



ROCKET GAMEDAY

Neenah (10-7) vs. Oshkosh North (17-0)

February 9, 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	L 56-61
Jan. 24	Appleton East	W 68-63
Jan. 28	Milwaukee Marshall	W 79-47
Jan. 31	at Oshkosh West	W 68-53
Feb. 3	at Fond du Lac	W 60-54
Feb. 7	Hortonville	W 52-47
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

- ▶ Neenah leads the regular season series with Oshkosh North 48-41.
- ▶ Neenah trails the WIAA post season series with Oshkosh North 9-8.
- ▶ The longest Neenah regular season win streak in the series is 21 games (1973-1983).
- ▶ The longest Oshkosh North regular season win streak in the series is 12 games (2008-2013).
- ▶ Neenah's largest margin of victory (57 points) was in the 1976 WIAA Regional by the score of 95-38.
- ▶ Neenah's largest margin of defeat (36 points) was last season when the Spartans won at Neenah 83-47.
- ▶ In the 106 total games that Neenah and Oshkosh North have battled on the court since 1973, only 4 games have gone to overtime.
- ▶ During the first 17 years of this rivalry, (1973-1989), the Rockets and Spartans faced each other 11 times in the WIAA tournament, with the Rockets holding a 6-5 advantage. However, since 1990, they have only squared off 6 times, with the Spartans winning 4 out of those 6 games.

Around the FVA

	Conf.		Overall		Thursday, Feb. 9 Games
	W	L	W	L	
Oshkosh North	13	0	17	0	Oshkosh North at Neenah
Kimberly	11	1	15	1	Appleton North at Hortonville
Kaukauna	9	5	11	6	Appleton West at Fond du Lac
Fond du Lac	8	5	10	7	Appleton East at Kaukauna
Neenah	7	6	10	7	Kimberly at Oshkosh West
Appleton West	6	7	9	8	
Oshkosh West	6	8	6	11	Saturday, Feb. 11 Games
Hortonville	3	10	4	12	Neenah at Appleton West
Appleton East	2	10	4	12	Hortonville at Kimberly
Appleton North	1	14	3	15	Fond du Lac at Appleton East
					Oshkosh West at Brookfield Central



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Tale of the Tape

(Conf. Only)	Neenah	Osh. North
Scoring Average	61.8	73.5
Scoring Defense	61.7	55.2
Scoring Margin	+0.1	+18.3
Field Goal Pct.	47.6	52.6
3pt Field Goal Pct.	40.7	39.6
Free Throw Pct.	70.6	75.6
Field Goal Pct. Def.	47.3	42.2
Rebounds/Game	25.1	26.0
Assists/Game	12.4	13.6
Turnovers/Game	13.0	10.2
Steals/Game	6.1	10.2
Blocks/Game	1.4	1.5
All-Time History:		
FVA Record	484-269	414-315
FVA Win Pct.	.642	.568
FVA Titles	13	5

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 to the hardwood tonight for the second time this week as they battle the undefeated, No. 1 ranked Oshkosh North Spartans. The Spartans are still led by the dean of the FVA, head coach Frank Schade. Coach Schade is in his 31st year at Oshkosh North and just recently won his 600th career game. Coach Schade has been in control of the Spartan sideline since 1987 when he succeeded Mark Christenson. The Spartans are currently on pace to do something they have never accomplished in school history. During their five FVA championship seasons (1986, 1991, 1992, 2009, 2013) they have never had an undefeated season. That's correct, not even during the glory days of Frank Seckar were the Spartans perfect in the FVA. That could all change this year. To illustrate how dominant Oshkosh North has been so far this year, their average margin of victory in FVA competition is almost 20 points per game. The Rockets felt this power back on January 6, when the Spartans dominated the Rockets 76-49 in Oshkosh. Coach Schade has a loaded arsenal that includes five different players that all average over 10 points per game. The Spartans are led in scoring by junior guard #14 Tyrese Haliburton at 17 points per game. Seniors #3 Shane Wissink, #33 Phillip Flory, #30 Brett Ellestad and junior #10 Quincy Anderson all average between 10 to 13 points per game for the Spartans. Of course containing Oshkosh North's offense is only part of the problem. Another variable is the Spartans' 1-3-1 zone defense. For the Rockets to have any chance at the upset tonight they must be strong with the basketball and limit their turnovers.

Speaking of the Rockets, Big Red earned its fifth consecutive win on Tuesday with a 52-47 victory over the Hortonville Polar Bears. In that game the Rockets led by 15 points with under 14 minutes to play. Then the Rockets struggled to score, rebound or defend and almost blew a game to a Hortonville team that has only won three conference games all season. Thankfully, the Rockets made their free throws and Hortonville missed their final shots to prevent that disaster from happening. However, make no mistake, the Rockets must compete with a higher level of concentration, intensity and execution tonight against the top-ranked Spartans or this one could get out of hand quickly.

The Oshkosh North vs. Neenah rivalry in basketball is one of the best rivalries in the history of the FVA. These two schools have been trading blows since Oshkosh North opened in 1973. There have been some memorable games when Oshkosh North has had some of their best teams and was a favorite to win the game. December 1985 comes to mind as one night when the Spartans marched into Neenah undefeated, and left with a loss in overtime 49-48. Will history repeat itself 31 years later?



