



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview MIDWEST CONFERENCE MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Fri., Feb. 29 - St. Norbert College (14-9) at No. 16 Lawrence Univ. (20-2) - 7 p.m.
Sat., Mar. 1 - Championship vs. Grinnell (16-7) or Carroll (14-8) - 3 p.m.
Alexander Gym (850) - Appleton, Wisconsin

Tournament Overview:

St. Norbert is two wins away from returning to the NCAA Division III Tournament for the first time since 2002. The Green Knights are making just their fourth Midwest Conference Tournament appearance since the tournament expanded to four teams in 1991.

Broadcast:

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

The Series:

St. Norbert leads Lawrence 43-37 in a series begun in the 1917-18 season. Lawrence has won the last six games in the series since an 84-76 St. Norbert win at Alexander Gym over the then 10th-ranked Vikings on Jan. 11, 2005.

Carroll leads St. Norbert 41-33 in a series begun in the 1933-34 season. The Pioneers had won eight straight games in the series before St. Norbert posted a 69-59 win in De Pere on Feb. 16.

St. Norbert leads Grinnell 17-11 in a series begun in 1983-84. The two teams have split their last eight meetings.

This Year:

St. Norbert is 2-4 against this year's tournament field. The Green Knights were 0-2 against Lawrence losing 65-56 on Jan. 30 in De Pere and 69-61 on Feb. 20 in Appleton. St. Norbert split with Carroll, losing 71-55 on Jan. 15 in Waukesha and winning 69-59 on Feb. 16 in De Pere. The Green Knights also split with Grinnell, losing 100-87 on Nov. 30 in Grinnell, Iowa, and winning 123-106 on Feb. 9 in De Pere.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 23-22 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 74-53.

Lawrence coach Joel DePagter (Lawrence, 1998) is 20-2 in his first season in Appleton.

Carroll coach David Schultz (UW-Oshkosh, 1986) is 92-55 in his sixth season in Waukesha.

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)	L 69-61
F 29	Sat Lawrence (16)	7 p.m.

* - 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.

Grinnell coach David Arseneault (Colby, 1976) is 232-200 in his 19th year in Grinnell.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters the tournament with a 14-9 overall record and tied for third with a 10-6 mark in the Midwest Conference. The Green Knights have been idle since a 69-61 loss to Lawrence on Feb. 20. Since a 2-5 start, the Green Knights are 12-4.

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 4.7 rebounds per game. Junior center Tom Katzfey is averaging 10.4 points and 4.9 rebounds per game. Junior guard Mike Dowden is averaging 9.4 points per game and has scored in double figures in nine of his last 11 games.

St. Norbert is scoring 69.6 points per game while shooting 44.9 percent from the floor, 37.6 percent on 3-pointers and 75.8 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring 64.3 points per game against St. Norbert while shooting 42.6 percent from the floor, 34.6 percent on 3-pointers and 69.7 percent at the free-throw line.

About the Vikings:

Lawrence enters the tournament ranked 16th in the D3hoops.com Top 25, and is 20-2 overall. The Vikings won their fourth Midwest Conference championship in the last five years with a 15-1 record.

Junior guard Ryan Kroeger leads the Vikings in scoring at 17.1 points per game and is shooting 56.3 percent from the floor. Senior forward Andy Hurley is scoring 12.1 points with 8.2 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 82.7 points per game while shooting 50.6 percent from the floor, 41.9 percent on 3-pointers and 72.9 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring 69.7 points per game while

shooting 40.0 percent from the floor, 32.3 percent on 3-pointers and 73.8 percent at the charity stripe.

About the Pioneers I:

Carroll enters the tournament at 14-8 overall, and has lost its last three games.

Junior guard Wes Ladwig is scoring 22.7 points per game, while sophomore guard John Hoch is adding 15.1 points per game. Senior forward Ryan mueller is averaging 13.7 points and 5.6 rebounds per game.

Carroll is averaging 82.3 percent from the floor while shooting 49.6 percent. Defensively, Carroll is allowing 78.5 points per game.

About the Pioneers II:

Grinnell enters the tournament 16-7 and placed second in the Midwest Conference at 11-5.

Junior guard John Grotberg is second in the nation in scoring at 27.8 points per game. Junior guard Bobby Long is netting 21.8 points per game, while junior guard David Arseneault is averaging 16.6 points and 10.4 assists per game.

Grinnell is leading Division III in scoring at 107.3 points per game. The Pioneers are allowing 100.1 points per game with opponents shooting 62.5 percent from the floor.

Straight A's:

Senior forward Eric Bieniasz has been named a first-team College Division Academic All-American 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.

Bieniasz is just one of five players named to the College Division first team, which is selected from student-athletes at NCAA Division II, Division III and NAIA schools.

