



# ROCKET GAMEDAY

**Neenah (3-3) vs. Kimberly (4-0)**

**December 15, 2017 - 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	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 19	Appleton North	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 22	Monona Grove	7:30 p.m.
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 Kimberly 63-49.
- ▶ 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 7 games (1963-1966).
- ▶ Neenah's largest margin of victory (30 points) was in 1992 by the score of 68-38.
- ▶ Neenah's largest margin of defeat (24 points) was in 1964 by the score of 79-55.
- ▶ In the 114 total games that Neenah and Kimberly have played since 1960, only 6 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		Friday, Dec. 15 Games Kimberly at Neenah
	W	L	W	L	
Oshkosh North	4	0	5	0	Fond du Lac at Oshkosh North
Kimberly	4	0	4	0	Kaukauna at Appleton North
Kaukauna	4	1	4	1	Appleton West at Appleton East
Oshkosh West	2	2	4	2	Oshkosh West at Hortonville
Appleton West	2	2	3	3	Tuesday, Dec. 19 Games Appleton North at Neenah
Hortonville	2	2	2	4	
Neenah	1	3	3	3	
Fond du Lac	1	3	2	4	Menomonee Falls at Fond du Lac
Appleton East	1	4	2	5	Young Cogs Prep at Oshkosh North
Appleton North	0	4	0	7	Wednesday, Dec. 20 Game Kaukauna vs. Upson-Lee, Ga. (at Fort Myers, Fla.)



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## Tale of the Tape

(FVA games only)	Neenah	Kimberly
Scoring Average	66.0	69.0
Scoring Defense	67.0	48.3
Scoring Margin	-1.0	+20.7
Field Goal Pct.	40.3	53.2
3pt Field Goal Pct.	33.8	36.7
Free Throw Pct.	67.1	57.5
Field Goal Pct. Def.	49.2	32.1
Rebounds/Game	25.5	28.0
Assists/Game	15.5	9.0
Turnovers/Game	11.8	3.0
Steals/Game	9.3	2.3
Blocks/Game	2.5	1.3

### All-Time History:

FVA Record	489-273	446-316
FVA Win Pct.	.642	.585
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



After three consecutive road games, the Rockets return home to the friendly confines of the Ron Einerson Fieldhouse to begin a season-high five-game home stand by facing the Kimberly Papermakers.

After tonight, Neenah will host Appleton North on Tuesday, step out of conference next Friday to welcome Monona Grove to Neenah, and then host Kaukauna and Appleton East within a four-day stretch in early January. However, the only game that matters tonight is the one with the undefeated, eighth-ranked Kimberly Papermakers. The head coach of the Kimberly program is one of Mayville high school's favorite son's, Lockwood "Lucky" Wurtz, who is now in his 10th year of leading the Papermakers. Kimberly comes into tonight's game on fire, winning its first four games by an average of over 20 points per game with dominating victories over Fond du Lac, Appleton North, Kaukauna and Appleton East. Their most impressive performance of the young season was last Friday night's 75-67 victory over rival Kaukauna in a game that was never as close as the final spread might indicate. What has been remarkable about Kimberly is how good they are after being hit hard by graduation last year. Coach Wurtz lost all five starters from last year's 21-5 ball club. So with all-conference stars Will Chevalier and Danny VandenBoom gone to graduation, Kimberly has turned to senior Alec Rosner (#5, 6-2 guard) and junior Levi Nienhaus-Borchert (#32, 6-5 guard) to lead the way. However, Kimberly is far from a two-man team. The Rockets will also need to deal with Kimberly's significant size and athleticism. Senior big men David DeValk (#54, 6-9 post) and Tanner Johnson (#11, 6-7, forward) join Rosner and Nienhaus-Borchert in averaging double figures in points this season.

The Rockets have gone 2-1 since we last saw them at home two weeks ago. Big Red won an important non-conference game on December 2 at Wisconsin Rapids 59-45. Neenah followed that win with its first conference win of the year last Friday night in Fond du Lac 69-59. Unfortunately, the Rockets came up short on Tuesday when they lost a seesaw affair to Appleton West 63-56. In that game the Terrors jumped out to a quick 8-0 lead within the first two minutes of the game before Coach Rabas called a time out to wake up his team. The Rockets responded and took a 23-22 lead with 1:49 left in the first half. Cold shooting from both the field and free throw line prevented Neenah from ever getting the lead back in the second half.

Kimberly is the best team Neenah has faced so far this season. For the Rockets to pull the upset tonight they will need not only outstanding execution on both the offensive and defensive ends of the floor, they must also hold their own with the Papermakers on the boards.



