



ROCKET GAMEDAY

Neenah (4-5) vs. Appleton North (2-7)
January 13, 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	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 17	at Appleton West	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 19	at Kaukauna	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	Kimberly	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 24	Appleton East	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 28	Milwaukee Marshall	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	at Oshkosh West	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 3	at Fond du Lac	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 7	Hortonville	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	Oshkosh North	7:30 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 series with Appleton North 33-9.
- ▶ Neenah leads the post season series with Appleton North 1-0 (2014 WIAA Regional Final 66-42 victory).
- ▶ Over the past 50 years, the only FVA school that Neenah has a better regular season winning percentage against than App. North (.786) is Menasha (.837).
- ▶ The longest Neenah regular season win streak in the series is 9 games (1999-2003 & 2012 to current).
- ▶ The longest Appleton North regular season win streak in the series is 2 games (1996 & 2010-2011).
- ▶ Neenah's largest margin of victory (31 points) was in 2009 by the score of 60-29.
- ▶ 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 43 total games that Neenah and Appleton North have played since 1995-96, only 4 games have gone to overtime. The Rockets have won all four of those games.

Around the FVA

	Conf.		Overall		Friday, Jan. 13 Games
	W	L	W	L	
Oshkosh North	5	0	9	0	Appleton North at Neenah
Kimberly	5	0	8	0	Fond du Lac at Kimberly
Kaukauna	4	2	5	3	Appleton East at Oshkosh West
Fond du Lac	4	2	6	4	Oshkosh North at Kaukauna
Oshkosh West	3	3	3	6	Saturday, Jan. 14 Games
Appleton West	2	3	5	4	Hortonville vs. N. Scott, IA (at Wis. Dells)
Appleton East	2	3	4	5	Kimberly at Kettle Moraine
Neenah	2	4	4	5	Tuesday, Jan. 17 Games
Hortonville	1	5	2	6	Appleton North at Oshkosh North
Appleton North	0	6	2	7	Fond du Lac at Appleton East
					Hortonville at Kimberly
					Neenah at Appleton West
					Oshkosh West at Kaukauna



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Tale of the Tape

(Conf. Only)	Neenah	A. North
Scoring Average	57.8	53.7
Scoring Defense	63.0	78.0
Scoring Margin	-5.2	-24.3
Field Goal Pct.	45.8	42.5
3pt Field Goal Pct.	34.7	31.6
Free Throw Pct.	73.2	57.0
Field Goal Pct. Def.	49.1	46.9
Rebounds/Game	24.2	19.0
Assists/Game	11.5	11.3
Turnovers/Game	16.5	9.7
Steals/Game	6.2	10.0
Blocks/Game	1.2	3.5
All-Time History:		
FVA Record	479-267	112-272
FVA Win Pct.	.642	.292
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 return home for the first time in three weeks as they roll out the welcome mat for the Appleton North Lightning. After tonight's game the Rockets will be busy as they will play a total of five games in the next 11 days with three of those games occurring within a five-day stretch next week when Big Red travels to Appleton West on Tuesday night, Kaukauna on Thursday night (makeup from the postponement from this week), and then return to the Ron Einerson Fieldhouse to host the Papermakers in a rare Saturday night FVA battle on January 21. Since the Rockets last played at home on December 22, they defeated Superior during the Christmas holiday 47-35 at the Kress Events Center at UWGB, soundly defeated the Polar Bears in Hortonville last Tuesday night 59-40, and then had their season-long three-game winning streak snapped last Friday night when the top-ranked Oshkosh North Spartans defeated the Rockets 76-49 in Oshkosh.

The Lightning enters tonight's game 2-7 overall for the season, but on a 29-game losing streak in FVA play. The Lightning defeated Fox Valley Lutheran 40-33 in the Big Apple Classic and also beat Green Bay West 73-48 two weeks later. Appleton North is co-coached this year by Ross VanHandel and Jerry Overstreet who both took over after the resignation of coach Jon Liesener earlier this season. While going 2-1 against non-conference competition this season, the Lightning has struggled in FVA play this year, losing its six conference games by an average of 24 points per game. The Lightning program has struggled to find wins in the FVA during the past two years. Following the successful three-year run between 2012-2014 when Appleton North finished with 10 or more conference wins in all three years, the Lightning went 2-16 in 2015 and 0-18 last year. Appleton North needs a win sometime this season to prevent becoming only the third program in the history of the FVA to have consecutive winless seasons (Oshkosh North 0-14 in 1976 and 1977; Menasha 0-18 in 2010, 2011, 2012). For the Lightning to earn a victory tonight it will need a solid effort from senior guard Carl Valk. Valk (5'11") is the lone returning starter from last year's team and currently leads the Lightning in scoring at 11.3 ppg. Two other players to keep an eye on tonight are sophomore forward Luke VanHandel (6'3") and junior forward Sam Crowley (6'5").



