



# ROCKET GAMEDAY

**Neenah (5-2) vs. Bay Port (6-3)**

**January 3, 2015 - 7:15 p.m.**

**Ron Einerson Fieldhouse**



## 2014-15 Schedule

Nov. 25	at Peoria (Ill.) Notre Dame	W 64-34
Dec. 5	at Appleton West	W 42-32
<b>Dec. 12</b>	<b>Kimberly</b>	<b>L 44-47</b>
Dec. 19	at Oshkosh North	W 56-46
Dec. 23	at Fond du Lac	W 56-31
Dec. 29	*Arrowhead	W 54-30
Dec. 30	*Germantown	L 63-67
<b>Jan. 3</b>	<b>Bay Port</b>	<b>7:15 p.m.</b>
<b>Jan. 6</b>	<b>Appleton East</b>	<b>7:15 p.m.</b>
Jan. 9	at Hortonville	7:15 p.m.
Jan. 16	at Oshkosh West	7:15 p.m.
Jan. 20	at Appleton North	7:15 p.m.
<b>Jan. 23</b>	<b>Kaukauna</b>	<b>7:15 p.m.</b>
<b>Jan. 27</b>	<b>Appleton West</b>	<b>7:15 p.m.</b>
Jan. 30	at Kimberly	7:15 p.m.
<b>Feb. 3</b>	<b>Oshkosh North</b>	<b>7:15 p.m.</b>
<b>Feb. 6</b>	<b>Fond du Lac</b>	<b>7:15 p.m.</b>
Feb. 10	at Appleton East	7:15 p.m.
<b>Feb. 12</b>	<b>Hortonville</b>	<b>7:15 p.m.</b>
<b>Feb. 17</b>	<b>Oshkosh West</b>	<b>7:15 p.m.</b>
<b>Feb. 20</b>	<b>Appleton North</b>	<b>7:15 p.m.</b>
Feb. 26	at Kaukauna	7:15 p.m.
Mar. 6	WIAA Regional	7 p.m.
Mar. 7	WIAA Regional	7 p.m.
Mar. 12	WIAA Sectional (Menasha)	7 p.m.
Mar. 14	WIAA Sectional (Wausau W.)	TBA
Mar. 20-21	WIAA State (at Madison)	TBA

\* - Game played at Concordia Univ., Mequon

## Series History (since 1967-68)

- ▶ Tonight is only the fourth matchup between Neenah and Bay Port in the last 47 seasons.
- ▶ The Pirates lead the series 2-1.
- ▶ During the 2007-08 season, Bay Port defeated the Rockets at Neenah by the score of 62-47.
- ▶ During the 2008-09 season, the Pirates defeated the Rockets at Bay Port by the score of 81-62.
- ▶ The Rockets earned their one victory in this series during the 2010-11 season, when Big Red defeated Bay Port 53-47 at the Kress Center on the campus of UW-Green Bay.

## Around the FVA

	Conf.		Overall		(No other games scheduled tonight)
	W	L	W	L	
Kaukauna	4	0	8	0	<b>Tuesday, Jan. 6 Games</b>
Kimberly	4	0	7	0	<b>Appleton East at Neenah</b>
<b>Neenah</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	Appleton North at Appleton West
Oshkosh West	3	1	4	2	Oshkosh West at Kimberly
Oshkosh North	3	2	5	4	Hortonville at Oshkosh North
Hortonville	2	2	5	3	Fond du Lac at Kaukauna
Appleton East	1	3	3	5	
Fond du Lac	1	3	2	6	
Appleton West	0	4	1	7	
Appleton North	0	5	1	6	



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**“Celebrating the Game”**  
**100th WIAA State Boys**  
**Basketball Tournament**  
**March 19-21, 2015**



## Tale of the Tape

	Neenah	Bay Port
Scoring Average	54.1	59.4
Scoring Defense	41.0	53.4
Scoring Margin	13.1	6.0
Field Goal Pct.	44.2%	46.4%
3pt Field Goal Pct.	35.4%	34.4%
Free Throw Pct.	64.9%	67.5%
FG Pct. Defense	37.9%	N/A
Rebounds/Game	14.0	N/A
Assists/Game	6.9	N/A
Turnovers/Game	4.4	N/A
Steals/Game	2.9	N/A
Blocks/Game	1.4	N/A
<b>FVA All Time Record</b>	<b>455-253</b>	
<b>FVA All Time Winning Pct.</b>	<b>.643</b>	
<b>FVA Conference Titles</b>	<b>13</b>	

