

VARSITY ROSTERS

NEENAH Rockets

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-point	3-point	Free throws	Fouls
2	Jake Hablewitz	G	5-11	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Sam Dietrich	G	6-2	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Garrett Luepke	F	6-4	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Max Klesmit	G	6-3	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
10	Michael Monroe	G	5-10	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Grayson Schroeder	G	6-2	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Mason Morrow	G	6-3	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Ethan Parker	F	6-4	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
14	Rex Bayer	G	5-11	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
20	Dajarie Chester	G	5-10	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Logan Morrow	F	6-5	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Jacob Dietz	G	6-2	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Peyton Mellenthin	G	6-0	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
25	Michael Valencia	G	6-2	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
31	Bryce Henderson	F	6-2	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Marcus Hickey	F	6-4	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
34	Tyrese Taylor	C	6-4	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Head Coach: Lee Rabas (4th season, 50-38 at Neenah, 153-94 overall)

Assistant Coaches: Al Krueger, Randy Ropella, Ron Billman

APPLETON WEST Terrors

No.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	2-point	3-point	Free throws	Fouls
4	Eli Vogel	6-0	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
14	Colin Murray	6-3	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
20	Charlie Duimstra	6-7	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Will Mahoney	6-2	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Eli Gast	6-1	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Bubba Thompson	6-2	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
30	Chancellor Rabas	6-4	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Sam Pitz	6-5	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Kaden Krueger	6-1	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
34	Spencer Melberg	6-2	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
40	Carson Hacker	6-5	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
44	Tyler Tetzke	6-0	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
50	Jordan Schultz	6-4	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Head Coach: Brennan Hussey (12th season, 150-128)

Assistant Coaches: Steve Reader, Bob Duimstra

JUNIOR VARSITY ROSTERS

NEENAH Rockets

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	2-point	3-point	Free throws	Fouls
2	Zach Steigenberger	G	Fr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Ryan Janssen	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Adam Koellermeier	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Kaden Lasee	G	Fr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Adam Laeyendecker	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Chevalier Emery Jr.	G	Fr	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Devin Vinci	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
15	Theo Kotchen	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Austin Schumacher	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Charlie Wolfram	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
25	Carter Thomas	F	Fr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Ethan Noe	F	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
35	Collin Parker	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
41	Tyler Schraven	F	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
43	Brady Frost	C	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Head Coach: Todd Mueske

Assistant Coaches: Jake Coenen, Rich Frost

APPLETON WEST Terrors

No.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	2-point	3-point	Free throws	Fouls
23	Kobe Cendejas	5-8	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Austin Spivey	5-8	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
30	Minh Tri Nguyen	5-7	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
31/43	Roshan Cranford Luitel	5-8	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
32	Cayden Bell	6-2	Fr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Spencer Steffen	6-5	Fr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
34	Jackson Knoebel	5-9	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
35	Garrison Hinkens	6-2	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
40	Nike Rabe	5-11	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
41	Austin Georger	6-3	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
42	Carson Huiting	6-1	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
55	Eddy Morales	5-10	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345

Head Coach: Dan Kastner

Assistant Coach: Adam Mentzel

FRESHMEN ROSTERS

NEENAH

No.	Name	Pos.
2	Matt Jung	G
3	Payton Kramer	G
4	Cayden Retzki	G
5	Mason Hobbs	G
11	Will Kordus	G
13	Bryce Braunel	G
15	Evan Paque	G
21	Leyton Daharsh	G
23	Will Riemenapp	G
25	Victor Guerra	G
31	Eli Schmidt	F
33	JJ Paider	F
35	Gradin Taschner	G
45	Kaleb Weyenberg	C

Head Coach: Marc Goodman

Assistant Coach: Craig Begalle

APPLETON WEST

No.	Name	Ht.
0	Karter DeBraal	5-8
1	Caeden Myers	6-2
2	Allen Post	5-8
3	Jack Post	5-9
4	Sam Seiler	5-8
5	Donye Leviston	5-7
10	Isaac Grundman	5-9
12	Carson Berlick	6-2
14	Brandon Dodge	6-0
15	Javan Tate	6-1
21	Jacob Buss	5-10
22	Matthew Vande Walle	5-9
25	Owen Hartjes	6-2
45	KJ Helmbrecht	6-1
50	Hunter Cook	6-1

