

VARSITY 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, 76-42 at Neenah, 179-98 overall)

Assistant Coaches: Al Krueger, Ron Billman, Todd Mueske and Randy Ropella

HORTONVILLE Polar Bears

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-point	3-point	Free throws	Fouls
1	Jack Luther	G	6-3	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
2	Parker Lawrence	G	5-10	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Jayqon Owens	G	6-2	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Logan Grossman	G	6-1	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	TJ Payne	G	5-9	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
10	Mason Thiel	P	6-3	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Mitch Tandeski	G	5-11	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Jacob Buchman	P	6-4	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
14	Brad Anderson	P	6-6	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Cole Warning	G	6-1	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
20	Elias Probst	P	6-2	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Dylan Schmidt	G	5-11	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Head Coach: Matt Hintz (102-88 at Hortonville, 171-133 overall)

Assistant Coaches: Tom Kolosso and Matt DeKoch

JUNIOR VARSITY ROSTERS

NEENAH Rockets

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	2-point	3-point	Free throws	Fouls
2	Payton Kramer	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Cayden Retzki	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Jayden Sexton	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Cal Klesmit	G	Fr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Will Riemenapp	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Victor Guerra	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Evan Paque	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Mason Hobbs	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	JJ Paider	F	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Leyton Daharsh	F	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
25	Will Kordus	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Eli Schmidt	F	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
35	Gradin Taschner	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
43	Elias Strasman	C	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Coaches: Jake Coenen and Rich Frost

HORTONVILLE Polar Bears

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-point	3-point	Free throws	Fouls
1	Tommy Powers	G	5-9	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
2	Brad Blochwiak	G	5-8	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Austin Guyette	G	6-0	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Braden Gasser	G	5-10	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Hunter Miller	G	6-1	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
10	Bodie Schanofer	P	6-1	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Brady Mashlan	P	6-3	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Grady Mullock	G	5-9	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Tryton Keller	G	5-11	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Michael Cronce	G	5-10	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Skyler Cornell	G	5-11	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Kobe Kloehn	G	6-0	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
30	Sam Dodd	G	6-3	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Head Coach: Chad Nimmer

Assistant Coach: Brad Leeman

FRESHMEN ROSTERS

NEENAH

No.	Name	Pos.
2	Jackson Schломann	F
3	Elliot Swanson	G
4	Drew Gentile	G
5	Sam Coulthard	G
12	Nolan Juckem	G
13	Noah Harmon	F
15	Coy Rajotte	G
21	Jase Jenkins	F
22	Josh Armstrong	G
25	Will Sorensen	G
34	Dylan Thurber	C

Coaches: Marc Goodman and Nick Braemer

HORTONVILLE

No.	Name
1	August Maurer
2	Weston Tousey
4	Jonah Conradt
10	Miles Van Asten
12	Blake Radish
13	Dylan Schroeder
20	Lucas Wise
21	Camden Kuhnke
23	Brett Sommer
24	Tyson Kloehn
25	Dylan Sell
33	Luke O'Connor
35	Matthew Sigl

Coach: Nate VanHandel

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	7:30 p.m.	
2/22	at Waukesha West	3 p.m.	
2/27	at Kaukauna	7:30 p.m.	
3/6	WIAA Regional	7 p.m.	
3/7	WIAA Regional	7 p.m.	
3/12	WIAA Sectional	7 p.m.	
3/14	WIAA Sectional (at D.C. Everest)	7 p.m.	
3/20-21	State (at Madison)	TBA	



	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Kimberly	15	1	17	3
Neenah	14	2	17	2
Hortonville	12	4	16	4
Kaukauna	11	5	12	8
Oshkosh North	8	8	11	9
Oshkosh West	8	8	9	10
Appleton North	5	12	7	14
Fond du Lac	4	12	8	12
Appleton East	4	13	4	16
Appleton West	0	16	1	19

Tonight's Games

Hortonville at Neenah

Kimberly at Kaukauna
Appleton West at Oshkosh West
Oshkosh North at Fond du Lac

Saturday, Feb. 22 Games

Neenah at Waukesha West
Chippewa Falls at Oshkosh West

Monday, Feb. 24 Game

Fox Valley Lutheran at Appleton East

TONIGHT'S Matchup

Tonight the Neenah Rockets conclude their regular season home schedule as they roll out the welcome mat for head coach Matt Hintz and his Hortonville Polar Bears. Coach Hintz is in his eighth season of leadership of the Polar Bear program and brings a talented team to the Ron Einerson Fieldhouse. Hortonville is currently 16-4 (12-4, third place in the FVA) and ranked seventh in the Division 2 state boys' basketball coaches poll.

