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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview

St. Norbert College (2-0) at Elmhurst College (1-0)

Saturday, November 21, 2009 - 7:30 p.m.
 R.A. Faganel Hall (1,875) - Elmhurst, Illinois

Game Overview:

St. Norbert looks to improve to 3-0 with a non-conference contest at perennial College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin contender Elmhurst College.

The Series:

Elmhurst leads the series with St. Norbert by a 4-2 margin, with all six games coming in the last 10 seasons. St. Norbert's lone win at Elmhurst came in a 59-53 triumph on Dec. 4, 2001, a season the Green Knights went on to win the Midwest Conference championship.

Last Meeting:

Elmhurst eked out a 56-54 win over St. Norbert on Nov. 21, 2006 at Schuldes Sports Center in De Pere, a game that was Gary Grzesk's first home game as St. Norbert coach. St. Norbert trailed 37-20 but rallied to take a 49-46 lead before losing. Tony Jandron led St. Norbert with 25 points, while Brian Lee led Elmhurst with 23 points.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 43-29 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 94-60.

Elmhurst coach Mark Scherer (Eureka, 1986) is 214-121 in his 14th season in Elmhurst.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert opened the season with a pair of wins, topping Silver Lake 112-73 on Sunday and No. 24-ranked UW-Oshkosh 60-52 on Monday - both at Schuldes Sports Center. The 2-0 start is the Green Knights' first since the 1998-99 season.

Junior guard John Taylor leads the Green Knights in scoring at 14.5 points per game, while junior guard Dave Wipperfurth is netting 10.5 points per game. Junior forward Steve Papke is averaging 9.5 points and 7.0 rebounds per game.

St. Norbert is averaging 86 points per game while shooting 53.7 percent from the floor, 52.9 percent on three-point field goals and 67.9 percent at

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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	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.

the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring 62.5 points per game while shooting 34.9 percent from the floor, 19.4 percent on three-point field goals and 76.3 percent at the free-throw line.

About the Bluejays:

Elmhurst off to a 1-0 start this season after going 20-8 a year ago and advancing to the NCAA Division III Tournament. The Bluejays are picked for a fifth-place finish in the pre-season CCIW poll.

The Bluejays snapped a 38-38 halftime tie and topped Hamline 79-70 this past Sunday in St. Paul. Elmhurst shot 42.4 percent from the floor, 35.3 percent on 3-pointers and 88.5 percent (23-for-26) at the free-throw line.

Elmhurst's bench scored 57 points against Hamline. Chris Childs netted 21 points to pace the Bluejays, while Zack Boyd had 14 points. Mike McCurdy added nine points.

The Bluejays did commit 31 fouls in the game, and Hamline made 29 of 40 free throws.

Hat Trick:

St. Norbert's 60-52 win over UW-Oshkosh on Nov. 16 was the Green Knights' third consecutive win over a Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference foe. The Green Knights beat UW-Oshkosh and No. 1-ranked UW-Platteville in 2008-09.

The three-straight wins marks the first time in 44 years the Green Knights have won that many consecutive games against WIAC opponents, when they had a five-game win streak against the league.

St. Norbert topped UW-Eau Claire 96-74 on Feb. 2, 1965 and UW-La Crosse 86-77 in the NAIA District 14 championship game on March 4, 1965. The Green Knights then topped Eau Claire 127-106 at Van Dyke Gym in De Pere on Dec. 11, 1965 to finish the five-game streak. St. Norbert had beaten UW-Stevens Point and UW-Whitewater in January 1965 to get the streak started.

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 title.

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 32-11. 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 has won three consecutive games against teams ranked in the D3hoops.com Top 25. The Green Knights beat UW-Platteville and Carroll in 2008-09 and UW-Oshkosh this season.

