



ROCKET GAMEDAY

Neenah (9-7) vs. Hortonville (4-11)

February 7, 2017 - 7:30 p.m.

Ron Einerson Fieldhouse



2016-17 Schedule

Nov. 26	at Monona Grove	W 56-50
Dec. 2	at Appleton East	L 43-46
Dec. 8	Kaukauna	L 72-92
Dec. 10	at Wausau East	L 51-71
Dec. 20	Fond du Lac	L 61-64
Dec. 22	Oshkosh West	W 63-60 ot
Dec. 27	*vs. Superior	W 47-35
Jan. 3	at Hortonville	W 59-40
Jan. 6	at Oshkosh North	L 49-76
Jan. 13	Appleton North	W 91-57
Jan. 19	at Kaukauna	L 62-89
Jan. 21	Kimberly	L 56-61
Jan. 24	Appleton East	W 68-63
Jan. 28	Milwaukee Marshall	W 79-47
Jan. 31	at Oshkosh West	W 68-53
Feb. 3	at Fond du Lac	W 60-54
Feb. 7	Hortonville	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	Oshkosh North	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	at Appleton West	7 p.m.
Feb. 14	at Appleton North	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	Appleton West	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 23	at Kimberly	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 28	WIAA Regional	7 p.m.
Mar. 3	WIAA Regional	7 p.m.
Mar. 4	WIAA Regional	7 p.m.
Mar. 9	WIAA Sectional (A. North)	7 p.m.
Mar. 11	WIAA Sectional (Marshfield)	TBA
Mar. 17-18	WIAA State (Madison)	TBA

* - Game played at UW-Green Bay Kress Center

Series History

► Neenah leads the regular season FVA series with Hortonville 4-1. The Rockets defeated the Polar Bears 60-54 and 73-49 in 2015. Last year Neenah defeated Hortonville at home 67-60 and lost at Hortonville 67-55. Earlier this season on January 3, the Rockets defeated the Polar Bears 59-40 in Hortonville.

► Neenah leads the WIAA post season series with Hortonville 1-0. The Rockets defeated the Polar Bears 51-35 in the 2005 WIAA Regional.

► During the 25 seasons between 1926-1951, these two schools never met on the hardwood. It is believed that their first ever regular season game was January 2015 at Hortonville.

► Hortonville High School has been around for a long time. The school started offering classes in 1902, with its first graduating class occurring in 1906.

Around the FVA

	Conf.		Overall		Tuesday, Feb. 7 Games
	W	L	W	L	Hortonville at Neenah
Oshkosh North	12	0	16	0	Appleton East at Oshkosh North
Kimberly	10	1	14	1	Fond du Lac at Appleton North
Kaukauna	9	4	11	5	Oshkosh West at Appleton West
Fond du Lac	7	5	9	7	Kaukauna at Kimberly
Neenah	6	6	9	7	
Appleton West	6	6	9	7	Thursday, Feb. 9 Games
Oshkosh West	5	8	5	11	Oshkosh North at Neenah
Hortonville	3	9	4	11	Appleton North at Hortonville
Appleton East	2	9	4	11	Appleton West at Fond du Lac
Appleton North	1	13	3	14	Appleton East at Kaukauna
					Kimberly at Oshkosh West



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Tale of the Tape

(Conf. Only)	Neenah	Hortonville
Scoring Average	62.7	59.9
Scoring Defense	62.9	69.3
Scoring Margin	-0.2	-9.4
Field Goal Pct.	48.1	41.4
3pt Field Goal Pct.	40.5	35.7
Free Throw Pct.	70.0	71.6
Field Goal Pct. Def.	48.6	49.1
Rebounds/Game	24.6	23.8
Assists/Game	12.7	9.0
Turnovers/Game	13.3	12.2
Steals/Game	6.3	4.4
Blocks/Game	1.3	2.3
All-Time History:		
FVA Record	483-269	20-28
FVA Win Pct.	.642	.417
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



Tonight the Rockets welcome head coach Matt Hintz and his Hortonville Polar Bears to the Ron Einerson Fieldhouse. Coach Hintz is in his fifth year of leadership of the Polar Bear program and brings a ballclub to Neenah that is currently in eighth place in the FVA with a 3-9 conference mark (4-11 overall record). These two teams played earlier this season when the Rockets traveled to Hortonville on January 3 and defeated the Polar Bears 59-40. In that game the Rockets jumped out to a 26-13 halftime lead and never looked back as they coasted to a 19-point victory. In that game, the Rockets did a nice job defensively containing Hortonville's two star players (Ryan Krueger and Charlie Schabo). The Rockets will need a similar effort tonight if they want to earn the sweep over the Polar Bears this season. Krueger is a 6'5" senior guard who is averaging 23 points per game. He was a first-team all-FVA selection last season and next year will be playing college basketball at South Dakota State. Schabo is a 5'10" senior point guard, who has been on varsity for a number of years for Coach Hintz and averages 14 points per game this season.

