



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview

No. 16 St. Norbert College (9-1, 3-0 MWC) at Ripon College (6-2, 2-0 MWC)

Saturday, January 9, 2010 - 4 p.m.

Storzer Center (1,250) - Ripon, Wisconsin

Game Overview:

St. Norbert looks to remain unbeaten during the 2009-10 season when it hosts Beloit College in a Midwest Conference game at Schuldes Sports Center. The Green Knights are ranked 12th in this week's D3hoops.com Top 25.

The Series:

Ripon holds a 58-41 series lead over St. Norbert in a hotly contested rivalry dating back to the 1932-33 season. The Green Knights have won the last four meetings, including scores of 74-62 in De Pere and 77-72 in Ripon.

Last Meeting:

St. Norbert topped Ripon 77-72 in Ripon last Feb. 11 at the Storzer Center. Bryan Fleischmann led St. Norbert with 18 points, while John Taylor and Dave Wipperfurth each had 16 points. Aris Wurtz came off the bench to lead Ripon with 19 points, while Scott Gillespie added 18 points.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 50-30 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 101-61.

Ripon coach Bob Gillespie (Lewis, 1971) is 471-224 in his 30th season in Ripon.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert, which has won 39 of its last 51 games, enters the Ripon game with a 9-1 overall record and a 3-0 mark in the Midwest Conference. The Green Knights, coming off a 73-46 win over Beloit this past Monday, are ranked 16th in the D3hoops.com Top 25.

Junior guard Dave Wipperfurth is the team's leading scorer at 14.9 points per game, and has scored at least 11 points in each of his last nine games. Junior guard John Taylor is averaging 11.7 points and 3.7 assists per game, while junior center Chris Peterson is netting 9.9 points per game.

St. Norbert is scoring an average of 73.5 points per game, and is shooting 46.7 percent from the floor, 38.5 percent on 3-pointers and 74.0 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 60.2 points per

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2009-2010 Results

Date	Opponent	Result
N 7	at UW-Green Bay (exh)	L 71-54
N 15	Silver Lake	W 112-73
N 16	UW-Oshkosh (24)	W 60-52
N 21	at Elmhurst	W 63-61
N 25	Marian	W 78-70
D 4	*at Lake Forest	W 69-58
D 5	*at Monmouth	W 70-58
D 19	*at MSOE	W 69-52
D 29	% Northwestern-Minn.	L 72-70
D 30	% Chicago	W 71-60
J 4	* Beloit	W 73-46
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.

game while shooting 38.4 percent from the floor, 26.1 percent on 3-pointers and 74.0 percent at the charity stripe.

About the Red Hawks:

Ripon enters Saturday's game with a 6-2 overall record and a 2-0 mark in the Midwest Conference. The Red Hawks have been idle since a 72-67 loss to Occidental on Dec. 31. Ripon, which has yet to play a home game this season, was supposed to play Rockford on Thursday but was snowed out.

Sophomore guard Aris Wurtz leads Ripon in scoring at 22.5 points per game. Junior guard Scott Gillespie is scoring 19.8 points per game and is shooting 53.6 percent from the floor. The pair have combined to take 52.2 percent of Ripon's total field-goal attempts (234 of 448).

Ripon is averaging 77.2 points per game while shooting 51.8 percent from the floor, 39.6 percent on 3-pointers and 67.8 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring 71.6 points per game while shooting 42.9 percent from the floor, 34.4 percent on 3-pointers and 61.0 percent at the free-throw line.

D is for Defense:

St. Norbert held its first opponent of the 2009-10 season under 50 points with a 73-46 win over Beloit on Jan. 4.

The Green Knights lead the Midwest Conference in scoring defense at 60.2 points per game, which is 10.4 points per game better than the next team at Lawrence's 70.6 points per game.

In Gary Grzesk's 80-game tenure at St. Norbert, the Green Knights have held their opponent to 50 points or less 10 times, going 10-0 in those games. It happened twice in 2006-07, four times in 2007-08, three times in 2008-09 and once this season.

Charity Case:

St. Norbert has been able to score consistently this season, scoring at least 60 points in all of its games, thanks to its ability to get to the free

throw line.