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	2-0	0-0		
Totals	43-29	30-18		
Career	94-60			

MWC Glance

Team	MWC	Overall
Beloit	0-0	0-1
Carroll	0-0	0-0
Grinnell	0-0	1-0
Illinois College	0-0	1-0
Knox	0-0	0-1
Lake Forest	0-0	1-0
Lawrence	0-0	1-0
Monmouth	0-0	0-1
Ripon	0-0	0-0
St. Norbert	0-0	2-0

* - through games of Nov. 17, 2009

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St. Norbert College Combined Team Statistics (as of Nov 16, 2009)
All games

Overall record: 2-0 Conf: 0-0 Home: 2-0 Away: 0-0 Neutral: 0-0

##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg								
03	John Taylor	2-2	47	23.5	8-15	.533	5-8	.625	8-8	1.000	0	5	5	2.5	2	0	7	3	0	3	29	14.5
04	Dave Wipperfurth	2-2	44	22.0	8-16	.500	0-4	.000	5-8	.625	3	5	8	4.0	2	0	3	3	1	0	21	10.5
14	Steve Papke	2-2	46	23.0	8-12	.667	0-0	.000	3-7	.429	6	8	14	7.0	8	0	1	8	2	0	19	9.5
34	Paul Appleton	2-2	32	16.0	6-16	.375	4-9	.444	0-0	.000	0	4	4	2.0	4	0	2	2	0	2	16	8.0
53	James Pfitzinger	2-0	26	13.0	4-5	.800	0-0	.000	4-7	.571	1	4	5	2.5	6	0	0	2	2	1	12	6.0
33	Jimmy Martin	1-0	7	7.0	4-4	1.000	4-4	1.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	0	12	12.0
43	Jake Dietz	2-2	48	24.0	3-8	.375	0-0	.000	5-5	1.000	3	1	4	2.0	4	0	1	2	2	2	11	5.5
12	Mike Brumm	2-0	36	18.0	3-4	.750	3-4	.750	2-4	.500	0	3	3	1.5	3	0	7	3	1	1	11	5.5
25	Paul Mallers	2-0	27	13.5	5-7	.714	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1.0	2	0	3	1	0	1	11	5.5
24	Chris Peterson	2-0	22	11.0	5-8	.625	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	3	5	8	4.0	4	0	1	1	0	0	11	5.5
11	Kyle Johnsen	1-0	12	12.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	8-9	.889	0	4	4	4.0	2	0	1	1	1	0	8	8.0
20	Kenny Rideout	1-0	9	9.0	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	1	1	2	2.0	2	0	0	1	0	0	4	4.0
51	Mitchell Cloghessy	1-0	9	9.0	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	4.0
44	Cody Stelmach	1-0	7	7.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.0
30	Kahelote Cornelius	1-0	6	6.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	0	2	2	2.0	1	0	1	3	0	1	1	1.0
21	Trent Monckton	1-0	10	10.0	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	0	0	0	0.0	4	0	2	1	0	0	0	0.0
01	Matt Coenen	1-0	9	9.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	0	0	0	0.0	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0.0
22	Jack Whalen	1-0	3	3.0	0-3	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											5	6	11									
Total.....		2	400		58-108	.537	18-34	.529	38-56	.679	22	51	73	36.5	48	0	30	34	9	12	172	86.0
Opponents.....		2	400		37-106	.349	6-31	.194	45-59	.763	26	39	65	32.5	52	0	7	37	3	10	125	62.5

TEAM STATISTICS	SNC	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	172	125	11/15/09	SILVER LAKE COLLEGE	w 112-73	452
Points per game	86.0	62.5	11/16/09	UW-OSHKOSH	w 60-52	470
Scoring margin	+23.5	-	* - Conference game			
FIELD GOALS-ATT	58-108	37-106				
Field goal pct	.537	.349				
3 POINT FG-ATT	18-34	6-31				
3-point FG pct	.529	.194				
3-pt FG made per game	9.0	3.0				
FREE THROWS-ATT	38-56	45-59				
Free throw pct	.679	.763				
F-Throws made per game	19.0	22.5				
REBOUNDS	73	65				
Rebounds per game	36.5	32.5				
Rebounding margin	+4.0	-				
ASSISTS	30	7				
Assists per game	15.0	3.5				
TURNOVERS	34	37				
Turnovers per game	17.0	18.5				
Turnover margin	+1.5	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	0.9	0.2				
STEALS	12	10				
Steals per game	6.0	5.0				
BLOCKS	9	3				
Blocks per game	4.5	1.5				
ATTENDANCE	922	0				
Home games-Avg/Game	2-461	0-0				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
St. Norbert College	85	87	172
Opponents	50	75	125