Turning Back the Clock

Tonight we are going back 15 years to the 2002 WIAA regional final played on a Saturday afternoon in the Ron Einson Fieldhouse. The game featured the Oshkosh North Spartans who had finished tied for fifth place in the FVA with a 9-9 conference mark against the second place Neenah Rockets (14-4 FVA, 15-5 overall). The Rockets had defeated the Spartans twice during the regular season (at home 60-46, in Oshkosh 70-58). However, this was tournament action, and the Rockets wanted to avenge their 2001 WIAA regional final loss at Oshkosh North 37-29. Neenah had ended the regular season on a tear. They won their last eight games by an average of 20 points per game. The Rockets overall record in 2002 could have been much better than 15-5. Incredibly, they lost all five games by a total of nine points, with two of those losses coming in overtime battles to Appleton West 68-66 in four overtimes and to Kimberly 59-57 in one overtime.

Neenah jumped out to the early lead in the game and led 12-8 after eight minutes of action. Both teams put 14 points on the board in the second quarter as the Rockets went into halftime with a 26-22 lead over the Spartans. Neenah started the second half hot and eventually led by as many as 10 points in the third quarter. However, the Spartans erased the entire 10-point lead and tied the game at 47-47 when Joe Butler found Kyle Radke open under the basket late in the quarter. The Spartans then connected on their first four shots of the fourth quarter to take their first lead of the second half. Paul Vanden Boogaard started things with a steal which led to a layup. The Spartans took their biggest lead of the game at 59-54 when Butler drained a three point shot with 3:18 left in regulation. Yet, offensive boards kept the Rockets in the game. Junior Chris Kellett (2002 first-team all-FVA) converted an offensive board into a basket and then junior Troy Hoelzel (2002 honorable mention all-FVA) did the same a minute later to cut the Spartan lead to 59-58 with 2:06 left. Another Butler basket put the Spartans up 61-58 with under a minute to go in the fourth quarter. Hoelzel responded with a three-pointer to send the game to overtime at 61-61. Neenah senior Mike Lamps opened the overtime with a three-pointer to give the Rockets a 64-61 lead, a lead that Big Red would never relinquish the rest of the game. Yet, Neenah needed another scoring option since their leading scorer (Kellett) had fouled out late in the fourth quarter with a team-high 18 points. Enter Patrick McCarthy. The senior four-sport star (football, basketball, wrestling, baseball) took control in overtime by collecting five key rebounds and adding five points to help the Rockets to a 73-67 grueling victory over the Spartans. McCarthy (2002 second-team all-FVA) finished his day with 12 points and 10 rebounds. For the Rockets it was their seventh victory over the Spartans in WIAA tournament action and their first since their 75-64 victory in the 1989 WIAA regional. Until Friday, February 17, when we welcome the Terrors of Appleton West, NEENAH WITH PRIDE!



Neenah Rockets

10-7 Overall, 7-6 Fox Valley Association

Head Coach: Lee Rabas (2nd season, 23-18 at Neenah, 126-74 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 Mascall	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

Oshkosh North Spartans

17-0 Overall, 13-0 Fox Valley Association

Head Coach: Frank Schade (31st season, 472-233 at Oshkosh North, 602-315 overall)

Assistant Coaches: Brad Weber, John Cameron, Jordan Schade



No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
3	Shane Wissink	G	5-11	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
10	Quincy Anderson	G	6-2	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Isaiah Kelly	G	5-9	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Josh Leib	G	6-0	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
14	Tyrese Haliburton	G	6-5	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Wil Schmidt	G	5-9	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Dylan Krumrei	F	6-3	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Lovell Washington	G	6-0	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
30	Brett Ellestad	G	6-2	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Matt Hickey	P	6-1	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Phillip Flory	G	6-5	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
35	Josh Schuttenhelm	F	6-4	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
40	Gout Deng	P	6-4	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
44	Matt Berger	P	6-3	Fr.	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

Oshkosh North Spartans

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
3	Tres Palacios	G	5-8	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
10	Josh Dilling	G	5-8	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Scott Swanlund	G	5-9	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Braden Christie	G	5-7	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
14	Joey Hickey	G	5-8	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Brennon Colburn	G	5-11	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
20	Seth Harms	G	5-9	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Ethan Hinderman	G	5-8	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Matthew Berger	P	6-3	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
30	Dion Stulo	G	5-1	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Jabriel Davenport	P	6-2	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Luke Salzsieder	P	6-3	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Coaches: Rick Leib and Chad Miller

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 Veaser	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.

Coaches: Marc Goodman, Todd Mueske & Rich Frost

Oshkosh North Spartans

No.	Player	Ht.	Yr.
10	Kaleb Wendler	5-3	Fr.
11	Keyshawn Torrence	5-0	Fr.
14	Bryce Butzlaff	5-5	Fr.
15	Garang Deng	5-9	Fr.
20	Alex Bork	5-8	Fr.
23	Brendan Krumrei	5-9	Fr.
24	Lukas Kleveland	5-9	Fr.
30	Ethan Tessmer	6-3	Fr.
33	Casey Bryant	6-3	Fr.
44	Josh Hoffman	6-2	Fr.

Coaches: Jon Berger and Alex Madden