



# ROCKET GAMEDAY

**Neenah (1-0) vs. Hortonville (0-0)**

**November 28, 2017 - 7:30 p.m.**

**Ron Einerson Fieldhouse**



## 2017-18 Schedule

<b>Nov. 22</b>	<b>Milwaukee North</b>	<b>W 80-69</b>
<b>Nov. 28</b>	<b>Hortonville</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Dec. 1</b>	<b>Oshkosh West</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
Dec. 2	at Wisconsin Rapids	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 8	at Fond du Lac	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 12	at Appleton West	7:30 p.m.
<b>Dec. 15</b>	<b>Kimberly</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Dec. 19</b>	<b>Appleton North</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Dec. 22</b>	<b>Monona Grove</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Jan. 6</b>	<b>Kaukauna</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Jan. 9</b>	<b>Appleton East</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
Jan. 12	at Oshkosh West	7:30 p.m.
<b>Jan. 16</b>	<b>Oshkosh North</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Jan. 19</b>	<b>Fond du Lac</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
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.
<b>Feb. 10</b>	<b>Appleton West</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
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

► Neenah leads the FVA regular season series 5-1.

**2015** - Neenah 60, Hortonville 54

**2015** - Neenah 73, Hortonville 49

**2016** - Neenah 67, Hortonville 60

**2016** - Hortonville 67, Neenah 55

**2017** - Neenah 59, Hortonville 40

**2017** - Neenah 52, Hortonville 47

► Neenah leads the WIAA post season series with Hortonville 1-0. The Rockets defeated the Polar Bears 51-35 in the 2005 WIAA Regional.

► During the 25 seasons between 1926-1951, these two schools never met on the hardwood. It is believed that their first ever regular season game was January 2015 at Hortonville.

► Hortonville High School has been around for a long time. The school started offering classes in 1902, with its first graduating class occurring in 1906.

## Around the FVA

	Conf.		Overall		Tuesday, Nov. 28 Games
	W	L	W	L	
Oshkosh West	0	0	2	0	<b>Hortonville at Neenah</b> Oshkosh West at Appleton North
Fond du Lac	0	0	1	0	Fond du Lac at Kimberly Appleton East at Oshkosh North
<b>Neenah</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	Bay Port at Appleton West
Oshkosh North	0	0	1	0	<b>Friday, Dec. 1 Games</b> <b>Oshkosh West at Neenah</b>
Appleton East	0	0	1	1	Hortonville at Appleton East
Appleton West	0	0	0	0	Kimberly at Appleton North
Hortonville	0	0	0	0	Fond du Lac at Kaukauna
Kaukauna	0	0	0	0	Appleton West at Oshkosh North
Kimberly	0	0	0	0	<b>Saturday, Dec. 2 Games</b> <b>Neenah at Wisconsin Rapids</b>
Appleton North	0	0	0	2	La Crosse Logan at Hortonville



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## Tale of the Tape

	Neenah	Hortonville
Scoring Average	-	-
Scoring Defense	-	-
Scoring Margin	-	-
Field Goal Pct.	-	-
3pt Field Goal Pct.	-	-
Free Throw Pct.	-	-
Field Goal Pct. Def.	-	-
Rebounds/Game	-	-
Assists/Game	-	-
Turnovers/Game	-	-
Steals/Game	-	-
Blocks/Game	-	-
<b>All-Time History:</b>		
FVA Record	480-270	23-31
FVA Win Pct.	.644	.426
FVA Titles	13	0

## 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 head coach Matt Hintz and his Hortonville Polar Bears to the Ron Einerson Fieldhouse for the 2017-18 FVA conference opener. Coach Hintz is in his sixth year of leadership of the Polar Bear program and brings a ballclub to Neenah that is considerably different than the team the Rockets faced twice last year. Gone to graduation are all conference stars Ryan Krueger (first-team all-FVA, 22.3 ppg, 5.7 rpg) and Charlie Schabo (second-team all-FVA, 16.6 ppg, 3.0 rpg). Hortonville does return two starters (#5 Chandler Guyette, 6-4, senior and #24 Braden Vallafskey, 5-11, junior) from last year's team that finished seventh in the FVA with a 6-12 conference mark and overall record of 9-15. The Polar Bears did not play a game during the Thanksgiving holiday, so tonight's game will be their first opportunity to hit the hardwood for the 2017-18 season.

The Rockets enter tonight's game 1-0 on the young season thanks for a 80-69 victory over the Blue Devils of Milwaukee North last Wednesday night at the Ron Einerson Fieldhouse. In a game that probably will not be shown on a highlight film of the last 100 years of Neenah basketball, the Rockets overcame poor shooting from the free throw line (22-35) and some defensive lapses to register the win. Neenah did have a balanced scoring ledger with six Rockets scoring in double figures led by seniors Rayce Prosser and Matthew Pavletich each scoring 15 points.

It is often stated that a team makes some significant strides between their first and second games of the year, so tonight will be an important test for the Rockets. This game also tips off a big week for Neenah as the Rockets will play three times within the next five days. After tonight's battle with the Polar Bears, the Red and White will host Oshkosh West on Friday night. Then on Saturday, Neenah will venture back out of conference when they travel west to take on the Red Raiders of Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln from the Wisconsin Valley Conference. That varsity tip time is set for 6:30 Saturday evening. This will be the first time that Neenah will play Wisconsin Rapids in the regular season since the 2010-11 season. Interestingly, since 1999, Neenah has faced Wisconsin Rapids five different times in either the WIAA regional or sectional tournament. The Rockets are 5-0 in those postseason basketball games.



