



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview

St. Norbert College (0-0) vs. Silver Lake College (0-3) - Sun., 11/15 - Midnight
St. Norbert College vs. No. 24 UW-Oshkosh (0-0) - Mon., 11/16 - 7 p.m.
Schuldes Sports Center (2,100) - De Pere, Wisconsin

Games Overview:

St. Norbert opens the 2009-10 season against local opponents Silver Lake and UW-Oshkosh at Schuldes Sports Center.

The Series:

St. Norbert leads Silver Lake 2-0 in the all-time series. The two teams met twice during the 1975-76 season, with St. Norbert posting wins of 103-97 and 110-83.

UW-Oshkosh leads St. Norbert 47-30 in a series begun during the 1917-18 season. The Green Knights claimed last year's meeting with a 66-62 triumph at Kolf Sports Center in Oshkosh.

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.

Silver Lake coach Tod Hauf is 0-3 in his first season in Manitowoc.

UW-Oshkosh coach Ted Van Dellen is 332-176 in his 20th season in Oshkosh.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert, which lost an exhibition game to NCAA Division I UW-Green Bay 71-54 on Nov. 7, 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 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.

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2009-2010 Results

Date	Opponent	Result
N 7	at UW-Green Bay (exh)	L 71-54
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.

About the Lakers:

Silver Lake enters Sunday's game with an 0-3 overall record. The Lakers are coming off a 77-65 loss at St. Ambrose last Sunday.

Junior forward Maurice Patton leads the Lakers with 15.0 points and 6.0 rebounds per game. Patton scored 17 points with eight rebounds in the loss to St. Ambrose. Junior guard Dwight Weathers is averaging 10.7 points per game, while junior guard Brian Diorio is netting 10.0 points per game.

Silver Lake is averaging 69.7 points per game while shooting 39.1 percent from the floor, 26.5 percent on 3-pointers and 66.7 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring 83.7 points per game while shooting 42.0 percent from the floor, 30.0 percent on 3-pointers and 62.9 percent at the free-throw line.

About the Titans:

UW-Oshkosh enters the 2009-10 season ranked No. 24 in the D3hoops.com pre-season Top 25. The Titans finished 16-11 overall and 9-7 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference last season and are picked to finish third in the league this year.

Senior forward D.J. Marsh leads Oshkosh into the new season as a pre-season first-team All-America selection by D3hoops.com. Marsh averaged 19.1 points and 8.9 rebounds per game last season. Junior guard Cory Wittwer averaged 7.6 points per game last season, and senior forward Luke Miller netted 3.6 points per game last year.

Oshkosh averaged 72.0 points per game last year while shooting 49.0 percent from the floor, 38.1 percent on 3-pointers and 80.4 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents averaged 71.8 points per game while shooting 48.6 percent from the floor, 36.4 percent on 3-pointers and 75.8 percent at the free-throw line.

MWC Crystal Ball:

St. Norbert edged Carroll in the annual pre-season poll of league

coaches and is the favorite to win the Midwest Conference championship.

St. Norbert had four first-place votes to Carroll's six but finished with one poll point more than the Pioneers.

Ripon is picked to finish third, followed by Lake Forest, Lawrence, Grinnell, Monmouth, Illinois College, Beloit and Knox.

St. Norbert is searching for its fourth conference championship in the 87-year history of the program. St. Norbert last won the MWC championship in 2002.

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	
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	0-0	0-0		
Totals	41-29	30-18		
Career	92-60			

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 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.

Games on Monday, Nov. 16

UW-Oshkosh at St. Norbert, 7 p.m.

Knox at Cornell, 7 p.m.