A two-year team captain, Bieniasz was an Academic All-Midwest Conference selection in

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	14-9	10-6	T3rd	
Totals	23-22	18-14		
Career	74-53			

MWC Glance

Team	MWC	Overall
Lawrence	15-1	20-2
Grinnell	11-5	16-7
Carroll	10-6	14-8
St. Norbert	10-6	14-9
Lake Forest	7-9	11-12
Knox	7-9	8-15
Monmouth	7-9	7-15
Ripon	6-10	11-12
Illinois College	5-11	9-14
Beloit	2-14	4-19

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.

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.

A March to March:

Should St. Norbert beat Lawrence in

the Midwest Conference Tournament on Feb. 29, the Green Knights would earn their first game played in the month of March in 24 years.

The Green Knights have played only three men's basketball games in March since 1968.

St. Norbert most recently played in March when it played two games in the 1984 NCAA Division III Tournament at UW-Whitewater. The Green Knights fell 87-84 in triple overtime to eventual national champion UW-Whitewater on March 3, 1984 in the regional title game. St. Norbert beat North Central 69-56 the previous day.

The Green Knights also played on March 3, 1980 in a NAIA District 14 Playoff semifinal game, when they lost at UW-Eau Claire 67-42.

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 75.8 percent. In their last 10 games, the Green Knights are 145-for-176 (82.4 percent) at the free-throw line. The Green Knights are 14th nationally in free-throw shooting in this week's NCAA Division III statistical rankings.

* - St. Norbert has lost 10 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.

* - St. Norbert's scoring defense of 64.3 points per game leads the Midwest Conference and is 45th in Division III. Excluding the two Grinnell games, the Green Knights' scoring defense is 60.7 points per game, which would be 11th nationally.

* - St. Norbert is 4-4 on the road this season, and has won four of its last six games away from Schuldes Sports Center. The Green Knights were 9-4 on their home floor this season.

St. Norbert College Men's Basketball Post-Season History

1958	NCAA College Division Tournament (Wheaton, Ill.)		NAIA District 14 Championship (Oshkosh, Wis.)		
M 7	Wheaton	L 68-66	M 4	UW-La Crosse	W 86-77
M 8	Northern Illinois	L 76-70	NAIA National Tournament (Kansas City, Mo.)		
			M 9	Winston-Salem	L 87-69
1960	NAIA District 14 Playoff (Stevens Point, Wis.)		1980	NAIA District 14 Playoff (Eau Claire, Wis.)	
M 2	Northland	W 70-58	M 3	UW-Eau Claire	L 67-42
			1984	Midwest Conference Championship (Mount Vernon, Iowa)	
NAIA District 14 Championship (Oshkosh, Wis.)			F 25	Cornell	W 92-80
M 4	UW-Oshkosh	L 91-85	NCAA Division III Regional (Whitewater, Wis.)		
1961	NAIA District 14 Playoff (Ashland, Wis.)		M 2	North Central	W 69-56
M 2	Northland	W 76-75	M 3	UW-Whitewater	L 87-84 (3 OT)
NAIA District 14 Championship (De Pere, Wis.)			1994	Midwest Conference Tournament (Mount Vernon, Iowa)	
M 7	UW-Stevens Point	W 76-65	F 25	Cornell	L 69-58
NAIA National Tournament (Kansas City, Mo.)			1999	Midwest Conference Tournament (Ripon, Wis.)	
M 14	Central Oklahoma	L 80-73	F 26	Illinois College	W 78-48
1962	NAIA District 14 Playoff (Stevens Point, Wis.)		F 27	Ripon	L 71-58
M 1	Northland	W 84-67	2002	Midwest Conference Tournament (De Pere, Wis.)	
NAIA District 14 Championship (Oshkosh, Wis.)			F 22	Grinnell	W 125-114
M 5	UW-Whitewater	W 102-85	F 23	Ripon	L 54-45
NAIA National Tournament (Kansas City, Mo.)			NCAA Division III Tournament (De Pere, Wis.)		
M 12	Ferris State	L 73-68	F 28	Hope	L 54-53
1965	NAIA District 14 Playoff (Sheboygan, Wis.)				
M 1	Lakeland	W 100-87			

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St. Norbert College Men's Basketball
St. Norbert College Combined Team Statistics (as of Feb 26, 2008)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(14-9)	(9-4)	(4-4)	(1-1)
CONFERENCE.....	(10-6)	(6-2)	(4-4)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(4-3)	(3-2)	(0-0)	(1-1)

