

St. Norbert College Sports Information

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview
No. 19 St. Norbert College (6-0, 2-0 MWC) vs. Beloit College (2-5, 1-1 MWC)
Wednesday, December 9, 2009 - 7:30 p.m.
Schuldes Sports Center (2,100) - De Pere, 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 19th in this week's D3hoops.com Top 25.

The Series:

St. Norbert leads Beloit 32-20 in a series dating back to the 1983-84 season. The Green Knights have won 22 of the last 27 meetings, including 11 of the last 13 at home.

Last Meetings:

St. Norbert beat Beloit 84-63 last Jan. 31 at Schuldes Sports Center in De Pere, a win that pushed the Green Knights' record to 16-1. The Green Knights shot 61.2 percent from the floor and made 13 of 19 3-pointers before eventually leading by as much as 36 points in the second half. Bryan Fleischmann led St. Norbert with 22 points, while Andy Horton led Beloit with 13 points.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 47-29 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 98-60.

Beloit coach Brian Vraney (Wisconsin, 1998) is 10-43 in his third season in Beloit.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters the Beloit game with a 6-0 record, the first time it has reached that mark since going 8-0 during the 1922-23 season. The Green Knights swept Lake Forest and Monmouth this past weekend by scores of 69-58 and 70-58, respectively, to remain unbeaten. St. Norbert has now won 36 of its last 47 games.

Junior guard John Taylor holds down the team scoring lead with 15.7 points per game, and is shooting a lusty 92.9 percent (39-for-42) at the free-throw line. Junior guard Dave Wipperfurth is scoring 15.2 points per game and is connecting on 46.2 percent (12-for-26) of his three-point field goal

	2009-2010 Kesul	lts				
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 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 Tour	rnament				
* - Mic	dwest Conference game;	% - Nicolet				
National Bank Holiday Tournament - De Pere,						

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* - 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.

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attempts. Junior forward Steve Papke is averaging 8.8 points and 6.2 rebounds per game.

St. Norbert is scoring an average of 75.3 points per game, and is shooting 45.3 percent from the floor, 43.7 percent on 3-pointers and 75.3 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 62 points per game while shooting 39.2 percent from the floor, 24.5 percent on 3-pointers and 75.2 percent at the charity stripe.

About the Buccaneers:

Beloit enters the St. Norbert game with a 2-5 overall record and a 1-1 mark in the Midwest Conference. The Buccaneers split a pair of Midwest Conference road games this past weekend, topping Grinnell 91-90 before losing to Knox 71-63. Beloit's other win this season came in a 73-64 win over MSOE on Nov. 24

Sophomore forward Travis Towns leads Beloit with 17.6 points per game and is shooting 46.1 percent from the floor. Sophomore forward David Bremner is scoring 15.1 points while grabbing 5.9 rebounds per game. Junior guard Patrick Kenny is netting 8.4 points per game.

Beloit is averaging 65.3 points per game while shooting 45.4 percent from the floor, 33 percent on 3-pointers and 71 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring 74.3 points per game while shooting 46.9 percent from the floor, 32 percent on 3-pointers and 69.7 percent at the free-throw line.

Start Me Up:

St. Norbert's 6-0 start marks its best start to a men's basketball season in 87 years. The Green Knights went 8-0 during the 1922-23 season, which was the last time they stood at 6-0 through six games.

St. Norbert, which went 12-0 in 1919-20, started last season 16-1 before settling on an 18-6 finish.

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 six games, St. Norbert is 125-for-166 (75.3 percent), the most made and attempted free throws in the Midwest Conference. The Green Knights' makes (125) are more than their opponents have attempted (113).

Despite shooting a season-low 34.5 percent (20-for-58) from the floor in a 70-58 win over Monmouth on Dec. 5, the Green Knights made 23 of 26 free throws to offset the cold shooting night.

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 36-11. 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.