The 12 conference wins matches the 2016 team (12-6 FVA record) for the most conference wins in a single season during their first six seasons of FVA membership. Hortonville has perhaps the most experienced team in the FVA, returning all five starters from last year. The Polar Bears have a balanced offensive attack with four players averaging double digits in points. Those players are (#2, 5'10") junior guard Parker Lawrence (15 ppg), (#10, 6'3") senior post Mason Thiel (13 ppg), (#15, 6'1") senior guard Cole Warning (13 ppg) and (#3, 6'2") senior guard Jayqon Owens (12 ppg). The Polar Bears and Rockets met earlier this season in Hortonville on January 10 in a hotly contested battle where the Rockets survived severe foul trouble and a fierce late rally to eke out a 78-74 victory.

Last Friday, the Rockets earned an important 78-61 home victory over a gritty group of Wildcats from Oshkosh West. The Wildcats stormed out of the gates early leading 14-7 midway through the first half, and extended their lead to 33-15 with 4:09 left in the half. Neenah went on an 18-7 spurt to only trail 40-33 at half. The Rockets finally tied the game at 46 at the 13:05 mark of the second half. From that point, Neenah finished the game on a 32-15 onslaught. Senior Max Klesmit led the Rockets with 39 points. Last Tuesday night the Rockets sent a message to every basketball fan in the state of Wisconsin with a 71-49 thumping of Kimberly that wasn't as close as the final score might indicate. Neenah led throughout the first half and took a 15-point lead (37-22) in the locker room. The Rockets continued to dominate and led by 28 midway through the second half. That stated, this game was far from a masterpiece. Neenah only converted on 15-for-24 from the free throw line and had 20 turnovers in the game.

Tonight is Senior Night and will be the final time that five young men will wear their Neenah jersey for a regular season home game. These players are #2 Michael Monroe, #5 Max Klesmit, #13 Bryce Henderson, #14 Rex Bayer, and #24 Garret Luepke. Please give these young men a nice round of applause for their contributions both on and off the court to the Neenah basketball program. Since 1981, there have been only six Neenah teams that have lost two or fewer FVA games in a season. If the Rockets can win their final two league games this season, this team would become the seventh in the last 40 years. Congratulations to Coach Rabas, his coaching staff and the Rockets on their regular season. Speaking of Coach Rabas, with Tuesday's victory over Kimberly, he became the third winningest coach in Neenah history. If the Rockets continue to win at the pace they have the past five years, Coach Rabas will be able to pass Coach Einerson for second place on the list sometime during the 2039 season.

Tale of the Tape (FVA Games Only)

	Neenah	Hortonville
Scoring Average	72.9	74.0
Scoring Defense	54.2	62.6
Scoring Margin	+18.7	+11.4
Field Goal Pct.	49.9	46.7
3pt Field Goal Pct.	32.5	35.8
Free Throw Pct.	76.2	69.2
Field Goal Pct. Def.	41.0	44.2
Rebounds/Game	29.9	27.4
Assists/Game	13.2	16.2
Turnovers/Game	10.7	11.4
Steals/Game	7.9	10.2
Blocks/Game	2.3	2.4

All-Time History:

FVA Record	522-288	49-57
FVA Win Pct.	.644	.462
FVA Titles	13	0

TURNING Back the Clock

In the first 49 years of the FVA, nine different schools have had a FVA player of the year award recipient. Neenah leads with 11, followed by Oshkosh North (10), Kaukauna and Oshkosh West (eight), Appleton West (six), Fond du Lac (five), Appleton East and Kimberly (four), and Menasha (two). Tonight we are going to look back on all 11 Neenah Rockets that won the conference player of the year award.

