



ROCKET GAMEDAY

Neenah (5-6) vs. Kimberly (10-0)
January 21, 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	W 91-57
Jan. 19	at Kaukauna	L 62-89
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. 11	at Appleton West	7 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 (since 1967-68)

- ▶ Neenah leads the regular season series with Kimberly 56-38.
- ▶ Neenah leads the WIAA post season series with Kimberly 2-0 (1974 Sectional Final, 1981 Sectional Semi)
- ▶ The longest Neenah regular season win streak in the series is 7 games (1977-1980 & 1997-2000).
- ▶ The longest Kimberly regular season win streak in the series is 4 games (1994-1996).
- ▶ Neenah's largest margin of victory (30 points) was in 1992 by the score of 68-38.
- ▶ Neenah's largest margin of defeat (23 points) was in 1986 by the score of 65-42.
- ▶ In the 96 total games that Neenah and Kimberly have played since 1967-68, only six games have gone to overtime. Four of them happened in consecutive years between 2001-2004.
- ▶ Neenah and Kimberly dominated the FVA in the 1970's. Kimberly won the title in 1972, 1973, 1974. Neenah won the title in 1971, 1975, 1976, 1978, and 1979. Both Neenah and Kimberly tied for the FVA crown in 1977.

Around the FVA

	Conf.		Overall		Saturday, Jan. 21 Games
	W	L	W	L	Kimberly at Neenah
Oshkosh North	6	0	10	0	Appleton North at Oshkosh North
Kimberly	6	0	10	0	Appleton East at Hortonville
Kaukauna	5	3	6	4	Kaukauna at Fond du Lac
Appleton West	4	3	7	4	Monday, Jan. 23 Game
Fond du Lac	4	3	6	5	Kaukauna at Madison East
Oshkosh West	4	3	4	6	Tuesday, Jan. 24 Games
Neenah	3	5	5	6	Appleton East at Neenah
Appleton East	2	4	4	6	Appleton West at Oshkosh North
Hortonville	1	6	2	8	Kimberly at Appleton North
Appleton North	0	8	2	9	Oshkosh West at Fond du Lac
					Kaukauna at Hortonville



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Tale of the Tape

(Conf. Only)	Neenah	Kimberly
Scoring Average	61.4	66.7
Scoring Defense	65.5	46.0
Scoring Margin	-4.1	+20.7
Field Goal Pct.	48.4	46.1
3pt Field Goal Pct.	39.3	39.2
Free Throw Pct.	67.7	72.4
Field Goal Pct. Def.	47.4	35.0
Rebounds/Game	26.3	32.7
Assists/Game	12.7	13.8
Turnovers/Game	16.6	12.3
Steals/Game	6.7	5.0
Blocks/Game	1.4	1.3
All-Time History:		
FVA Record	480-268	434-312
FVA Win Pct.	.642	.582
FVA Titles	13	6

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



The Rockets return home as they begin a three-game home stand by facing Kimberly tonight, Appleton East on Tuesday and Milwaukee Marshall next Saturday afternoon. Since Neenah's last home game eight days ago (91-57 victory over Appleton North), the Rockets had their third game of the year postponed on Tuesday night and then were defeated at Kaukauna on Thursday 89-62 in a game that the Red and White actually led for a period of time in the first half. The postponed game at Appleton West will now be made up with a split schedule of the freshmen and junior varsity playing at Appleton West on Monday, February 6, and the varsity playing at West on Saturday night, February 11.

