



# St. Norbert College

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

#### St. Norbert College (3-0) vs. Marian University (2-2)

Wednesday, November 25, 2009 - 7 p.m.  
 Schuldes Sports Center (2,100) - De Pere, Wisconsin

#### Game Overview:

St. Norbert looks to remain unbeaten on the 2009-10 season when it hosts Marian University in a non-conference game at Schuldes Sports Center. It is the first meeting between the two programs in almost 17 years.

#### The Series:

Marian leads St. Norbert 3-2 in the all-time series, which began in the 1988-89 season. The Sabres claimed the last meeting by a 67-50 score on Jan. 5, 1993 in Fond du Lac.

#### The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 44-29 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 95-60.

Marian coach Mark Boyle (UW-Eau Claire, 1978) is 287-296 in his 22nd season in Fond du Lac.

#### About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters the Marian game with a 3-0 record, its first such mark since a 5-0 start to the 1993-94 season. The Green Knights are coming off a pulsating 63-61 win at Elmhurst this past Saturday, when St. Norbert rallied from a 10-point second half deficit. St. Norbert has now won 33 of its last 44 games.

The Green Knights are led in scoring by junior guard John Taylor, who is averaging 14.3 points and 4.7 assists per game while shooting 93.8 percent (15-for-16) at the free-throw line. Junior guard Dave Wipperfurth is scoring 14.0 points per game, while junior forward Steve Papke is averaging 9.0 points and 6.0 rebounds per game.

St. Norbert is scoring an average of 78.3 points per game, and is shooting 51.4 percent from the floor, 51.1 percent on 3-pointers and 71.1 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 62 points per game while shooting 37.4 percent from the floor, 26.5 percent on 3-pointers and 73.9 percent at the charity stripe.

#### About the Sabres:

Marian enters Wednesday's game with a 2-2 overall record. The Sabres

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#### 2009-2010 Results

Date	Opponent	Result
N 7	at UW-Green Bay (exh)	L 71-54
N 15	<b>Silver Lake</b>	<b>W 112-73</b>
N 16	<b>UW-Oshkosh (24)</b>	<b>W 60-52</b>
N 21	at Elmhurst	W 63-61
N 25	<b>Marian</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
D 4	*at Lake Forest	7 p.m.
D 5	*at Monmouth	4 p.m.
D 9	* <b>Beloit</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
D 19	*at MSOE	3 p.m.
D 29	% <b>Northwestern-Minn.</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
D 30	% <b>Chicago or Edgewood</b>	<b>5 or 7 p.m.</b>
J 9	*at Ripon	4 p.m.
J 15	* <b>Knox</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
J 16	* <b>Grinnell</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
J 22	*at Illinois College	7 p.m.
J 23	*at Knox	4 p.m.
J 27	* <b>Carroll</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
J 30	*at Beloit	2 p.m.
F 2	*at Lawrence	5 p.m.
F 5	* <b>Monmouth</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
F 6	* <b>Lake Forest</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>
F 10	* <b>Ripon</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
F 13	* <b>Lawrence</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>
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.

lost in the title game of the Northwestern (Minn.) Tip-Off Tournament to the host school 68-64 on Saturday. Marian's two wins this season came on Nov. 15 over Beloit 78-57 and on Nov. 20 over Finlandia 69-64. The Sabres other loss came at Lawrence 77-68 on Nov. 17.

Senior forward Logan Rankin leads the Sabres in nearly every statistical category. Rankin averages 21 points and 10.3 rebounds per game, and is 16 points shy of 1,000 for his career. Senior guard Bryan Ashbeck is averaging 12.5 points per game, while senior guard Kevin Hudak is netting 9.3 points per game.

Marian is averaging 69.8 points per game while shooting 44.2 percent from the floor, 34 percent on 3-pointers and 66.3 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring 66.5 points per game while shooting 38.8 percent from the floor, 27.5 percent on 3-pointers and 70.9 percent at the free-throw line.

**NAC Notes:**

St. Norbert will face a pair of Northern Athletics Conference foes this season. In addition to hosting Marian, the Green Knights will travel to the Milwaukee School of Engineering on Dec. 19.

Under Gary Grzesk, St. Norbert owns a 4-1 record against the NAC. The Green Knights swept Dominican and Concordia-Chicago at home in 2008-09. During the 2007-08 season St. Norbert went 2-1 against the NAC, beating Rockford and Concordia-Chicago and losing to Dominican.

