldson (first-team all-conference) scored to put Neenah up 47-42. The Spartans responded with back-to-back baskets by Cory Schaefer and Pat Ziebell to trim the Rocket lead to 47-46. Donaldson stepped up again for Big Red as he secured a key offensive rebound which he put back in for a Neenah 49-46 lead. Yet, that lead didn't last long as Schaefer, a second-team all-conference guard, answered with a three-point play to tie the game at 49-49 with just over two minutes to go in regulation.

Oshkosh North got the ball back and proceeded to go into a four corner delay game to run the clock down and take the last shot. It almost worked until the Rockets trapped Spartan Paul Davis in the corner and Neenah junior Jerry Curtin picked off the pass with 17 seconds to go. Coach Einerson then called a timeout to design a play. The play would go to Curtin, and the talented 6'6" first-team all-conference junior would get the job done. Curtin swished a jumper from on top of the key for a 51-49 lead with three seconds to go. Oshkosh North attempted a full court pass that was intercepted by Donaldson. Donaldson was fouled on the play and made a free throw to provide the winning 52-49 margin. Neenah would finish its season a week later with an overall mark of 21-3. Until Friday, when the Cardinals of Fond du Lac come to town, NEENAH WITH PRIDE!



Neenah Rockets

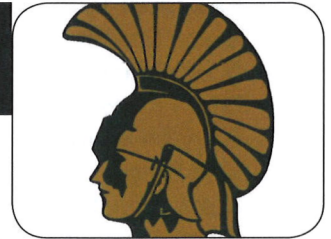
6-6 Overall, 4-5 Fox Valley Association

Head Coach: Lee Rabas (3rd season, 34-26 at Neenah, 137-82 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 North Spartans



12-1 Overall, 8-1 Fox Valley Association

Head Coach: Brad Weber (1st season, 12-1 overall)

Assistant Coaches: John Cameron, Jordan Schade

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
3	Wesley Schiek	G	5-10	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
10	Quincy Anderson	G	6-4	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Abe Schiek	G	6-1	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Joey Hickey	G	5-10	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
14	Tyrese Haliburton	G	6-5	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Wil Schmidt	G	5-10	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Brennon Colburn	G	5-10	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Dylan Krumrei	F	6-4	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Lovell Washington	G	6-1	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
30	Matt Berger	F	6-5	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Matt Hickey	F	6-1	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Josh Schuttenhelm	F	6-4	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
35	Gout Deng	F	6-4	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
45	Luke Salzsieder	P	6-5	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
	Ethan Hinderman	G	5-10	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
	Tres Palacios	G	5-10	Jr.	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 North Spartans

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
3	Josh Dilling	G	5-11	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
10	Garang Deng	G	6-1	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Keyshawn Torrence	G	5-4	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
14	Bristol Boelter	G	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
20	Scott Swanlund	G/F	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Lukas Kleveland	G	6-1	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Brendan Krumrei	G	6-1	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
30	Matt Berger	F	6-5	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Kaleb Wendler	G	5-10	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Ethan Tessmer	F	6-4	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
35	Casey Bryant	F	6-4	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Coaches: Jon Berger and Boston Johnson

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 North Spartans

No.	Player	Pos.	Yr.
3	Gus Daebler	G	Fr.
10	Mason Day	G	Fr.
11	Jalen Keago	G	Fr.
12	Jack Scherer	G	Fr.
15	Austin Tague	G	Fr.
20	Leshad Conner	G	Fr.
22	Ryan Koelbl	G	Fr.
23	Angelo Henry	F	Fr.
24	Daneil Penzenstadler	G	Fr.
32	Adrian Rodriguez	G	Fr.
33	Greg Harden	F	Fr.
40	Julien Harden	F	Fr.
44	Youi Tong	F	Fr.
45	Reed Scharpf	F	Fr.

Coaches: Alex Madden and Jake Rennert