



# St. Norbert College

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### St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview

#### St. Norbert College (18-6 in 2009) at UW-Green Bay (22-11 in 2009)

Saturday, November 7, 2009 - 7:30 p.m.  
Kress Events Center (3,993) - Green Bay, Wisconsin

#### Game Overview:

St. Norbert faces UW-Green Bay in an exhibition game for the second time in four years when Brown County's only two four-year colleges meet Saturday.

#### Broadcast:

The game will be broadcast on the UW-Green Bay network on WDUZ-FM 107.5 with Chris Roth and Bill Rabeor on the call. The pre-game show will begin at 7:15 p.m.

#### The Series:

St. Norbert and UW-Green Bay played 12 times from 1969-70 to 1974-75. The Phoenix has won the last 10 games in the series, holding a 10-2 series advantage. The series total does not include Green Bay's 70-37 exhibition win over St. Norbert on Oct. 31, 2006.

#### Last Meeting:

UW-Green Bay topped St. Norbert 70-37 on Oct. 31, 2006 at the Resch Center, an exhibition game that was Gary Grzesk's first outing as a St. Norbert coach.

St. Norbert shot 30.2 percent (16-for-53) from the floor, and was led by eight points from Tom Katzfey. Green Bay shot 41 percent (25-for-61) from the field and was led by 17 points from Aswan Minatee and 16 points from Terry Evans.

#### The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 41-29 in his fourth 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 92-60.

UW-Green Bay coach Tod Kowalczyk (Minnesota-Duluth, 1989) enters his eighth season in Green Bay with a 114-99 ledger.

#### About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters the 2009-10 season coming off an 18-6 campaign in 2008-09. The Green Knights finished 12-4 in the Midwest Conference, good for a third-place tie. The 18 wins were the second-most wins in the last 25

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#### 2009-2010 Results

Date	Opponent	Result
N 7	at UW-Green Bay (exh)	7:30 p.m.
N 15	Silver Lake	Midnight
N 16	UW-Oshkosh (24)	7 p.m.
N 21	at Elmhurst	7:30 p.m.
N 25	Marian	7 p.m.
D 4	*at Lake Forest	7 p.m.
D 5	*at Monmouth	4 p.m.
D 9	*Beloit	7:30 p.m.
D 19	*at MSOE	3 p.m.
D 29	%Northwestern-Minn.	7 p.m.
D 30	%Chicago or Edgewood	5 or 7 p.m.
J 9	*at Ripon	4 p.m.
J 15	*Knox	7 p.m.
J 16	*Grinnell	3 p.m.
J 22	*at Illinois College	7 p.m.
J 23	*at Knox	4 p.m.
J 27	*Carroll	5 p.m.
J 30	*at Beloit	2 p.m.
F 2	*at Lawrence	5 p.m.
F 5	*Monmouth	7 p.m.
F 6	*Lake Forest	4 p.m.
F 10	*Ripon	7:30 p.m.
F 13	*Lawrence	4 p.m.
F 20	*at Carroll	4 p.m.
F 26-27	Midwest Conference Tournament	

\* - Midwest Conference game; % - Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament - De Pere, Wis. **Note:** Home games in **bold**; (rankings) by D3hoops.com. All times Central Standard Time.

seasons for St. Norbert men's basketball.

The Green Knights return 52.9 percent of its scoring from a team that averaged 70.7 points per game last year. Junior guard Dave Wipperfurth is the leading returning scorer at 9.3 points per game. Wipperfurth, who was St. Norbert's sixth man last year, connected on 44.6 percent of this three-point field-goal attempts. Senior center Jake Dietz averaged 8.8 points per game last year while shooting 59 percent from the floor. Junior guard John Taylor averaged 6.9 points and 3.0 assists per game, and junior forward Paul Mallers averaged 6.3 points and 4.0 rebounds per game.

Defensively, St. Norbert allowed 63.8 points per game last season. That total led the Midwest Conference by almost five full points.

