



ROCKET GAMEDAY

Neenah (6-3) vs. Oshkosh West (5-5)

January 15, 2016 - 7:15 p.m.

Ron Einerson Fieldhouse



2015-16 Schedule

Dec. 1	at Bay Port	L 66-67 ot
Dec. 4	Appleton West	W 62-48
Dec. 10	at Kimberly	W 62-59
Dec. 18	Oshkosh North	L 47-83
Dec. 22	Fond du Lac	W 72-64
Dec. 28	*vs. Madison East	L 44-62
Dec. 29	*vs. Slinger	W 61-52
Jan. 5	at Appleton East	W 54-52
Jan. 8	Hortonville	W 67-60
Jan. 15	Oshkosh West	7:15 p.m.
Jan. 19	Appleton North	7:15 p.m.
Jan. 22	at Kaukauna	7:15 p.m.
Jan. 26	at Appleton West	7:15 p.m.
Jan. 29	Kimberly	7:15 p.m.
Feb. 2	at Oshkosh North	7:15 p.m.
Feb. 5	at Fond du Lac	7:15 p.m.
Feb. 9	Appleton East	7:15 p.m.
Feb. 11	at Hortonville	7:15 p.m.
Feb. 13	Wausau East	7:15 p.m.
Feb. 16	at Oshkosh West	7:15 p.m.
Feb. 19	at Appleton North	7:15 p.m.
Feb. 23	Kaukauna	7:15 p.m.
Mar. 6	WIAA Regional	7 p.m.
Mar. 7	WIAA Regional	7 p.m.
Mar. 12	WIAA Sectional (Osh. North)	7 p.m.
Mar. 14	WIAA Sectional (Marshfield)	TBA
Mar. 20-21	WIAA State (at Madison)	TBA

* - Game played at UW-Green Bay Kress Center

Series History (since 1965-66)

- ▶ Neenah leads the regular season series with Oshkosh West 63-31.
- ▶ Neenah leads the post season series with Oshkosh West 15-4.
- ▶ The only school that Neenah has played more often than Oshkosh West in the WIAA Tournament series is Menasha (20 times). The Rockets are 16-4 against the Bluejays (since 1965-66).
- ▶ The longest Neenah regular season win streak in the series is 23 games (1977-1988).
- ▶ The longest Oshkosh West regular season win streak in the series is 8 games (2003-2007).
- ▶ Neenah's largest margin of victory (39 points) was in 1984 by the score of 81-42.
- ▶ Neenah's largest margin of defeat (24 points) was in 2001 by the score of 64-40.
- ▶ In the 113 total games that Neenah and Oshkosh West have played since 1965-66, only nine games have gone to overtime. Oddly, four of those games happened between the 1984-85 and 1985-86 seasons, and three others happened between 2006-07 and 2007-08.

Around the FVA

	Conf.		Overall		Friday, Jan. 15 Games
	W	L	W	L	
Kaukauna	5	1	8	1	Oshkosh West at Neenah
Neenah	5	1	6	3	Appleton West at Fond du Lac
Oshkosh North	4	2	8	2	Appleton East at Hortonville
Kimberly	4	2	7	3	Appleton North at Oshkosh North
Appleton West	4	2	7	3	Saturday, Jan. 16 Games
Hortonville	4	2	6	3	Hortonville at Menasha
Oshkosh West	2	4	5	5	Kaukauna at La Crosse Central
Fond du Lac	2	4	4	5	Tuesday, Jan. 19 Games
Appleton East	0	6	3	7	Appleton North at Neenah
Appleton North	0	6	1	8	Oshkosh West at Appleton East
					Fond du Lac at Hortonville
					Appleton West at Kimberly
					Kaukauna at Oshkosh North



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Tale of the Tape

(Conf. Only)	Neenah	Osh. West
Scoring Average	60.7	56.5
Scoring Defense	61.0	68.8
Scoring Margin	-0.3	-12.3
Field Goal Pct.	48.3	36.8
3pt Field Goal Pct.	39.5	31.6
Free Throw Pct.	68.9	65.2
Field Goal Pct. Def.	45.5	45.3
Rebounds/Game	22.2	26.3
Assists/Game	11.3	11.7
Turnovers/Game	13.3	14.5
Steals/Game	7.3	7.8
Blocks/Game	2.0	0.8
All-Time History:		
FVA Record	472-256	368-360
FVA Win Pct.	.648	.505
FVA Titles	13	8

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 first year head coach Michael Johnson and his Wildcats from Oshkosh West to the Ron Einerson Fieldhouse. The Wildcats are currently tied for seventh in the FVA with a 2-4 conference mark. Since opening their season 4-0, the Wildcats have lost four of their last five games and face the Rockets tonight with a 5-5 overall record. In conference play the Wildcats have defeated Appleton North and Fond du Lac, but have lost to Kaukauna, Appleton West, Kimberly and Oshkosh North. Oshkosh West returns three starters from last year's ball club that finished fifth in the FVA with an 8-10 mark. Those three Wildcats seniors are #10 Joe Vils, #22 Blake Johnson, and #50 Spencer Henk. Oshkosh West does have a balanced scoring offense with four different players all averaging at least double digits in points. Those four players are #22 Johnson (14.0 ppg), #50 Henke (13.1 ppg), #34 Jack Gabrielson (13.0 ppg), and #3 Ben Kohl (10.0 ppg).

