

# VARSITY ROSTERS

## NEENAH Rockets

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-point	3-point	Free throws	Fouls
2	James Weiland	F	6-2	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Mason Flees	G	6-1	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Roan Koeper	C	6-9	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Luke Jung	F	6-3	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
10	Aviv Pradhananga	G	5-11	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Nick Schultz	G	6-0	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Cole Schaefer	F	6-4	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Amani Meyer	G	5-10	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
14	Joey Daun	G	6-1	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
20	Trey White	G	5-10	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Cal Juckem	F	6-2	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Xavier Bezares	G	6-0	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
25	Benjy Bell	G	6-3	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
30	Carter Burns	G	5-10	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
31	Nyok Ryak	F	6-2	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Drew Dunning	C	6-8	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345

**Head Coach:** Lee Rabas (10th season, 173-66 at Neenah, 276-122 overall)

**Assistant Coaches:** Al Krueger, Ron Billman, Mike Johnson and Matt Kinderman

**Program Assistants:** Jon Braeger, Kyle Schuh, Trent Persinger and Phil Tanvas

## KIMBERLY Papermakers

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-point	3-point	Free throws	Fouls
0	Jake Teofilo	C	6-5	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
1	Aaron Cullen	G	6-1	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
2	Mikey Wildes	G	6-3	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Hunter Holschuh	G	6-1	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Ayden Lom	G	6-3	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Ryan Buchanan	F	6-3	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
12	Maddox Mendoza	G	5-10	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Bryce Mischler	F	6-4	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Tristen Ruys	G	5-9	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Landon Van Offeren	F	6-4	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
25	Kegan Pleau	G	6-1	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
31	Mac Banker	F	6-7	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Alex Krause	G	6-4	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
35	Chase Lukasavage	G	5-10	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
44	Ben Grabner	F	6-9	Sr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
54	Will Weyenberg	F	6-3	Jr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345

**Head Coach:** Freddie Owens (1st season, 0-1 overall)

**Assistant Coaches:** Dakota Benson, Austin Dean, Josh Hopfensperger, Jake Nelson and Isaiah Warning

# JUNIOR VARSITY ROSTERS

## NEENAH Rockets

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	2-point	3-point	Free throws	Fouls
2	Gavin Keepers	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
3	Matthias Charles	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Daeman Logterman	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Chase Nitz	F	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
10	Kolton Fleege	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Dylan McNamara	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
13	Tyler Clark	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
14	Henry Farrell	F	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
20	Cooper Sieck	F	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
21	Ashton Van Beek	F	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
22	Dawson Oberer	F	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Harrison Gerdin	F	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
25	Jackson Rindt	F	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
31	Colin Martin	F	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
34	Jacob Jungwirth	G	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345

**Head Coach:** Trey Buchberger

**Assistant Coaches:** Alex Madden and Logan Malueg

## KIMBERLY Papermakers

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	2-point	3-point	Free throws	Fouls
2	Noah Dudek	G	5-10	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
4	Chase Schiedermayer	F	6-3	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
5	Cayden Vosters	G	5-7	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
11	Jaxson Wyngaard	G	6-0	Fr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
14	Chris Thao	G	5-7	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
23	Sam Voskuil	F	6-2	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
24	Chase Lukasavage	G	5-10	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
30	Luke Tate	G	5-10	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
33	Levi Forbes	G	6-0	Fr.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
35	Bo Grabner	F	6-7	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
42	Jason Krizan	F	5-11	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
50	Xyon Cantable	G	5-11	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345
54	Mac Banker	F	6-7	So.	22222222	333333	1111111111	12345

**Head Coach:** Chad Schmidt

**Assistant Coach:** Caden Schmidt

# FRESHMAN ROSTERS

## NEENAH

No.	Name	Pos.
2	Summitt Abel	F
3	Austin Ziebell	G
4	Ian McAvoy	G
5	Jonah Rivet	G
11	Jeremy Bruder	G
12	Levi Steckling	G
15	Charlie Perry	F
20	Christian Flees	G
22	Deaken Rittner	G
24	Elliot Devlin	F
25	Brock Koepke	F
31	Cole Niemuth	G

**Coaches:** Marc Goodman, Jamyle Brantley, Ryan Komp and Ian Olszewski

## KIMBERLY

No.	Name	Pos.
1	Brody Bobber	G
3	Wes Meyer	G
4	Lucas Wong	G
5	Bode Riesterer	G
10	Jackson Schaumberg	F
11	Evan Lundgaard	G
12	Jack Mulhaney	G
13	Roman Holzschuh	G
23	Jackson Wadel	G
30	Malachi Nate	F
32	Ryker Williams	F
34	Cannon Kaul	G
54	Mason Garbisch	F