## Turning Back the Clock

Tonight we are turning back the clock to the 1967-68 season to celebrate the 50th anniversary of a talented and memorable Neenah Rocket basketball team. The Rockets returned three lettermen from their 1967 squad that went 17-2 and was the undefeated champions (16-0) of the Mid-Eastern Conference. That Rocket ballclub lost a heartbreaking 57-56 WIAA opening round regional to Appleton West. Unfortunately, it was the same Terror team that Neenah had soundly defeated 79-57 earlier in the 1967 season. Head coach Doug Martin's Rockets would once again have an outstanding season in 1968 while capturing another conference title and advancing all the way to the WIAA Sectional Final.

The Rockets started off their season with a 54-45 victory over Oshkosh. Their second game of the year was a rematch with Wausau. This was the same Wausau team that had handed the Rockets their only regular season defeat of the 1966-67 season. Regrettably, Neenah came up short again, this time by the score of 72-65. After that seven-point loss to Wausau, Neenah would run off fifteen consecutive victories until the Kimberly Papermakers upset them on the final night of the regular season by a score of 61-48. During that dominant win streak the Rockets only had two games that were decided by less than 10 points, (48-44 victory over Menasha in the conference opener and a 71-68 victory over Two Rivers late in the season). Coach Martin's Rockets would finish the regular season 13-1 in Mid-Eastern Conference action and 16-2 overall.

In the WIAA regional, Neenah would defeat Menasha for a third time during the season (61-55), clobber Winneconne (75-43), and advance past the Cardinals of Fond du Lac (87-71) for another WIAA regional title. At the Manitowoc Sectional, the Rockets defeated Sheboygan South 66-57 before falling to undefeated and eventual state champion Manitowoc 66-57. The Rockets finished the 1968 campaign at 20-3, one game short of advancing to Madison for the second time in three years under coach Martin. Rockets receiving all conference recognition in 1968 were team MVP Dan Jankowski (first team), Dale Magedanz (first team), Dan Blank (honorable mention) and Mark Eastwood (honorable mention). Jankowski would graduate as the school's all-time leader in rebounding with 1005 boards in his three years of varsity action.

In the spring of 1968 Doug Martin surprisingly resigned from Neenah to take the head coaching job in Wausau. Coach Martin compiled a 53-14 record during his three years of leadership, winning the conference title twice (1967, 1968) and ironically, advancing to the state tournament the one year he didn't win the Mid Eastern conference (1966). He is also the answer to a trivia question that many Neenah basketball historians somehow forget. Who was the head coach of the Neenah boys basketball program for the three seasons between Neenah Joint School District Hall of Famers Ole Jorgensen and Ron Einerson? Now, you know. Until Friday night when we welcome the Wildcats of Oshkosh West, NEENAH WITH PRIDE!



# Neenah Rockets

1-0 Overall, 0-0 Fox Valley Association

Head Coach: Lee Rabas (3rd season, 29-20 at Neenah, 132-76 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

# Hortonville Polar Bears



0-0 Overall, 0-0 Fox Valley Association

Head Coach: Matt Hintz (6th season, 67-56 at Hortonville, 136-102 overall)

Assistant Coaches: Tom Kolosso, Matt DeKoch

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
1	Noah Meyer	G	6-1	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Jayqon Owens	G	6-2	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Parker Lawrence	G	5-11	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Chandler Guyette	P	6-4	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
10	Justin Bonikowske	G	6-0	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Jay Welson	P	6-6	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Payton Claybaugh	P	6-0	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Garrett Gloudemans	G	6-2	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Cole Warning	G	6-1	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
20	Mason Thiel	P	6-3	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Jackson Weister	G	6-1	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Michael Jarvis	G	6-0	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Braden Vallafskey	G	5-11	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
30	Josh Giese	P	6-3	Jr.	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
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
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

## Hortonville Polar Bears

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
1	Jack Luther	G	6-0	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Logan Grossman	G	5-11	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
10	Jaice Jahnke	P	6-3	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Brad Anderson	P	6-5	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Kyle Allen	G	5-11	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Mitchell Tandeski	G	5-10	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
20	Blake Griesbach	G	5-8	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Gage Payne	G	5-11	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
25	Dylan Schmidt	G	5-11	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
30	Jack Dodd	P	6-4	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
34	Jacob Buchman	P	6-4	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345

**Coaches:** Joseph Bebeau, Brad Leeman

# 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.

**Coaches:** Marc Goodman and Rich Frost

## Hortonville Polar Bears

No.	Player	Ht.
12	TJ Payne	5-7
13	Kyle Xiong	5-3
14	Tommy Powers	5-5
22	Preston Bauer	5-10
23	Adam Escudero	5-7
24	Ayden Hall	5-11
25	Elias Probst	6-3
30	Jordan Kastner	5-11
31	Tryton Keller	5-7
32	Braden Gasser	5-8
34	Austin Guyette	5-7
35	Hunter Kohl	5-8
40	Sam Puls	6-1
44	Lincoln Ashauer	5-6
45	Greyson Schatz	6-3
54	Braeden Heckert	6-3

**Coach:** Nate Van Handel