

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, 68-41 at Neenah, 171-97 overall)

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

KIMBERLY Papermakers

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-point	3-point	Free throws	Fouls
1	Michael Alt	G	6-0	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Jake Buchanan	G	6-0	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Alec Martzahl	G	5-11	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Connor Pendelton	G	6-2	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
10	Cal McGinnis	G	5-11	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Conner Wnek	F	6-4	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Jackson Paveletzke	G	6-1	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
14	Logan Pearson	F	6-3	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Jack Kieffer	F	6-3	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Spencer Johnson	G	6-2	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
25	Mitch Bartol	F	6-4	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
30	Ryan Krizenkesky	G	5-10	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Jackson Dudek	F	6-6	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
34	Patrick McGinnis	F	6-2	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
35	Grant Asman	F	6-9	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
42	Tommy Ellisen	F	6-3	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
50	Brett Peronne	F	6-4	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
55	Jacob Myers	F	6-6	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Head Coach: Lucky Wurtz (12th season, 194-86 at Kimberly; 433-272 overall)

Assistant Coaches: John Cleaver, Jon Geyman, John Mielke, Jeff Simon

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

KIMBERLY Papermakers

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-point	3-point	Free throws	Fouls
1	Owen Pawlikowski	G	6-3	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
2	Gaige Fieck	G	5-7	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Cam Wnek	F	6-2	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Caden Pendelton	F	6-6	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Jamison Grall	G	6-0	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Sean Burant	C	6-5	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Wyatt Barker	F	6-2	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Sam Gingras	F	6-3	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Brandon Carew	G	5-7	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Jackson Wildes	G	6-1	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
25	Jacob Myers	C	6-6	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
30	AJ Van Vonderen	F	6-0	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Brady Fulcer	F	6-1	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
34	Evan Johnson	C	6-7	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
54	Tyler Vieth	F	6-0	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Head Coach: Mike Van Thull

Assistant Coaches: Corey Vanevenhoven, Dylan Wurtz

FRESHMEN ROSTERS

NEENAH

No.	Name	Pos.
2	Jackson Schlomann	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

KIMBERLY

No.	Name	Pos.
1	Seth Miron	G
2	Kyan Miller	G
3	Isaac Dechant	G
5	Kaden Grall	G
11	Dylan Esselman	G
12	Trey Vanevenhoven	G
20	Ethan Criter	G
22	Jack Statz	G
23	Quinn Fritsch	F
25	Sam Miller	G
30	Ryan Csida	G
32	Michael Asman	F
34	Connor Schiessl	F
44	Keenan Klitzke	C
50	Jacob Sawicki	F

Coach: Josh Hopfensperger
Assistant Coach: Tim Marshall

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	7:30 p.m.	
1/24	at Fond du Lac	7:30 p.m.	
1/27	at Oshkosh West	7:30 p.m.	
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	9	0	10	2
Neenah	7	1	9	1
Hortonville	8	2	11	2
Oshkosh West	5	3	6	5
Oshkosh North	5	4	7	5
Kaukauna	5	4	6	6
Appleton North	4	5	6	6
Appleton East	2	8	2	10
Fond du Lac	1	9	4	9
Appleton West	0	10	1	11

Tonight's Games

Kimberly at Neenah
Fond du Lac at Appleton West
Appleton East at Hortonville
Appleton North at Oshkosh North
Kaukauna at Oshkosh West
Saturday, Jan. 18 Games
Oshkosh West at Chippewa Falls
New London at Hortonville
Tuesday, Jan. 21 Games
Appleton East at Stevens Point
Wisconsin Rapids at Appleton West

TONIGHT'S Matchup

Good evening sports fans and welcome to one of the most highly anticipated basketball games in the state of Wisconsin this weekend. Tonight the sixth-ranked Neenah Rockets welcome inside the hallowed walls of the Ron Einerson Fieldhouse the defending FVA conference champion ninth-ranked Kimberly Papermakers. The Kimberly boys' basketball program is led by the pride and joy of Mayville, Wisconsin, Lockwood "Lucky" Wurtz, who is now in his 12th season of leadership of the Papermakers. With 194 victories at Kimberly, Coach Wurtz should earn his 200th win at Kimberly sometime later this season. Kimberly enters tonight's battle undefeated in the FVA at 9-0 and 10-2 overall for the season.

The mighty Papermakers have dominated their competition winning their 10 games by almost 20 points a game. In their only two losses, the Papermakers lost by three (68-65) at top ranked Sussex Hamilton and by two points (78-76) to fifth-ranked Arrowhead at Mequon. Gone from last year's FVA championship ball club that finished the season 22-3 are four starters, most notably the 2019 FVA player of the year, Levi Nienhaus-Borchert, who provided 17 points and 13 rebounds a game for the Papermakers. That stated, the Kimberly athletic programs no longer rebuild, they just reload. This current basketball team has the size, depth and strength to play with any team in Wisconsin. They are led in scoring by senior guard Jake Buchanan (#3, 6'0") who is averaging 20 points a game this season. Two additional perimeter players that the Rockets need to keep an eye on tonight are sophomore guard Jackson Paveletzke (#13, 6'1" 15 ppg) and senior forward Logan Pearson (#14, 6'3" 12 ppg). To add to the Papermaker arsenal, they also have junior forward Grant Asman (#35, 6'9") who contributed 23 points, nine rebounds and three blocked shots in a recent Kimberly win over Kaukauna.

The Rockets enter tonight's game victorious in their last three games and a game behind Kimberly in the conference standings. Three nights ago Neenah defeated Appleton West at home 79-56 in a game that wasn't nearly as close as the final score might indicate. After tonight, the Rockets will hit the road for trips to Fond du Lac and Oshkosh West before returning home to the friendly confines of the Ron Einerson Fieldhouse for what may be the longest home stand in the storied history of Neenah basketball. The Rockets will play five consecutive games at home between January 31 and Valentine's Day.