**Head Coach:** Sam Schulz  
**Assistant Coach:** Pete Schulz

### 2024-25 Neenah Schedule

11/27	at Brookfield East	L 46-56
12/6	Kimberly	6 p.m.
12/13	at Fond du Lac	7:30 p.m.
12/17	Kaukauna	7:30 p.m.
12/20	at Appleton East	7:30 p.m.
12/21	Kenosha Indian Trail	5:30 p.m.
12/28	vs. Hudson (at River Falls)	3 p.m.
1/3	Oshkosh North	7:30 p.m.
1/7	Hortonville	7:30 p.m.
1/10	at Appleton West	7:30 p.m.
1/14	Oshkosh West	7:30 p.m.
1/17	at Appleton North	7:30 p.m.
1/21	Marshfield	7:30 p.m.
1/24	at Kimberly	7:45 p.m.
1/28	Fond du Lac	7:30 p.m.
1/31	at Kaukauna	7:30 p.m.
2/4	Appleton East	7:30 p.m.
2/7	at Oshkosh North	7:30 p.m.
2/8	Wisconsin Lutheran	6 p.m.
2/14	at Hortonville	7:30 p.m.
2/15	Wisconsin Rapids	6 p.m.
2/18	Appleton West	7:30 p.m.
2/21	at Oshkosh West	7:30 p.m.
2/27	Appleton North	7:30 p.m.
3/7	WIAA Regional	7 p.m.
3/8	WIAA Regional	7 p.m.
3/13	WIAA Sectional (site TBA)	7 p.m.
3/15	WIAA Sectional (at Wis. Rapids)	TBA
3/21-22	WIAA State (at Madison)	TBA



	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Hortonville	0	0	2	0
Oshkosh North	0	0	1	0
Appleton East	0	0	1	0
Appleton North	0	0	1	0
Appleton West	0	0	1	0
Oshkosh West	0	0	1	1
Neenah	0	0	0	1
Fond du Lac	0	0	0	1
Kimberly	0	0	0	1
Kaukauna	0	0	0	1

### Today's Games

**Kimberly at Neenah**

Fond du Lac at Appleton East
Kaukauna at Oshkosh North
Oshkosh West at Appleton West
Hortonville at Appleton North

**Monday's Games**

Appleton East at Pulaski
Appleton West at Green Bay Preble

**Tuesday's Games**

Fond du Lac at Bay Port
Oshkosh West at Oshkosh North

## TONIGHT'S Matchup

Hello basketball fans, and welcome to another exciting season of Neenah Rocket basketball. After the completion of the 2023-24 season which saw the Rockets finish with an overall record of 21-8 (victorious in 17 out of their final 19 basketball games), finish 13-5 (second place) in the FVA, earn their 30th trip to the WIAA boys state basketball tournament (most in Wisconsin state history), and finish the season playing in the state semifinals on the floor of the Kohl Center, the Rocket Game Day is excited for the start of the 2024-25 Neenah basketball season.

The mission of this game day program remains the same. 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 history of the Neenah boys' basketball program. Therefore, we hope you enjoy the pregame reading material as well as watching another thrilling season of Neenah Rocket basketball. Our one request to the basketball fans, please let's provide the positive support and encouragement to the young men and Neenah Rocket coaching staff that will represent both our school district and community of Neenah for the next four months. Please consider bringing some friends or family members to a game this year. High school basketball might be the last pure basketball left in our country. The NBA has multi-millionaires that can't play multiple games in a week because of "load management." Money has ruined college basketball to the point that we now have boosters paying hundreds of thousands of dollars a year to rent a player for five months inside the NCAA transfer portal. The Rockets compete in one of the best conferences in the state, and Coach Rabas has again put together a non-conference schedule that is as tough as you will find.

After tonight's battle with the Papermakers, the Rockets will play five games before the close of the 2024 calendar year. Next Friday the Rockets will travel to Fond du Lac to face the Cardinals. On Tuesday, December 17, Neenah will host Kaukauna and it will also be Neenah middle school basketball night. Three days later the Rockets will travel to Appleton East to take on the Patriots. On Saturday, December 21, Neenah will host Kenosha Indian Trail in a non-conference game. That night will also be our annual Neenah basketball alumni night. One week later, the Rockets will travel to UW-River Falls to play Hudson.

Coach Lee Rabas is beginning his 10th season as head coach of the Rocket basketball program and is looking at replacing three seniors that graduated from last year's sectional championship team. However, if there is one thing we have learned during Coach Rabas' tenure at Neenah, the Rockets don't rebuild, they just reload. This season's varsity roster is made up of seven seniors and nine underclassmen. The Rockets will be attempting to win their 16th FVA title, which would also be their 32nd conference title in program history.