Turning Back the Clock

Tonight we are going back to the FVA conference opener for the 2013 season. Both Appleton North and Neenah had high expectations entering the 2013 basketball season. Both teams were predicted to finish in the top four of the FVA by the Wisconsin Basketball Yearbook. Appleton North was coming off a 2012 season where the Lightning finished fourth in the FVA with an 11-7 conference record. That 11-7 mark was the best record the Lightning had earned since its inaugural season in the FVA (1996) when Appleton North went 12-6 and finished third in conference action. The Rockets had their third different head coach in three years at the start of the 2013 season. Long-time assistant Scott Bork took over for Aaron Shaw as head coach of the Neenah basketball program. Bork was inheriting a team that finished 13-11 overall and 9-9 in the FVA. The Rockets only returned one starter, but it was an important one in junior guard Adam Pohlman. Pohlman was joined by senior forwards Nathan Pronschinske and Sam Erickson, and a 6'10" sophomore center who transferred in from Appleton West named Matt Heldt. Junior guard Taulvish McCray rounded out the starting line-up for Coach Bork's Rockets.

Neenah entered the conference opener 1-0 on the young season by earning an important victory at D.C. Everest 74-63. The Rockets and Lightning wound up putting on an entertaining battle for all 32 minutes for this FVA conference opener. The lead see-sawed back and forth throughout the game. In fact, the largest lead of the entire game was a four point spread. The Lightning drew first blood with a 15-13 lead after eight minutes of action. The Rockets responded with a run of their own in the second quarter and took a 29-26 lead into the locker room. Appleton North scorched the nets for 20 points in the third quarter to tie the game at 46-46. Both teams displayed their long range shooting ability on this night. The Rockets and Lightning combined for 13 made three-point field goals during this game. This battle came down to the final 10 seconds of regulation. With the Rockets clinging to a two-point lead at 55-53, Appleton North's Ryan Albers connected on both ends of a one-and-one to tie the game at 55-55. Neenah's Pohlman was fouled as he was driving to the basket with less than two seconds on the clock. Pohlman calmly nailed both shots to provide the winning score of 57-55. This win proved to be an important early season win on the road for Coach Bork's Rockets. Neenah won their first four FVA games, and 12 out of its first 13 before losing two tough games back-to-back to Oshkosh North and Appleton West late in the season. The Rockets finished the 2013 FVA season in second place with a 15-3 conference mark (18-4 overall). The 15 wins marked the most FVA wins a Neenah team had won in conference play since the 1998 FVA conference champion team went 15-3 in league play. Until next Saturday, January 21, when we welcome the Papermakers of Kimberly, NEENAH WITH PRIDE!



Neenah Rockets

4-5 Overall, 2-4 Fox Valley Association

Head Coach: Lee Rabas (2nd season, 17-16 at Neenah, 120-72 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

Appleton North Lightning

2-7 Overall, 0-6 Fox Valley Association

Head Coach: Ross Van Handel and Jerry Overstreet (1st season, 2-7 overall)



No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
1	Carl Valk	G	5-11	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Colin Mowbray	F	6-2	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Jacob Hiltunen	G	6-0	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Henry Meek	G	6-0	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Collin Squier	F	6-1	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
14	Kyle Hammen	G	6-2	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Noah Koleske	F	6-1	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Josh Gasick	F	6-5	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Adam Zeratsky	G	6-2	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Michael Krause	F	6-3	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
31	Jack VanEkeren	G	5-10	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Sam Crowley	F	6-5	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Devin Blom	G	6-1	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
41	Bryan Meyer	F	6-3	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
43	Miles Saunders	F	6-2	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
45	Luke Van Handel	F	6-3	So.	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	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

Head Coach: Christian Schnell

Assistant Coach: Ron Billman

Appleton North Lightning

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
1	Patrick Watson	F	6-0	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Mitchell Cambray	G	5-9	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Nick VonHolt	G	5-10	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
14	Henry Meek	G	6-0	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Gavin Krause	G	6-4	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Jason Hall	G	6-2	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Drew Peters	F	5-11	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Brooks Ambrosius	G	6-1	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
31	Ryan Popp	F	6-1	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Devin Blom	F	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
41	Bryan Meyer	G	6-2	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Head Coach: Frank Van Handel

Assistant Coach: Willie Tucker

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.

Appleton North Lightning

No.	Player	Ht.	Yr.
1	Ryan Jimenez	5-8	
3	Kaleb Peterson	5-9	
5	Avery Pohlman	5-7	
11	Braden Wolslegel	5-10	
12	Geoff Huenink	5-8	
13	Brennan Chynoweth	5-10	
21	Jaden Seubert	6-4	
23	Michael Wendt	6-0	
24	Charlie Kollenberg	6-3	
32	Jake Gilbert	5-11	
33	Jack Kritzer	6-4	
34	Brock Mischler	6-0	
44	Vincent Bauer	6-2	

Coach: Greg Huenink

Coaches: Marc Goodman, Todd Mueske & Rich Frost