

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
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, 79-42 at Neenah, 182-98 overall)

Assistant Coaches: Al Krueger, Ron Billman, Todd Mueske, Randy Ropella, Jake Coenen, Rich Frost, Marc Goodman and Nick Braemer

SUPERIOR Spartans

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-point	3-point	Free throws	Fouls
3	Draden Jensen	G	6-0	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Johnny Rhode	G	5-9	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Joey Barker	G	6-4	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Shane Leask	G	5-10	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Jake Edwards	F	6-3	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
20	Ben Hunter	F	6-1	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Evan Bennett	G	5-11	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Lars Olson	F	6-0	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
25	Isaac Domitrov	F	6-5	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
30	Robert Olson	G	5-10	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
35	Kaden Kimmes	G/F	6-2	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Head Coach: Jake Smith (6th season, 88-74 overall)

Assistant Coaches: Rick Raymond, Willie Moon, Brent Engstrom, Jed Carlson and Cole Oettinger

TONIGHT'S Matchup

Good evening basketball fans and welcome to March Madness. Tonight the #2 seeded (20-2) Neenah Rockets welcome head coach Jake Smith and his #15 seeded (11-11) Spartans of Superior to the Ron Einerson Fieldhouse for the beginning of the 2020 WIAA boys' basketball state tournament. In over a century of Neenah basketball, no opponent has ever traveled further to play the Rockets for an opening round game than the trek across the state that Superior had to make today. The longest previous mark is believed to be Eau Claire North coming to Neenah for the 2016 regional semifinal.

This is the ninth consecutive season and 15th time in the last 16 years that the Rockets have earned a home game to kick off their post-season tournament action. In those previous 14 home regional games the Rockets are 13-1 with the only blemish being the upset loss to Fond du Lac in the 2013 regional semifinal. The winner of tonight's game will face the winner of the #7 Marshfield Tigers versus #10 SPASH Panthers tomorrow night at 7:00 PM. If the Rockets win tonight, they will host. If the Spartans win tonight, the game will either be in Marshfield or Stevens Point.

Coach Smith is in his sixth season of leadership of the Spartan basketball program. He brings a team to Neenah that may have the best record of any #15 seed in the history of the WIAA state tournament. There is one common opponent that both the Spartans and Rockets shared this year in Oshkosh North. Superior fell to Oshkosh North in their first game of the year on November 29 by the score of 89-59. Neenah defeated Oshkosh North twice, albeit in tough competitive battles (79-68 in December at Oshkosh and 60-56 in January at Neenah). Superior got off to a rough start this year losing its first four games. They earned their first victory of the season during the Christmas holiday with a 67-66 victory over Park of Cottage Grove. Superior ended their regular season strong by winning eight of its final 12 games. Coach Smith's Spartans are a very young team with only one senior on the roster, but he is a good one. Senior guard Joey Barker (#11, 6'4") led Superior in scoring by averaging 21 points a game this year. Barker is complemented by two other guards that can consistently score in junior (#35, 6'2") Kaden Kimmes (15 ppg) and junior (#3, 6'0") Draden Jensen (12 ppg).

The Rockets enter tonight's regional as one of the hottest teams in state of Wisconsin, victorious in their last 11 games. That is the longest winning streak since the 2014 season when Neenah enjoyed two long streaks during that memorable 26-2 campaign (15-game winning streak to start the year, 11-game winning streak at the end of the year) that ended with a 48-42 loss to Germantown in the state title game. More impressively than the 11-game win streak may be the fashion with which the Rockets are disposing of their opponents. In the Rockets last eight games, no one has come any closer than 17 points. To put this in better context, this 2020 Neenah Rocket team has done something that only two other teams have ever done in the history of Neenah basketball, had a margin of victory over the entire season of over 19 points a game. Only the 1970 (24-2, state runner-up) team with margin of victory of 23 points a game and the 1988 (25-2, state runner-up) team with a margin of victory of 19.3 have ever accomplished this feat until this season. Currently the 2020 Rockets have a margin of victory of 19.9 points a game. One final notable stat on this year's team. This year was the 23rd time in program history that Neenah finished a regular season with two or fewer losses, the 11th time accomplishing it since World War II.

Those stats are impressive, but that part of the 2020 Neenah Rocket season is over. For all of the outstanding accomplishments of the regular season, none of that matters tonight. In a single elimination tournament, the only guarantee promised to both teams is 36 minutes of playing time. The team that executes at a higher level will win the game, not necessarily the team that is higher seeded, has more perceived talent, or is playing in front of their home fans. Tonight it will take 36 minutes of mental concentration and physical execution to earn the victory. The team that makes less mistakes tonight will advance to tomorrow's regional final. The other team will be turning in their equipment. The month of March can be exciting and it can also be cruel and unforgiving. Two weeks from tonight every young man's dream in Wisconsin is to be playing at the Kohl Center in the WIAA state tournament. For one team tonight, the dream will be over.

