



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview

St. Norbert College (14-8, 10-5) at No. 18 Lawrence University (18-2, 13-1)

Wednesday, February 20, 2008

Alexander Gym (850) - Appleton, Wisconsin - 7:30 p.m.

Game Overview:

St. Norbert travels south on Highway 41 for its regular-season finale at Lawrence University. The Green Knights can still finish anywhere from second to fourth in the Midwest Conference standings.

Broadcast:

The live game video and audio will be available for a fee at www.midwestconference.tv.

The Series:

St. Norbert leads Lawrence 43-36 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 65-56 on Jan. 30 at Schuldes Sports Center in De Pere. The game was tied at 50-50 with 3:44 left before Lawrence closed the game on a 15-6 run. Ryan Kroeger had 15 points to lead Lawrence, while Tom Katzfey had a team-high 13 points for St. Norbert.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 23-21 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 74-52.

Lawrence coach Joel DePagter (Lawrence, 1998) is 18-2 in his first season in Appleton.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters Wednesday's game with a 14-8 overall record and a 10-5 mark in the Midwest Conference. St. Norbert beat Carroll 69-59 this past Saturday in De Pere to clinch its first Midwest Conference Tournament berth since 2002. Since a 2-5 start, the Green Knights are 12-3 and have also won 10 of their last 13 conference games.

Senior forward Eric Bieniasz leads the Green Knights in scoring at 11.5 points per game while shooting 57.3 percent from the floor while grabbing

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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 *	W 77-75/OT
F 8	Knox *	L 65-59
F 9	Grinnell *	W 123-106
F 13	at Beloit *	W 73-62
F 16	Carroll *	W 69-59
F 20	at Lawrence * (18)	7:30 p.m.
F 29	STBA	TBA

* - Midwest Conference game; \$ - Midwest Conference Tournament, Appleton, Wis.; # - 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.

4.7 rebounds per game. Junior center Tom Katzfey is averaging 10.4 points and 4.4 rebounds per game. Junior guard Mike Dowden is averaging 9.2 points per game and has scored in double figures in eight of his last 10 games.

St. Norbert is scoring 70.0 points per game while shooting 45.4 percent from the floor, 37.2 percent on 3-pointers and 76.4 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring 64.1 points per game against St. Norbert while shooting 42.4 percent from the floor, 34.5 percent on 3-pointers and 69.4 percent at the free-throw line.

About the Vikings:

Lawrence enters Wednesday's game with an 18-2 record and a 13-1 mark in the Midwest Conference. The Vikings wrapped up the league championship with a 72-48 win over Beloit this past Saturday at Alexander Gym.

Junior guard Ryan Kroeger leads the Vikings in scoring at 17.3 points per game and is shooting 56.1 percent from the floor. Senior forward Andy Hurley is scoring 12.1 points with 8.4 rebounds per game, while junior center Chris Page is scoring 11.2 points per game while shooting a league-high 64.5 percent from the floor.

Lawrence is scoring 82.9 points per game while shooting 50.4 percent from the floor, 41.9 percent on 3-pointers and 72.2 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring 69.7 points per game while shooting 39.8 percent from the floor, 31.7 percent on 3-pointers and 75.1 percent at the charity stripe.

Straight A's:

Senior forward Eric Bieniasz has been named first team College Division Academic All-District V as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) and ESPN The Magazine.

Bieniasz, a Germantown native and a graduate of Germantown High School, holds a perfect 4.00 grade point average with a major in business administration.

A two-year team captain,

Bieniasz was an Academic All-Midwest Conference selection in 2006 and 2007. He is also a member of the St. Norbert Student Athlete Advisory Committee and is a Student Alumni Ambassador. Bieniasz also assists with the on-campus Special Olympics Day and aids with research in the college's Study Abroad Department.

As a first-team all-district selection, Bieniasz moves on to the national ballot for Academic All-America consideration. The Academic All-American team will be announced Feb. 27.

Tourney Talk:

St. Norbert is in the midst of its 25th season of playing basketball in the Midwest Conference, and has now qualified for league post-season play for the fifth time.

The Green Knights will play in the four-team event on Feb. 29-March 1 at Alexander Gym in Appleton, their first MWC Tournament appearance since hosting in 2002. St. Norbert also played in league post-season action in 1984, 1994 and 1999.

St. Norbert has made two NCAA Division III Tournament appearances - in 1984 and 2002.

Jump Shots:

* - St. Norbert's 14-win season marks just the fourth time the Green Knights have won that many games in a season in 21 years. The Green Knights won 21 games in 2002, 17 games in 1999 and 14 games in 1994.

* - St. Norbert leads the Midwest Conference in free-throw shooting at 76.4 percent. In their last nine games, the Green Knights are 142-for-169 (84.0 percent) at the free-throw line. The Green Knights are 12th nationally in free-throw shooting in this week's NCAA Division III statistical rankings.

* - St. Norbert has lost nine straight games to teams ranked in the D3hoops.com Top 25. The Green Knights last win over a ranked opponent came when they beat No. 10 Lawrence 84-76 in Appleton on Jan. 11, 2005.

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	14-8	10-5		
Totals	23-21	17-12		
Career	74-52			

MWC Glance

Team	MWC	Overall
Lawrence	13-1	18-2
Carroll	10-4	14-6
St. Norbert	10-5	14-8
Grinnell	9-5	14-7
Lake Forest	7-7	11-10
Knox	6-9	7-15
Monmouth	6-9	6-15
Illinois College	5-10	9-13
Ripon	4-10	9-12
Beloit	2-13	4-18

Games on Wednesday, Feb. 20

Knox at Grinnell, 7 p.m.

Monmouth at Lake Forest, 7:30 p.m.