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,

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

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Lakeland	d			
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		
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Year	Overall	MWC	Place	NCAA
		MWC 8-8	Place 6th	NCAA
Year	Overall 9-13			NCAA
Year 2006-07	Overall 9-13	8-8	6th	NCAA
Year 2006-07 2007-08	Overall 9-13 14-10	8-8 10-6	6th T3rd	NCAA
Year 2006-07 2007-08 2008-09	Overall 9-13 14-10 18-6	8-8 10-6 12-4	6th T3rd	NCAA
Year 2006-07 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10	Overall 9-13 14-10 18-6 6-0	8-8 10-6 12-4 2-0	6th T3rd	NCAA

MWC Glance Team **MWC** Overall St. Norbert 6-0 2 - 0Illinois College 2-0 5-1 Ripon 2-0 5-1 Carroll 1-1 4-2 Beloit 1-1 2-5 Lawrence 1-1 2-5 1-1 1-4 Lake Forest 0-2 2-5 Monmouth 0-2 1-5 Grinnell 0-21-6

Games on Wednesday, Dec. 9

Monmouth at Illinois College, 7 p.m.

Beloit at St. Norbert, 7:30 p.m.

Grinnell at Knox, 7:30 p.m.

* - through games of Dec. 6, 2009

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.

Jump Shots:

- * St. Norbert is 30-4 when scoring 70 points or more under Gary Grzesk. Two of those losses have come to high-scoring Grinnell College.
- * St. Norbert is 30-4 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.

D3hoops.com Division III Top 25 Poll - Dec. 7, 2009

Place	School (1st-place)	Pts.	Record
1	Washington-Mo. (25)	625	5-0
2	John Carroll	586	6-0
3	St. Thomas	582	5-0
4	UW-Stevens Point	550	7-0
5	UW-Whitewater	514	7-0
6	Randolph-Macon	490	6-0
7	Guilford	448	4-1
8	Wheaton-Ill.	374	5-1
9	Middlebury	359	7-0
10	MassDartmouth	349	5-1
11	Texas-Dallas	324	6-1
12	Chapman	319	7-0
13	Richard Stockton	254	5-2
14	St. Mary's-Md.	251	5-1
15	Augustana	228	5-0
16	Franklin & Marshall	218	5-2
17	Amherst	185	4-1
18	Brandeis	181	7-1
19	St. Norbert	154	6-0
20	Williams	120	6-0
21	DeSales	113	5-2
22	Mississippi College	107	5-0
23	Wooster	92	4-3
24	Carthage	91	6-2
25	Virginia Wesleyan	90	7-1
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Others receiving votes: Elms 87, MIT 86, Hope 76, UW-Platteville 57, Eastern Mennonite 45, Chicago 42, Illinois Wesleyan 37, Cabrini 18, Wittenberg 14, Wilmington 12, Worcester Polytech 12, Anderson 9, Whittier 7, Rochester 5, DePauw 3, Illinois College 3, Manchester 2, Albright 1, Maryville-Tenn. 3, New Jersey City 1, Scranton 1.

St. Norbert Men's Basketball Career Highs

#1 - Matt Coenen

Points: 4 (12/5/09 vs. Monmouth) Rebounds: 1 (4 times, last 12/5/09 vs. Monmouth)

Assists: 4 (12/4/09 vs. Lake Forest)

#3 - John Taylor

Points: 25 (12/5/09 vs. Monmouth) Rebounds: 6 (12/17/08 vs. Concordia-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 (5 times, last 1/17/08 vs. Grinnell)

#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: 10 (11/15/09 vs. Silver Lake) 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: 8 (11/16/09 vs. UW-Oshkosh)

Assists: 2 (2 times, last 12/5/09 vs. Monmouth)

#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: n/a 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: 14 (11/25/09 vs. Marian) Rebounds: 6 (11/25/09 vs. Marian) Assists: 2 (2 times, last 12/4/09 vs. Lake Forest)

#25 - Paul Mallers

Beloit)

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

#30 - Kahelote Cornelius

Points: 1 (11/15/09 vs. Silver Lake) Rebounds: 2 (11/15/09 vs. Silver Lake) Assists: 1 (11/15/09 vs. Silver Lake)

#33 - Jimmy Martin

Points: 12 (11/15/09 vs. Silver Lake) Rebounds: 1 (11/15/09 vs. Silver Lake) Assists: n/a

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

#51 - Mitchell Cloghessy

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

#53 - James Pfitzinger

Monmouth)

Points: 6 (2 times, last 11/16/09 vs. UW-Oshkosh) Rebounds: 4 (11/15/09 vs. Silver Lake) Assists: 1 (2 times, last 12/5/09 vs.

