



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview

No. 19 Lawrence University (13-1, 8-0) at St. Norbert College (10-6, 6-3)

Wednesday, January 30, 2008 - 7:30 p.m.
 Schuldes Sports Center (2,100) - De Pere, Wisconsin

Game Overview:

St. Norbert hosts Lawrence in a matchup of the top two teams in the Midwest Conference standings. The Green Knights also open a four-game homestand with the contest.

Broadcast:

The live game video and audio will be available for a fee at www.midwestconference.tv. Live in-game statistics will also be available on the St. Norbert Web site at www.snc.edu/athletics.

The Series:

St. Norbert leads Lawrence 43-35 in a series begun in the 1917-18 season. Lawrence has won the last five games in the series since an 84-76 St. Norbert win at Alexander Gym over the then 10th-ranked Vikings on Jan. 11, 2005.

Last Meeting:

Lawrence beat St. Norbert 71-57 last Feb. 14 at Schuldes Sports Center in De Pere. The Vikings led 23-21 at halftime before breaking the game open in the second half. Ryan Kroeger had 28 points for Lawrence, while Tony Jandron had 22 points for St. Norbert.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 19-19 in his second season in De Pere. He was 51-31 in three seasons at Lakeland before arriving at St. Norbert to give him an overall mark of 70-50.

Lawrence coach Joel DePagter (Lawrence, 1998) is 13-1 in his first season in Appleton.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters tonight's game with a 10-6 overall record and a 6-3 showing in the Midwest Conference, currently good for second place. The Green Knights have won six straight home games and eight of their last nine overall. St. Norbert swept a pair of road games this past weekend, beating Monmouth 73-58 in overtime and Illinois College 67-62.

Senior forward Eric Bieniasz leads St. Norbert in scoring and rebound-

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2007-2008 Results

Date	Opponent	Result
N 16	vs. Concordia-Chicago #	W 71-54
N 17	vs. Dominican ^	L 58-52/OT
N 21	UW-Oshkosh	L 78-68
N 30	at Grinnell *	L 100-87
D 1	at Knox *	L 62-56
D 5	at Ripon *	W 61-59
D 8	Augustana (10)	L 77-70/2 OT
D 17	Northern Michigan	W 59-50/OT
D 29	Rockford %	W 84-35
D 30	St. John's %	W 75-56
J 12	Beloit *	W 72-47
J 15	at Carroll *	L 71-55
J 18	Illinois College *	W 72-67
J 19	Lake Forest *	W 60-45
J 25	at Monmouth *	W 73-58/OT
J 26	at Illinois College *	W 67-62
J 30	Lawrence * (19)	7:30 p.m.
F 5	Ripon *	8 p.m.
F 8	Knox *	7 p.m.
F 9	Grinnell *	4 p.m.
F 13	at Beloit *	5 p.m.
F 16	Carroll *	4 p.m.
F 20	at Lawrence *	7:30 p.m.
F 29-M 1	Midwest Conf. Tourn.	TBA

* - Midwest Conference game; # - at Dominican Univ. - River Forest, Ill. ^ - at Concordia Univ. - River Forest, Ill. % - Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament - De Pere, Wis. **Note:** Home games in **bold**; (rankings) by D3hoops.com. All times Central Standard Time.

ing, averaging 10.5 points and 4.9 rebounds per game. Bieniasz is 17th in the Midwest Conference in scoring and 14th in rebounding. Junior center Tom Katzfey is second in the Midwest Conference in field goal percentage at 60.6 percent while scoring 9.6 points per game. Sophomore guard Tony Jandron is scoring 9.4 points per game, while junior guard Mike Dowden is shooting 46.6 percent on 3-pointers while netting 8.9 points per game.

St. Norbert is scoring 67.8 points per game while shooting 43.8 percent from the floor, 37.0 percent on 3-pointers and 73.0 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring a league-low 61.2 points per game against St. Norbert while shooting 41.4 percent from the floor, 31.8 percent on 3-pointers and 68.4 percent at the free-throw line.

About the Vikings:

Lawrence, ranked 19th by D3hoops.com, enters tonight's game with a 13-1 record and a first-place standing of 8-0 in the Midwest Conference. The Vikings have won nine consecutive games since a 75-56 loss at UW-Stevens Point on Dec. 8. Lawrence swept a pair of road games last weekend, beating Illinois College 84-77 and Grinnell 109-106.

Sharpshooting junior guard Ryan Kroeger paces the Vikings. Kroeger is shooting a robust 56.7 percent from the floor and 53.3 percent from beyond the three-point line while scoring 17.3 points per game. Senior forward Andy Hurley leads Lawrence down low with 12.1 points and 7.9 rebounds per game. Sophomore forward John Dekker comes off the bench to score 9.8 points per game. Junior forward Chris Page, who scored a school-record 48 points against Grinnell on Saturday, is averaging 9.6 points and 6.1 rebounds per game.