SERIES History

◆ Neenah trails the all-time series with Superior 3-1. Tonight marks the fourth time they will meet in WIAA tournament competition.

- 1920 State Title Game (Madison) Superior 19, Neenah 9
- 1952 State Quarterfinal (Madison) Superior 50, Neenah 47
- 2016 Regional Final (Superior) Superior 62, Neenah 55 OT
- 2017 Regular Season (Green Bay) Neenah 47, Superior 35

◆ Neenah and Superior are tied for the most trips to the WIAA State basketball tournament with 27 appearances each.

◆ Neenah has played for the WIAA state title 10 times (1920, 1930, 1939, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1975, 1978, 1988, 2014). They have won three titles (1930, 1975, 1978) and last made it to state in 2019.

◆ Superior has played for the WIAA state 7 title times (1920, 1924, 1935, 1936, 1954, 1955, 1974) They have won four titles (1920, 1935, 1936, 1974) and made it to state last in 1974.

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	W	60-56
2/4	Appleton East	W	74-50
2/7	Appleton North	W	66-39
2/11	Stevens Point	W	73-53
2/14	Oshkosh West	W	78-61
2/18	at Kimberly	W	71-49
2/21	Hortonville	W	73-49
2/22	at Waukesha West	W	77-52
2/27	at Kaukauna	W	70-53
3/6	Superior		6 p.m.
3/7	Marshfield/Stevens Point		7 p.m.
3/12	WIAA Sectional (at App. East)		7 p.m.
3/14	WIAA Sectional (at D.C. Everest)	TBA	
3/20-21	State (at Madison)	TBA	



	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Kimberly	17	1	19	3
Neenah	16	2	20	2
Hortonville	13	5	17	5
Kaukauna	11	7	12	10
Oshkosh West	10	8	11	11
Oshkosh North	9	9	12	10
Appleton North	6	12	8	14
Fond du Lac	4	14	8	14
Appleton East	4	14	4	18
Appleton West	0	18	2	21

Tonight's Games

- Superior at Neenah**
- Appleton West at Kimberly
 - Oshkosh North at Oshkosh West
 - Appleton North at Hudson
 - Appleton East at Chippewa Falls
 - Fond du Lac at Milwaukee King
 - Green Bay Notre Dame at Kaukauna
 - Antigo at Hortonville



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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!

