



Men's SOCCER

2009

Date	Opponent	Result
Aug. 29	at Edgewood	W 4-2
Aug. 30	vs. Nebraska Wesleyan	W 1-0
Aug. 31	vs. Concordia (Ill.)	W 9-3
Sept. 5	vs. Loras	L 4-0
Sept. 7	vs. Clarke	L 3-1
Sept. 13	at Carroll	L 1-0
Sept. 20	Lake Forest	W 3-0
Sept. 21	Carthage	W 3-2
Sept. 24	UW-Oshkosh	L 1-0
Sept. 28	Beloit	W 2-0
Oct. 4	at Ripon	W 6-0
Oct. 5	at St. Mary's	W 3-2
Oct. 11	at Grinnell	W 2-1/OT
Oct. 12	at Knox	W 6-0
Oct. 18	Illinois College	W 7-1
Oct. 19	Monmouth	W 3-0
Oct. 25	Lawrence	W 1-0
Oct. 26	at Dominican	L 5-2
Nov. 7	vs. Grinnell	L 1-0

Name	Gms.	G	A	Pts
Adam Sanchez	19	16	3	35
Ben Vanden Avond	19	5	9	19
John Cremer	16	5	3	13
Kevin Conrath	19	5	3	13
Eric Natwick	18	5	2	12
Donny Baloun	19	3	3	9
Nick Hren	18	2	3	7
Mike Burmesch	11	2	3	7
Nick Anderson	9	2	0	4
Eric Minten	17	1	2	4
Mark Jasso	12	1	1	3
Tory Newberg	6	1	1	3
Greg Schmidt	18	0	2	2
Kevin Jones	19	0	2	2
Ben McVey	9	0	1	1
13 players did not score				
Totals	19	53	43	149
Opponents	19	26	18	70

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 2	at Finlandia	6 p.m. EDT
Sept. 4	vs. Clarke (at Carthage)	7 p.m.
Sept. 5	vs. Viterbo (at Carthage)	5 p.m.
Sept. 12	St. Mary's	Noon
Sept. 13	Lakeland	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	at Lake Forest	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 26	at Beloit	3 p.m.
Sept. 30	at UW-Oshkosh	7 p.m.
Oct. 3	Ripon	11 a.m.
Oct. 4	Edgewood	Noon
Oct. 10	Knox	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	Grinnell	1 p.m.
Oct. 17	at Monmouth	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 18	at Illinois College	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 24	at Lawrence	TBA
Oct. 25	at UW-Superior	TBA
Oct. 27	at Elmhurst	6 p.m.
Oct. 31	Carroll	11 a.m.
Nov. 6-7	MWC Tournament	TBA

Be a part of the exciting student-athlete tradition at St. Norbert College.

Nearly one quarter of our students are involved in athletics activities. They recognize that the values and lessons found in competitive athletics translate to excellence in academics, as well as in life.

The young women and men who wear St. Norbert College green and gold are talented athletes, as proven by their intercollegiate athletic success, but they are also outstanding students. At St. Norbert, we help students balance the demands of study and sports, with academics always our first priority. We are equally proud of our athletic success as we are of our athletic graduation rate. Participants in Green Knight athletics boast a higher GPA than the overall student population—a testament to the college's commitment to high achievement among student athletes.



The modern-era Midwest Conference was created in 1994 with the merger of the Midwest Collegiate Athletic Conference, which has been sponsoring men's championships since 1921, and the Midwest Athletic Conference for Women, which was formed to conduct women's championship competition in 1977.

and Lawrence. Initial competition was that spring's track and field championships at Coe, in which all six charter members competed, and Cornell emerged victorious.

The MWC provides intercollegiate competition for 10 schools in Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin. Championship competition is offered in 10 men's sports and 10 women's sports. An All-Sports Champion is named on the basis of overall performance throughout the academic year.

Hamline and Millikin joined the league in December 1921, but later withdrew. Lawrence, Coe and Millikin topped the initial football standings in 1922, and Beloit won the first basketball championship in 1922-23. Cross country was added in 1929, tennis in 1931, golf in 1934, swimming in 1936, wrestling in 1938, baseball in 1953, soccer in 1971 and indoor track in 1977.

The purpose of the conference since its formation has been to "maintain athletic activities on a plane in keeping with the dignity and high purpose of liberal education." Competitive sports are regarded as a valuable part of the educational experience.