The Papermakers and Rockets have been competing on the hardwood for over 85 years. When a book on the history of the FVA is written, a chapter could be set aside for the Neenah and Kimberly basketball rivalry which has consisted of legendary coaches, players and memories. These programs are the two winningest programs in FVA history. How fitting that in the golden anniversary year of the Fox Valley Association the conference championship could be decided between these two programs. The last two seasons, these longtime conference rivals have battled three times each in some very memorable and competitive games. No one would be surprised if tonight's game is the first of three battles this season.

Tale of the Tape (FVA Games Only)

	Neenah	Kimberly
Scoring Average	77.9	74.4
Scoring Defense	56.0	55.4
Scoring Margin	+21.9	+19.0
Field Goal Pct.	50.1	52.0
3pt Field Goal Pct.	31.5	40.7
Free Throw Pct.	75.0	65.6
Field Goal Pct. Def.	44.1	40.5
Rebounds/Game	29.1	29.4
Assists/Game	14.1	16.3
Turnovers/Game	11.0	9.9
Steals/Game	10.8	8.3
Blocks/Game	1.8	0.3

All-Time History:

FVA Record	515-287	481-322
FVA Win Pct.	.642	.599
FVA Titles	13	7

TURNING Back the Clock

Tonight we are looking back at a late season thriller between the sixth-ranked Kimberly Papermakers and the eighth-ranked Neenah Rockets during the final days of the 1972 FVA season. The Papermakers were a perfect 10-0 in league action, while the Rockets were in second place at 8-2. Neenah led the FVA in scoring at 72.7 points a game, while Kimberly led the FVA in points allowed at 54 points a game. Both teams entered this contest on winning streaks. The Papermakers had won seven games in a row since losing to Manitowoc. Meanwhile, the Rockets had logged eight consecutive victories since the Papermakers came to Neenah earlier in the season and defeated the Rockets 77-61. With a win, Kimberly would clinch the undisputed FVA title. If Neenah won, the Rockets still held out hope to share the FVA crown with the Papermakers.

The Rockets were greeted to a sold out, noisy, Kimberly gymnasium. Neenah started well and got out to an early 8-4 lead in the first quarter. Then the Papermakers went on a tear. Kimberly scored 14 consecutive points on their way to taking a commanding 22-11 lead after eight minutes of action. However, with the gymnasium in a frenzy, the Rockets once again displayed the mental toughness and grit that they had shown the entire state of Wisconsin during the three previous basketball seasons (Neenah had gone 70-8 since the beginning of the 1968-69 season, with two state runner up trophy's and one third place trophy). The Rockets fought back and outscored the Papermakers 12-7, to cut the Kimberly lead to 29-23 at the half.

Unfortunately for the Papermakers, the second quarter was only a warning of what was about to hit them in the second half. In the third quarter the Rockets unleashed their press and outscored Kimberly 26-7. Neenah senior first-team all-conference stars Dene Storch, and the 1972 FVA Player of the Year Jim Crist led the 26-point explosion for the Rockets. Yet, trailing Neenah 49-36 after three quarters of action, Coach Jack Wippich's Papermakers showed their own resiliency cutting the Rocket fourth quarter lead to only three points on four different occasions during the closing minutes of the game.

Neenah was clutch from the free throw line in the fourth quarter connecting on 14 of its 18 attempts to put the final winning margin at 67-60. Kimberly was led in scoring by second-team all-conference senior Jim Rooyackers who put in a game-high 26 points. The Rockets were led by the dynamic duo of Storch and Crist who scored 22 and 19 respectively. This loss would be the only blemish for Kimberly as they would win the 1972 FVA title with an 11-1 record. The Rockets would defeat Appleton East 74-57 a few nights later to finish in second place with a 10-2 conference mark. The Rockets would build off of the momentum of this win and would defeat their next seven opponents by an average of 14 points a game at the WIAA regional, sectional and state tournament. Neenah would not lose another game until the state final when they fell short to Milwaukee Hamilton 58-52. Until Friday, January 31, 2020 when we welcome the Spartans of Oshkosh North, NEENAH WITH PRIDE!

SERIES History (Since 1933)

- ◆ Since 1933 Neenah leads the regular season series with Kimberly 68-61.
- ◆ Neenah leads the WIAA post season series with Kimberly 7-3. (Neenah lost to Kimberly in 1949, 1951, 2018, and defeated them in 1943, 1947, 1948, 1950, 1974, 1981, 2019).
- ◆ The longest Neenah regular season win streak in the series is 7 games (1977-1980 & 1997-2000).
- ◆ The longest Kimberly regular season win streak in the series is 7 games (1963-1966).
- ◆ Neenah's largest margin of victory (30 points) was in 1992 by the score of 68-38.
- ◆ Neenah's largest margin of defeat (30 points) was in 1956 by the score of 84-54.
- ◆ In the 139 total games that Neenah & Kimberly have played since 1933, only 6 games have gone to overtime. Four of them happened in consecutive years between 2001-2004.
- ◆ Neenah and Kimberly dominated the FVA in the 1970's. Kimberly won the title in 1972, 1973, 1974. Neenah won the title in 1971, 1975, 1976, 1978, and 1979. Both Neenah and Kimberly tied for the FVA crown in 1977.
- ◆ Kimberly has the second-highest winning percentage in the 50-year history of the FVA at .599; trailing only Neenah (.642)



NEENAH VS. KIMBERLY
FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2020
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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

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 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!