The Rockets enter tonight's battle with the Papermakers 0-1 on the young season. Last Wednesday afternoon the Rockets opened the 2024-25 season by losing to non-conference rival Brookfield East 56-46 in a game where Neenah shot poorly from the field and turned the basketball over too many times.

Tonight, the Rockets roll out the welcome mat for head coach Freddie Owens and his Kimberly Papermakers. Coach Owens was a two-year starter and four-year letter winner at Wisconsin, where he was co-captain of the Badgers' 2002 and 2003 Big Ten regular-season and 2004 Big Ten Tournament championship teams. For the past 18 years, he coached at the college level for various programs including the University of Wisconsin, UWGB, Oregon State, and College of the Holy Cross.

Coach Owens brings a team to Neenah that graduated three seniors from last year's Papermaker squad that finished 17-9. As usual, Kimberly will be athletic, physically strong, deep and have no shortage of size (eight players at least 6'3" or taller). The Papermakers lost their season opening game earlier this week in overtime in Stevens Point by the score of 72-63.



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### 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!

## ROCKET Tradition

A few decades ago, I was asked by someone who didn't play basketball at Neenah what made it special and why did people make such a big deal out of it. I explained to them the tradition of excellence of Neenah basketball and the rather simple philosophy of "those who follow are responsible." Webster's dictionary defines tradition as an "inherited, established or customary pattern of thought, action or behavior, a belief or story to the past that are commonly accepted as historical truths."

Tradition is a big part of Neenah basketball. As most of you know, this section of the Rocket Gameday has been solely dedicated to retelling the stories of Neenah Rocket basketball. For the past eighteen years you have read stories of many memorable games and some historic teams. This is important because in order to understand why it is such an incredible responsibility to wear the red and white and represent Neenah basketball, you need to comprehend what has come before you that makes the tradition of this program as rich and deep as any basketball program in the state of Wisconsin. Neenah's tradition of excellence in basketball continues to provide a unifying force for all former basketball alumni that ties us together from class to class, decade to decade. The common values of this program have literally spanned generations of graduates that create enthusiasm and pride in our school community.

Don't fool yourself, the phrase NEENAH WITH PRIDE, was a term started in the 1970's and it was about our athletic programs. As Coach Einerson used to remind us, Neenah basketball is much bigger than anyone of us, it represents our school district and entire Neenah community.

Each time you put on that Neenah uniform, you represent every team that ever came before that made this program what it is today. So this season we are going to try something a little different. We have changed the title of this section from "Turning Back the Clock" to something simple called "Rocket Tradition." There are going to be stories about former players, former coaches, and maybe just interesting things about our Neenah basketball program.

With the recent passing of former athletic director Mel Northway, we will tell his story about his contributions to our basketball program and athletic program. Since this year is the 50th anniversary of our 1975 state championship team, you will read a story about that memorable team's run to our first state title during the Einerson era. With this season being the 55th year of the FVA, you will read a story about that. There will be a story on the history of the WIAA sectional played at the Kolf Sports Center on the campus of UW-Oshkosh. There will also be a feature on where, when and how did the school nickname of Rockets come from?

So stick with us this year. We expect it to be another outstanding season of Rocket basketball on the court and hopefully some educational reading in the bleachers.

Until Tuesday, December 17, when we welcome the Galloping Ghosts of Kaukauna, NEENAH WITH PRIDE!

## SERIES History

- ◆ Since 1933 Neenah leads the regular season series with Kimberly 74-65.
- ◆ Neenah leads the WIAA post season series with Kimberly 8-4. (Neenah lost to Kimberly in 1949, 1951, 2018, 2021 and defeated them in 1943, 1947, 1948, 1950, 1974, 1981, 2019, 2022).
- ◆ The longest Neenah regular season win streak in the series is 7 games (1977-1980 and 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 (30 points) was in 1956 by the score of 84-54.
- ◆ In the 151 total games that Neenah & Kimberly have played since 1933, only 7 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.
- ◆ Kimberly has second-highest winning percentage in the 55-year history of the FVA at .614, trailing only Neenah at .658. These are the only two schools that own a winning percentage over .600 in FVA league play.



# ROCKET GAMEDAY

NEENAH vs. KIMBERLY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2024

RON EINERSON FIELDHOUSE

## NEENAH TRADITION

### 31 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, 2021, 2022

### 4 State Championships:

1930, 1975, 1978, 2022

### 7 State Runners-Up:

1920, 1939, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1988, 2014

### 30 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, 2019, 2022, 2023, 2024

### Neenah Boys Basketball Booster Club Mission Statement:

To advance the boys basketball program of the NJSD with moral, physical and financial assistance.