YEAR-BY-YEAR Tournament Scores

2019	State Semifinal	@ Kohl Center	Brookfield Central	Lost 61-47
2019	Sectional Final	@ Wisconsin Rapids	Hudson	Win 68-66
2019	Sectional Semifinal	@ Oshkosh West	Kimberly	Win 57-56
2019	Regional Final	@ Neenah	Appleton North	Win 78-63
2019	Regional Semifinal	@ Neenah	D.C. Everest	Win 80-60
2018	Regional Final	@ Kimberly	Kimberly	Lost 55-63
2018	Regional Semifinal	@ Neenah	D.C. Everest	Win 70-55
2017	Regional Final	@ Neenah	Marshfield	Lost 70-69
2017	Regional Semifinal	@ Neenah	Appleton East	Win 56-52 OT
2016	Regional Final	@ Superior	Superior	Lost 62-55 OT
2016	Regional Semifinal	@ Neenah	Eau Claire North	Win 66-57
2015	Sectional Semifinal	@ Menasha	SPASH	Lost 50-47
2015	Regional Final	@ Neenah	Oshkosh North	Win 81-71 OT
2015	Regional Semifinal	@ Neenah	Fond du Lac	Win 70-44
2014	State Final	@ Kohl Center	Germantown	Lost 48-42
2014	State Semifinal	@ Kohl Center	Mukwonago	Win 58-41
2014	Sectional Final	@ Wausau West	Marshfield	Win 54-31
2014	Sectional Semifinal	@ Menasha	SPASH	Win 59-56
2014	Regional Final	@ Neenah	Appleton North	Win 66-42
2014	Regional Semifinal	@ Neenah	Appleton East	Win 41-27
2013	Regional Semifinal	@ Neenah	Fond du Lac	Lost 45-44
2012	Regional Final	@ Oshkosh North	Oshkosh North	Lost 61-57
2012	Regional Semifinal	@ Neenah	SPASH	Win 50-36
2011	Regional Semifinal	@ Fond du Lac	Fond du Lac	Lost 67-44
2010	State Quarterfinal	@ Kohl Center	Madison Memorial	Lost 58-41
2010	Sectional Final	@ Kolf Sports Center	Sheboygan South	Win 48-42
2010	Sectional Semifinal	@ Kolf Sports Center	Beaver Dam	Win 55-43
2010	Regional Final	@ Neenah	Wisconsin Rapids	Win 49-37
2010	Regional Semifinal	@ Neenah	West Bend East	Win 48-23
2009	Sectional Semifinal	@ Kolf Sports Center	Oshkosh North	Lost 52-48
2009	Regional Final	@ Wisconsin Rapids	Wisconsin Rapids	Win 56-50
2009	Regional Semifinal	@ Neenah	West Bend East	Win 63-56
2008	Regional Final	@ SPASH	SPASH	Lost 58-51
2008	Regional Semifinal	@ Neenah	Hartford	Win 49-43
2007	Sectional Semifinal	@ Kolf Sports Center	Sheboygan North	Lost 54-53
2007	Regional Final	@ Neenah	Sheboygan South	Win 55-50
2006	Regional Final	@ Oshkosh West	Oshkosh West	Lost 56-32
2006	Regional Semifinal	@ Neenah	SPASH	Win 47-40
2005	Regional Final	@ Oshkosh West	Oshkosh West	Lost 59-35
2005	Regional Semifinal	@ Neenah	Hortonville	Win 51-35
2004	Regional Semifinal	@ Menasha	Menasha	Lost 58-44
2003	Sectional Semifinal	@ Kolf Sports Center	Fond du Lac	Lost 41-35 OT
2003	Regional Final	@ Neenah	Oshkosh West	Win 42-39
2003	Regional Semifinal	@ Neenah	Menasha	Win 47-31
2002	Sectional Semifinal	@ Kolf Sports Center	Fond du Lac	Lost 45-44 OT
2002	Regional Final	@ Neenah	Oshkosh North	Win 73-67 OT
2001	Regional Final	@ Oshkosh North	Oshkosh North	Lost 37-29
2001	Regional Semifinal	@ Neenah	Wisconsin Rapids	Win 67-50
2000	State Quarterfinal	@ Kohl Center	Milwaukee Vincent	Lost 47-43
2000	Sectional Final	@ Kolf Sports Center	Fond du Lac	Win 53-50 OT
2000	Sectional Semifinal	@ Kolf Sports Center	Wisconsin Rapids	Win 52-38
2000	Regional Final	@ Menasha	SPASH	Win 69-51
1999	Regional Final	@ Neenah	SPASH	Lost 69-63
1999	Regional Semifinal	@ Wisconsin Rapids	Wisconsin Rapids	Win 79-75
1998	Sectional Final	@ Kolf Sports Center	Fond du Lac	Lost 84-55
1998	Sectional Semifinal	@ Kolf Sports Center	Kaukauna	Win 53-42
1998	Regional Final	@ Neenah	Menasha	Win 83-67
1997	Sectional Semifinal	@ Appleton East	Kaukauna	Lost 71-63
1997	Regional Final	@ Neenah	Menasha	Win 73-43
1996	Regional Semifinal	@ Appleton East	Appleton East	Lost 54-51
1995	Regional Semifinal	@ Neenah	Menasha	Lost 74-62
1994	Regional Semifinal	@ Oshkosh North	Oshkosh North	Lost 73-65
1993	Sectional Semifinal	@ Kolf Sports Center	Appleton East	Lost 61-59
1993	Regional Final	@ Menasha	Menasha	Win 70-55
1993	Regional Semifinal	@ Neenah	Appleton West	Win 74-69
1992	Regional Semifinal	@ Neenah	Fond du Lac	Lost 62-50
1991	Regional Semifinal	@ Oshkosh West	Oshkosh West	Lost 75-64