**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 33-11. 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's 63-61 win over Elmhurst on Nov. 21 was the Green Knights' first win in four tries over a College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin foe under Gary Grzesk. St. Norbert lost to Augustana and by two points to Elmhurst in Grzesk's first year of 2006-07 and then lost at home in double overtime to No. 10-ranked Augustana in 2007-08.

\* - 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 29-4 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	
<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	3-0	0-0		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>44-29</b>	<b>30-18</b>		
<b>Career</b>	<b>95-60</b>			

**MWC Glance**

Team	MWC	Overall
Beloit	0-0	0-3
Carroll	0-0	1-1
Grinnell	0-0	1-2
Illinois College	0-0	3-0
Knox	0-0	0-1
Lake Forest	0-0	1-2
Lawrence	0-0	1-3
Monmouth	0-0	0-2
Ripon	0-0	1-1
St. Norbert	0-0	3-0

**Games on Wednesday, Nov. 25**

- Marian at St. Norbert, 7 p.m.
- Lawrence at UW-Stevens Point, 7 p.m.
- Eureka at Monmouth, 7 p.m.

\* - through games of Nov. 22, 2009

**2009-10 St. Norbert College Basketball**  
**St. Norbert College Combined Team Statistics (as of Nov 21, 2009)**  
**All games**

Overall record: 3-0 Conf: 0-0 Home: 2-0 Away: 1-0 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	3-3	81	27.0	11-22	.500	6-9	.667	15-16	.938	0	9	9	3.0	3	0	14	7	1	4	43	14.3
04	Dave Wipperfurth	3-3	78	26.0	15-30	.500	2-9	.222	10-13	.769	5	8	13	4.3	3	0	5	3	1	0	42	14.0
14	Steve Papke	3-3	74	24.7	11-17	.647	0-0	.000	5-11	.455	7	11	18	6.0	9	0	2	11	2	0	27	9.0
24	Chris Peterson	3-0	39	13.0	8-13	.615	3-5	.600	0-1	.000	3	8	11	3.7	5	0	1	3	0	0	19	6.3
43	Jake Dietz	3-3	79	26.3	4-9	.444	0-0	.000	8-9	.889	4	5	9	3.0	5	0	1	7	2	4	16	5.3
12	Mike Brumm	3-0	56	18.7	4-7	.571	4-7	.571	4-7	.571	0	4	4	1.3	3	0	9	5	1	1	16	5.3
34	Paul Appleton	3-3	47	15.7	6-18	.333	4-10	.400	0-0	.000	0	6	6	2.0	7	0	2	2	0	2	16	5.3
25	Paul Mallers	3-0	45	15.0	5-9	.556	1-2	.500	2-2	1.000	4	4	8	2.7	4	0	3	2	0	1	13	4.3
53	James Pfitzinger	3-0	28	9.3	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	4-7	.571	2	5	7	2.3	10	0	0	3	2	1	12	4.0
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
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
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											7	8	15									
Total.....		3	600		76-148	.514	24-47	.511	59-83	.711	33	76	109	36.3	62	0	42	52	10	15	235	78.3
Opponents.....		3	600		61-163	.374	13-49	.265	51-69	.739	36	53	89	29.7	75	0	16	48	3	18	186	62.0

TEAM STATISTICS	SNC	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	235	186	11/15/09	SILVER LAKE COLLEGE	w 112-73	452
Points per game	78.3	62.0	11/16/09	UW-OSHKOSH	w 60-52	470
Scoring margin	+16.3	-	11/21/09	at Elmhurst College	w 63-61	937
FIELD GOALS-ATT	76-148	61-163	* - Conference game			
Field goal pct	.514	.374				
3 POINT FG-ATT	24-47	13-49				
3-point FG pct	.511	.265				
3-pt FG made per game	8.0	4.3				
FREE THROWS-ATT	59-83	51-69				
Free throw pct	.711	.739				
F-Throws made per game	19.7	17.0				
REBOUNDS	109	89				
Rebounds per game	36.3	29.7				
Rebounding margin	+6.7	-				
ASSISTS	42	16				
Assists per game	14.0	5.3				
TURNOVERS	52	48				
Turnovers per game	17.3	16.0				
Turnover margin	-1.3	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	0.8	0.3				
STEALS	15	18				
Steals per game	5.0	6.0				
BLOCKS	10	3				
Blocks per game	3.3	1.0				
ATTENDANCE	922	937				
Home games-Avg/Game	2-461	1-937				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
St. Norbert College	111	124	235
Opponents	81	105	186