Lawrence is scoring 80.9 points per game while shooting 50.7 percent from the floor, 43.1 percent on 3-pointers and 70.9 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring 68.1 points per game while shooting 39.5 percent from the field,

31.7 percent on 3-pointers and 73.7 percent at the free-throw line.

Overtime Observations:

St. Norbert improved to 2-2 this season in overtime games when it beat Monmouth 73-58 this past Friday on the road.

This season the Green Knights have dropped a tough 58-52 decision at Dominican on Nov. 17, then lost a 77-70 double overtime heart-breaker to No. 10 Augustana on Dec. 8 at Schuldes Sports Center, and beat Northern Michigan at home in its next game 59-50 on Dec. 17.

St. Norbert had not played back-to-back overtime games since beating Beloit 66-55 on Jan. 24, 1995 and topping Carroll 79-68 three days later.

The Green Knights have not played four overtime games in a season since 1994-95, when they went 2-2 in overtime contests.

St. Norbert has never played five overtime games in a season.

Jump Shots:

* - In its last eight games, St. Norbert is 103-for-129 at the free-throw line, good for 79.8 percent.

* - In his last seven games, junior guard Mike Dowden is 23-for-40 on 3-pointers, good for a blistering-hot 57.5 percent.

* - St. Norbert is leading the Midwest Conference in scoring defense at 61.2 points per game. Without the Grinnell game, the Green Knights are allowing 58.6 points per game. St. Norbert's 61.4 points allowed per game is 18th in Division III.

* - St. Norbert is ninth in Division III in fewest turnovers per game at 11.1. Without the 39 turnovers against Grinnell, St. Norbert is averaging just 9.0 turnovers per game which would be tops in Division III.

* - St. Norbert had a season-low 10 fouls whistled against it this past Saturday at Illinois College.

* - St. Norbert is second in the Midwest Conference in turnover margin at plus-2.81 per game. St. Norbert is third in assist-to-turnover ratio at +-1.07 per game.

Head Coach Gary Grzesk

Education: Bachelor's degree in Spanish at UW-Green Bay (1996); master's degree in education administration at Youngstown State (1998).

Playing Experience: Four-year letterman at UW-Green Bay (1993-96).

Coaching Experience: Assistant coach at Youngstown State (1996-2002); assistant coach at UW-Green Bay (2002-03); head coach at Lakeland (2003-06); head coach at St. Norbert (April 13, 2006 to present).



Grzesk's Head Coaching Record

Lakeland				
Year	Overall	LMC	Place	NCAA
2003-04	16-13	8-4	3rd	First Rd.
2004-05	14-12	7-5	T3rd	
2005-06	21-6	13-1	1st	
Totals	51-31	28-10		

St. Norbert				
Year	Overall	MWC	Place	NCAA
2006-07	9-13	8-8	6th	
2007-08	10-6	6-3		
Totals	19-19	14-11		
Career	70-50			

MWC Glance

Team	MWC	Overall
Lawrence	8-0	13-1
St. Norbert	6-3	10-6
Carroll	5-3	9-5
Grinnell	5-3	10-5
Knox	4-4	5-10
Lake Forest	4-4	8-7
Monmouth	4-6	4-12
Illinois College	3-5	7-8
Ripon	2-6	7-8
Beloit	1-8	3-13

Game on Tuesday, Jan. 29

Illinois College at Lake Forest, 7:30 p.m.

Games on Wednesday, Jan. 30

Grinnell at Knox, 7 p.m.

Lawrence at St. Norbert, 7:30 p.m.

Ripon at Carroll, 7:30 p.m.

St. Norbert College Men's Basketball
St. Norbert College Combined Team Statistics (as of Jan 28, 2008)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(10-6)	(6-2)	(3-3)	(1-1)
CONFERENCE.....	(6-3)	(3-0)	(3-3)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(4-3)	(3-2)	(0-0)	(1-1)