#### About the Phoenix:

UW-Green Bay opened its exhibition schedule with a 77-52 win over Division II Minnesota-Duluth this past Saturday at the Resch Center.

The Phoenix, which lost a trio of 1,000-point scorers in Mike Schachtner, Ryan Tillema and Terry Evans from last year's 22-11 squad, were led by point guard Rahmon Fletcher's 20 points. Troy Cotton and Troy Snyder each added nine points as the Phoenix shot 44.2 percent (23-for-52) from the floor. Fletcher and Cotton were pre-season All-Horizon League second-team honorees.

Green Bay was picked fifth in the pre-season Horizon League men's basketball poll. Butler was picked to repeat, while Wright State, Cleveland State and UW-Milwaukee rounded out the top four.

#### Playing Up:

The exhibition game against UW-Green Bay is just the second time St. Norbert has faced an NCAA Division I opponent in over 30 years.

Prior to facing UW-Green Bay in an exhibition in 2006-07, the Green Knights dropped their 1976-77 sea-

son opener at Loyola (Ill.) by a 91-66 score in Chicago. St. Norbert did beat the Ramblers the previous season by 80-71 count, also in Chicago.

Since that time, St. Norbert has played Illinois-Chicago and UW-Milwaukee, but neither of those schools were classified NCAA Division I members at that time.

St. Norbert has played several Division II schools in recent years. The Green Knights closed out a six-year series with Northern Michigan with a 59-50 overtime win on Dec. 17, 2007 at Schuldes Sports Center in De Pere.

#### Building a Winner:

In just three years, head coach Gary Grzesk has revived the St. Norbert men's basketball program. The Green Knights doubled their win total in two years, going from nine wins in 2006-07 to 18 in 2008-09.

St. Norbert's 18 wins last season marked just the fourth time in school history it won at least that many in a season. The Green Knights have won 21 games twice (1984 and 2002) and 19 once (1951).

Since starting the 2007-08 season 2-5, St. Norbert is a solid 30-11. The Green Knights were ranked as high as No. 11 in the D3hoops.com Top 25 during the 2008-09 season, the highest mark in program history.

St. Norbert's 70-68 win over No. 1-ranked UW-Platteville on Dec. 30, 2008 in the championship game of the Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament marked the first time any St. Norbert team beat a No. 1-ranked foe.

#### Jump Shots:

\* - St. Norbert is 29-4 when scoring 70 points or more under Gary Grzesk. Two of those losses have come to high-scoring Grinnell College.

\* - St. Norbert is 28-4 under Gary Grzesk when outrebounding its opponents.

\* - St. Norbert made more free throws (366) last season than its opponents attempts (351).

## 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	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>51-31</b>	<b>28-10</b>		

St. Norbert				
Year	Overall	MWC	Place	NCAA
2006-07	9-13	8-8	6th	
2007-08	14-10	10-6	T3rd	
2008-09	18-6	12-4	T3rd	
2009-10	0-0	0-0		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>41-29</b>	<b>30-18</b>		
<b>Career</b>	<b>92-60</b>			

### MWC Glance

Team	MWC	Overall
Grinnell	13-3	18-7
Lawrence	13-3	19-7
Carroll	12-4	16-8
St. Norbert	12-4	18-6
Illinois College	8-8	11-12
Ripon	7-9	9-13
Lake Forest	6-10	7-16
Monmouth	5-11	8-15
Beloit	2-14	4-19
Knox	2-14	2-21

#### Games on Saturday, Nov. 7

St. Norbert at UW-Green Bay, 7:30 p.m.

Illinois College at SIU-Edwardsville, 7 p.m.

#### Games on Sunday, Nov. 15

Silver Lake at St. Norbert, Midnight

Beloit at Marian, Noon

Lakeland at Lake Forest, 3 p.m.

Waldorf at Grinnell, 3 p.m.

Westminster at Illinois College, 3 p.m.

Monmouth at Minnesota State, 3 p.m.