Head Coach: Shayne Porter

2018-19 Neenah Schedule

11/24	at Green Bay Preble	W	71-49
11/27	Oshkosh West	L	76-78
11/30	Hortonville	W	71-67 ot
12/1	Wisconsin Rapids	W	90-59
12/7	at Oshkosh North	W	63-61
12/11	at Appleton West	L	76-82
12/14	Kimberly	L	57-60
12/21	Kaukauna	W	88-76
12/29	at Wausau East	W	69-55
1/5	at Appleton East	W	81-66
1/8	Fond du Lac	W	78-43
1/11	at Hortonville	W	73-51
1/15	at Appleton North	W	54-27
1/18	Oshkosh North	L	60-63
1/25	at Kimberly	L	77-80
2/1	at Kaukauna	L	86-90 ot
2/4	Appleton West	7:30 p.m.	
2/7	Appleton East	7:30 p.m.	
2/9	Deerfield, Ill. (at Racine)	8 p.m.	
2/12	at Oshkosh West	7:30 p.m.	
2/15	at Fond du Lac	7:30 p.m.	
2/19	Appleton North	7:30 p.m.	
3/1	Regional	7 p.m.	
3/2	Regional	7 p.m.	
3/7	Sectional (at Osh. West)	7 p.m.	
3/9	Sectional (at Wis. Rapids)	7 p.m.	
3/15-16	State (at Madison)	TBA	



	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Kimberly	11	2	14	2
Kaukauna	10	3	13	3
Appleton West	10	3	14	3
Neenah	7	6	10	6
Oshkosh North	6	7	9	8
Appleton East	6	7	8	8
Hortonville	6	7	7	8
Oshkosh West	5	8	7	10
Appleton North	4	9	6	11
Fond du Lac	0	13	1	16

Tonight's Games

Appleton West at Neenah

Appleton North at Fond du Lac

Hortonville at Kimberly

Oshkosh West at Appleton East

Kaukauna at Oshkosh North

Tuesday, Feb. 5 Game

Stevens Point at Appleton East

Thursday, Feb. 7 Games

Appleton East at Neenah

Appleton North at Oshkosh North

Appleton West at Kaukauna

Fond du Lac at Kimberly

Hortonville at Oshkosh West

TONIGHT’S Matchup

Good evening basketball fans and welcome to “Big Monday.” In what is believed to be the first regular season FVA conference game in Neenah on a Monday night in 49 seasons, the Rockets roll out the welcome mat for head coach Brennan Hussey and his Appleton West Terrors. Coach Hussey is in his 12th season of leadership of the Terror program and looking to lead the Blue and Orange to their first FVA conference title since the Greg Hartjes administration (Appleton West won consecutive league titles in 2002 and 2003).

Appleton West enters tonight’s battle with the Rockets one game behind Kimberly with five games to go, and will host the league leading Papermakers in two weeks. Coach Hussey has a powerful senior laden team at his disposal this year. It all starts with (#21, 6’2” guard) Will Mahoney, who leads the Terrors in scoring averaging 21 points a game. In addition to Mahoney, Appleton West boasts three additional seniors that all average 12 or more points a game in (#31, 6’5” forward) Sam Pitz, (#34, 6’2” guard) Spencer Mellberg and (#4, 6’0” guard) Eli Vogel. A fifth senior (#23, 6’2” guard) Bubba Thompson averages just under 10 points a game as well. As the Rockets learned back on December 11 in their 82-76 loss to the Terrors, this team can get up and down the court and score as well as any team in the FVA.

The Rockets will be a very busy basketball team for the foreseeable future. With last Tuesday’s postponed game at Oshkosh West rescheduled for next Tuesday, February 12, the Rockets will play four games in the next nine days and five games in the next 12 days. For a comparison, the NBA’s Milwaukee Bucks are playing six games in the next 12 days. Neenah enters tonight’s home game in a complete different situation than the last time they took the hardwood of the Ron Einerson Fieldhouse. That team was on a six-game winning streak, having beaten all six opponents by double digits. Tonight, Neenah is looking to avoid its first four-game conference losing streak since the 2015-16 season. On January 18 the Rockets lost a hard fought game to the Spartans of Oshkosh North 63-60. A week later Neenah traveled to Kimberly and got off to a miserable start, trailing by 18 at the half. However, the Rockets never quit and roared all the way back, eventually running out of time in losing 80-77.

Last Friday night, 21 turnovers contributed greatly to 90-86 overtime loss in a back and forth affair at Kaukauna. Amazingly, it marked the sixth time this season that the Rockets have lost a game by six points or less. In fact, the cumulative total of Neenah’s six losses is a meager 21 total points. One final note about last Friday’s game. Junior Max Klesmit set the Neenah single game school scoring record with 41 points breaking the record of 38 points which had been tied by three former stars (Paul Thomsen in 1956, Dennis Ruedinger in 1992 and Matt Hofkens in 1998). Since space is limited in this Rocket Gameday, we will have more on this in the February 19th “Turning Back the Clock” feature when we review some of the most impressive single game scoring performances in Neenah basketball history.