## Turning Back the Clock

Tonight we are looking back on the 1981 WIAA sectional semifinal between Neenah and Kimberly. The Rockets entered the game on a roll. They were FVA champs, 18-2 on the year, and victorious in 13 of their last 14 games. The Papermakers finished second in the FVA, had an overall record of 13-7, and were one of only two teams to beat the Rockets all year (Appleton West being the other team). This game was the "rubber match" in the 1981 series between two very proud basketball programs. Kimberly was looking to get back to Madison for the first time since 1973. The Rockets were hoping to get back to State for the 10th time since 1969, and the 23rd time in program history. With each team beating the other on their home court in 1981, this game would be played in the neutral setting of the UW-Oshkosh Kolf Sports Center. In a Post Crescent article on March 11, 1981, Kimberly coach Jack Wippich joked that playing Neenah at the Kolf Sports Center would be like a road game for his Papermakers since Neenah played at the Kolf Sports Center every year and never lost. "It's like their home court" commented Coach Wippich. He wasn't too far off. Consider these amazing stats: From 1969-1980, the Rockets were 28-2 in WIAA Regional tournament action, and 18-1 in WIAA Sectional competition. Even more remarkable, when the WIAA moved the sectional from Manitowoc to Oshkosh, the Rockets never lost a WIAA tournament game at the Kolf Sports Center in the 1970's. So while the Rockets may not have been actually playing at "home", it's likely Coach Einerson and his Rockets could find the locker rooms, and knew their way around the Kolf Sports Center.

Neenah started the game on fire. The Rockets hit their first three shots to take a quick 6-0 lead. Two baskets by FVA Player of the Year Jeff Dehn, and another by second team all-conference senior Kris Lulloff accounted for the early scoring. Dehn scored eight points in the quarter which helped Neenah to a 16-8 lead after eight minutes. The Rockets extended their margin even further in the second quarter and took a 27-14 lead into the half. Kimberly senior forward Bruce Janssen was a one-man show for the Papermakers, scoring 10 of his team's 14 total points in the first half. The Rockets ran into all kinds of turnover issues in the third quarter. Neenah gave the ball away 13 times in the third quarter. The Papermakers took advantage of Neenah's unusual sloppy play and cut the Rocket lead to six after three quarters of play (35-29). Neenah then started the fourth quarter with a key 6-1 spurt. Three baskets, two of them by Lulloff, and one by junior Omar Atassi put the Rockets ahead 41-30 with six minutes left in regulation. However, the Papermakers responded with a run of their own. Kimberly senior guard Randy Hiroskey led a Papermaker scoring run to tighten up the game. Still, it was too little, too late for the Papermakers. Neenah would make enough free throws to provide a winning margin of six points (47-41) and advance to face Plymouth on Saturday night for another trip to state. Two stats were key in this game. The Neenah defense held Kimberly to 26 percent from the field, and the Rockets dominated the boards with a 47-28 rebounding margin.

Until next Tuesday when we welcome the Lightning from Appleton North, NEENAH WITH PRIDE!





# Neenah Rockets

**3-3 Overall, 1-3 Fox Valley Association**

**Head Coach:** Lee Rabas (3rd season, 31-23 at Neenah, 134-79 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

# Kimberly Papermakers

**4-0 Overall, 4-0 Fox Valley Association**

**Head Coach:** Lucky Wurtz (10th season, 146-76 at Kimberly, 385-262 overall)

**Assistant Coaches:** Jeff Simon, Jon Geyman, John Cleaver



No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
1	Ryan Tessner	G	5-11	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
2	Maxwell Dorn	G	6-0	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Jake Buchanan	G	5-11	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Alec Martzahl	G	5-11	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Alec Rosner	G	6-2	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Tanner Johnson	F	6-7	Sr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Braeden Thies	G	6-3	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Charlie Jacobson	G	6-1	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Adler Reschke	G	6-0	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Zach Lindamood	G	6-0	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
25	Mitch Bartol	F	6-3	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Levi Nienhaus-Borchert	G	6-5	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
34	Matt Koller	F	6-2	Jr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
54	David DeValk	F	6-9	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

## Kimberly Papermakers

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
1	Connor Pendleton	G	6-2	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Jack Kieffer	G	6-2	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Michael Alt	G	5-11	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
10	Isaiah Brown	G	5-11	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Conner Wnek	G	6-2	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Spencer Johnson	G	6-1	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Henry Pawlikowski	G	6-3	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
20	Logan Pearson	G	5-9	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Ryan Krizenesky	G	5-8	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Carrey Davis	F	5-8	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
25	Sam Krick	F	6-2	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
30	Jackson Rottier	F	5-9	So.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
44	Grant Asman	F/C	6-6	Fr.	2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345

**Coaches:** Mike Van Thull and Corey Vanevenhoven

# 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

## Kimberly Papermakers

No.	Player	Pos.	Yr.
1	Ray Zuleger	G	Fr.
2	Tommy Ellisen	G	Fr.
3	Zander Zima	G	Fr.
4	Hayden Zima	G	Fr.
5	Casey Van Abel	G	Fr.
10	Mason Lotten	G	Fr.
12	Cal McGinnis	G	Fr.
13	Jackson Dudek	F	Fr.
21	Jacob Myers	F	Fr.
22	Caden Noffke	G/F	Fr.
24	Jack Yulga	G/F	Fr.
30	Brett Perronne	F	Fr.
32	Keegan Schuelke	F	Fr.
34	Patrick McGinnis	G	Fr.
44	Zach Criter	F	Fr.

**Coaches:** Paul Appleton and Josh Hopfensperger