In 10 games, St. Norbert is 179-for-236 (75.8 percent), the most made and attempted free throws in the Midwest Conference. The Green Knights' makes (179) are slightly less than their opponents have attempted (181). St. Norbert has gone to the line more than its opponents in seven of its last nine games.

St. Norbert made and shot season highs in free throws with a 30-for-39 effort against Marian on Nov. 25 in a 78-70 win.

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 39-12. 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 has been ranked as high as No. 12 during the 2009-10 season.

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:

* - Through games on Jan. 2, the Midwest Conference is 28-42 in non-conference action. St. Norbert's 6-1 mark outside the league was the most non-conference wins posted by a member school this season.

* - St. Norbert is 32-5 when scoring 70 points or more under Gary Grzesk. Two of those losses have come to high-scoring Grinnell College. St. Norbert is also 32-5 under Gary Grzesk when outrebounding its 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	14-10	10-6	T3rd	
2008-09	18-6	12-4	T3rd	
2009-10	9-1	3-0		
Totals	50-30	33-18		
Career	101-61			

MWC Glance

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

* - through games of Jan. 5, 2010.

St. Norbert Quick Facts

Nickname:Green Knights
Location:De Pere, WI 54115
Colors:Dartmouth Green & Old Gold
Founded:1898
Enrollment:2,100
President:Thomas Kunkel
Athletics Director:Tim Bald
Conference:Midwest Conference
Facility:Schuldes Sports Center
Capacity:2,100
Year Opened:1979
Head Coach:Gary Grzesk
Record at St. Norbert:50-30 (fourth year)
Record Overall:101-61 (seventh year)
Assistant Coaches:Woody Wilson
Mark Mitchell, Bryan Roehrig, Kyle Brown
Mike Dashner & Bryan Fleischmann
First Season of Men's Basketball:1916-17
Seasons of Men's Basketball:87
All-Time Overall Record:903-828
All-Time MWC Record:213-165
MWC Championships:Two
(1984, 2002)
NCAA Tournament Appearances:Three
(1958, '84, 2002)
NAIA Tournament Appearances:Three
(1961, '62, '65)

D3hoops.com Division III Top 25 Poll - Jan. 5, 2010

Place	School (1st-place)	Pts.	Record
1	Randolph-Macon (12)	597	10-0
2	UW-Stevens Point (9)	587	11-1
3	Washington-Mo. (4)	577	9-1
4	UW-Whitewater	539	12-1
5	St. Thomas	518	8-1
6	Guilford	510	10-1
7	Middlebury	488	9-0
8	Brandeis	361	7-1
9	Amherst	356	7-1
10	Mississippi College	346	9-0
11	Williams	333	10-1
12	Virginia Wesleyan	309	10-1
13	Franklin & Marshall	259	8-2
14	Wheaton-III.	259	8-3
15	MIT	236	11-1
16	St. Norbert	228	8-1
17	Chapman	195	11-2
18	Anderson	176	11-1
19	Wilmington	172	10-2
20	St. Mary's-Md.	158	10-2
21	Medaille	123	12-0
22	Texas-Dallas	103	6-3
	UW-La Crosse	103	11-2
24	Eastern Mennonite	102	9-1
25	Illinois Wesleyan	91	9-2

Others receiving votes: Wooster 59, Worcester Polytech 53, Richard Stockton 48, John Carroll 35, Western Connecticut 35, York-Pa. 31, Augustana 27, Hope 22, Elms 21, Carthage 18, Whitworth 14, DeSales 9, Defiance 7, McMurry 7, William Paterson 5, Rochester 3, Plattsburgh State 2, UW-Platteville 2, Cabrini 1.

St. Norbert Men's Basketball Career Highs

#1 - Matt Coenen

Points: 4 (12/5/09 vs. Monmouth)
 Rebounds: 1 (7 times, last 1/4/10 vs. Beloit)
 Assists: 4 (12/4/09 vs. Lake Forest)

#3 - John Taylor

Points: 25 (12/5/09 vs. Monmouth)
 Rebounds: 8 (12/30/09 vs. Chicago)
 Assists: 8 (12/30/08 vs. UW-Platteville)

#4 - Dave Wipperfurth

Points: 23 (12/29/08 vs. St. Scholastica)
 Rebounds: 11 (12/17/07 vs. Northern Michigan)
 Assists: 3 (6 times, last 1/4/10 vs. Beloit)

