

St. Norbert College Sports Information

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview St. Norbert College (11-6, 8-4) at Ripon College (11-5, 7-4) Saturday, January 28, 2012 - 4 p.m. Storzer Center (2,500) - Ripon, Wisconsin

Game Overview:

St. Norbert and Ripon meet Saturday in a key Midwest Conference game. The Green Knights and Red Hawks are tied in the loss column in the league standings with four losses apiece.

The Series:

Ripon holds a 59-47 series lead over St. Norbert in a spirited rivalry dating back to the 1932-33 season. The Green Knights have narrowed the gap by winning 10 of the last 11 meetings over the last five seasons.

Last Meeting:

St. Norbert dispatched Ripon 73-59 on Jan. 10 at Schuldes Sports Center in De Pere. The Green Knights led 34-27 at halftime and eventually build a second-half lead as large as 19 points. Trent Monckton scored a career-high 15 points for St. Norbert, while Garrett Thorn added 13 points. Taylor Koth posted 28 points for Ripon, while Aris Wurtz contributed 13 points.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 95-45 in his sixth 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 146-76.

Ripon coach Bob Gillespie (Lewis, 1971) is 505-246 in his 32nd season in Ripon.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters the game having claimed wins in five of its last six games. The Green Knights have compiled to date an 11-6 overall record and 8-4 mark in the Midwest Conference. St. Norbert dispatched Lawrence 74-65 on Wednesday at Schuldes Sports Center, its fifth consecutive win over the Vikings.

Sophomore guard Brandon Gries had 16 points, 10 rebounds and six assists in the win over Lawrence. Gries now averages 12.6 points per game. Junior forward Paul Appleton is netting 10.9 points per game, while freshman forward Andrew Schwoerer is scoring 10.5 points while grabbing a team-high 5.8 rebounds per game. Sophomore center Garrett Thorn chips in with 9.3 points and 5.3 rebounds per game.

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2011-2012 Results							
Date	Opponent	Result					
N 15	UW-Oshkosh	W 65-50					
N 19	at Augustana (2)	L 79-48					
N 22	MSOE	W 80-36					
D 2	*at Grinnell	L 108-98					
D 3	*at Monmouth	W 80-70					
D 7	*Beloit	W 73-63					
D 10	*at Knox	W 76-57					
D 17	*Lake Forest (TV)	L 59-52					
D 29	%Northland (TV)	W 71-53					
D 30	%UW-La Crosse (TV)	L 78-57					
J 7	*at Carroll	L 74-64					
J 10	*Ripon	W 73-59					
J 13	*Illinois College	W 79-70					
J 14	*Knox	W 60-58					
J 20	*at Lake Forest	L 62-54					
J 21	*at Illinois College	W 73-55					
J 25	*Lawrence	W 74-65					
J 28	*at Ripon	4 p.m.					
F 3	*Monmouth	7 p.m.					
F 4	*Grinnell (TV)	3 p.m.					
F 8	*at Beloit	5 p.m.					
F 11	*Carroll	4 p.m.					
F 18	*at Lawrence	2 p.m.					
* - Mi	dwest Conference game;	% - Nicolet					
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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. (TV) game broadcast on WACY-TV - Green Bay. St. Norbert is scoring an average of 69.2 points per game, and is shooting 44.0 percent from the floor, 34.6 percent on 3-pointers and 72.2 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 64.5 points per game while shooting 42.4 percent from the floor, 32.4 percent on 3-pointers and 67.1 percent at the charity stripe.

About the Red Hawks:

Ripon enters the game with an 11-5 overall record and a 7-4 record in Midwest Conference games. The Red Hawks have won three of their last four games, including a 70-67 triumph over Beloit on Wednesday when senior forward Aris Wurtz canned a 35-footer at the buzzer.

Wurtz leads Ripon in scoring at a robust 24.3 points per game, and also grabs an average of 6.4 rebounds per game. Junior guard Taylor Koth is scoring 21.2 points per game and is snaring a teamhigh 9.3 rebounds per game. Junior forward Zach Meulemans is the third Red Hawk to average scoring in double figures at 10.1 points per game.

Ripon is averaging 80.0 points per game while shooting 47.0 percent from the floor, 38.8 percent on 3-pointers and 78.4 percent on free throws. Opponents are scoring 74.4 points per game while shooting 44.1 percent from the floor, 32.5 percent on 3-pointers and 67.4 percent at the free-throw line.

Building a Winner:

In his first five seasons, head coach Gary Grzesk turned the St. Norbert men's basketball program into a conference champion that remains near the top of the Midwest Conference standings.

St. Norbert's 20 wins last season marks just the fourth time in school history it won at least that many in a season. The Green Knights won 21 games twice (1984 and 2002) and a school-record 23 games in 2010.