The Rockets return back to the hardwood tonight looking to extend their season high three-game winning streak. Last time we saw the Rockets was last Friday night when they earned a hard fought 67-60 victory over the Polar Bears of Hortonville. In that game the Rockets again got off to a slow start due to missed jump shots and numerous turnovers which contributed to the Rockets only scoring a total of only five points in the first eight minutes of the half. In fact, Neenah trailed Hortonville 16-9 with 6:30 left in the half before the Rockets ignited and went on a 18-3 spurt to take a 27-19 lead into the half. The Polar Bears closed the Neenah margin to one point (37-36) halfway through the second half. Subsequently the Neenah offense exploded for 30 points in the final nine minutes of regulation to close out the Polar Bears and send everyone home happy on Parent's Night. Junior Joe Jung (25 points) and senior Jonah Matulle (21 points) led the Rocket scoring attack. Most importantly, the win over Hortonville put the Rockets tied for first place in the FVA with a 5-1 record.

Tonight is also Neenah Hoops Club Night. This season we have approximately 170 young men competing on 14 different teams between the grades of 3-8, being supported by roughly 40 volunteer coaches. Please give them a nice round of applause when they are recognized tonight.



Turning Back the Clock

Tonight we are going back to the 1975 WIAA Regional final played between the Oshkosh West Indians and the Neenah Rockets at a sold out Armstrong fieldhouse on the campus of Neenah High School. The Rockets entered the game at 16-3, (fresh off a total destruction of the New London Bulldogs by the score of 62-38 in the WIAA Regional semifinal), and were the 1975 FVA Champions. The Indians entered the game at 12-8. These two rivals had split their two regular season games in 1975, Oshkosh West winning in double overtime 62-60 and Neenah winning 75-54.

The Rockets opened the game by streaking in front 8-0 and took a commanding 17-3 lead with 3:00 left in the first quarter. With the fieldhouse in a frenzy, Oshkosh West responded and finished the quarter on a 10-4 run to cut the Neenah lead to 21-13 after eight minutes of play. The two teams combined for 40 points in the second quarter, and the Rockets headed off to the locker room with a 42-32 lead. First team all-conference senior stars Paul Perry and Wayne Kreklow were instrumental in Neenah's 42-point first half explosion. Oshkosh West began to slowly chip away at the Neenah lead in the third quarter. Oshkosh West senior first team all-conference star Bill Dehn led the Indian charge that cut the Rocket advantage to 48-43 with 3:14 left in the quarter. Neenah responded again, this time led by back to back baskets by junior Tom Crist which ignited a quick 6-2 Neenah spurt to end the quarter as the Rockets expanded their lead back to nine points, 54-45.

The Indians responded again at the beginning of the fourth quarter, cutting the Neenah lead to 59-53 with 4:00 left in regulation. Then the action really began to heat up between these two long time rivals. A Kreklow basket put Neenah ahead 61-53. Dehn responded for West and cut the Rocket advantage to 61-55. On the next Neenah offensive possession, Neenah junior Todd Herreid was fouled and made one of two foul shots to put Neenah up 62-55. Consecutive baskets by Dehn and Duane Wesenberg cut the Rocket lead to 62-59 with 1:54 left. Neenah attempted to run some clock looking for a good shot, but turned the ball over to West. Oshkosh West's Bruce Dittmer took a pass from Jeff Roberts and buried a 17-foot jump shot to cut the Neenah lead to 62-61 with 50 seconds to go in the fourth quarter. The Indians then fouled Neenah's Perry, who calmly sank two free throws to put Neenah up 64-61. West came back down the court, fired up a shot, missed, but Roberts got the rebound, scored the basket and was fouled. His free throw tied the game at 64-64 with 28 seconds left in regulation.

What happened next may still cause Oshkosh West fans heartache to this day. With Neenah holding for the final shot, Neenah's Rick Rank was fouled by Indian Kurt Hielsberg. The officials determined it to be an intentional foul which mean Rank got two attempts. After missing the first, Rank converted on the second to put Neenah up 65-64. Oshkosh West called a time out to design a last play. However, the Indians turned the ball over on the inbounds pass and the Rockets regained possession. The Indians quickly fouled Herreid. The all-conference honorable mention junior sank both free throws and ended the Oshkosh West season 67-64. The Rockets survived thanks to 24 points from Kreklow, and 15 points from Perry. With the win Neenah advanced to the WIAA Sectionals where they defeated Sheboygan North 68-64 in overtime (a loss that still keeps Sheboygan North fans awake at night) and Fond du Lac 61-55. One week later, Neenah defeated Pulaski 65-54, Racine Horlick 77-72, and Milwaukee Marshall 64-55 for their first state title in boys basketball since 1930.

