



# ROCKET GAMEDAY

**Neenah (4-5) vs. Kaukauna (7-2)**

**January 6, 2018 - 7:30 p.m.**

**Ron Einerson Fieldhouse**



## 2017-18 Schedule

Nov. 22	Milwaukee North	W 80-69
Nov. 28	Hortonville	L 72-75
Dec. 1	Oshkosh West	L 67-71
Dec. 2	at Wisconsin Rapids	W 59-45
Dec. 8	at Fond du Lac	W 69-59
Dec. 12	at Appleton West	L 56-63
Dec. 15	Kimberly	L 61-70
Dec. 19	Appleton North	W 54-36
Dec. 22	Monona Grove	L 78-85
Jan. 6	Kaukauna	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 9	Appleton East	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 12	at Oshkosh West	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 16	Oshkosh North	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 19	Fond du Lac	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 20	*Wausau East	3:45 p.m.
Jan. 26	at Kimberly	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 30	at Hortonville	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	at Appleton North	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 8	at Kaukauna	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	Appleton West	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 16	at Appleton East	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 22	at Oshkosh North	7:30 p.m.
Mar. 2	WIAA Regional	7 p.m.
Mar. 3	WIAA Regional	7 p.m.
Mar. 8	WIAA Sectional (App. East)	7 p.m.
Mar. 10	WIAA Sectional (Marshfield)	TBA
Mar. 16-17	WIAA State (at Madison)	TBA

\* - Game at Menominee Nation Arena, Oshkosh

## Series History (since 1960)

- ▶ Neenah leads the regular season series with Kaukauna 81-30.
- ▶ Neenah leads the post season series 3-1. Neenah beat Kaukauna in the regional 71-59 in 1963 and 77-60 in 1964. Kaukauna beat Neenah in the sectional 71-63 in 1997 and the Rockets returned the favor in the 1998 sectional by beating the Ghosts 53-42.
- ▶ The longest Neenah regular season win streak in the series is 23 games (1966-1979).
- ▶ The longest Kaukauna regular season win streak in the series is 6 games (2004-2006).
- ▶ Neenah's largest margin of victory (47 points) was in 1973 by the score of 95-48.
- ▶ Neenah's largest margin of defeat (30 points) was in 2012 by the score of 67-37.
- ▶ In the 115 total games that Neenah and Kaukauna have played since 1959-60, only 10 games have gone to overtime (seven of them since 2001). Two of those games happened in the same season (2008-09) when Neenah lost at home to Kaukauna 69-67, and then beat the Ghosts on the last night of the regular season in Kaukauna 76-72.

## Around the FVA

	Conf.		Overall		Saturday, Jan. 6 Games
	W	L	W	L	
Oshkosh North	6	0	10	0	<b>Kaukauna at Neenah</b> Oshkosh West at Appleton East
Kimberly	5	1	7	1	Fond du Lac at Appleton West Kimberly at Hortonville
Kaukauna	5	1	7	2	Appleton North at Oshkosh North
Appleton West	4	2	6	4	
Oshkosh West	3	3	5	3	<b>Tuesday, Jan. 9 Games</b> <b>Appleton East at Neenah</b>
<b>Neenah</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	Oshkosh North at Kaukauna
Fond du Lac	2	4	4	6	Hortonville at Appleton North
Hortonville	2	4	2	6	Oshkosh West at Fond du Lac
Appleton East	1	5	2	6	Appleton West at Kimberly
Appleton North	0	6	0	9	



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## Tale of the Tape

	Neenah	Kaukauna
Scoring Average	63.2	83.0
Scoring Defense	62.3	66.3
Scoring Margin	+0.9	+16.7
Field Goal Pct.	41.0	44.4
3pt Field Goal Pct.	35.1	38.0
Free Throw Pct.	71.1	75.8
Field Goal Pct. Def.	48.8	41.0
Rebounds/Game	25.2	43.2
Assists/Game	14.0	18.0
Turnovers/Game	12.2	10.8
Steals/Game	8.2	7.2
Blocks/Game	1.8	2.7
<b>All-Time History:</b>		
FVA Record	490-274	353-411
FVA Win Pct.	.641	.462
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