St. Norbert's 61-16 record from 2009 to 2011 marks the best three-year win total in men's basketball history.

Since starting the 2007-08 season

2-5, St. Norbert is a solid 81-27. St. Norbert reached its highest national ranking in the 12-year history of the D3hoops.com Top 25 with a No. 6 ranking the week of Dec. 6, 2010.

St. Norbert's 20 wins last season marked the first time in school history the Green Knights have won at least 15 games in three consecutive seasons. The Green Knights have won at least 18 games in each of the last three campaigns, and for the first time in school history won at least 20 games in consecutive seasons.

Shooting Story:

St. Norbert holds a 44.0 percent to 42.4 percent advantage on its opponents in field-goal percentage this season.

Nine times this season St. Norbert has outshot its opponent, and eight times the Green Knights have misfired more than their foes.

St. Norbert holds an 8-1 record when outshooting its opponent. The exception came predictably against Grinnell, a game the Green Knights lost 108-98 despite shooting 60.9 percent.

The Green Knights are 3-5 when getting outshot, beating Beloit 73-63, Northland 71-53 and Knox 60-58

Jump Shots:

- * St. Norbert's scoring defense of 64.5 points per game is second in the Midwest Conference to Lake Forest's 58.5 points per game.
- * St. Norbert is 2-4 this season when allowing 70 points or more. The Green Knights' lone wins in that situation came in an 80-70 win over Beloit on Dec. 7 and a 79-70 win over Illinois College on Jan. 13. Both of those games were at home.
- * In Gary Grzesk's 140-game tenure at St. Norbert, the Green Knights have held their opponent to 50 points or less 22 times, going 22-0 in those games.
- * St. Norbert is 7-0 in its last seven overtime games. Its lone overtime game last season was a victorious 91-82 double-overtime affair against Illinois College on Jan. 22.

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:

Career

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	i			
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 23-4 14-2 1st Second Rd. 2010-11 20-6 14-4 First Rd. 1st 2011-12 11-6 8-4 Totals 95-45 66-28

Grzesk vs. MWC at St. Norbert

146-76

Team	Overall	Home	Away
Beloit	8-3	5-1	3-2
Carroll	6-6	4-2	2-4
Grinnell	6-5	5-0	1-5
Illinois College	10-0	5-0	5-0
Knox	10-2	5-1	5-1
Lake Forest	7-3	3-2	4-1
Lawrence	5-7	3-3	2-4
Monmouth	8-1	4-0	4-1
Ripon	10-3	7-1	3-2
Totals	70-30	41-10	29-20

MWC Glance									
Team	MWC	Overall							
Lake Forest	11-0	15-1							
Grinnell	10-1	14-1							
St. Norbert	8-4	11-6							
Ripon	7-4	11-5							
Carroll	5-5	9-6							
Beloit	4-7	5-10							
Lawrence	4-7	5-10							
Monmouth	3-8	5-11							
Knox	2-9	3-13							
Illinois College	1-10	3-13							
* - Through Jan. 26, 20	12								

St. Norbert Quick Facts

Nickname:Green Knights
Location:
Colors:Dartmouth Green & Old Gold
Founded:
Enrollment:
President:
Athletics Director:Tim Bald
Conference:
Facility:Schuldes Sports Center
Capacity:
Year Opened:
Head Coach:
Record at St. Norbert: 95-45 (sixth year)
Record Overall: 146-76 (ninth year)
Assistant Coaches:
Jeff Nordgaard, Bryan Roehrig,
Kyle Brown, Corey Ciesielczyk
First Season of Men's Basketball:1916-17
Seasons of Men's Basketball:89
All-Time Overall Record:948-843
All-Time MWC Record:
MWC Championships:Four
(1984, 2002. '10, '11)
NCAA Tournament Appearances:Five
(1958, '84, 2002, 10, '11)
NAIA Tournament Appearances:Three
(1961, '62, '65)

D3hoops.com Division III Top 25 Poll #9 - 1/23/12

Place	School (1st-place)	Pts.	Record
1	Middlebury (24)	623	16-0
2	UW-Whitewater (1)	595	17-1
3	Норе	549	16-1
4	Emory	514	15-1
5	Virginia Wesleyan	511	13-2
6	MIT	488	16-1
7	Amherst	482	15-2
8	Cabrini	446	16-1
9	Franklin & Marshall	409	16-1
10	Mary Hardin-Baylor	403	16-1
11	Whitworth	339	14-3
12	Birmingham-Southern	323	16-1
13	Williams	296	15-3
14	William Paterson	256	16-2
15	Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	247	15-1
16	UW-Stevens Point	222	14-4
17	New York Univ.	192	14-1
18	Eastern Connecticut	155	14-1
19	Wooster	147	14-3
20	Augustana	136	13-4
21	Illinois Wesleyan	128	14-3
22	Wheaton-Ill.	123	14-3
23	Wabash	115	14-3
24	Rhode Island College	76	14-2
25	Transylvania	68	15-2
Other	s receiving votes: Lake Fo	orest 4	49, WPI 48,

