

VARSITY ROSTERS

NEENAH Rockets

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-point	3-point	Free throws	Fouls
2	Jake Hablewitz	G	5-11	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Sam Dietrich	G	6-2	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Garrett Luepke	F	6-4	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Max Klesmit	G	6-3	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
10	Michael Monroe	G	5-10	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Grayson Schroeder	G	6-2	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Mason Morrow	G	6-3	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Ethan Parker	F	6-4	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
14	Rex Bayer	G	5-11	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
20	Dajarie Chester	G	5-10	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Logan Morrow	F	6-5	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Jacob Dietz	G	6-2	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Peyton Mellenthin	G	6-0	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
25	Michael Valencia	G	6-2	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
31	Bryce Henderson	F	6-2	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Marcus Hickey	F	6-4	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
34	Tyrese Taylor	C	6-4	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Head Coach: Lee Rabas (4th season, 53-39 at Neenah, 156-95 overall)

Assistant Coaches: Al Krueger, Randy Ropella, Ron Billman

APPLETON NORTH Lightning

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-point	3-point	Free throws	Fouls
1	Kyle Hammen	G	6-2	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Tommy Bradshaw	G	6-2	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Anders Brekke	G	5-11	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Mitch Cambray	G	5-9	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Brooks Ambrosius	G	6-2	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Alex Mueller	G	6-1	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Max Nelson	F	6-7	Fr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
14	Brock Mischler	G	6-1	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Luke Van Handel	F	6-3	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Wilson Zuck	G	5-10	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Jack Kritzer	F	6-5	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Jaden Seubert	F	6-5	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Ryan Popp	G/F	6-2	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Devin Blom	G	6-0	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
34	Caleb Monroe	F	6-3	Fr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Head Coach: Chris Kellett (1st season, 7-13 at Appleton North, 42-28 overall)

Assistant Coaches: Eric Mueller, Brandon Backman

JUNIOR VARSITY ROSTERS

NEENAH Rockets

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	2-point	3-point	Free throws	Fouls
2	Zach Steigenberger	G	Fr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Ryan Janssen	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Adam Koellermeier	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Kaden Lasee	G	Fr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Adam Laeyendecker	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Chevalier Emery Jr.	G	Fr	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Devin Vinci	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Theo Kotchen	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Austin Schumacher	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Charlie Wolfram	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
25	Carter Thomas	F	Fr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Ethan Noe	F	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
35	Collin Parker	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
41	Tyler Schraven	F	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
43	Brady Frost	C	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Head Coach: Todd Mueske

Assistant Coaches: Jake Coenen, Rich Frost

APPLETON NORTH Lightning

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-point	3-point	Free throws	Fouls
1	Carrey Davis	G	5-9	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Anders Brekke	G	5-11	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Eli Patzer	F	6-2	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Preston Van Offeren	G	5-10	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	AJ Helse	G	5-10	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
14	Alvin Dupree	F	6-0	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Austin Williamson	G/F	5-11	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Austin Holmes	G	5-10	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Zahne Donahue	G	5-9	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Tyler Vanekeren	G	6-0	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
31	Jack Budiac	G	5-9	Fr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Mason Werner	G/F	6-1	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Caleb Monroe	F	6-3	Fr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
41	John Scott	F	5-9	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Head Coach: Steve Coenen

FRESHMEN ROSTERS

NEENAH

No.	Name	Pos.
2	Matt Jung	G
3	Payton Kramer	G
4	Cayden Retzki	G
5	Mason Hobbs	G
11	Will Kordus	G
13	Bryce Braunel	G
15	Evan Paque	G
21	Leyton Daharsh	G
23	Will Riemenapp	G
25	Victor Guerra	G
31	Eli Schmidt	F
33	JJ Paider	F
35	Gradin Taschner	G
45	Kaleb Weyenberg	C

Head Coach: Marc Goodman

Assistant Coach: Craig Begalle

APP. NORTH

No.	Name
1	Aiden Greer
2	Sean Garrigan
3	Brock Donaldson
4	Kaleb Xiong
5	DJ Meriweather
11	Ometariaye Tolliver
12	Griffin Smith
13	Eli VanGompel
21	Elijah Koleske
23	Will Christensen
24	Brennan Cate
32	Josh Gilbert
33	Colton Schroeder
34	Brecken Murphy
35	Dylan Gaertner
43	David Kaminski
44	Nick Vandenberg
50	Cal Martine
55	Connor Hardy

