

St. Norbert College Sports Information

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview St. Norbert College (4-2, 2-1) at Knox College (0-4, 0-3) Saturday, December 10, 2011 - 3 p.m.

Memorial Gym (3,000) - Galesburg, Illinois

Game Overview:

St. Norbert attempts to keep pace with Midwest Conference leaders Lake Forest and Grinnell when it travels to west-central Illinois for a matchup with Knox.

Broadcast:

The game will be available on live videostreaming at http://www.pennat-lantic.com/

The Series:

St. Norbert leads Knox 25-10 in a series dating back to the 1985-86 season. The Green Knights have won six straight games in the series since the Prairie Fire swept the season series between the two teams in the 2007-08 season.

Last Meeting:

St. Norbert beat Knox 68-59 last Jan. 15 at Memorial Gym in Galesburg, Ill. The Green Knights led 26-16 at halftime and hung on in the second half. Steve Papke had 17 points to lead St. Norbert, while David Wipperfurth and Chris Peterson had 15 points apiece. Tanner Carlson and Lukas Shaw both finished with 10 points for the Prairie Fire.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 88-41 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 139-72.

Knox coach Rob Purlee (Monmouth, 2004) is 6-67 in his fourth season in Galesburg.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters the game at 4-2 overall and 2-1 in the Midwest Conference. The Green Knights won consecutive games for the first time this season when they posted a 73-63 win over Beloit on Wednesday at Schuldes Sports Center.

Junior forward Paul Appleton moved into the team scoring lead following a career-high 26-point outburst against Beloit. Appleton is scoring 14.3 - MORE -

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	3 p.m.
D 17	*Lake Forest (TV)	3 p.m.
D 29	%Northland (TV)	7 p.m.
D 30	%TBA (TV)	7 p.m.
J 7	*at Carroll	4 p.m.
J 10	*Ripon	7:30 p.m.
J 13	*Illinois College	7 p.m.
J 14	*Knox	4 p.m.
J 20	*at Lake Forest	7 p.m.
J 21	*at Illinois College	4 p.m.
J 25	*Lawrence	7:30 p.m.
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.
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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. points per game while shooting 55.8 percent from the floor and 48.1 percent from beyond the three-point arc. Sophomore guard Brandon Gries is netting 13.2 points per game and is 37-for-44 (84.1 percent) at the free-throw line. Sophomore center Garrett Thorn is scoring 10.5 points per game while pulling down a team-high 5.5 rebounds per game. Freshman forward Andrew Schwoerer is scoring an average of 10.0 points per game.

St. Norbert is scoring an average of 74.0 points per game, and is shooting 45.2 percent from the floor, 32.2 percent on 3-pointers and 73.2 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 67.7 points per game while shooting 39.9 percent from the floor, 27.5 percent on 3-pointers and 75.7 percent at the charity stripe.

About the Prairie Fire:

Knox enters the game with an 0-4 record and an 0-3 showing in the Midwest Conference. The Prairie Fire is coming off an 85-68 loss to Grinnell at home on Wednesday. Knox's other conference outings resulted in a 78-51 loss to Ripon last Friday and a 68-61 setback to Carroll last Saturday.

Junior forward Lukas Shaw is leading Knox in scoring at 17.5 points per game and is grabbing a team-high 9.3 rebounds per game. Senior forward Joe Kozak is scoring an average of 13.0 points per game while collecting 7.8 rebounds per game. Senior guard Tanner Carlson is scoring 8.0 points per game while dishing out an average of 6.0 assists per game.

Knox is averaging 60.8 points per game while shooting 38.3 percent from the floor, 20.8 percent on 3-pointers and 62.7 percent on free throws. Opponents are scoring 75.0 points per game while shooting 40.1 percent from the floor, 28.9 percent on 3-pointers and 63.5 percent at the free-throw line.

Appleton Anecdotes:

St. Norbert junior forward Paul Appleton has zoomed into the team scoring lead at 14.3 points per game after pumping in a career-high 26 points Wednesday against Beloit. Appleton canned 8 of 11 shots from the floor, 5 of 6 three-point field-goal attempts and was also 5-for-6 at the free-throw line.

Appleton, who scored his previous career high of 23 points last Friday against Grinnell, is now shooting 55.8 percent (29-for-52) from the floor and 48.1 percent (13-for-27) on 3-pointers.

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 maintained consistent mention in the D3hoops.com Top 25 Poll.

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 have 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 74-23. 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 years, and for the first time won at least 20 games in consecutive seasons.

Jump Shots:

- * In Gary Grzesk's 129-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.

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:

2010-11

2011-12

Totals

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

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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. Norb	ert											
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.								

14-4

2-1

60-25

First Rd.