Tonight the Rockets welcome the state-ranked Galloping Ghosts of Kaukauna to the friendly confines of the Ron Einerson field house for a rare Saturday night FVA basketball game. Kaukauna is led by the dean of FVA coaches, Michael Schalow. Coach Schalow is now in his 23rd year of leadership of the Galloping Ghosts program. During his tenure he has taken the once down trodden program and made it one of the most consistent winning programs in the FVA. The Galloping Ghosts have finished .500 or higher for 14 consecutive seasons (second only to Oshkosh North's 22 consecutive seasons) and have won five FVA titles since 1997. On the court the Galloping Ghosts are led by West Virginia recruit Jordan McCabe. The senior leads the FVA in scoring by averaging 25 points per game. While his shot selection and interest in attempting fancy passes is certainly questionable at times, his ability to dribble the basketball is unparalleled to his high school competition. While McCabe gets a significant amount of media attention, Kaukauna is far from a one-man show. Arguably, the Galloping Ghosts are the most talented boys' basketball team on paper in state of Wisconsin regardless of division. They are the only school with three players listed in the annual Wisconsin Basketball Yearbook top 50 list. Fellow senior stars Eric Carl (#2, 6'5" guard) and Dylan Kurey (#32, 6'8" forward) add to the firepower of a team that has scored 85 or more points in six of their nine games this year. One more player to keep an eye on tonight is sophomore sharpshooter Keaton Ferris (#15, 5'10" guard) who is averaging 10 points per game for Kaukauna this season.

Tonight, the Rockets return to the hardwood for the first time in 15 days. The Rockets will now play three games in six days. After tonight's battle with Kaukauna, the Rockets will host Appleton East on Tuesday night and then travel to Oshkosh West to battle the Wildcats next Friday night. In their last game before the Christmas break, the Rocket defense gave up a season-high 85 points in the 85-78 loss to the undefeated Monona Grove Silver Eagles. For the Rockets to climb the standings during the next two months, they are going to have to become a better defensive team. Big Red has allowed 70 or more points in four of its nine games this year, with all four of those games resulting in a loss. The Rocket defense will certainly be challenged tonight facing the power of the Kaukauna Galloping Ghost offensive arsenal.



## Turning Back the Clock

Tonight, we are looking back at a memorable battle between the Neenah Rockets and Kaukauna Galloping Ghosts that occurred on December 17, 1971 in Kaukauna. It was memorable for one main reason. Neenah head coach Ron Einerson was sidelined with mononucleosis. In his place stepped varsity assistant coach Rich Paske. Coach Paske admitted to the Post Crescent that he was nervous before the game. However, Coach Paske and Coach Einerson had worked out the game plan during the week in terms of strategy and substitution patterns. That strategy and substitution patterns were tested very early in the game when Neenah lost two key members of its team in the first quarter when starting guard Glen Rodgers left the game with the flu and forward Jim Vandenberg limped off the court with a sprained ankle. Nonetheless, the 5-1 Rockets got off to a blistering start from the field by outscoring the Galloping Ghosts 23-9 in the first quarter. Kaukauna battled back in the second quarter and cut the Rocket advantage to 11 when they went into the locker room for halftime trailing 37-26.

However, that would be the closest Kaukauna would get the rest of the night. Coach Paske must have provided a stirring halftime speech because Big Red put to rest any questions concerning the competitive portion of the game with a 23-10 run in the third quarter to take a commanding 60-36 lead after 24 minutes of competition. The fourth quarter consisted of both teams exchanging turnovers and baskets as the Rockets eventually closed out the Galloping Ghosts by a final score of 74-52.

For the game the Rockets shot 45 percent from the floor, forced 22 Kaukauna turnovers and dominated the boards with a 38-24 rebounding advantage. Neenah had a balanced scoring ledger with senior leaders Jim Crist (first-team all-FVA, 1972 FVA Player of the Year) and Ed Hawley (second-team all-FVA) each scoring 15 points. Fellow senior guard Dene Storch (first-team all-FVA) chipped in with 12 points. Neenah would finish the 1972 FVA season in second place with a record of 10-2, a game behind conference champion Kimberly.

In WIAA tournament action the Rockets buried Oshkosh West 89-57 and Menasha 61-42 before shooting over 60 percent to defeat a tough Appleton West squad 75-69 in the regional final. In the sectional, the Rockets defeated Mayville 50-43 and Ripon 65-53 to earn their fourth consecutive trip to the state tournament. In the state quarterfinal, Neenah defeated Kewaunee 81-65 behind 22 points from Storch. The next night the Rockets held on for a 59-57 win over Janesville Parker. Storch connected on consecutive free throws late in the fourth quarter to provide the winning two-point margin. In the state title game, the Rockets could not hold onto an 11-point second half lead and lost to Milwaukee Hamilton 58-52. Remarkably, this would be the third time that the Rockets would return to Neenah with the runner-up trophy since 1969 (Neenah brought home the third place trophy in 1971). Until January 9, when we welcome the Patriots of Appleton East, NEENAH WITH PRIDE!