Coaches: Rodney Owens, Caleb Zeegers

2018-19 Neenah Schedule

11/24	at Green Bay Preble	W	71-49
11/27	Oshkosh West	L	76-78
11/30	Hortonville	W	71-67 ot
12/1	Wisconsin Rapids	W	90-59
12/7	at Oshkosh North	W	63-61
12/11	at Appleton West	L	76-82
12/14	Kimberly	L	57-60
12/21	Kaukauna	W	88-76
12/29	at Wausau East	W	69-55
1/5	at Appleton East	W	81-66
1/8	Fond du Lac	W	78-43
1/11	at Hortonville	W	73-51
1/15	at Appleton North	W	54-27
1/18	Oshkosh North	L	60-63
1/25	at Kimberly	L	77-80
2/1	at Kaukauna	L	86-90 ot
2/4	Appleton West	W	94-84
2/7	Appleton East	W	84-75
2/9	Deerfield, Ill. (at Racine)	L	42-47
2/15	at Fond du Lac	W	88-64
2/19	Appleton North	7:30 p.m.	
2/23	at Oshkosh West	4 p.m.	
3/1	D.C. Everest (Regional)	7 p.m.	
3/2	E.C. North/App. North	7 p.m.	
3/7	Sectional (at TBD)	7 p.m.	
3/9	Sectional (at Wis. Rapids)	7 p.m.	
3/15-16	State (at Madison)	TBA	



	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Kimberly	14	2	18	2
Kaukauna	12	4	15	5
Appleton West	11	5	15	5
Neenah	10	6	13	7
Oshkosh North	8	8	11	9
Appleton East	7	9	10	10
Hortonville	7	9	9	10
Oshkosh West	6	10	8	12
Appleton North	5	11	7	13
Fond du Lac	0	16	1	19

Monday, Feb. 18 Games

Appleton East at Appleton North

Fond du Lac at Kaukauna

Kimberly at Appleton West

Oshkosh North at Hortonville

Tuesday, Feb. 19 Games

Appleton North at Neenah

Thursday, Feb. 21 Games

Appleton West at Oshkosh North

Fond du Lac at Appleton East

Kaukauna at Hortonville

Oshkosh West at Kimberly

Saturday, Feb. 23 Game

Neenah at Oshkosh West

TONIGHT’S Matchup

Good evening basketball fans and welcome to the regular season home finale for the Neenah boys’ basketball program. Tonight the Rockets roll out the welcome mat for head coach Chris Kellett and his Appleton North Lightning. Coach Kellett is in his first season of rebuilding an Appleton North basketball program that went winless in 2018. To his credit, Coach Kellett has led the Appleton North program to more conference wins this season (five) than it won the previous four FVA seasons combined (3-69 record between 2015-2018).

Kellett, a 2003 Neenah graduate, is the fifth different head basketball coach (Eric Eastman, Jon Liesener, Ross Van Handel, Jerry Overstreet) the Lightning have had over the past five years. He is also the first former Neenah letter-winner in the 49-year history of the FVA to coach against his alma mater in a boys’ basketball game. These two schools played each other a month ago when the Rockets locked down the Lightning 54-27. For a Rocket team that has struggled at times to defend their opponents this season, it was a season best effort of allowing only 27 points. The Lightning are led offensively in scoring by three different players. Senior Devin Blom (#33, 6’0” guard) leads the Lighting averaging just under 14 points, while freshman Max Nelson (#13, 6’7” forward) and senior Luke Van Handel (#21, 6’3” forward) both average 10 points.

The Rockets have split two games since they last stepped foot on the hardwood of the Ron Einerson Field House. Following their 84-75 victory over Appleton East, Big Red traveled to Racine to participate in the 2019 Wisconsin/Illinois Border Battle. Neenah lost 47-42 to the Deerfield Warriors in a game where the Rockets had a lead with under two minutes to go. Last Friday, the Rockets traveled to Fond du Lac and defeated the last place Cardinals 88-64. Following tonight’s game Neenah will travel to Oshkosh West this Saturday at 4 p.m. to conclude the regular season. This past Sunday, the Rockets received the #4 seed in the sectional which means that on March 1, Neenah will begin WIAA tournament action hosting D.C. Everest at 7:00 p.m.

Tonight is Senior Night for the boys’ basketball program, and will be the final time that nine young men will wear their Neenah jersey for a regular season home game. The Class of 2019 is the largest senior class at Neenah since nine seniors graduated from the 2000 sectional champion team. These players are Jake Hablewitz, Sam Dietrich, Grayson Schroeder, Mason Morrow, Ethan Parker, Logan Morrow, Peyton Mellenthin, Marcus Hickey, and Tyrese Taylor. Please give these young men a nice round of applause tonight for their contributions to the Neenah basketball program. This team has overcome injuries and other challenges to post a 13-7 record with two games left. Congratulations to Coach Rabas, his coaching staff and the 2018-19 Neenah Rockets on their regular season performance.

One final celebration tonight will be at halftime when Neenah High School celebrates their 2018 WIAA state title in boys’ cross country. It is their third state title in program history (1963, 2001, 2018). Congratulations Rockets!