Tonight the Rockets roll out the welcome mats for head coach Lockwood "Lucky" Wurtz and his undefeated, state-ranked Kimberly Papermakers. The Papermakers have started the 2017 campaign 10-0 for the first time since going 19-0 during their 1995 state championship season. Their 10-game winning streak to start to the season also matches their longest winning streak since they won 12 in a row during the 2008-09 campaign. During this 10-game streak, the Papermakers are beating their opponents by an average of over 15 points per game. Kimberly is also attempting to become the first program in the history of the FVA to qualify for the WIAA state basketball tournament during the same school year in which their football program won the WIAA state championship. Yes, this is certainly a good time to be a Kimberly Papermaker basketball fan. Coach Wurtz has in his arsenal this year a pair of Division 1 athletes in UWGB recruit Will Chevalier and UW-Madison football recruit Danny Vanden Boom. Chevalier, a 6'8" forward, was a first team all-FVA performer last year and is averaging over 20 points per game this season. Vanden Boom, a 6'5" guard, was a second-team all-FVA performer last year and is second on the Kimberly squad this season in scoring, averaging 16 points per game. Besides a lot of talent, Coach Wurtz also has the luxury of size on this year's roster in 6'7" junior forward Tanner Johnson and 6'8" junior forward David DeValk. One more Papermaker to keep an eye on tonight is junior guard Alec Rosner. The 6'2" junior is third on the Kimberly team in scoring averaging 10 points per game.

For the Men of Rabas, the schedule provided them no favors this week. The Rockets have experienced the extreme variation of basketball skill and athleticism in the FVA during the past eight days. After sending Appleton North to its 30th consecutive FVA loss last Friday night, the Rockets had the difficult task of traveling to Kaukauna to battle the defending state champs on Thursday night and tonight face an opponent that will battle Oshkosh North for the 2017 FVA title and may ultimately finish their season playing at the Kohl Center in March.



Turning Back the Clock

Tonight we are going back 23 years to December 1993 and another memorable game in the competitive history of the Neenah/Kimberly basketball rivalry. This season was one of significant change for the Neenah boys' basketball program since it was the first time since March of 1968 that Hall of Fame coach Ron Einerson was not on the sidelines leading the Neenah program following his retirement at the end of the 1993 season. That retirement ended one of the most dominant runs of basketball success in the history of the state of Wisconsin. Coach Einerson won 556 games over 37 years of coaching at Cashton (2 years), Plymouth (10 years) and Neenah (25 years). His Rockets won two state titles (1975 & 1978), four runner ups (1969, 1970, 1972, 1988) and a third place finish (1971), while making ten trips to state, collecting 16 WIAA regional plaques and winning 12 FVA titles. In his place stepped 30-year old Tim Hopfensperger. Coach Hopfensperger had assisted Coach Einerson for the past three seasons (1991-1993) and actually stepped in as interim head coach for two months during the 1992 season when Coach Einerson was recovering from cancer surgery. The Rockets returned four players who had lettered in the 1993 season in seniors Casey Brown, Jason Callaway, Ryan Eklund (1994 first-team all-FVA) and Jed Miller (1994 second-team all-FVA). Neenah had gotten off to a bit of a slow start in 1994. The Rockets lost a close hard fought game to traditional rival Madison West (76-73) during the Thanksgiving holiday. They then started FVA play losing two of their first three (Appleton West 87-61 & Oshkosh West 59-51) with their only win coming over Kaukauna 62-46.

In facing Kimberly, the Rockets took on a team full of talented, yet young players that ended up leading the Kimberly program to consecutive state titles in 1994 and 1995. The 1994 Papermakers were a junior dominated team with future college basketball players Aaron Buckoski (Michigan Tech) and Jason Diaz (Wayne State) both leading the Papermaker charge as underclassmen. Buckoski earned first-team all-conference and second-team all-state honors while averaging 19.3 ppg. Diaz was named third-team all-conference and chipped in an additional 15.8 ppg for coach Miron during the 1994 campaign.

This game was a tightly contested battle for the first three quarters. The visitors from Kimberly led after eight minutes of action 16-12, and at the half 37-34. The Rockets established their first lead in the third quarter and led heading into the final quarter 46-44. Then Coach Hopfensperger's Rockets exploded. The Rockets put up 26 points on the Papermakers in the fourth quarter as Neenah couldn't miss and Kimberly went cold from the field. Neenah opened up a 13-point lead midway through the quarter which caused the Papermaker defense to chase the Rockets and foul them. On this night the Rockets were solid from the charity stripe as they converted 21-28 during the game. Neenah junior guard Kurt Kramer (1994 FVA honorable mention) led a balanced Rocket scoring attack with 19 points. Also scoring in double figures for the Rockets were Callaway (15), Brown (14) and Eklund (12). The Rockets finished their 1994 campaign 8-8 in the FVA with an overall record of 10-11. Until next Tuesday, January 24th, when we welcome the Patriots of Appleton East, NEENAH WITH PRIDE!