# Neenah Rockets

**4-5 Overall, 2-4 Fox Valley Association**

**Head Coach:** Lee Rabas (3rd season, 32-25 at Neenah, 135-81 overall)

**Assistant Coaches:** Al Krueger, Randy Ropella, Gage Moede, Paul Theorin

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
2	Jake Hablewitz	G	5-11	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Rayce Prosser	G	6-0	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Hayden Jones	G	6-1	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Max Klesmit	G	6-2	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Chance Pronschinske	G	6-0	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Mason Morrow	G	6-2	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Jack Van Dyke	F	6-5	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Matthew Pavletich	F	6-3	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Logan Morrow	F	6-5	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Grayson Schroeder	G	6-2	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
25	Tim Nault	F	6-2	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
31	Grant Flory	F	6-5	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Peter Herberg	F	6-3	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
35	Ethan Parker	F	6-3	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
41	Sam Dietrich	G	6-2	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
43	Tyrese Taylor	C	6-4	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
45	Marcus Hickey	F	6-3	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
	Peyton Mellenthin	G	5-10	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345

# Kaukauna Galloping Ghosts



**7-2 Overall, 5-1 Fox Valley Association**

**Head Coach:** Michael Schalow (23rd season, 446-283 overall, 343-182 at Kaukauna)

**Assistant Coaches:** Ryan Bowers, Kevin Evers

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
2	Eric Carl	G	6-5	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Logan Jedwabny	F	6-1	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Connor Judd	G	6-0	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Jordan McCabe	G	6-1	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Ross Vande Wattering	G	5-10	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Noah Van Asten	G	5-11	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
14	Brayden Ivory	G	6-0	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Keaton Ferris	G	5-10	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Donovan Ivory	F	6-3	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Jacob Newhouse	F	6-4	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Rodney Ebben	P	6-8	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
31	Seth Kamenick	F	6-5	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Dylan Kurey	F	6-8	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Luke Eiting	F	6-3	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
43	Travis Hietpas	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

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
2	Davis Greene	G		So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Hayden Jones	G		Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Rex Bayer	G		So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Hayden Schoultz	F		So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Bryce Henderson	G		So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Jacob Dietz	F		Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Ethan Krueger	G		So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
31	Jacob Kaszuba	C		So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Marcus Hickey	F		Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
35	Garrett Luepke	F		So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
41	Michael Monroe	G		So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
45	Ethan Noe	F		Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345

**Coaches:** Todd Mueske, Chevalier Emery and Paul Theorin

## Kaukauna Galloping Ghosts

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
2	Will Carl	G	5-11	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Warren Moreau	G	5-8	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Alec Hopfensberger	G	5-7	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Noah Van Asten	G	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Justin King	F	6-1	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Andree Williams	G	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Seth Kamenick	F	6-5	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Quintin Longland	F/C	6-1	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
43	Matthew Bartel	G	5-11	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345

**Coach:** Dan Van Boxtel

# Freshmen

## Neenah Rockets

No.	Player	Pos.	Yr.
2	Adam Kollermeier	G	Fr.
3	Chase Hanselman	G	Fr.
4	Payton Phelps	F	Fr.
5	Jacob Lind	G	Fr.
11	Adam Laeyendecker	G	Fr.
13	Devin Vinci	G	Fr.
15	Mitchell McGinnis	F	Fr.
21	Theo Kotchen	G	Fr.
23	Brady Falk	F	Fr.
25	Collin Parker	G	Fr.
31	Nolan Welter	F	Fr.
33	Tyler Schraven	F	Fr.
41	Brady Frost	F	Fr.
43	Austin Schumacher	G	Fr.
45	Jacob Johnson	C	Fr.

## Kaukauna Galloping Ghosts

No.	Player	Ht.	Yr.
2	Luke Pasanen	5-9	Fr.
3	Austin Miller	5-6	Fr.
4	Thomas Tetzlaff	5-11	Fr.
5	Connor Drzewicki	5-6	Fr.
11	Gabe Hammen	5-10	Fr.
13	Gannon Vande Hey	5-5	Fr.
23	Kyle Verhagen	5-10	Fr.
31	Ben Moore	5-10	Fr.
32	Henry Magness	6-0	Fr.
42	Kiefer Chmielewski	6-4	Fr.

**Coach:** Jon Vande Wettering

**Coaches:** Marc Goodman and Rich Frost