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Tale of the Tape (FVA Games)		
	Neenah	App. North
Scoring Average	75.4	55.0
Scoring Defense	66.9	60.5
Scoring Margin	+8.5	-5.5
Field Goal Pct.	48.2	43.6
3pt Field Goal Pct.	41.1	32.5
Free Throw Pct.	73.6	62.4
Field Goal Pct. Def.	47.2	41.7
Rebounds/Game	28.4	29.0
Assists/Game	15.9	12.7
Turnovers/Game	12.9	14.3
Steals/Game	7.4	5.2
Blocks/Game	1.0	3.6
All-Time History:		
FVA Record	506-286	118-312
FVA Win Pct.	.639	.274
FVA Titles	13	0

TURNING Back the Clock

With the recent offensive exploits of junior Max Klesmit, we are going to provide some history on impressive individual offensive performances in Neenah Rocket basketball history. The first 30-point performance in Neenah basketball history was in 1948 by Pat Casper-son. Eight years later Paul Thomsen scored 31 against Shawano. Later that season, Thomsen broke his own mark when he scored 38 against Kaukauna in March of 1956. That game was significant because it was the first game ever played in the new “South” (O.J.) gymnasium at Shattuck.

In the next few seasons, performances that came close to Thomsen’s 38-point total were a 36-point performance by Jack Ankerson in 1960 and a 35-point performance by Fred Seg-gelink in 1958. Thomsen’s school record got some company on November 30, 1991 when Dennis Ruedinger scored 38 in a 76-75 win over eventual state champion Madison West. A third Rocket joined the group on February 21, 1998 when Matt Hofkens recorded 38 in an 80-72 win over Kimberly. Then 21 years later, Klesmit logged 41 points in a 90-86 overtime loss to Kaukauna. One week later, Klesmit topped that mark with a 45-point performance in an 84-75 win over Appleton East.

Since 1969, there were 19 different 30-point or more performances by a Neenah Rocket before the start of this season. Tom Kopitzke did it in 1969 with 34 against Sheboygan North. In 1970, Pat Hawley scored 33 against Wisconsin Rapids. Rick Matson did it twice in 1971, recording 30 against Appleton East and 30 against Oshkosh West. Wayne Kreklow also did it twice in the same year notching 30 against Eau Claire Memorial and 30 against Appleton East in 1975. Todd Herreid scored 30 against Oshkosh West in 1976. Tim Skalmoski put in 34 points against Kaukauna in 1978. One year later in 1979, Mike Kreklow put up 32 in a WIAA regional win over New London. Keith Bayer led off the 1985 season when he scored 33 in a 70-60 victory over Madison West. Jerry Curtin scored 30 in a victory against Appleton East in 1988. One year later in 1989, Kevin Rule recorded 33 in a victory over West Bend East. As mentioned earlier, Ruedinger scored 38 in the 1991-92 season. Three years later in 1995, Kurt Kramer scored 32 in a victory over Oshkosh North. In 1998, Hofkens tied the school record with 38 points. Six years later in 2004, Michael Goodman scored 30 in a win over Menasha. In 2009, Jonah Bruder notched 30 in a defeat of Kaukauna. The next 30-point performance was done in 2015 by Matt Heldt who did it twice that year, scoring 34 in a win over Hortonville and 35 in a win over Oshkosh North.

That leads us to this year. Klesmit is the first player in Neenah history to have more than two 30-point performances in a year. Klesmit has remarkably recorded 30 points or more in his last five consecutive FVA games (six total times this season). With this being the final regular season home game this concludes another season of our “Turning Back the Clock” feature. We hope you have enjoyed reading about the amazing history that is Neenah basketball.

Until next November, NEENAH WITH PRIDE!

SERIES History

- ◆ Neenah leads the regular season series with Appleton North 38-9.
- ◆ Neenah leads the post season series with Appleton North 1-0 (2014 WIAA Regional Final 66-42 victory).
- ◆ Over the past 49 years, the only FVA school that Neenah has a better regular season winning percentage against than Appleton North (.809) is Menasha (.837).
- ◆ The longest Neenah regular season win streak in the series is 14 games (2012 to current).
- ◆ The longest Appleton North regular season win streak in the series is 2 games (1996 and 2010-2011).
- ◆ Neenah’s largest margin of victory (34 points) was in 2017 when the Rockets beat the Lightning 91-57.
- ◆ Neenah’s largest margin of defeat (25 points) was in 1995-96 by the score of 78-53. That game played at Appleton North was the first game ever played between these two schools.
- ◆ In the 48 total games that Neenah and Appleton North have played since 1995-96, only four games have gone to overtime. The Rockets have won all four of those games.



**NEENAH VS. APPLETON NORTH
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019
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

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

Neenah Boys Basketball Booster Club Mission Statement:

To advance the boys basketball program of the NJSD with moral, physical and financial assistance.