Ripon joined the conference in 1923, Monmouth in 1924, Grinnell in 1940, Lake Forest in 1974 and Illinois College and St. Norbert in 1982. Coe and Cornell withdrew at the end of the 1996-97 academic year.

Organization of the men's conference was conceived at a meeting at Coe College (Iowa) on May 12, 1921. Charter members included Beloit, Carleton, Coe, Cornell, Knox

The former Midwest Athletic Conference for Women had five charter members, including Coe, Cornell, Grinnell, Knox and Monmouth. Beloit joined in 1981, Lake Forest, Illinois College, Lawrence, Ripon and St. Norbert in 1983, and Carroll in 1992.

2008 AWARDS

All-Midwest Conference

- Adam Sanchez (first team)
- Donny Baloun (second team)
- Aaron Benson (second team)
- Ryan Doucette (second team)
- Eric Natwick (second team)
- Greg Schmidt (second team)
- Ben Vanden Avond (second team)

Academic All-District V

- John Cremer (first team)

Academic All-Conference

- Aaron Benson
- Mike Burmesch
- Kevin Conrath
- John Cremer
- Ryan Doucette
- Brad Hammer
- Adam Sanchez
- Josef Schwartz
- Ben Van Ryzin

Academic All-American

- John Cremer (first team)



Midwest Conference Statement of Spectator Behavior

The NCAA and Midwest Conference promote courteous and respectful behavior by student-athletes, coaches and spectators. We request your cooperation by supporting the participants and officials in a positive manner. Profanity, racist or sexist comments, or other intimidating actions will not be tolerated and are grounds for removal from the site of competition. Also, consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited. We thank you for your cooperation.



St. Norbert College's men's soccer program remained near the top of the heap in the Midwest Conference during the 2008 season.

Finishing in second place in the conference race, the seventh consecutive year the Green Knights have finished no lower than second, St. Norbert finished the year 13-6 overall and 8-1 in league play. St. Norbert has won at least 13 games for seven consecutive seasons.

The Green Knights opened the season with three wins in three days. St. Norbert won its opener at always-tough Edgewood on Aug. 29 with a 4-2 win. St. Norbert then won two games in the UW-Oshkosh Valley Cup Tournament with a 1-0 win over Nebraska Wesleyan and a 9-3 triumph over Concordia (Ill.).

St. Norbert lost its next three outings, including a 1-0 loss to Carroll on Sept. 13 that ultimately decided the Midwest Conference championship. The Green Knights rebounded the following weekend to top Lake Forest 3-0 and defending College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin champion Carthage in a thrilling 3-2 decision.

Following a 1-0 loss to UW-Oshkosh on Sept. 24, St. Norbert then went on an eight-game winning streak over the course of the next month. The Green Knights claimed Midwest Conference victories over Beloit and Ripon before topping St. Mary's in a non-conference affair. St. Norbert then trimmed Grinnell on the road 2-1 on Oct. 11 on Donny Baloun's overtime goal and finished the weekend sweep with a 6-0 win over Knox the next day.

St. Norbert returned home to sweep its last three conference matches to secure its second-place standing. The Green Knights topped Illinois College 7-1 on Oct. 18, and defeated Monmouth 3-0 the next day. St. Norbert then topped rival Lawrence 1-0 on Oct. 25.

The lengthy winning streak ended at national power Dominican in a 5-2 setback on Oct. 26. The Green Knights' season came to an end with a 1-0 loss to Grinnell on Nov. 7 in the Midwest Conference Tournament at Carroll.

Adam Sanchez led St. Norbert in scoring with 16 goals and three assists for 35 points, and was the Green Knights' lone first-team All-Midwest Conference selection.

John Cremer was selected a first-team Academic All-American by the College Sports Information Directors of America.



Andy Steger
Head Coach

Andy Steger is in his second season as the head men's soccer coach at St. Norbert College.

In his first season, St. Norbert finished 13-6 and placed second in the Midwest Conference with an 8-1 record. The Green Knights fashioned an eight-game winning streak in the second half of the season.

Steger arrived at St. Norbert from Burlington High School, where he spent five seasons as the boys' soccer coach and four seasons as the girls' soccer coach. Prior to his stint at Burlington, Steger was the boys' and girls' soccer coach for seven years at Green Bay Preble High School.

In 13 seasons as a head boys' high school coach, Steger registered a 161-125-26 record with three state tournament appearances. In 12 years heading up girls' prep programs, Steger is 131-121-29 with two state tournament appearances.