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Tale of the Tape (FVA Games)		
	Neenah	App. West
Scoring Average	72.3	74.7
Scoring Defense	64.9	70.0
Scoring Margin	+7.4	+4.7
Field Goal Pct.	46.0	45.2
3pt Field Goal Pct.	39.2	32.7
Free Throw Pct.	73.2	76.2
Field Goal Pct. Def.	47.0	47.5
Rebounds/Game	28.8	29.3
Assists/Game	15.5	14.3
Turnovers/Game	14.1	9.5
Steals/Game	7.9	6.8
Blocks/Game	1.1	2.4
All-Time History:		
FVA Record	503-286	393-396
FVA Win Pct.	.638	.498
FVA Titles	13	3

TURNING Back the Clock

Tonight we are going back to the 1974 WIAA regional final at Neenah between the Terrors and the Rockets. These two schools had quite a competitive rivalry back in the 1970’s. Besides facing each other every year in regular season action (Rockets swept the Terrors in the 1974 regular season by scores of 64-40 and 57-55), this night would be the third time in a five-year period that these two rivals would battle in the WIAA tournament. The sellout crowd at Neenah’s Armstrong Field House would be treated to another classic between the Rockets and the Terrors.

The first quarter was a see-saw affair. Finally after eight minutes of action the Rockets led the Terrors 12-11. Neenah juniors Wayne Kreklow and Paul Perry sparked the Rockets to three different seven-point leads in the second quarter. The Terrors made a late run before halftime, but Neenah led 26-21 as the teams left for the locker room after 16 minutes of action.

Baskets by Ken Zoromski and Kreklow pushed the Rocket lead to 30-21 at the beginning of the third quarter. However, under the leadership and steady scoring ability of Mike Brouillard, Greg Reitzner, and Tom Emmers, the Terrors went on a 17-9 run over the remainder of the third quarter to cut the Neenah lead to 39-38 after 24 minutes of play. There would be no shortage of drama in the fourth quarter. Even though the Rockets maintained a slim margin for the first six minutes of the fourth quarter, they could never put the Terrors away. Every time Neenah scored, Appleton West would respond. Finally, with 1:27 left, the Terrors took their first lead since the first quarter at 49-47 on a Reitzner basket.

Nevertheless, Coach Einerson’s Rockets responded. This time it was senior Tom Spice with a key rebound and basket to knot the game at 49-49. On the next possession, Reitzner was fouled with 35 seconds left. He missed the front end of a one-and-one, and Neenah’s Kreklow was fouled on the rebound. Kreklow hit his first free throw, but missed his second. The Terrors raced the ball down the floor and called timeout trailing 50-49 with nine seconds left.

With the field house in a frenzy, the Terrors broke their huddle looking to upset the Rockets and end their season. Unfortunately for the Terrors, they never got a shot off. Appleton West lost the ball out of bounds with three seconds to go. The Terrors immediately fouled Kreklow with one second left. The first-team all-conference star calmly hit both free throws (his 24th and 25th points on the evening) to put the final margin at 52-49. This win would ultimately help the Neenah program to their fifth state appearance in a six-year span.

One week later, at the UW- Oshkosh Kolf Sports Center, Big Red would test the hearts of Rocket fans everywhere. On Friday night in the sectional semifinal, Neenah outlasted Sheboygan South (in a four overtime classic) 63-61. The following evening Neenah avenged two earlier defeats to FVA conference champion Kimberly with a 54-47 victory over the Papermakers. Until Thursday, February 7 when we welcome the Patriots of Appleton East, NEENAH WITH PRIDE!

SERIES History (since 1959)

- ◆ Neenah leads the regular season series with Appleton West 67-40.
- ◆ Appleton West leads the WIAA post season series 4-3. The Terrors won the first four (1964, 1965, 1967 regional and 1970 WIAA state title game) and the Rockets have won the last 3 (1972 & 1993 regional, 1974 regional final).
- ◆ The 26-year time span between the last time that the Rockets and Terrors have faced each other in a WIAA tournament game is the longest current streak of any of Neenah’s conference rivals.
- ◆ The longest Neenah regular season win streak in the series is 6 games (1974-1976 & 1996-1998).
- ◆ The longest Appleton West regular season win streak in the series is 4 games (2002-2003).
- ◆ Neenah’s largest margin of victory (40 points) was in 1998 by the score of 71-31.
- ◆ Neenah’s largest margin of defeat (27 points) was in 1993 by the score of 80-53.
- ◆ In the 114 total games that Neenah and Appleton West have played since 1959-60, only four games have gone to overtime. The most memorable may have been a four-overtime battle between the Rockets and Terrors in the 2001-02 FVA conference opener when the Terrors prevailed 68-66 at the Dick Emanuel Gymnasium.



NEENAH VS. APPLETON WEST
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2019
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NEENAH 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

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