



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview

No. 15 St. Norbert College (6-0) at Milwaukee School of Engineering (4-5)

Saturday, December 19, 2009 - 3 p.m.
Kern Center (1,200) - Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Game Overview:

St. Norbert returns from a two-week hiatus to face Milwaukee School of Engineering in the final road non-conference game of the season. The Green Knights will then have 10 days off before hosting the Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament on Dec. 29-30.

The Series:

St. Norbert leads MSOE 15-1 in a series begun in the 1933-34 season. The Green Knights have won 13 straight in the series since a 24-23 MSOE win during the 1934-35 season.

Last Meeting:

St. Norbert topped MSOE 84-57 on Dec. 8, 1999 at the MSOE Sports Center in Milwaukee. Nick Perz led the Green Knights with 17 points, while Phil Leiterman came off the bench to score 14 points. St. Norbert shot 54 percent from the floor, making 34 of 63 field goals.

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.

MSOE coach Brian Miller (UW-Milwaukee, 1987) is 83-58 in his sixth year in Milwaukee.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters the MSOE 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 Dec. 4-5 by scores of 69-58 and 70-58, respectively, to remain unbeaten. St. Norbert has 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 lousy 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 attempts. Junior forward Steve Papke is averaging 8.8 points and 6.2 rebounds per game.

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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	3 p.m.
D 29	%Northwestern-Minn.	7 p.m.
D 30	%Chicago or Edgewood	5 or 7 p.m.
J 4	*Beloit	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.		

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 Raiders:

MSOE enters Saturday's game with a 4-5 overall record, and is 1-3 in the Northern Athletics Conference. The Raiders won their most recent game with a 67-64 triumph over Marian University this past Saturday. MSOE has played two Midwest Conference foes this season, losing to Illinois College 76-72 in overtime on Nov. 21 and to Beloit 73-64 on Nov. 24.

Junior forward Austin Meier leads the Raiders in scoring at 15.9 points per game while grabbing 7.2 rebounds per game. Senior center Jeremy Off scores 13.7 points per game while shooting 61.4 percent from the floor, and averages 8.8 rebounds per game. Senior forward Luke Larson is averaging 10.4 points per game.

MSOE is averaging 70.6 points per game while shooting 44.5 percent from the floor, 36.0 percent on 3-pointers and 72.7 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring 70.6 points per game while shooting 43.5 percent from the floor, 38.3 percent on 3-pointers and 74.0 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, Illinois College, Beloit and Knox.

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	6-0	2-0		
Totals	47-29	32-18		
Career	98-60			

MWC Glance

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

* - through games of Dec. 15, 2009

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.

* - St. Norbert's postponed game from Dec. 9 with Beloit will be made up at 7 p.m. on Jan. 4.

D3hoops.com Division III Top 25 Poll - Dec. 15, 2009

Place	School (1st-place)	Pts.	Record
1	Washington-Mo. (25)	625	7-0
2	St. Thomas	598	6-0
3	UW-Whitewater	573	9-0
4	UW-Stevens Point	537	8-1
5	Randolph-Macon	527	7-0
6	Guilford	484	5-1
7	Middlebury	404	7-0
8	Wheaton-Ill.	403	6-2
9	Texas-Dallas	369	7-1
10	Wilmington	317	8-1
11	John Carroll	301	6-2
12	Williams	280	8-0
13	Amherst	268	6-1
14	Franklin & Marshall	259	6-2
15	St. Norbert	236	6-0
16	Brandeis	207	7-1
17	Mississippi College	170	7-0
18	Augustana	167	5-2
19	Chapman	165	8-1
20	Mass.-Dartmouth	164	6-2
21	Virginia Wesleyan	149	8-1
22	MIT	132	11-0
23	Carthage	121	6-2
24	Chicago	114	6-1
25	Wooster	96	5-3

Others receiving votes: St. Mary's-Md. 80, Richard Stockton 76, Hope 54, Anderson 45, Illinois Wesleyan 33, Elms 27, Cabrini 23, Worcester Polytech 20, York-Pa. 20, DeSales 19, Eastern Mennonite 13, UW-La Crosse 13, Rochester 12, Western Connecticut St. 7, Illinois College 5, Maryville-Tenn. 5, UW-Platteville 5, Austin 1, Concordia-Ill. 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

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 (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

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. Monmouth)

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

##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds						a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq						
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	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	452	372	11/15/09	SILVER LAKE COLLEGE	w 112-73	452
Points per game	75.3	62.0	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	141-311	132-337	11/25/09	MARIAN UNIV.	w 78-70	596
Field goal pct	.453	.392	* 12/4/09	at Lake Forest College	w 69-58	414
3 POINT FG-ATT	45-103	23-94	* 12/5/09	at Monmouth College	w 70-58	375
3-point FG pct	.437	.245	# - Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament (De Pere, Wis.)			
3-pt FG made per game	7.5	3.8	* = Midwest Conference game			
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