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

Carroll at Ripon, 7:30 p.m.

St. Norbert College Men's Basketball
St. Norbert College Combined Team Statistics (as of Feb 19, 2008)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(14-8)	(9-4)	(4-3)	(1-1)
CONFERENCE.....	(10-5)	(6-2)	(4-3)	(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.....	22-22	548 24.9	82-143	.573	26-54	.481	62-73	.849	36	68	104	4.7	39	0	25	24	10	18	252	11.5
21 Tom Katzfey.....	21-21	461 22.0	89-148	.601	0-1	.000	40-59	.678	35	62	97	4.6	58	3	21	30	17	16	218	10.4
11 Mike Dowden.....	22-22	707 32.1	64-144	.444	46-106	.434	28-37	.757	3	33	36	1.6	29	0	56	24	1	23	202	9.2
05 Tony Jandron.....	22-22	657 29.9	63-191	.330	13-65	.200	55-65	.846	11	54	65	3.0	38	0	68	59	4	20	194	8.8
33 Dave Wipperfurth...	22-15	470 21.4	49-124	.395	27-75	.360	23-36	.639	11	59	70	3.2	43	3	28	30	4	11	148	6.7
51 Bryan Fleischmann..	21-0	343 16.3	46-98	.469	19-43	.442	24-27	.889	13	32	45	2.1	22	0	13	12	1	12	135	6.4
43 Jake Dietz.....	22-1	359 16.3	43-91	.473	0-0	.000	24-28	.857	29	50	79	3.6	31	1	10	22	6	5	110	5.0
25 Paul Mallers.....	18-5	266 14.8	36-68	.529	10-19	.526	15-18	.833	15	26	41	2.3	26	0	10	16	1	11	97	5.4
45 Rob Durrett.....	21-0	318 15.1	25-69	.362	9-25	.360	9-15	.600	14	29	43	2.0	41	0	9	22	2	10	68	3.2
03 Eric Gruenewald....	13-2	158 12.2	19-60	.317	9-36	.250	10-21	.476	4	17	21	1.6	18	0	8	11	2	6	57	4.4
02 John Taylor.....	12-0	84 7.0	11-20	.550	3-9	.333	0-0	.000	0	9	9	0.8	11	0	13	4	0	2	25	2.1
23 Ryan Finneke.....	10-0	67 6.7	5-14	.357	0-4	.000	1-1	1.000	3	6	9	0.9	12	0	6	3	1	2	11	1.1
01 Kyle Johnson.....	8-0	52 6.5	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	6-8	.750	0	7	7	0.9	6	0	9	5	0	3	6	0.8
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
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.....	6-0	21 3.5	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	0	5	5	0.8	2	0	1	1	0	3	0.5	
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
97 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.....									39	47	86	3.9	0		6					
Total.....	22	4550	539-1188	.454	163-438	.372	298-390	.764	213	506	719	32.7	379	7	279	271	51	141	1539	70.0
Opponents.....	22	4550	484-1142	.424	151-438	.345	292-421	.694	213	480	693	31.5	391	8	233	297	66	119	1411	64.1

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.....	1539	1411	11/21/07	UW-OSHKOSH	L 68-78 660
Points per game.....	70.0	64.1	*11/30/07	at Grinnell College	L 87-100 700
Scoring margin.....	+5.8	-	*12/1/07	at Knox College	L 56-62 150
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	539-1188	484-1142	*12/5/07	at Ripon College	W 61-59 455
Field goal pct.....	.454	.424	12/8/07	AUGUSTANA COLLEGE	LO2 70-77 532
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	163-438	151-438	12/17/07	NORTHERN MICHIGAN	W OT 59-50 303
3-point FG pct.....	.372	.345	#12/29/07	ROCKFORD COLLEGE	W 84-35 421
3-pt FG made per game..	7.4	6.9	#12/30/07	ST. JOHN'S UNIV.	W 75-56 478
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	298-390	292-421	*1/12/08	BELOIT COLLEGE	W 72-47 208
Free throw pct.....	.764	.694	*1/15/08	at Carroll College	L 55-71 512
REBOUNDS.....	719	693	*1/18/08	ILLINOIS COLLEGE	W 72-67 240
Rebounds per game.....	32.7	31.5	*1/19/08	LAKE FOREST COLLEGE	W 60-45 658
Rebounding margin.....	+1.2	-	*1/25/08	at Monmouth College	W OT 73-58 525
ASSISTS.....	279	233	*1/26/08	at Illinois College	W 67-62 540
Assists per game.....	12.7	10.6	*1/30/08	LAWRENCE UNIV.	L 56-65 906
TURNOVERS.....	271	297	*2/5/08	RIPON COLLEGE	W OT 77-75 410
Turnovers per game.....	12.3	13.5	*2/8/08	KNOX COLLEGE	L 59-65 310
Turnover margin.....	+1.2	-	*2/9/08	GRINNELL COLLEGE	W 123-106 1020
Assist/turnover ratio..	1.0	0.8	*2/13/08	at Beloit College	W 73-62 125
STEALS.....	141	119	*2/16/08	CARROLL COLLEGE	W 69-59 717
Steals per game.....	6.4	5.4	* - Midwest Conference game		
BLOCKS.....	51	66	# - Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament (De Pere, Wis.)		
Blocks per game.....	2.3	3.0	\$ - Midwest Conference Tournament (Appleton, Wis.)		
WINNING STREAK.....	3	-			
Home win streak.....	2	-			
ATTENDANCE.....	6863	3707			
Home games-Avg/Game....	13-528	7-430			
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	2-350			

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
St. Norbert College.....	695	781	60	3	- 1539
Opponents.....	565	796	40	10	- 1411