#11 - Kyle Johnsen

Points: 10 (1/17/09 vs. Grinnell)
 Rebounds: 10 (1/17/09 vs. Grinnell)
 Assists: 4 (1/31/09 vs. Beloit)

#12 - Mike Brumm

Points: 16 (12/30/09 vs. Chicago)
 Rebounds: 3 (11/25/09 vs. Marian)
 Assists: 6 (11/15/09 vs. Silver Lake)

#14 - Steve Papke

Points: 14 (11/16/09 vs. UW-Oshkosh)
 Rebounds: 11 (12/4/09 vs. Lake Forest)
 Assists: 2 (3 times, last 12/30/09 vs. Chicago)

#15 - Rob Durrett

Points: 12 (12/29/07 vs. Rockford)
 Rebounds: 5 (2 times, last 1/25/08 vs. Monmouth)
 Assists: 2 (2 times, last 2/8/08 vs. Knox)

#20 - Kenny Rideout

Points: 5 (1/24/09 vs. Knox)
 Rebounds: 2 (11/15/09 vs. Silver Lake)
 Assists: n/a

#21 - Trent Monckton

Points: 2 (1/4/10 vs. Beloit)
 Rebounds: n/a
 Assists: 2 (11/15/09 vs. Silver Lake)

#22 - Jack Whalen

Points: n/a
 Rebounds: n/a
 Assists: n/a

#24 - Chris Peterson

Points: 17 (12/29/09 vs. Northwestern)
 Rebounds: 7 (12/19/09 vs. MSOE)
 Assists: 3 (12/30/09 vs. Chicago)

#25 - Paul Mallers

Points: 14 (2/5/08 vs. Ripon)
 Rebounds: 10 (1/23/09 vs. Illinois College)
 Assists: 4 (2 times, last 1/31/09 vs. Beloit)

#30 - Kahelote Cornelius

Points: 1 (11/15/09 vs. Silver Lake)
 Rebounds: 2 (11/15/09 vs. Silver Lake)
 Assists: 1 (2 times, last 1/4/10 vs. Beloit)

#34 - Paul Appleton

Points: 16 (11/15/09 vs. Silver Lake)
 Rebounds: 3 (2 times, last 11/25/09 vs. Marian)
 Assists: 2 (2 times, last 12/4/09 vs. Lake Forest)

#43 - Jake Dietz

Points: 22 (1/17/09 vs. Grinnell)
 Rebounds: 9 (2/11/09 vs. Ripon)
 Assists: 3 (5 times, last 1/31/09 vs. Beloit)

#44 - Cody Stelmach

Points: 2 (2 times, last 1/4/10 vs. Beloit)
 Rebounds: 2 (1/4/10 vs. Beloit)
 Assists: 1 (12/19/09 vs. MSOE)

#51 - Mitchell Cloghessy

Points: 4 (11/15/09 vs. Silver Lake)
 Rebounds: n/a
 Assists: n/a

#53 - James Pfitzinger

Points: 6 (3 times, last 12/30/09 vs. Chicago)
 Rebounds: 7 (12/19/09 vs. MSOE)
 Assists: 1 (2 times, last 12/5/09 vs. Monmouth)

St. Norbert College Men's Basketball
St. Norbert College Combined Team Statistics (as of Jan 04, 2010)
All games