Neenah Rockets

5-6 Overall, 3-5 Fox Valley Association

Head Coach: Lee Rabas (2nd season, 18-17 at Neenah, 121-73 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	3333333	1111111111	12345
3	Joe Jung	G	6-0	Sr.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
5	A.J. Dehn	G	5-11	Sr.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
11	Chance Pronschinske	G	5-11	Jr.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
12	Sam Borchers	G	5-11	Sr.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
13	Rayce Prosser	G	6-0	Jr.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
15	Matthew Pavletich	F	6-1	Jr.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
21	Logan Morrow	F	6-3	So.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
23	Jordan Mascal	F	6-4	Sr.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
25	Zavier Sims	F	6-4	Sr.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
31	Anthony Bartman	C	6-5	Sr.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
33	Peter Herberg	F	6-3	Jr.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
45	Greg Lenhart	F	6-0	Sr.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345

Kimberly Papermakers

10-0 Overall, 6-0 Fox Valley Association

Head Coach: Lucky Wurtz (9th season, 131-71 at Kimberly, 370-257 overall)

Assistant Coaches: Jeff Simon, Jon Geyman, Justin Schlueter



No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
1	Ryan Tessner	G	5-11	Jr.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
2	Maxwell Dorn	G	6-0	Jr.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
3	Will Chevalier	F	6-8	Sr.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
5	Alec Rosner	G	6-2	Jr.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
11	Tanner Johnson	F	6-7	Jr.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
12	Erik Saxby	G	5-8	Sr.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
15	Danny Vanden Boom	G	6-5	Sr.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
20	Jake Buchanan	G	5-10	Fr.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
22	Drew Johnson	G	5-10	Sr.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
23	David DeValk	F	6-6	Jr.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
25	Bennett Thies	G	6-3	Sr.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
30	Caleb Gomilla	G	6-1	Sr.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
32	Levi Nienhaus-Borchert	G	6-4	So.	2222222222	3333333	1111111111	12345
44	Charlie Jacobson	G	5-11	So.	2222222222	3333333	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 - Head Coach: Christian Schnell Assistant Coach: Ron Billman

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

Kimberly Papermakers - Head Coach: Mike Van Thull Assistant Coach: Nate Van Handel

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
1	Alec Martzhal	G/F	5-11	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
2	Eli Ruplinger	G	5-11	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Zach Olson	G	5-8	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Charlie Jacobson	G	5-11	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Ian Sorenson	G	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
10	Jack Hackbart	G/F	6-2	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Adler Reschke	G	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Braeden Thies	G	6-1	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	James Vanevenhoven	F	6-3	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Jacob Schiessl	F	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Jake Buchanan	G	5-9	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Matt Koller	F	6-1	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
30	Jordan Purdy	F	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Luke Chevalier	C	6-4	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
34	Ben Pennings	F	5-11	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
44	Mitch Bartol	F/C	6-3	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345

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 Veeseer	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.

Kimberly Papermakers

No.	Player	Ht.	Yr.
3	Logan Pearson	5-7	Fr.
4	Isaiah Brown	5-9	Fr.
11	Connor Pendleton	5-10	Fr.
12	Conner Wnek	6-0	Fr.
13	Ryan Krizenesky	5-7	Fr.
20	Nolan Harke	5-6	Fr.
22	Michael Alt	5-8	Fr.
23	Jack Kieffer	5-9	Fr.
24	Henry Pawlikowski	6-2	Fr.
34	Sam Krick	6-1	Fr.
44	Will Hammen	5-11	Fr.

Coaches: Paul Appleton and Corey Vanevenhoven

Coaches: Marc Goodman, Todd Mueske & Rich Frost