## 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!

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

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## Tonight's Matchup



Hello basketball fans and Happy New Year! Tonight, the Neenah Rockets return home to the friendly confines of the Ron Einerson Fieldhouse to play their final non conference game of the regular season against head coach Nate Rykal and his Bay Port Pirates. The traditionally strong Pirates return two starters and eight letterwinners from a team that finished last season 16-9. Bay Port is a member of the Fox River Classic conference and enter tonight's game tied for first place with De Pere with a 4-0 conference mark. The Pirates are 2-3 in non conference games with wins over Appleton West (65-45) and Seymour (57-52), and losses to West De Pere (76-59), Milwaukee Vincent (72-58), and Kimberly (51-47). The Pirates are a balanced team on offense with four players averaging at least eight points per game. Bay Port is led in scoring by sophomore guard Brett Frieder who is averaging 12.6 points per game. Seniors Craig Minzloff (11.2 ppg), Zach Lorbeck (8.0 ppg) and junior Dante DeCleene (9.9 ppg) round out the Pirates' top four scorers.

The Rockets return home tonight for the first time in three weeks. The Rockets schedule is unique this season in that nine of their first 12 games are either on a neutral site or on the road. The advantage will come at the end of the season when Big Red will play seven of its last 10 games in the Ron Einerson Fieldhouse. Since the Rockets' last home game, they have gone 3-1. Included in that four-game stretch were two important conference wins over Oshkosh North (56-46) and Fond du Lac (56-31). This past Monday and Tuesday, Neenah was once again invited to play in the prestigious 10th annual Wisconsin Basketball Yearbook Shootout on the campus of Concordia University in Mequon. On Monday, the Rockets defensively locked down the Arrowhead Warhawks of the Classic 8 conference by the convincing score of 54-30. The Men of Bork raced out to a quick 15-7 lead after one quarter, extended the lead to 25-14 at the half, and never looked back. Seniors Matt Heldt (15 points) and Ty Hegg (10 points) led the Rocket offensive attack while the defense held an opponent to under 35 points for the fourth time this season. Tuesday night in front of a standing room only crowd, the Rockets battled another flock of Warhawks, this time three-time defending WIAA state champion Germantown of the North Shore conference for four hard-fought quarters. Unfortunately, Neenah came up on the short end of a 67-63 defeat. Entering the game, the Warhawks were a perfect 6-0 on the season with an average margin of victory of 31 points per game. Rocket seniors Matt Heldt (28 points) and Trevor Entwisle (14 points) were the only two Rockets to score in double figures.



## Turning Back the Clock

This March in Madison, the WIAA Boys State basketball tournament is celebrating its 100th anniversary. As a part of the WIAA's "Celebrating the Game" season, all schools are encouraged to honor their own school basketball championships. At Neenah, we decided to take it a step further and honor all 26 basketball teams that competed at the WIAA state tournament. Humbly stated, you cannot tell the story of the Wisconsin state high school basketball championships without mentioning the name NEENAH. No matter if you grew up as far north as Thorp, as far south as Kenosha, as far west as La Crosse, or as far east as Sheboygan, when you hear the word NEENAH, one of the first things that comes to mind is Neenah Boys basketball.

In the entire history of the WIAA basketball tournament only one school has been to Madison more often than Neenah, and that is Superior (Central) with 27 trips to state. Our Rockets are tied for second all time with Beloit Memorial with 26 state berths. That means in the first 99 years, Neenah earned a trip to state 26.3% of the time or on average once every four years. Statistically digging a little deeper, there was only one decade (1990's), out of the last 10, that Neenah failed to get a team to Madison. The first WIAA state tournament was held in 1916, so we won't count the 1910's since it wasn't a full decade. The Rockets went to state four times in the 1920's with their best finish being the runner up in 1920 under the direction of head coach Arthur Denny. During the 1930's the Rockets also made four trips to Madison with the two best finishes being runner-up in 1939 and state champion in 1930. All four of those trips were under the leadership of Neenah alum Ole Jorgensen. The Rockets advanced to state three more times in the 1940's and once in the 1950's with Coach Jorgensen leading the way. Neenah earned two trips to Madison in the 1960's, one in 1966 under the coaching of Doug Martin, and the other in 1969 under the direction of first year head coach Ron Einerson. Starting in 1969, basketball fans in Wisconsin witnessed one of the most dominating runs of all time. The Rockets would play in Madison nine times in a 10-year span. Neenah earned a third place finish in 1971, three runner up trophies in 1969, 1970, and 1972, and two state championships, 1975, and 1978. The 1978 team is the only undefeated boys basketball team in the illustrious history of Neenah basketball. During the 1980's, the Rockets returned to Madison once, finishing as runner up in 1988. With the dawn of a new century the Rockets returned to state in 2000 when they crushed the hearts of Fond du Lac fans everywhere, defeating the Cardinals in overtime in an epic sectional final. Since 2010, Neenah has punched their ticket twice, 2010 and last year's state runner up team in 2014.