The Rockets enter tonight's game on a season-high four-game winning streak. With a win tonight over the Polar Bears it will match the longest winning streak since last year's five-game streak. Within the last 10 days Neenah has had some important wins. In their last home game the Rockets clobbered the Eagles of Milwaukee Marshall 79-47. Last Tuesday at Oshkosh West, the Red and White broke open a tight battle in the second half with a convincing 24-8 run to finish off the Wildcats of Oshkosh West 68-53. Last Friday the Men of Rabas traveled to Fond du Lac and did what they have done 22 times over the past 13 seasons by beating the Cardinals. Neenah prevailed 60-54 and is now 22-4 over the last 26 meetings. In that game the Rockets led 30-25 at half. Neenah extended the halftime lead to 44-37 with 9:30 left in the second half. Fond du Lac responded with a run and cut the Neenah lead to 46-44 with 5:08 left in regulation. The Rockets persevered down the stretch, making enough plays to earn the win and even their conference record at 6-6. This win should have caught the attention of the FVA since the Rockets defeated a hot Fond du Lac Cardinal team that had won nine of its last 12 games.

Believe it or not, the regular season is over in two weeks. Neenah has six games crammed into the next 16 days. These games not only provide an opportunity for the Rockets to finish their season strong and continue to move up the FVA standings, they also provide an opportunity for Neenah to continue to strengthen their claim to host a first round tournament game for the WIAA regionals.



Turning Back the Clock

Tonight we are going back 40 years to recognize the 1977 Neenah Rockets. This was another year in which Coach Ron Einerson had plenty of spots to fill on his roster after the conclusion of the 1976 season. The 1976 season was one in which the Rockets won the FVA title and made another trip to the WIAA state tournament. In the quarterfinals the Rockets were unable to hold onto a four-point lead late in the game and lost 61-59 to Madison West when Tom Crist's last second shot from twenty-five feet away hit the front of the rim. Coach Einerson graduated out eight lettermen from the 1976 team. Two of them were major contributors in first-team all-conference member Todd Herreid (1976 FVA Player of the Year) and Crist, who earned second team honors. Herreid also led the FVA in scoring and rebounding during the 1976 season becoming the first player during Coach Einerson's tenure to lead the FVA in both scoring and rebounding (Mike Kreklow would become the second and last in 1979).

The magic of Coach Einerson's program was the depth he developed and the ability to reload every year to compete for the FVA title. The Rockets started the year 3-0 with wins over Sheboygan North, Kimberly and Milwaukee Lincoln before losing by a point to Appleton West. Neenah would defeat Menasha and Appleton East before dropping consecutive games to Oshkosh West and Green Bay Preble. The Rockets regrouped and rattled off five straight wins over Oshkosh North, Two Rivers, Kaukauna, Kimberly and Appleton West before stumbling into losses against Menasha and Appleton East. Neenah was now trailing Oshkosh West by two games with three games to go in the 1977 season. The Rockets responded with a crucial 77-70 win over the Indians and won their final two regular season games against Oshkosh North and Kaukauna to finish 10-4 in the FVA (13-5 overall). Neenah finished in a three way tie with Kimberly and Oshkosh West for the 1977 FVA title. The Rockets defeated Oshkosh North 72-44 in the WIAA regional semifinals to set up the rubber match with Oshkosh West. Big Red would win a nail biter 59-58 over the Indians. Neenah's inside duo of senior 6'5" Scott Voiss and junior 6'5" Tim Skalmoski were too much to handle as they combined for 39 points in the Rocket victory. One week later at the Kolf Sports Center, the Rockets defeated Beaver Dam 66-52 and Plymouth 61-51 to qualify for their eighth trip to the state tournament within a nine-year span. Neenah crushed Janesville Craig 73-50 in the WIAA state quarterfinal before losing in the state semifinal 46-43 to the eventual state champions from Madison LaFollette. The Rockets ended the season 18-6. Rockets receiving all conference recognition in 1977 were Tim Skalmoski (first team), Scott Voiss (honorable mention) and team MVP Greg Prichett (honorable mention). Until Thursday, February 9, when we welcome the Spartans of Oshkosh North, NEENAH WITH PRIDE!



