



ROCKET GAMEDAY

Neenah (0-0) vs. Milwaukee North (1-0)

November 22, 2017 - 7 p.m.

Ron Einerson Fieldhouse



2017-18 Schedule

Nov. 22	Milwaukee North	7 p.m.
Nov. 28	Hortonville	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 1	Oshkosh West	7:30 p.m.
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.
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 1959-60)

► Tonight's game will mark the 11th different public school the Neenah Rockets have played from the Milwaukee City Conference since 1960. Listed below are the schools the Rockets have played since the 1959- 60 season:

- **Milwaukee Custer** 2-0 (1975, 1976)
- **Milwaukee Hamilton** 5-1 (1980, 1981, 1982, 1990, 1991, 1972 WIAA State Title game)
- **Milwaukee Lincoln** 2-2 (1976, 1977, 1978, 1979)
- **Milwaukee Madison** 0-1 (1982)
- **Milwaukee Marshall** 3-0 (1983, 2017, 1975 WIAA State Title game)
- **Milwaukee Pulaski** 1-0 (1988 WIAA State Semifinal)
- **Milwaukee Riverside** 1-0 (2014)
- **Milwaukee South** 1-0 (2012)
- **Milwaukee Tech** 1-1 (2006, 1971 WIAA State Quarterfinal)
- **Milwaukee Vincent** 1-2 (1983, 1984, 2000 WIAA State Quarterfinal)

Around the FVA

	Conf.		Overall		Wednesday, Nov. 22 Games
	W	L	W	L	
Appleton East	0	0	0	0	Milwaukee North at Neenah F.V. Luth. vs. App. North (at App. East)
Appleton North	0	0	0	0	Xavier at Appleton East
Appleton West	0	0	0	0	Friday, Nov. 24 Games Marshfield at Oshkosh West
Fond du Lac	0	0	0	0	Saturday, Nov. 25 Games Marshfield at Oshkosh North
Hortonville	0	0	0	0	Appleton North at Xavier
Kaukauna	0	0	0	0	Appleton East at Fox Valley Lutheran
Kimberly	0	0	0	0	Germantown at Fond du Lac
Neenah	0	0	0	0	Milwaukee Riverside at Oshkosh West
Oshkosh North	0	0	0	0	
Oshkosh West	0	0	0	0	



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Tale of the Tape

	Neenah	Milw. North
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	-	-
All-Time History:		
FVA Record	480-270	-
FVA Win Pct.	.644	-
FVA Titles	13	-

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 welcome to the 2017-18 boys Neenah high school basketball season. After another remarkable season in 2017 in which the Rockets surpassed all preseason expectations and finished in fourth place in the rugged FVA with a 11-7 conference mark and overall record of 15-9, the Rocket Game Day Report is excited for the tip off of another exciting season. The purpose of this Game Day Report is simple. It is to provide you, the fan, with as much information as possible regarding tonight's game, as well as other pertinent information involving the Neenah basketball program and the Fox Valley Association. Not only will you read the traditional roster data, but the Rocket Game Day Report will work hard to go the extra mile to continue to provide current conference standings, a list of FVA games for tonight, the Rocket schedule and results for the current season, detailed series history of tonight's opponent, a Tale of the Tape, where both teams are statistically analyzed, as well as the weekly Turning Back the Clock feature. So hopefully you enjoy the pregame reading material as well as watching another exciting season of Neenah Rocket basketball. One request to both the student and adult fans, please provide the positive support and encouragement to the young men and Neenah coaching staff that will represent the school district and community of Neenah for the next four months. The coaches and student athletes put in countless hours of practice, strength training, film study and preparation for every game. The very least we can all do is show up and support our Rockets. Consider bringing a friend, neighbor or a family member to a game this year.

For the third consecutive season Neenah was hit hard by graduation. Coach Lee Rabas is looking at replacing eight Rockets (Neenah's largest senior class since the 1999-2000 season) that either started or played considerable minutes last season. This year's team has only four seniors on the roster. Senior forward #15 Matthew Pavletich is the lone returning starter from last year's team. The three other seniors are #3 Rayce Prosser (who missed all of last year with a hand injury), #11 Chance Pronschinske, and #33 Peter Herberg. The rest of the roster is made up of 11 juniors, two sophomores and a freshman.