Neenah has an overall record of 42-29 at the state tournament, which is the third-highest win total of any school in the WIAA. Please see the final page of tonight's program for additional information on Neenah's 26 state tournament teams.





# Neenah Rockets

5-2 Overall, 3-1 Fox Valley Association

Head Coach: Scott Bork (3rd season, 49-9 overall)

Assistant Coaches: Chas Pronschinske, Al Krueger

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
2	Jake Aijala	G	5-7	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Ty Hegg	G	6-2	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Trevor Entwisle	G	5-11	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Harold Boccheciamp	F	6-5	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Payton Mericle	G	6-0	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Joe Jung	G	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Adam Pronschinske	F	6-6	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Patrick Wangelin	F	6-4	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Jonah Matulle	F	6-4	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
25	Eli Powell	F	6-5	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
31	Matt Heldt	F	6-10	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
35	Cole Szczepaniak	G	6-0	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345

# Bay Port Pirates

6-3 Overall, 4-0 Fox River Classic Conference

Head Coach: Nate Rykal (10th season, 164-62 overall)

Assistant Coaches: Tom Appel, Paul Jerks



No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
1	Brett Makholm	G	5-11	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
2	Craig Minzloff	G	6-0	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Connor Fuglestad	G	6-2	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Tucker Noe	F	6-2	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Brett Frieder	G	6-2	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Logan White	G	6-2	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Conner Krah	G	5-11	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
14	Abe Sadowsky	F	6-5	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Dash Neubauer	F	6-0	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	James Hanson	F	6-3	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Zach Lorbeck	F	6-3	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Grant Geissler	F	6-4	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Dante DeCleene	F	6-5	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Jack Plumb	C	6-7	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	Noah Bezier	G	5-7	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Jordan Mascal	F	6-4	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Josh Mericle	G	5-10	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Carter Brown	G	5-11	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Chance Pronschinske	G	5-7	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Matthew Elbe	G	5-9	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Mitchell Welter	G	6-2	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	A.J. Dehn	G	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Rayce Prosser	G	5-11	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
25	Chris Gilbertson	F	6-5	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
31	Greg Lenhart	F	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Anthony Bartman	F	6-3	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
35	Josh Dorschner	F	6-4	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Coaches: Kyle Popp, Ron Billman

## Bay Port Pirates

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
1	Owen VanDenElzen	F	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
2	Matt Lorbeck	F	6-2	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Ray McGuire	G	5-6	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	C.J. Maternoski	G	5-10	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Carson Schroeder	F	6-2	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Jordan Nolle	G	5-10	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
25	Aaron Ferkovich	G	5-10	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Jacob Stratman	F	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
34	Jake Stelzer	G	5-10	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
41	Connor Gaeth	F	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Coaches: Jerome Allen and Jeff Johnsen

# Freshmen

## Neenah Rockets

No.	Player	Ht.	Yr.
2	Preston Ingalls	5-9	Fr.
3	Darik Buss	5-5	Fr.
4	Caleb Feavel	5-11	Fr.
5	Seth Hammett	5-5	Fr.
11	Nathan Laeyendecker	5-0	Fr.
13	Miles Priebe	5-6	Fr.
15	Matthew Pavletich	5-9	Fr.
21	Sam Hagner	5-9	Fr.
23	Esteban Guerra	5-11	Fr.
25	Tyler VanOursouw	5-10	Fr.
33	Jaxon Spiegelberg	5-8	Fr.
35	Ryan Frost	5-10	Fr.
43	Peter Herbert	6-2	Fr.

## Bay Port Pirates

No.	Player	Ht.	Yr.
1	Cordell Tinch		Fr.
2	Ian Melchior		Fr.
10	Jacob Hebert		Fr.
12	Daniel King		Fr.
14	Garrett Mooren		Fr.
21	Jacob Calawerts		Fr.
23	Lucas LaMue		Fr.
25	Alec Nagel		Fr.
32	Benjamin Hoskyn		Fr.
33	Cade Johnson		Fr.
34	Isaac Krause		Fr.

Coaches: Shawn Beattie, James Radish and Adam Schense

Coaches: Marc Goodman, Christian Schnell