Neenah Rockets

9-7 Overall, 6-6 Fox Valley Association

Head Coach: Lee Rabas (2nd season, 22-18 at Neenah, 125-74 overall)

Assistant Coaches: Al Krueger, Randy Ropella, Gage Moede

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
2	Josh Mericle	G	6-1	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Joe Jung	G	6-0	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	A.J. Dehn	G	5-11	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Chance Pronschinske	G	5-11	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Sam Borchers	G	5-11	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Rayce Prosser	G	6-0	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Matthew Pavletich	F	6-1	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Logan Morrow	F	6-3	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Jordan Mascal	F	6-4	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
25	Zavier Sims	F	6-4	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
31	Anthony Bartman	C	6-5	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Peter Herberg	F	6-3	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
45	Greg Lenhart	F	6-0	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Hortonville Polar Bears



4-11 Overall, 3-9 Fox Valley Association

Head Coach: Matt Hintz (5th season, 62-52 at Hortonville, 131-98 overall)

Assistant Coaches: Tom Kolosso, Matt DeKoch

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
2	Bryce Cross	G	6-0	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Bryce Chronis	G	5-7	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Ryan Krueger	G	6-5	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Trevor Griesbach	G	6-2	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
10	Justin Bonikowske	G	5-11	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Jay Welson	P	6-5	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Payton Claybaugh	P	6-0	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Chandler Guyette	P	6-4	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
20	Traeden Schatz	G	6-1	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Charlie Schabo	G	5-10	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Braden Vallafskey	G	5-10	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
30	Hayden Krug	P	6-1	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Mitch Mocado	G	6-2	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
34	Kameron Krueger	G	5-11	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 - Head Coach: Christian Schnell Assistant Coach: Ron Billman

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
2	Sam Dietrich	G	5-11	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Peyton Mellenthin	G	5-10	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Hayden Jones	G	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Grayson Schroeder	G	5-11	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Jack Van Dyke	G	6-5	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Dan Craig	G	5-8	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Mason Morrow	G	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Max Klesmit	G	6-1	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
25	Tim Nault	F	6-1	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Marcus Hickey	F	6-2	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
35	Logan Eiden	F	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
41	Andy Jensen	F	6-1	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
43	Tyrese Taylor	C	6-4	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
	Ethan Parker	F	6-3	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Hortonville Polar Bears - Head Coach: Rich Kuranda Assistant Coach: Brad Leeman

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
1	Nolan Rochon	G	5-6	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Grant Mullins	G	5-8	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Hunter Hackbarth	G	5-8	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Noah Meyer	G	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
10	Sam Miller	G	5-11	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Michael Jarvis	G	5-11	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Logan Griesbach	G	5-8	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Garrett Gloudemans	G	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Jayqon Owens	G	6-0	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Jackson Weister	G	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Gage Payne	G	5-7	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
25	Bryce Hass	P	6-5	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
30	Josh Giese	P	6-3	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Cole Warning	G	5-11	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
34	Jacob Buchman	P	6-2	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Freshmen

Neenah Rockets

No.	Player	Ht.	Yr.
2	Davis Greene	5-11	Fr.
3	Michael Monroe	5-6	Fr.
4	Cole Schultz	5-7	Fr.
5	Dylan Anderson	5-11	Fr.
11	Rex Bayer	5-8	Fr.
13	Kameron Kellogg	5-7	Fr.
15	Evan Webster	5-8	Fr.
21	Brandon Koga	6-0	Fr.
23	Bryce Henderson	5-10	Fr.
25	Garrett Luepke	6-0	Fr.
31	Dom Veese	5-8	Fr.
33	Sam Jung	5-10	Fr.
35	Hayden Schoultz	5-11	Fr.
43	Jacob Kaszuba	6-0	Fr.
45	Josh Brazee	6-1	Fr.

Coaches: Marc Goodman, Todd Mueske & Rich Frost

Hortonville Polar Bears

No.	Player	Ht.	Yr.
1	Jack Luther	-	Fr.
2	Mitch Tandeski	-	Fr.
3	Logan Grossman	-	Fr.
4	Dylan Schmidt	-	Fr.
5	Joe Pappin	-	Fr.
10	Jack Dodd	-	Fr.
11	Brad Anderson	-	Fr.
12	Kyle Allen	-	Fr.
13	Jake Krause	-	Fr.
14	Sam Weyenberg	-	Fr.
15	Mason Thiel	-	Fr.
20	Jaice Jahnke	-	Fr.
21	Blake Griesbach	-	Fr.

Head Coach: Joe Biebau