Overall record: 9-1 Conf: 3-0 Home: 5-1 Away: 4-0 Neutral: 0-0

##	Player	gp-gs	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				Other				pts	avg				
			min	avg	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq			a	to	blk	stl
04	Dave Wipperfurth	10-10	284	28.4	53-108	.491	15-39	.385	28-34	.824	11	25	36	3.6	13	0	12	8	1	3	149	14.9
03	John Taylor	10-10	286	28.6	33-73	.452	11-22	.500	40-45	.889	3	39	42	4.2	15	0	37	14	2	16	117	11.7
24	Chris Peterson	10-2	204	20.4	37-71	.521	14-34	.412	11-15	.733	13	36	49	4.9	26	1	9	15	1	3	99	9.9
14	Steve Papke	10-10	228	22.8	31-61	.508	0-0	.000	23-36	.639	23	34	57	5.7	29	1	10	26	8	3	85	8.5
25	Paul Mallers	10-2	197	19.7	21-42	.500	2-7	.286	14-19	.737	11	22	33	3.3	12	0	6	7	0	7	58	5.8
12	Mike Brumm	10-0	160	16.0	15-35	.429	9-22	.409	18-25	.720	1	9	10	1.0	5	0	16	12	1	5	57	5.7
43	Jake Dietz	10-8	217	21.7	12-33	.364	0-0	.000	22-28	.786	16	18	34	3.4	23	1	8	22	3	6	46	4.6
34	Paul Appleton	10-8	149	14.9	15-44	.341	7-25	.280	0-1	.000	2	15	17	1.7	15	0	6	7	0	2	37	3.7
53	James Pfitzinger	10-0	86	8.6	12-21	.571	0-0	.000	8-12	.667	5	20	25	2.5	15	0	2	9	8	2	32	3.2
33	x-Jimmy Martin	2-0	8	4.0	4-4	1.000	4-4	1.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.5	1	0	0	1	0	0	12	6.0
01	Matt Coenen	7-0	62	8.9	4-12	.333	0-3	.000	2-3	.667	1	4	5	0.7	4	0	7	4	0	2	10	1.4
15	Rob Durrett	3-0	29	9.7	3-4	.750	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	1	2	3	1.0	4	0	1	1	0	0	8	2.7
11	Kyle Johnsen	2-0	13	6.5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	8-9	.889	0	4	4	2.0	2	0	1	1	1	0	8	4.0
51	Mitchell Cloghessy	3-0	13	4.3	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	1	6	2.0
44	Cody Stelmach	3-0	13	4.3	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	1	2	3	1.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	1.3
20	Kenny Rideout	3-0	12	4.0	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	1	2	3	1.0	2	0	0	1	0	0	4	1.3
21	Trent Monckton	3-0	14	4.7	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	0	0	0	0.0	4	0	2	1	0	1	2	0.7
30	Kahelote Cornelius	3-0	10	3.3	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	1-2	.500	0	2	2	0.7	1	0	2	4	0	2	1	0.3
22	Jack Whalen	3-0	15	5.0	0-5	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
Team											13	17	30				1					
Total.....		10	2000		247-529	.467	62-161	.385	179-236	.758	102	252	354	35.4	173	3	120	135	25	53	735	73.5
Opponents.....		10	2000		211-550	.384	46-176	.261	134-181	.740	104	209	313	31.3	207	4	80	138	13	53	602	60.2

x-Inactive player

TEAM STATISTICS	SNC	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	735	602	11/15/09	SILVER LAKE COLLEGE	w 112-73	452
Points per game	73.5	60.2	11/16/09	UW-OSHKOSH	w 60-52	470
Scoring margin	+13.3	-	11/21/09	at Elmhurst College	w 63-61	937
FIELD GOALS-ATT	247-529	211-550	11/25/09	MARIAN UNIV.	w 78-70	596
Field goal pct	.467	.384	* 12/4/09	at Lake Forest College	w 69-58	414
3 POINT FG-ATT	62-161	46-176	* 12/5/09	at Monmouth College	w 70-58	375
3-point FG pct	.385	.261	12/19/09	at MSOE	w 69-52	252
3-pt FG made per game	6.2	4.6	# 12/29/09	NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE	L 70-72	615
FREE THROWS-ATT	179-236	134-181	# 12/30/09	UNIV. OF CHICAGO	w 71-60	549
Free throw pct	.758	.740	* 1/4/10	BELOIT COLLEGE	w 73-46	315
F-Throws made per game	17.9	13.4				
REBOUNDS	354	313				
Rebounds per game	35.4	31.3				
Rebounding margin	+4.1	-				
ASSISTS	120	80				
Assists per game	12.0	8.0				
TURNOVERS	135	138				
Turnovers per game	13.5	13.8				
Turnover margin	+0.3	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	0.9	0.6				
STEALS	53	53				
Steals per game	5.3	5.3				
BLOCKS	25	13				
Blocks per game	2.5	1.3				
ATTENDANCE	2997	1978				
Home games-Avg/Game	6-500	4-494				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

- Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament (De Pere, Wis.)
* = Midwest Conference game

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
St. Norbert College	351	384	735
Opponents	258	344	602