St. Norbert College Men's Basketball St. Norbert College Combined Team Statistics (as of Dec 05, 2009) All games

Overall record: 6-0 Conf: 2-0 Home: 3-0 Away: 3-0 Neutral: 0-0

					Total		3-Poi	nt	F-Thro	w	ı	Rebou	nds									
##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fta	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
03	John Taylor	6-6	176	29.3	23-50	.460	9-17	.529	39-42	.929	1	20	21	3.5	9	0	24	12	1	7	94	15.7
04	Dave Wipperfurth	6-6	171	28.5	31-63	.492	12-26	.462	17-23	.739	8	16	24	4.0	8	0	9	6	1	0	91	15.2
14	Steve Papke	6-6	145	24.2	21-41	.512	0-0	.000	11-20	.550	15	22	37	6.2	18	1	7	16	4	2	53	8.8
24	Chris Peterson	6-0	114	19.0	19-34	.559	8-18	.444	6-8	.750	7	21	28	4.7	11	0	5	6	1	2	52	8.7
43	Jake Dietz	6-6	140	23.3	7-19	.368	0-0	.000	16-20	.800	9	14	23	3.8	16	1	4	14	3	5	30	5.0
25	Paul Mallers	6-0	112	18.7	9-22	.409	2-5	.400	9-10	.900	5	10	15	2.5	7	0	4	4	0	3	29	4.8
34	Paul Appleton	6-6	94	15.7	9-30	.300	5-17	.294	0-1	.000	0	10	10	1.7	11	0	4	3	0	2	23	3.8
12	Mike Brumm	6-0	88	14.7	6-18	.333	5-13	.385	6-11	.545	1	7	8	1.3	4	0	13	8	1	1	23	3.8
53	James Pfitzinger	6-0	55	9.2	5-10	.500	0-0	.000	8-12	.667	2	11	13	2.2	12	0	2	5	3	1	18	3.0
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
01	Matt Coenen	4-0	41	10.3	3-7	.429	0-2	.000	2-3	.667	1	1	2	0.5	3	0	5	3	0	1	8	2.0
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
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
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
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
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										12	12	24					1				
	Total	6	1200		141-311	.453	45-103	.437	125-166	.753	62	152	214	35.7	110	2	81	85	15	26	452	75.3
	Opponents	6	1200		132-337	.392	23-94	.245	85-113	.752	66	130	196	32.7	144	3	45	88	10	31	372	62.0

TEAM STATISTICS	SNC	OPP
SCORING	452	372
Points per game	75.3	62.0
Scoring margin	+13.3	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT	141-311	132-337
Field goal pct	.453	.392
3 POINT FG-ATT	45-103	23-94
3-point FG pct	.437	.245
3-pt FG made per game	7.5	3.8
FREE THROWS-ATT	125-166	85-113
Free throw pct	.753	.752
F-Throws made per game	20.8	14.2
REBOUNDS	214	196
Rebounds per game	35.7	32.7
Rebounding margin	+3.0	-
ASSISTS	81	45
Assists per game	13.5	7.5
TURNOVERS	85	88
Turnovers per game	14.2	14.7
Turnover margin	+0.5	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.0	0.5
STEALS	26	31
Steals per game	4.3	5.2
BLOCKS	15	10
Blocks per game	2.5	1.7
ATTENDANCE	1518	1726
Home games-Avg/Game	3-506	3-575
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
St. Norbert College	208	244	452
Opponents	159	213	372

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
	11/15/09	SILVER LAKE COLLEGE	W	112-73	452
	11/16/09	UW-OSHKOSH	W	60-52	470
	11/21/09	at Elmhurst College	W	63-61	937
	11/25/09	MARIAN UNIV.	W	78-70	596
,	12/4/09	at Lake Forest College	W	69-58	414
,	12/5/09	at Monmouth College	W	70-58	375

^{# -} Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament (De Pere, Wis.)

^{* =} Midwest Conference game