



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview

Ripon College (8-9, 3-7) at St. Norbert College (10-7, 6-4)

Tuesday, February 5, 2008 - 8 p.m.
 Schuldes Sports Center (2,100) - De Pere, Wisconsin

Game Overview:

St. Norbert looks to remain in the hunt for a spot in the Midwest Conference Tournament when it hosts longtime rival Ripon at Schuldes Sports Center.

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:

Ripon holds a 58-38 series lead over St. Norbert in a hotly contested rivalry dating back to the 1932-33 season. The two teams have split the last four meetings in De Pere, with Ripon winning 68-65 here last season. St. Norbert won this season's earlier meeting by a 61-59 score on Dec. 5 in Ripon.

Last Meeting:

St. Norbert rallied to beat Ripon 61-59 on Dec. 5 at the Storzer Center in Ripon. The Green Knights overcame an early 13-2 deficit, and got 3-pointers from Dave Wipperfurth and Eric Bieniasz in the game's final moments to seal the win. Wipperfurth had 12 points and Bieniasz 10 for St. Norbert, while Scott Gillespie led Ripon with 22 points.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 19-20 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 70-51.

Ripon coach Bob Gillespie (Lewis, 1971) is 453-206 in his 28th season in Ripon.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters Tuesday's game against Ripon with a 10-7 overall record and a 6-4 mark in the Midwest Conference. The Green Knights have been idle since this past Wednesday, when they lost at home 65-56 to No. 19 Lawrence. St. Norbert has won eight of its last 10 games and nine of its last 12 since a 1-4 start.

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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)	L 65-56
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.

Senior forward Eric Bieniasz is the lone St. Norbert player scoring double figures, averaging 10.1 points per game. Three other players are scoring at least nine points per game however, with junior center Tom Katzfey averaging 9.8 points per game. Sophomore guard Tony Jandron is scoring 9.5 points per game, while junior guard Mike Dowden is scoring 9.1 points per game.

St. Norbert is scoring 67.1 points per game while shooting 43.5 percent from the floor, 36.7 percent on 3-pointers and 73.3 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring a league-low 61.4 points per game against St. Norbert while shooting 41.8 percent from the floor, 32.0 percent on 3-pointers and 69.5 percent at the free-throw line.

About the Red Hawks:

Ripon enters Tuesday's game with an 8-9 overall record and a 3-7 record in Midwest Conference action. The Red Hawks have won three of their last seven games and have won seven of 11 since a 1-5 start. Ripon beat Beloit 91-69 this past Saturday in its most recent game.

The Red Hawks are led in scoring by freshman guard Scott Gillespie. Gillespie, the son of head coach Bob Gillespie, led Wisconsin high school players in scoring last year and is netting 20.5 points per game this season. Senior forward Chris Kellett is averaging 15.2 points per game, while senior forward Paul Wise is scoring 8.8 points per game. Senior forward Tyler Fischer is grabbing a team-high 6.5 rebounds per game.

Ripon is averaging 78.7 points per game while shooting 46.8 percent from the floor, 35.2 percent on 3-pointers and 69.0 percent from the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring 78.0 points per game while shooting 43.4 percent from the floor, 35.2 percent on 3-pointers and 69.2 percent at the free-throw line.

Home Sweet Home:

St. Norbert is playing 13 games this season within the friendly confines of Schuldes Sports Center.

The Green Knights are 6-3 at home this season, with losses coming to UW-Oshkosh (78-68), Augustana (77-70, 2 ot) and Lawrence (65-56). All three of those teams have been nationally ranked by D3hoops.com this season.

St. Norbert has beaten NCAA Division II Northern Michigan, Rockford, St. John's, Beloit, Illinois College and Lake Forest on its home floor this season.

St. Norbert has not played 13 home games in a season since the 1988-89 season. The Green Knights were 7-6 at home that season en route to a 12-10 campaign.

Jump Shots:

* - In its last nine games, St. Norbert is 112-for-140 at the free-throw line, good for an even 80 percent. The Green Knights are now second in the Midwest Conference in free-throw percentage at 73.3 percent.

* - In his last seven games, junior guard Mike Dowden is 26-for-47 on 3-pointers, good for a blistering-hot 55.3 percent.

* - St. Norbert is leading the Midwest Conference in scoring defense at 61.4 points per game. Without the Grinnell game, the Green Knights are allowing 59.0 points per game. St. Norbert's 61.4 points allowed per game is 18th in Division III.

* - St. Norbert has led at halftime in nine of its last 11 games. The Green Knights are 9-2 in those games. St. Norbert rallied from a 30-23 halftime deficit to win at Illinois College on Jan. 26. The Green Knights lost a 30-24 halftime lead to Lawrence on Jan. 30.

* - St. Norbert has not shot over 50 percent from the floor in a game since shooting 50.9 percent (28-for-55) against Beloit on Jan. 12.

* - St. Norbert was 5-for-16 on 3-pointers against Lawrence, its lowest output from beyond the arc since going 5-for-20 against Northern Michigan on Dec. 17.