Until next Tuesday night when we welcome the Lightning of Appleton North, NEENAH WITH PRIDE!



Neenah Rockets

6-3 Overall, 5-1 Fox Valley Association

Head Coach: Lee Rabas (1st season, 6-3 at Neenah, 109-59 overall)

Assistant Coaches: Chas Pronschinske, Al Krueger

Student Assistant: Sam Borchers

Video Assistant: Matthew Elbe

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
2	Josh Mericle	G	6-0	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Jose Alba-Zielinski	G	6-1	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Cole Szczepaniak	F	6-0	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Anthony Dehn	G	6-1	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Eli Powell	F	6-5	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Payton Mericle	G	6-0	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Rayce Prosser	G	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Jonah Matulle	F	6-4	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Patrick Wangelin	C	6-5	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Jordan Mascal	F	6-5	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
31	Anthony Bartman	C	6-6	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Zavier Sims	F	6-5	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
41	Joe Jung	G	6-1	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
43	Greg Lenhart	F	6-1	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Oshkosh West Wildcats



5-5 Overall, 2-4 Fox Valley Association

Head Coach: Michael Johnson (1st season, 5-5 overall)

Assistant Coaches: Dan Spanbauer, Bryan Gregory

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
3	Ben Kohl	G	5-11	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	AJ Ambroso	G	5-11	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Alex Bilkey	G	5-10	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
10	Joe Vils	F	6-2	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Colin Bores	F	6-1	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
14	Tony Lancaste	F	6-3	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
20	Jake Esson	F	6-1	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Blake Johnson	G	5-11	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Grant Abraham	G	6-3	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
30	Connor Miller	F	6-0	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Jon Korgor	G	5-10	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
34	Jack Gabrielson	G	5-10	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
42	Derek Kroll	F	6-3	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
50	Spencer Henke	F	6-4	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
54	Tommy Whitaker	F	6-1	Sr.	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 - Coaches: Kyle Popp and Ron Billman

Statistics Asst.: Nathan Laeyendecker

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
2	Seth Hammett	G	5-9	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Peyton Mellenthin	G	5-9	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Chance Pronschinske	G	5-9	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Logan Morrow	G	6-3	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Matthew Pavletich	G	6-1	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Peter Herberg	F	6-3	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
25	Tyler Van Oursouw	G	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
31	Spencer Schamens	F	6-2	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Jaxon Spiegelberg	G	5-9	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
41	Caleb Feavel	F	5-11	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
43	Tyrese Taylor	F	6-4	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
45	Dakota Bartlett	G	6-4	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Oshkosh West Wildcats - Coaches: Matt Boyce and Noah Jameson

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
4	Andy Dey	G			2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Bryce Koch	G			2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
10	Drew Slife	G			2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Nate Morrissey	G			2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
14	Aaron Peck	G			2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
20	Seth Lowe	G			2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Andrew Thiele	G/F			2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Chris Corley	F			2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
30	Dylan Wright	F			2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Noah Steinhilber	G			2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
34	Kyle Wright	G			2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
40	Brayden Ewing	G			2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
42	Tyler Whiteley	F			2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
44	Michael Johnson	F			2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
52	Jason Kluck	F			2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Freshmen

Neenah Rockets

No.	Player	Ht.	Yr.
2	Kyle Martis	5-2	Fr.
3	Tim Nault	5-11	Fr.
4	Max Schneider	5-10	Fr.
5	Ethan Parker	6-1	Fr.
11	Grayson Schroeder	5-8	Fr.
13	Teddy Gullickson	5-7	Fr.
15	Quinn Rechner	5-7	Fr.
21	Carson Hughes	5-10	Fr.
23	Mason Morrow	5-10	Fr.
25	Hayden Jones	5-9	Fr.
31	Logan Eiden	6-1	Fr.
33	Marcus Hickey	6-1	Fr.
35	Sam Dietrich	5-9	Fr.
43	Martin Morales	6-0	Fr.
45	Andy Jensen	5-11	Fr.

Coaches: Marc Goodman and Christian Schnell

Oshkosh West Wildcats

No.	Player	Ht.	Yr.
4	Alex Grey		
5	Michael Spiller		
10	Carson Leske		
12	Joe Rebholz		
14	Colton Clark		
20	Riley Saginak		
22	Jack Lautenschlager		
24	Reid Oleson		
30	Rigoberto Gonzalez		
32	Austin Ziemer		
34	Danny Rucinski		
40	Isaiah Kader		
42	Scott Weber		
44	Ryan Rueger		
52	Luke Haasl		

Coaches: Doug Whiteley and Trevor Kroll