Steger coached at Burlington from 2003 to 2007, spending five years building the boys' and girls' programs virtually from the bottom-up in the rugged Southeast Conference. The Demons boys' squad was 9-13-1 in the autumn of 2007 and seeded third in their half of the WIAA Division 1 sectional.

During his time at Green Bay Preble, Steger led the Hornets to some of their finest moments on the pitch. The boys posted a 111-44-15 mark during his tenure there and qualified for the WIAA Division 1 state tournament in 1998, 2001 and 2002 – reaching the state semifinals in 2001 and 2002. The Preble girls were 97-56-18 under Steger and qualified for the WIAA Division 1 state tournament in 1998 and 1999. Preble won Fox River Valley Conference championships in boys' soccer in 1999, 2001 and 2002 and on the girls' side in 1996 and 1998.

Steger also spent the 1994-95 school year starting and coaching the boys' and girls' soccer programs at Del Rio (Texas) High School, with both teams winning district championships.

Assisting Steger this season are Jared Schmidt and Dan Fischer.



Nolan Picchietti



Joe Schwartz



Kevin Jones



Mike Burmesch



Eric Natwick



Nick Anderson



Greg Schmidt



Donny Baloun



Jeremy Hulyk



Ben Vanden Avond



Adam Sanchez



Kevin Conrath



Mark Burmesch



Mark Jasso



Sam Gordon



Paul Fischer



Aaron Benson



John Hakari



Ryan Doucette



Louis Ayensu-Mensah



Nick Hren



Petro Czerniak



Nate Watermolen



Wade Howard



Derek Stiver



Alex Drabes



Brad Hammer



Paul Krechel

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Hometown (High School)
0	Nolan Picchietti	Fr	GK	5-11	170	Lake in the Hills, Ill. (Marian Catholic)
1	Joe Schwartz ***	Sr	GK	5-11	170	La Crosse (Aquinas)
2	Kevin Jones *	Sr	D	6-0	160	Madison (Edgewood)
3	Mike Burmesch **	Jr	M	5-11	155	Port Washington
4	Eric Natwick **	Jr	M	6-2	170	Sturgeon Bay
5	Nick Anderson **	Sr	D	5-9	180	De Pere
6	Greg Schmidt ***	Sr	D	6-0	170	Verona
7	Donny Baloun ***	Sr	M	5-7	170	Hoffman Estates, Ill. (Palatine Fremd)
8	Jeremy Hulyk **	Jr	D	5-10	165	Inverness, Ill. (Fremd)
9	Ben Vanden Avond ***	Sr	F	6-0	170	De Pere
10	Adam Sanchez ***	Sr	F	5-9	160	Green Bay (Preble)
11	Kevin Conrath **	Jr	M	6-0	160	Orland Park, Ill. (Providence Catholic)
12	Mark Burmesch	Fr	M	5-10	155	Port Washington
13	Mark Jasso *	So	M	5-8	150	Lemont, Ill.
14	Sam Gordon	Fr	M	5-10	175	Milwaukee (Pius XI)
15	Paul Fischer *	So	M	5-8	135	Green Bay (Preble)
16	Aaron Benson **	Jr	D	6-0	175	Thiensville (Homestead)
17	John Hakari *	So	M	5-7	150	Luxemburg (Luxemburg-Casco)
18	Ryan Doucette ***	Sr	D	6-2	180	Mequon (Homestead)
19	Louis Ayensu-Mensah	Fr	M	5-6	160	Baraboo
20	Nick Hren ***	Sr	F	5-9	165	Wauwatosa (Milwaukee Marquette)
21	Petro Czerniak *	Jr	M/D	6-1	180	Orland Park, Ill. (Providence Catholic)
22	Nate Watermolen	Fr	F	5-9	150	Green Bay (Southwest)
23	Wade Howard	Fr	M	5-11	165	Oak Lawn, Ill. (Chicago Brother Rice)
24	Derek Stiver *	So	M	6-0	155	Berlin, Germany (Kennedy)
25	Alex Drabes	Fr	D	5-11	150	Green Bay (Preble)
27	Brad Hammer **	Jr	GK	5-5	145	Chicago, Ill. (Niles Notre Dame)
28	Paul Krechel	Fr	M	5-11	150	Grafton (Port Washington)

Head Coach: Andy Steger
Assistant Coaches: Jared Schmidt, Dan Fischer

* - varsity letters won