## Player	GP-GS	Min--Avg	---TOTAL---			---3-PTS---			---REBOUNDS---				PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg	
			FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	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.....	22-22	487	22.1	93-157	.592	0-1	.000	43-65	.662	42	65	107	4.9	60	3	23	31	17	16	229	10.4
11 Mike Dowden.....	23-23	742	32.3	69-155	.445	50-113	.442	28-37	.757	3	35	38	1.7	30	0	62	25	1	23	216	9.4
05 Tony Jandron.....	23-23	682	29.7	66-202	.327	16-70	.229	55-65	.846	11	56	67	2.9	38	0	71	59	4	20	203	8.8
33 Dave Wipperfurth...	23-15	479	20.8	51-128	.398	28-77	.364	23-37	.622	11	59	70	3.0	44	3	28	30	4	12	153	6.7
51 Bryan Fleischmann..	22-1	374	17.0	51-111	.459	21-47	.447	24-27	.889	14	34	48	2.2	25	0	14	12	1	14	147	6.7
43 Jake Dietz.....	23-1	374	16.3	45-97	.464	0-0	.000	24-28	.857	30	50	80	3.5	32	1	10	22	6	5	114	5.0
25 Paul Mallers.....	19-6	289	15.2	37-72	.514	10-20	.500	15-18	.833	16	30	46	2.4	31	1	12	17	1	11	99	5.2
45 Rob Durrett.....	22-0	333	15.1	25-71	.352	9-25	.360	9-15	.600	15	30	45	2.0	41	0	9	24	2	11	68	3.1
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.....	13-0	104	8.0	13-26	.500	3-12	.250	0-0	.000	0	13	13	1.0	12	0	13	4	0	3	29	2.2
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.....	7-0	22	3.1	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	0	5	5	0.7	2	0	1	1	0	3	0.4	
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.....										40	48	88	3.8	0		6					
Total.....	23	4750		563-1254	.449	173-460	.376	301-397	.758	225	525	750	32.6	393	8	293	276	51	146	1600	69.6
Opponents.....	23	4750		510-1196	.426	158-457	.346	302-433	.697	223	512	735	32.0	401	8	249	307	69	122	1480	64.3

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.....	1600	1480	11/21/07	UW-OSHKOSH	L 68-78 660
Points per game.....	69.6	64.3	*11/30/07	at Grinnell College	L 87-100 700
Scoring margin.....	+5.2	-	*12/1/07	at Knox College	L 56-62 150
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	563-1254	510-1196	*12/5/07	at Ripon College	W 61-59 455
Field goal pct.....	.449	.426	12/8/07	AUGUSTANA COLLEGE	LO2 70-77 532
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	173-460	158-457	12/17/07	NORTHERN MICHIGAN	W OT 59-50 303
3-point FG pct.....	.376	.346	#12/29/07	ROCKFORD COLLEGE	W 84-35 421
3-pt FG made per game..	7.5	6.9	#12/30/07	ST. JOHN'S UNIV.	W 75-56 478
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	301-397	302-433	*1/12/08	BELOIT COLLEGE	W 72-47 208
Free throw pct.....	.758	.697	*1/15/08	at Carroll College	L 55-71 512
REBOUNDS.....	750	735	*1/18/08	ILLINOIS COLLEGE	W 72-67 240
Rebounds per game.....	32.6	32.0	*1/19/08	LAKE FOREST COLLEGE	W 60-45 658
Rebounding margin.....	+0.7	-	*1/25/08	at Monmouth College	W OT 73-58 525
ASSISTS.....	293	249	*1/26/08	at Illinois College	W 67-62 540
Assists per game.....	12.7	10.8	*1/30/08	LAWRENCE UNIV.	L 56-65 906
TURNOVERS.....	276	307	*2/5/08	RIPON COLLEGE	W OT 77-75 410
Turnovers per game.....	12.0	13.3	*2/8/08	KNOX COLLEGE	L 59-65 310
Turnover margin.....	+1.3	-	*2/9/08	GRINNELL COLLEGE	W 123-106 1020
Assist/turnover ratio..	1.1	0.8	*2/13/08	at Beloit College	W 73-62 125
STEALS.....	146	122	*2/16/08	CARROLL COLLEGE	W 69-59 717
Steals per game.....	6.3	5.3	*2/20/08	at Lawrence Univ.	L 61-69 828
BLOCKS.....	51	69		* - Midwest Conference game	
Blocks per game.....	2.2	3.0		# - Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament (De Pere, Wis.)	
WINNING STREAK.....	0	-		\$ - Midwest Conference Tournament (Appleton, Wis.)	
Home win streak.....	2	-			
ATTENDANCE.....	6863	4535			
Home games-Avg/Game....	13-528	8-479			
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	2-350			

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
St. Norbert College.....	716	821	60	3	- 1600
Opponents.....	596	834	40	10	- 1480