20-6

4-2

88-41

139-72

MWC Glance							
Team	MWC	Overall					
Grinnell	3-0	7-0					
Lake Forest	3-0	5-1					
St. Norbert	2-1	4-2					
Ripon	2-1	5-1					
Lawrence	1-1	2-3					
Carroll	1-2	2-3					
Illinois College	1-2	2-4					
Monmouth	1-2	1-4					
Beloit	1-3	1-6					
Knox	0-3	0-4					
* - Through Dec. 8, 201	1						

St. Norbert Quick Facts

Nickname:Green Knights
Location:
Colors:Dartmouth Green & Old Gold
Founded:
Enrollment:
President:
Athletics Director:
Conference:
Facility:Schuldes Sports Center
Capacity:
Year Opened:
Head Coach:
Record at St. Norbert:88-41 (sixth year)
Record Overall: 139-72 (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:
All-Time Overall Record:941-839
All-Time MWC Record:240-172
MWC Championships:Four
NCAA Tournament Appearances:Five
(1958, '84, 2002, 10, '11)
NAIA Tournament Appearances:
(1961, '62, '65)

D3hoops.com Division III Top 25 Poll #3 - 12/5/11

Place	School (1st-place)	Pts.	Record						
1	Middlebury (13)	612	5-0						
2	Amherst (10)	599	6-0						
2 3	Virginia Wesleyan (1)	506	5-1						
4	Augustana	504	5-1						
5	Wooster	498	5-0						
6	Whitworth (1)	495	6-0						
7	MIT	452	8-0						
8	Williams	428	6-1						
9	Emory	414	8-0						
10	Marietta	401	4-1						
11	Franklin & Marshall	335	7-0						
12	Cabrini	329	5-0						
13	Mary Hardin-Baylor	269	5-0						
14	Buffalo State	241	5-0						
15	WPI	230	6-0						
16	St. Thomas	186	5-1						
17	Wheaton (Ill.)	185	6-1						
18	Birmingham-Southern	162	6-0						
19	UW-Whitewater	162	6-0						
20	Puget Sound	160	7-0						
21	UW-Stevens Point	117	5-1						
22	William Paterson	113	7-0						
23	Норе	106	6-1						
24	Rochester	103	6-2						
25	Wabash	77	6-0						
Other	Others receiving votes: Rhode Island College 65								

Others receiving votes: Rhode Island College 65, Wittenberg 59, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 42, Edgewood 35, Hobart 34, Oswego State 29, Washington-Mo. 21, UW-River Falls 17, Transylvania 14, St. Mary's-Md. 13, Grinnell 12, Baldwin-Wallace 11, Western Conn. St. 11, New Jersey City 10, Texas-Dallas 9, Bethany 7, Salisbury 7, Ramapo 6, UW-Superior 6, Hardin-Simmons 5, Mary Washington 5, Hartwick 4, Ohio Wesleyan 3, Randolph-Macon 3, Rose-Hulman 3, Salem State 3, Tufts 3, Hamilton 2.

St. Norbert Men's Basketball Career Highs

#3 - Tom Wengren

Points: 2 (11/22/11 vs. MSOE) Rebounds: n/a Assists: n/a

#5 - Andy Fox

Points: 16 (12/3/10 vs. Grinnell) Rebounds: 6 (12/3/10 vs. Grinnell) Assists: 3 (3 times, last 12/7/11 vs. Beloit)

#10 - Brandon Gries

Points: 17 (11/15/11 vs. UW-Oshkosh) Rebounds: 6 (3 times, last 12/7/11 vs. Beloit)

Assists: 5 (3 times, last 12/3/11 vs. Monmouth)

#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 (11/22/11 vs. MSOE) Rebounds: 1 (2 times, last 11/22/11 vs. MSOE)

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: n/a

#14 - Mike Scholl

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

#20 - Jeremy Paprocki

Points: 5 (11/22/11 vs. MSOE) Rebounds: 5 (12/2/11 vs. Grinnell) Assists: 5 (11/15/11 vs. UW-Oshkosh)

#21 - Trent Monckton

Points: 8 (2 times, last 12/7/11 vs. Beloit)

Rebounds: 4 (12/2/11 vs. Grinnell) Assists: 2 (11/15/09 vs. Silver Lake)

#22 - Jack Whalen

Points: 14 (12/2/11 vs. Grinnell) Rebounds: 4 (1/16/10 vs. Grinnell) Assists: 2 (3 times, last 12/3/11 vs. Monmouth)

#32 - Andrew Schwoerer

Points: 16 (12/2/11 vs. Grinnell) Rebounds: 7 (12/2/11 vs. Grinnell) Assists: 3 (2 times, last 12/7/11 vs. Beloit)