Others receiving votes: Lake Forest 49, WPI 48, Oswego State 40, Wittenberg 36, Randolph-Macon 20, St. Thomas 19, Bethany 16, St. Joseph's-L.I. 9, Christopher Newport 8, UW-River Falls 7, Washington-Mo. 7, Albertus Magnus 4, Lycoming 4, St. Mary's-Md. 4, Wesleyan 4, Western Connecticut 4, DePauw 1, Grinnell 1, Hampden-Sydney 1.

St. Norbert Men's Basketball Career Highs

#3 - Tom Wengren

Points: 2 (11/22/11 vs. MSOE) Rebounds: 1 (12/29/11 vs. Northland) Assists: n/a

#5 - Andy Fox

Points: 16 (12/3/10 vs. Grinnell) Rebounds: 6 (12/3/10 vs. Grinnell) Assists: 5 (2 times, last 1/25/12 vs. Lawrence)

#10 - Brandon Gries

Points: 20 (1/13/12 vs. Knox) Rebounds: 10 (2 times, last 1/25/12 vs. Lawrence)

Assists: 6 (1/25/12 vs. Lawrence)

#11 - Kyle Johnsen

Points: 10 (1/17/09 vs. Grinnell) Rebounds: 10 (1/17/09 vs. Grinnell) Assists: 4 (2 times, last 12/3/10 vs. Grinnell)

#12 - Austin Elliott

Points: 3 (2 times, last 12/17/11 vs. Lake Forest) Rebounds: 2 (12/10/11 vs. Beloit) Assists: 2 (11/22/11 vs. MSOE)

#13 - Tyler Pauley

Points: 3 (11/22/11 vs. MSOE) Rebounds: 1 (11/22/11 vs. MSOE) Assists: 1 (12/17/11 vs. Lake Forest)

#14 - Mike Scholl

Points: n/a Rebounds: n/a Assists: n/a

#20 - Jeremy Paprocki

Points: 5 (2 times, last 12/10/11 vs. Knox) Rebounds: 5 (12/2/11 vs. Grinnell) Assists: 5 (11/15/11 vs. UW-Oshkosh)

#21 - Trent Monckton

Points: 15 (1/10/12 vs. Ripon) Rebounds: 5 (1/20/12 vs. Lake Forest) Assists: 2 (2 times, last 1/10/12 vs. Ripon)

#22 - Jack Whalen

Points: 16 (1/13/12 vs. Illinois College) Rebounds: 4 (2 times, last 1/10/12 vs. Ripon)

Assists: 6 (1/21/12 vs. Illinois College)

#32 - Andrew Schwoerer

Points: 16 (12/2/11 vs. Grinnell) Rebounds: 8 (4 times, last 1/25/12 vs. Lawrence) Assists: 6 (1/10/12 vs. Ripon)

#34 - Paul Appleton

Points: 26 (12/7/11 vs. Beloit) Rebounds: 7 (2 times, last 1/13/12 vs. Illinois College) Assists: 5 (12/2/11 vs. Grinnell)

#44 - Cody Stelmach

Points: 6 (1/13/12 vs. Illinois College) Rebounds: 5 (11/22/11 vs. MSOE) Assists: 2 (11/22/11 vs. MSOE)

#45 - Garrett Thorn

Points: 17 (12/2/11 vs. Grinnell) Rebounds: 12 (1/14/12 vs. Knox) Assists: 2 (5 times, last 1/14/12 vs. Knox)

#51 - Mitchell Cloghessy

Points: 9 (2 times, last 12/2/11 vs. Grinnell) Rebounds: 8 (12/29/11 vs. Northland) Assists: 3 (12/2/11 vs. Grinnell)

#53 - Steven Hofacker

Points: 12 (1/21/12 vs. Illinois College) Rebounds: 9 (1/25/12 vs. Lawrence) Assists: 3 (1/21/12 vs. Illinois College)

St. Norbert College Men's Basketball St. Norbert College Combined Team Statistics (as of Jan 25, 2012) All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	11-6	8-2	3-4	0-0
CONFERENCE	8-4	5-1	3-3	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-2	3-1	0-1	0-0