The Wisconsin Basketball Yearbook predicted the Rockets to finish in sixth place this season, finishing behind Kaukauna, Oshkosh North, Kimberly, Oshkosh West and Appleton West. However, as we all have learned the past two seasons, Coach Rabas and his staff have done an impressive job getting the Rockets to surpass preseason expectations.

Tonight the Rockets tip off the 2017-18 season as they roll out the welcome mat for the Blue Devils of Milwaukee North High School. Head Coach Kalombo Kadima replaces Billy Harris as the Blue Devils head coach. Coach Kadima inherits a team that finished 16-7 overall and 7-5 in the Milwaukee City conference last year. He is looking to replace Jordan Anderson, who was first-team all-Milwaukee City last year and the state's second-leading scorer while averaging over 34 points per game. North opened the season with an 87-62 win over Milwaukee Juneau last night.



Turning Back the Clock

Tonight we are going back 30 years to the 1988 WIAA state basketball tournament for a memorable game between Neenah and Milwaukee Pulaski. The 1988 state tournament was full of powerhouse teams and stars like Green Bay Preble's Tony Bennett, SPASH's Jay Schell and Ben Johnson, and defending state champion Milwaukee Washington's Latrell Sprewell. Going into the tournament many "experts" thought that the survivor of Green Bay Preble and SPASH on the top half of the bracket would face the survivor between Neenah, Janesville Craig and Milwaukee Washington on the bottom half of the bracket in the state title game on Saturday evening. Well to quote Chris Berman, "that's why they play the games." On Thursday night, Neenah defeated a gritty Janesville Craig ball club 69-61. The stunner of the night followed when Milwaukee Pulaski shocked most basketball fans in the state by upsetting Milwaukee Washington in the last quarterfinal of the day. Hence, Coach Einerson and his team turned their attention to the 16-9 Rams.

The Rockets entered the state semifinal on a 24-game winning streak. Excluding a tough three-point loss to a very good Madison West team in Madison during the Thanksgiving holiday, Coach Einerson's 1988 ball club had been as close to perfection as a team can get. Only twice during their 24-game tear had the margin of victory been less than double digits, and Neenah wasn't exactly playing Little Sisters of the Poor. A stacked schedule that had state-ranked teams from SPASH, Kimberly, Sheboygan North, Brookfield East, and West Bend East all felt the pain of taking on this juggernaut. In the state semifinal, Milwaukee Pulaski was about to learn what the rest of the state already knew regarding how good the 1988 Rockets really were.

In front of a sold out crowd at "the Barn" which was probably 95 percent Red and White, the Rockets led 17-8 after one quarter and 33-24 at the half. The Rams opened up the third quarter on a 5-0 run to cut the Rocket lead to 33-29. The Rockets responded with 36-10 run that not only ended the competitive portion of this basketball team. The Rockets would coast to an 83-57 victory. As they had done throughout the past four months, Neenah was efficient on offense, shooting 54 percent for the game and over 60 percent in the second half. Neenah also dominated the glass, outrebounding the Rams 43-28. The Rockets were led in scoring by senior Jerry Curtin. The first team all-state selection dumped in 29 points that night. Interestingly, Curtin did all that with a chipped tooth, when he took a head butt to the mouth in the first quarter.

Unfortunately for the Rams, they were the ones feeling the pain at the end of this night. The Rockets also had three other all-conference stars score in double figures that night in junior Kevin Rule (10) and seniors Craig Donaldson (16) and Paul Valentine (14). With the win over Milwaukee Pulaski, Neenah advanced to their first state title game since the 1978 season.



Neenah Rockets

0-0 Overall, 0-0 Fox Valley Association

Head Coach: Lee Rabas (3rd season, 28-20 at Neenah, 131-76 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

Milwaukee North Blue Devils



1-0 Overall, 0-0 Milwaukee City Conference

Head Coach: Kalombo Kadima (1st season, 1-0 overall)

Assistant Coaches: -

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
1	Deshاون Wright				2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Demario Singleton				2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Zakareun Sanders				2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
14	Tyshaun Patrick				2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
20	Brian Humphrey				2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Tyreke Lowe				2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Rakishi Brown				2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
40	Elliott Bracy				2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
	Kevonta McCleary				2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
	Kwamion Boatman				2222222222	333333	1111111111	12345
	Michael Gibson				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

Milwaukee North Blue Devils

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-pointers	3-pointers	Free Throws	Fouls
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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

Milwaukee North Blue Devils

No.	Player	Ht.	Yr.
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