Rick Matson was the player of the year in 1971 as he led the Rockets to a 25-1 overall record (third place finish at the state tournament). He led the FVA in free throw percentage (82%) and field goal percentage (59%) while averaging 19 points and 10 rebounds a game. Matson was also named first team all-state by the Associated Press.

One year later, Jim Crist was the FVA player of the year helping the Rockets to a 23-3 overall record and a second place finish at the state basketball tournament. Crist led the Rockets in scoring in 1972, averaging 16 points a game and was known as a tremendous competitor who was smart and also terrific rebounder considering he was only 6'1".

In 1975 Wayne Kreklow was not only the FVA player of the year, but also the state of Wisconsin's player of the year. Wayne spearheaded a Rocket team to their first boys' basketball state title since 1930 with a 64-55 victory over Milwaukee Marshall. Kreklow led the FVA in scoring at 19 points a game and graduated as Neenah's all-time leading scorer with 916 points.

In 1976, Todd Herreid led the FVA in both scoring (18.5 ppg) and rebounding (10.5 rpg) as he was named conference player of the year while leading the Rockets to another conference title and trip to the state tournament.

Two years later in 1978, Neenah big man Tim Skalmoski shared the FVA player of the year award with Kaukauna's Gregg Jensen. Skalmoski led the Rockets in scoring (19.4 ppg) and led the conference in rebounding (14.5 rpg) while leading the Neenah Rockets on a memorable 26-0 undefeated season that climaxed at the state tournament with a 58-49 victory over Beloit. This was Neenah's second state title within a four-year window. Skalmoski was named first team all-state by the Associated Press.

Neenah closed out the 1970's with another player of the year when Mike Kreklow earned the award in 1979. During Kreklow's senior campaign, Neenah won its fifth consecutive FVA conference title finishing 14-2 in league play. Kreklow was a dominant star that led the FVA in scoring (24.7 ppg) free throw percentage (82%) field goal percentage (60%) and rebounding (9.4 rpg). Kreklow was also named first team all-state by the Associated Press.

Two years later Jeff Dehn was the co-FVA player of the year (sharing the award with Linus Vander Wyst from Appleton West). Dehn led the conference in scoring (17 ppg) while leading the Rockets to another conference title and overall record of 19-3.

At the end of the 1980's, Kevin Rule was co-player of the year with Peter Franck from Appleton East. Rule led Neenah to the sectional final in 1989, averaging 18 points and 10 boards. He is the last Neenah Rocket to play in three consecutive sectional finals.

In 2014, two Rockets shared the conference player of the year award in senior Adam Pohlman and junior Matt Heldt. These two led Neenah to a conference title and a state runner-up finish with an overall record of 26-2. Heldt led the FVA in scoring at 18.2 points per game. One year later Heldt became the only Rocket to ever win the award in consecutive seasons when he was named FVA player of the year in 2015. Heldt led the FVA in scoring (19.1 ppg) and rebounding (8.9 rpg) his senior year. Heldt graduated as Neenah's all-time leading scorer with 1303 points.

With tonight being the final regular season home game this concludes another season of our "Turning Back the Clock" feature. We hope you have found these features both educational and entertaining. Until next November, NEENAH WITH PRIDE!

SERIES History

- ◆ Hortonville joined the FVA in the 2014-15 season when Menasha left for the Bay Conference.
- ◆ It is believed the first-ever regular season meeting between these two schools was January 2015 at Hortonville.
- ◆ Neenah leads the FVA regular season series 9-2 and has won four straight meetings.
- ◆ Neenah's largest margin of victory in the series was 24 points (73-49) in 2015.
- ◆ Neenah leads the WIAA post season series with Hortonville 1-0. The Rockets defeated the Polar Bears 51-35 in the 2005 WIAA regional semifinal played in Neenah.



NEENAH VS. HORTONVILLE
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 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

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



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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!