#34 - Paul Appleton

Points: 26 (12/7/11 vs. Beloit) Rebounds: 7 (12/3/11 vs. Monmouth) Assists: 5 (12/2/11 vs. Grinnell)

#44 - Cody Stelmach

Points: 5 (11/22/11 vs. MSOE) 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: 10 (12/2/11 vs. Grinnell) Assists: 2 (3 times, last 12/3/11 vs. Monmouth)

#51 - Mitchell Cloghessy

Points: 9 (2 times, last 12/2/11 vs. Grinnell) Rebounds: 7 (12/2/11 vs. Grinnell) Assists: 3 (12/2/11 vs. Grinnell)

#53 - Steven Hofacker

Points: 7 (12/2/11 vs. Grinnell) Rebounds: 7 (12/2/11 vs. Grinnell) Assists: 2 (12/2/11 vs. Grinnell)

St. Norbert College Men's Basketball St. Norbert College Combined Team Statistics (as of Dec 07, 2011) All games

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

					Total		3-Poii	nt	F-Thro	W		Rebou	ınds									
##	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
34	Paul Appleton	6-6	132	22.0	29-52	.558	13-27	.481	15-19	.789	6	13	19	3.2	11	0	7	9	2	2	86	14.3
10	Brandon Gries	6-6	163	27.2	19-55	.345	4-20	.200	37-44	.841	3	20	23	3.8	13	1	18	12	0	9	79	13.2
45	Garrett Thorn	6-6	142	23.7	22-35	.629	0-0	.000	19-29	.655	12	21	33	5.5	15	0	4	15	8	3	63	10.5
30	Andrew Schwoerer	6-4	137	22.8	23-46	.500	0-2	.000	14-17	.824	15	15	30	5.0	13	1	7	6	0	5	60	10.0
22	Jack Whalen	6-1	116	19.3	15-28	.536	2-7	.286	6-6	1.000	1	7	8	1.3	5	0	7	7	0	1	38	6.3
51	Mitchell Cloghessy	6-0	85	14.2	11-26	.423	0-0	.000	4-8	.500	10	19	29	4.8	11	0	8	7	2	2	26	4.3
21	Trent Monckton	6-0	69	11.5	10-23	.435	3-7	.429	3-3	1.000	2	11	13	2.2	7	0	3	4	0	5	26	4.3
05	Andy Fox	5-5	105	21.0	5-18	.278	3-10	.300	5-8	.625	3	11	14	2.8	9	1	8	7	0	5	18	3.6
53	Steven Hofacker	6-0	78	13.0	6-16	.375	0-0	.000	1-4	.250	6	12	18	3.0	12	0	3	6	5	4	13	2.2
20	Jeremy Paprocki	6-0	77	12.8	5-18	.278	2-12	.167	0-0	.000	2	6	8	1.3	0	0	8	4	0	2	12	2.0
44	Cody Stelmach	3-2	35	11.7	3-6	.500	1-2	.500	5-8	.625	3	5	8	2.7	7	0	2	6	0	2	12	4.0
12	Austin Elliott	3-0	26	8.7	0-4	.000	0-1	.000	3-5	.600	0	2	2	0.7	1	0	3	0	0	0	3	1.0
11	Kyle Johnsen	3-0	26	8.7	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	3-6	.500	1	4	5	1.7	5	1	6	4	0	0	3	1.0
13	Tyler Pauley	2-0	7	3.5	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.5	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.5
03	Tom Wengren	2-0	2	1.0	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1.0
	Team										7	14	21					1				
	Total	6	1200		150-332	.452	29-90	.322	115-157	.732	71	161	232	38.7	110	4	84	88	17	40	444	74.0
	Opponents	6	1200		143-358	.399	39-142	.275	81-107	.757	70	135	205	34.2	137	2	71	93	18	33	406	67.7

TEAM STATISTICS	SNC	OPP
SCORING	444	406
Points per game	74.0	67.7
Scoring margin	+6.3	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT	150-332	143-358
Field goal pct	.452	.399
3 POINT FG-ATT	29-90	39-142
3-point FG pct	.322	.275
3-pt FG made per game	4.8	6.5
FREE THROWS-ATT	115-157	81-107
Free throw pct	.732	.757
F-Throws made per game	19.2	13.5
REBOUNDS	232	205
Rebounds per game	38.7	34.2
Rebounding margin	+4.5	-
ASSISTS	84	71
Assists per game	14.0	11.8
TURNOVERS	88	93
Turnovers per game	14.7	15.5
Turnover margin	+0.8	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.0	0.8
STEALS	40	33
Steals per game	6.7	5.5
BLOCKS	17	18
Blocks per game	2.8	3.0
ATTENDANCE	1490	2133
Home games-Avg/Game	3-497	3-711
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
St. Norbert College	207	237	444
Opponents	201	205	406

	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

^{* -} Conference game