* - St. Norbert has outrebounded six of its last nine opponents.

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	10-7	6-4		
Totals	19-20	14-12		
Career	70-51			

MWC Glance

Team	MWC	Overall
Lawrence	9-1	14-2
Carroll	7-3	11-5
Grinnell	7-3	12-5
St. Norbert	6-4	10-7
Lake Forest	6-4	10-7
Knox	4-6	5-12
Monmouth	4-6	4-12
Illinois College	3-7	7-10
Ripon	3-7	8-9
Beloit	1-9	3-14

Games on Tuesday, Feb. 5

Monmouth at Grinnell, 7 p.m.

Beloit at Carroll, 7:30 p.m.

Knox at Illinois College, 7:30 p.m.

Ripon at St. Norbert, 8 p.m.

St. Norbert College Men's Basketball
St. Norbert College Combined Team Statistics (as of Feb 04, 2008)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(10-7)	(6-3)	(3-3)	(1-1)
CONFERENCE.....	(6-4)	(3-1)	(3-3)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(4-3)	(3-2)	(0-0)	(1-1)

## Player	GP-GS	---TOTAL---		---3-PTS---		----REBOUNDS----										Pts	Avg				
		Min--Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A			TO	Blk	Stl	
41 Eric Bieniasz.....	17-17	432	25.4	55-101	.545	16-36	.444	46-57	.807	31	51	82	4.8	34	0	20	20	7	14	172	10.1
21 Tom Katzfey.....	17-17	370	21.8	69-117	.590	0-1	.000	29-45	.644	28	47	75	4.4	48	3	18	23	10	15	167	9.8
05 Tony Jandron.....	17-17	516	30.4	52-166	.313	13-57	.228	44-51	.863	10	42	52	3.1	31	0	54	44	3	14	161	9.5
11 Mike Dowden.....	17-17	541	31.8	50-106	.472	37-80	.463	17-24	.708	1	20	21	1.2	24	0	37	18	0	17	154	9.1
33 Dave Wipperfurth...	17-15	395	23.2	43-111	.387	26-68	.382	18-28	.643	9	53	62	3.6	36	3	21	19	2	9	130	7.6
43 Jake Dietz.....	17-0	281	16.5	34-72	.472	0-0	.000	17-20	.850	22	31	53	3.1	24	1	5	10	5	4	85	5.0
51 Bryan Fleischmann..	16-0	223	13.9	25-59	.424	9-23	.391	7-9	.778	8	16	24	1.5	17	0	7	4	0	7	66	4.1
45 Rob Durrett.....	17-0	287	16.9	24-63	.381	8-23	.348	9-14	.643	11	27	38	2.2	34	0	5	20	2	10	65	3.8
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.....	13-0	138	10.6	20-38	.526	6-12	.500	3-5	.600	10	12	22	1.7	12	0	4	8	0	9	49	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.....										27	35	62	3.6	0		3					
Total.....	17	3525		404-929	.435	127-346	.367	206-281	.733	164	374	538	31.6	302	7	200	192	34	112	1141	67.1
Opponents.....	17	3525		352-843	.418	99-309	.320	241-347	.695	167	399	566	33.3	296	6	157	240	56	81	1044	61.4

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.....	11/21/07	UW-OSHKOSH	L	68-78	660
Points per game.....	*11/30/07	at Grinnell College	L	87-100	700
Scoring margin.....	*12/1/07	at Knox College	L	56-62	150
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	*12/5/07	at Ripon College	W	61-59	455
Field goal pct.....	12/8/07	AUGUSTANA COLLEGE	LO2	70-77	532
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	12/17/07	NORTHERN MICHIGAN	W OT	59-50	303
3-point FG pct.....	*12/29/07	ROCKFORD COLLEGE	W	84-35	421
3-pt FG made per game..	*12/30/07	ST. JOHN'S UNIV.	W	75-56	478
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	*1/12/08	BELOIT COLLEGE	W	72-47	208
Free throw pct.....	*1/15/08	at Carroll College	L	55-71	512
REBOUNDS.....	*1/18/08	ILLINOIS COLLEGE	W	72-67	240
Rebounds per game.....	*1/19/08	LAKE FOREST COLLEGE	W	60-45	658
Rebounding margin.....	*1/25/08	at Monmouth College	W OT	73-58	525
ASSISTS.....	*1/26/08	at Illinois College	W	67-62	540
Assists per game.....	*1/30/08	LAWRENCE UNIV.	L	56-65	906
TURNOVERS.....		* = Midwest Conference game			
Turnovers per game.....		# = Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament (De Pere, Wis.)			
Turnover margin.....					
Assist/turnover ratio..					
STEALS.....					
Steals per game.....					
BLOCKS.....					
Blocks per game.....					
WINNING STREAK.....					
Home win streak.....					
ATTENDANCE.....					
Home games-Avg/Game....	9-490	6-480			
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	2-350			

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total

St. Norbert College.....	511	579	45	3	- 1138
Opponents.....	408	599	27	10	- 1044