YEAR-BY-YEAR Tournament Scores

1990	Regional Semifinal	@ Neenah	Oshkosh West	Lost 74-71
1989	Sectional Final	@ Kolf Sports Center	Sheboygan North	Lost 53-28
1989	Sectional Semifinal	@ Kolf Sports Center	Two Rivers	Win 57-55 2 OT
1989	Regional Final	@ Fond du Lac	Oshkosh West	Win 65-39
1989	Regional Semifinal	@ Oshkosh North	Oshkosh North	Win 75-64
1988	State Final	@ UW Fieldhouse	Onalaska	Lost 70-62
1988	State Semifinal	@ UW Fieldhouse	Milwaukee Pulaski	Win 83-57
1988	State Quarterfinal	@ UW Fieldhouse	Janesville Craig	Win 69-61
1988	Sectional Final	@ Kolf Sports Center	West Bend East	Win 67-55
1988	Sectional Semifinal	@ Kolf Sports Center	Manitowoc	Win 71-58
1988	Regional Final	@ Neenah	Oshkosh North	Win 81-59
1988	Regional Semifinal	@ Neenah	Menasha	Win 80-36
1987	Sectional Final	@ Kolf Sports Center	Fond du Lac	Lost 62-60 OT
1987	Sectional Semifinal	@ Kolf Sports Center	Two Rivers	Win 86-65
1987	Regional Final	@ Oshkosh West	Oshkosh North	Win 52-49
1987	Regional Semifinal	@ Oshkosh West	Oshkosh West	Win 67-54
1986	Regional Semifinal	@ Oshkosh North	Oshkosh North	Lost 67-52
1985	Sectional Final	@ Kolf Sports Center	Sheboygan North	Lost 62-42
1985	Sectional Semifinal	@ Kolf Sports Center	Waupun	Win 71-53
1985	Regional Final	@ Neenah	Oshkosh West	Win 58-54 OT
1985	Regional Semifinal	@ Neenah	Menasha	Win 63-62
1984	Regional Final	@ Menasha	Oshkosh North	Lost 72-69
1984	Regional Semifinal	@ Menasha	Oshkosh West	Win 68-52
1983	Regional Semifinal	@ Oshkosh West	Oshkosh North	Lost 61-60
1982	Regional Final	@ Oshkosh North	Oshkosh North	Lost 74-66
1982	Regional Semifinal	@ Neenah	Menasha	Win 55-50
1981	Sectional Final	@ Kolf Sports Center	Plymouth	Lost 52-50
1981	Sectional Semifinal	@ Kolf Sports Center	Kimberly	Win 47-41
1981	Regional Final	@ Menasha	Oshkosh North	Win 70-49
1981	Regional Semifinal	@ Menasha	Menasha	Win 70-42
1980	Sectional Semifinal	@ Kolf Sports Center	Menasha	Lost 73-55
1980	Regional Final	@ Neenah	Oshkosh West	Win 50-45
1980	Regional Semifinal	@ Neenah	Fond du Lac	Win 87-68
1979	Regional Final	@ Oshkosh North	Menasha	Lost 81-69
1979	Regional Semifinal	@ Neenah	New London	Win 75-60
1978	State Final	@ UW Fieldhouse	Beloit	Win 58-49
1978	State Semifinal	@ UW Fieldhouse	Clintonville	Win 73-56
1978	State Quarterfinal	@ UW Fieldhouse	Homestead	Win 66-65
1978	Sectional Final	@ Kolf Sports Center	Manitowoc	Win 54-44
1978	Sectional Semifinal	@ Kolf Sports Center	Plymouth	Win 69-39
1978	Regional Final	@ Neenah	Menasha	Win 68-45
1978	Regional Semifinal	@ Neenah	New London	Win 75-54
1978	Regional Quarterfinal	@ Oshkosh West	Oshkosh West	Win 73-61
1977	State Semifinal	@ UW Fieldhouse	Madison LaFollette	Lost 46-43
1977	State Quarterfinal	@ UW Fieldhouse	Janesville Craig	Win 73-50
1977	Sectional Final	@ Kolf Sports Center	Plymouth	Win 61-51
1977	Sectional Semifinal	@ Kolf Sports Center	Beaver Dam	Win 66-52
1977	Regional Final	@ Menasha	Oshkosh West	Win 59-58
1977	Regional Semifinal	@ Menasha	Oshkosh North	Win 72-44
1976	State Quarterfinal	@ UW Fieldhouse	Madison West	Lost 61-59
1976	Sectional Final	@ Kolf Sports Center	Beaver Dam	Win 66-57
1976	Sectional Semifinal	@ Kolf Sports Center	West Bend East	Win 78-68
1976	Regional Final	@ Oshkosh North	Oshkosh West	Win 82-67
1976	Regional Semifinal	@ Oshkosh North	Oshkosh North	Win 95-38
1976	Regional Quarterfinal	@ Neenah	Menasha	Win 49-28
1975	State Final	@ UW Fieldhouse	Milwaukee Marshall	Win 64-55
1975	State Semifinal	@ UW Fieldhouse	Racine Horlick	Win 77-72
1975	State Quarterfinal	@ UW Fieldhouse	Pulaski	Win 65-54
1975	Sectional Final	@ Kolf Sports Center	Fond du Lac	Win 61-55
1975	Sectional Semifinal	@ Kolf Sports Center	Sheboygan North	Win 68-64 OT
1975	Regional Final	@ Neenah	Oshkosh West	Win 67-64
1975	Regional Semifinal	@ Neenah	New London	Win 62-38
1974	State Quarterfinal	@ UW Fieldhouse	Green Bay Southwest	Lost 61-59
1974	Sectional Final	@ Kolf Sports Center	Kimberly	Win 54-47
1974	Sectional Semifinal	@ Kolf Sports Center	Sheboygan South	Win 63-61 4 OT
1974	Regional Final	@ Neenah	Appleton West	Win 52-49
1974	Regional Semifinal	@ Neenah	Menasha	Win 54-40



**NEENAH VS. SUPERIOR
WIAA REGIONAL SEMIFINAL
FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 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.