##	Player	GP-GS	Min--Avg	---TOTAL---			---3-PTS---			---REBOUNDS---											
				FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
41	Eric Bieniasz.....	16-16	408 25.5	53-95	.558	16-34	.471	46-57	.807	29	49	78	4.9	32	0	20	19	7	14	168	10.5
21	Tom Katzfey.....	16-16	345 21.6	63-104	.606	0-1	.000	28-42	.667	24	46	70	4.4	46	3	17	21	10	14	154	9.6
05	Tony Jandron.....	16-16	483 30.2	49-158	.310	13-56	.232	40-47	.851	10	40	50	3.1	29	0	52	40	2	14	151	9.4
11	Mike Dowden.....	16-16	507 31.7	46-98	.469	34-73	.466	17-24	.708	1	20	21	1.3	21	0	36	17	0	17	143	8.9
33	Dave Wipperfurth...	16-14	378 23.6	43-107	.402	26-66	.394	18-28	.643	9	50	59	3.7	35	3	20	19	2	9	130	8.1
43	Jake Dietz.....	16-0	269 16.8	32-67	.478	0-0	.000	15-18	.833	20	31	51	3.2	23	1	5	9	4	4	79	4.9
45	Rob Durrett.....	16-0	267 16.7	24-60	.400	8-22	.364	9-14	.643	10	24	34	2.1	33	0	5	20	2	10	65	4.1
51	Bryan Fleischmann..	15-0	205 13.7	23-54	.426	7-21	.333	5-7	.714	8	15	23	1.5	17	0	7	3	0	6	58	3.9
03	Eric Gruenewald....	12-2	154 12.8	18-59	.305	9-36	.250	9-19	.474	4	17	21	1.8	18	0	7	10	2	6	54	4.5
25	Paul Mallers.....	12-0	121 10.1	18-35	.514	6-11	.545	3-5	.600	8	12	20	1.7	10	0	3	8	0	9	45	3.8
23	Ryan Finneke.....	9-0	67 7.4	5-14	.357	0-4	.000	1-1	1.000	3	6	9	1.0	12	0	6	3	1	2	11	1.2
15	John Taylor.....	7-0	26 3.7	2-5	.400	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	0	5	5	0.7	4	0	7	3	0	2	6	0.9
31	Steve Papke.....	8-0	25 3.1	3-8	.375	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.1	3	0	1	1	0	0	6	0.8
01	Kyle Johnsen.....	7-0	37 5.3	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	5-6	.833	0	6	6	0.9	5	0	6	4	0	1	5	0.7
35	x-Jake Larsen.....	1-0	2 2.0	2-2	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	1	0	0	5	5.0
53	Chris Peterson.....	5-0	19 3.8	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	0	4	4	0.8	0	0	1	1	1	0	3	0.6
55	Greg Lindholm.....	3-0	11 3.7	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.3	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	0.7
02	x-Ryan Carmichael..	1-0	1 1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
	TEAM.....									25	33	58	3.6	0		3					
	Total.....	16	3325	383-874	.438	122-330	.370	197-270	.730	151	360	511	31.9	288	7	194	182	32	110	1085	67.8
	Opponents.....	16	3325	331-799	.414	94-296	.318	223-326	.684	156	377	533	33.3	283	6	150	226	53	78	979	61.2

x-Inactive player			DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
TEAM STATISTICS	SNC	OPP	11/16/07	vs Concordia Chicago	W	71-54	200
			11/17/07	vs Dominican University	LOT	52-58	500
SCORING.....	1085	979	11/21/07	UW-OSHKOSH	L	68-78	660
Points per game.....	67.8	61.2	*11/30/07	at Grinnell College	L	87-100	700
Scoring margin.....	+6.6	-	*12/1/07	at Knox College	L	56-62	150
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	383-874	331-799	*12/5/07	at Ripon College	W	61-59	455
Field goal pct.....	.438	.414	12/8/07	AUGUSTANA COLLEGE	LO2	70-77	532
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	122-330	94-296	12/17/07	NORTHERN MICHIGAN	W OT	59-50	303
3-point FG pct.....	.370	.318	*12/29/07	ROCKFORD COLLEGE	W	84-35	421
3-pt FG made per game..	7.6	5.9	*12/30/07	ST. JOHN'S UNIV.	W	75-56	478
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	197-270	223-326	*1/12/08	BELOIT COLLEGE	W	72-47	208
Free throw pct.....	.730	.684	*1/15/08	at Carroll College	L	55-71	512
REBOUNDS.....	511	533	*1/18/08	ILLINOIS COLLEGE	W	72-67	240
Rebounds per game.....	31.9	33.3	*1/19/08	LAKE FOREST COLLEGE	W	60-45	658
Rebounding margin.....	-1.4	-	*1/25/08	at Monmouth College	W OT	73-58	525
ASSISTS.....	194	150	*1/26/08	at Illinois College	W	67-62	540
Assists per game.....	12.1	9.4	* = Midwest Conference game				
TURNOVERS.....	182	226	# - Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament (De Pere, Wis.)				
Turnovers per game....	11.4	14.1					
Turnover margin.....	+2.8	-					
Assist/turnover ratio..	1.1	0.7					
STEALS.....	110	78					
Steals per game.....	6.9	4.9					
BLOCKS.....	32	53					
Blocks per game.....	2.0	3.3					
WINNING STREAK.....	4	-					
Home win streak.....	6	-					
ATTENDANCE.....	3500	3582					
Home games-Avg/Game....	8-438	6-480					
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	2-350					

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
St. Norbert College.....	481	553	45	3	1082
Opponents.....	384	558	27	10	979