					Total		3-Poir	nt	F-Thro	W		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
10	Brandon Gries	17-17	467	27.5	64-168	.381	20-60	.333	66-83	.795	11	59	70	4.1	45	1	48	36	3	27	214	12.6
34	Paul Appleton	17-17	415	24.4	67-145	.462	27-69	.391	25-31	.806	15	35	50	2.9	34	0	18	20	3	4	186	10.9
30	Andrew Schwoerer	17-15	463	27.2	70-150	.467	2-10	.200	37-45	.822	42	57	99	5.8	36	1	27	14	2	11	179	10.5
45	Garrett Thorn	15-13	344	22.9	51-90	.567	0-0	.000	37-61	.607	29	50	79	5.3	42	1	11	34	12	7	139	9.3
22	Jack Whalen	17-1	322	18.9	45-92	.489	10-23	.435	13-16	.813	3	17	20	1.2	18	0	27	13	0	10	113	6.6
05	Andy Fox	16-16	428	26.8	28-88	.318	12-35	.343	18-26	.692	8	38	46	2.9	24	1	45	24	4	18	86	5.4
21	Trent Monckton	17-0	201	11.8	31-63	.492	5-12	.417	11-17	.647	7	28	35	2.1	18	0	6	10	3	9	78	4.6
53	Steven Hofacker	17-2	281	16.5	28-54	.519	0-0	.000	10-15	.667	24	41	65	3.8	39	1	11	9	12	8	66	3.9
51	Mitchell Cloghessy	12-2	169	14.1	20-51	.392	0-0	.000	6-12	.500	18	32	50	4.2	19	0	11	15	4	2	46	3.8
20	Jeremy Paprocki	12-0	127	10.6	9-32	.281	3-19	.158	4-4	1.000	3	9	12	1.0	1	0	10	7	0	3	25	2.1
44	Cody Stelmach	12-2	82	6.8	7-15	.467	1-5	.200	10-14	.714	6	8	14	1.2	9	0	2	7	0	2	25	2.1
11	Kyle Johnsen	9-0	36	4.0	2-5	.400	1-2	.500	3-6	.500	1	7	8	0.9	5	1	6	4	0	0	8	0.9
12	Austin Elliott	10-0	38	3.8	1-8	.125	1-2	.500	4-8	.500	2	4	6	0.6	1	0	4	1	0	1	7	0.7
13	Tyler Pauley	8-0	17	2.1	1-5	.200	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.1	3	0	1	1	0	1	3	0.4
03	Tom Wengren	6-0	10	1.7	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.3
	Team										26	42	68					3				
	Total	17	3400		425-967	.440	83-240	.346	244-338	.722	195	429	624	36.7	294	6	227	198	43	103	1177	69.2
	Opponents	17	3400		394-930	.424	108-333	.324	200-298	.671	164	398	562	33.1	325	6	190	235	51	80	1096	64.5

TEAM STATISTICS	SNC	OPP
SCORING	1177	1096
Points per game	69.2	64.5
Scoring margin	+4.8	-
FIELD ĞOALS-ATT	425-967	394-930
Field goal pct	.440	.424
3 POINT FG-ATT	83-240	108-333
3-point FG pct	.346	.324
3-pt FG made per game	4.9	6.4
FREE THROWS-ATT	244-338	200-298
Free throw pct	.722	.671
F-Throws made per game	14.4	11.8
REBOUNDS	624	562
Rebounds per game	36.7	33.1
Rebounding margin	+3.6	-
ASSISTS	227	190
Assists per game	13.4	11.2
TURNOVERŠ	198	235
Turnovers per game	11.6	13.8
Turnover margin	+2.2	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.1	0.8
STEALS	103	80
Steals per game	6.1	4.7
BLOCKS	43	51
Blocks per game	2.5	3.0
ATTENDANČE	5739	4654
Home games-Avg/Game	10-574	7-665
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
St. Norbert College	547	630	1177
Opponents	506	590	1096

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
	11/15/11	UW-OSHKOSH	W	65-50	477
	11/19/11	at Augustana College	L	48-79	1259
	11/22/11	MILWAUKEE ENGR.	W	80-36	471
*	12/2/11	at Grinnell College	L	98-108	524
*	12/3/11	at Monmouth College	W	80-70	350
*	12/7/11	BELOIT COLLEGE	W	73-63	542
*	12/10/11	at Knox College	W	76-57	475
*	12/17/11	LAKE FOREST COLLEGE	L	52-59	665
#	12/29/11	NORTHLAND COLLEGE	W	71-53	784
#	12/30/11	UW-LA CROSSE	L	57-78	919
*	1/7/12	at Carroll Univ.	L	64-74	986
*	1/10/12	RIPON COLLEGE	W	73-59	522
*	1/13/12	ILLINOIS COLLEGE	W	79-70	369
*	1/14/12	KNOX COLLEGE	W	60-58	435
*	1/20/12	at Lake Forest College	L	54-62	560
*	1/21/12	at Illinois College	W	73-55	500
*	1/25/12	LAWRENCE UNIV.	W	74-65	555

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