

St. Norbert College Sports Information

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview
St. Norbert College (16-9 in 2012) at UW-Green Bay (15-15 in 2012)
Wednesday, October 31, 2012 - 7 p.m.
Kress Events Center (4,018) - Green Bay, Wisconsin

Game Overview:

St. Norbert faces UW-Green Bay in an exhibition game for the third time in seven years when Brown County's only two four-year colleges meet Wednesday. The last time the two teams met in the 2009-10 season, St. Norbert used the game as a springboard to a school-record 23-win season.

Broadcast:

The game will be broadcast on the UW-Green Bay network on WDUZ-FM 107.5/AM-1400 with Matt Menzl and Cordero Barkley on the call. The pre-game show will begin at about 6:45 p.m.

The Series:

St. Norbert and UW-Green Bay played 12 times from 1969-70 to 1974-75. The Phoenix has won the last 10 games in the series, holding a 10-2 series advantage. The series total does not include Green Bay's 70-37 exhibition win over St. Norbert on Oct. 31, 2006 and a 71-57 win over the Green Knights on Nov. 7, 2009.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 100-48 entering his seventh 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 151-79.

UW-Green Bay coach Brian Wardle (Marquette, 2001) is 29-33 entering his third season in Green Bay.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters the the 2012-13 season with high expectations after finishing one game shy of qualifying for its third consecutive NCAA Division III Tournament last season. The Green Knights return 98.3 percent of their scoring and all five starters from a team that finished 16-9 overall and 12-6 in the Midwest Conference. St. Norbert is third in the "others receiving votes" category in the D3hoops.com pre-season Top 25.

Junior guard Brandon Gries was a first-team All-MWC selection last season after averaging 14.5 points per game last season. Sophomore forward Andrew Schwoerer was named D3hoops.com's Midwest Region Rookie of the Year following last season after scoring 12.3 points per game while - MORE -

| 2012-2013 Results | | | |
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| Date | Opponent | Result | |
| O 31 | at UW-Green Bay (exh) | 7 p.m. | |
| N 15 | at UW-Oshkosh | 7 p.m. | |
| N 20 | Augustana | 7:30 p.m. | |
| N 28 | *Beloit | 7 p.m. | |
| D 1 | *at Cornell | 3 p.m. | |
| D 4 | *Lake Forest | 7:30 p.m. | |
| D 8 | *Grinnell | 3 p.m. | |
| D 15 | *at Lawrence | 3 p.m. | |
| D 19 | *at Carroll | 7 p.m. | |
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| D 30 | %UW-Whitwater/N'wern | TBA | |
| J 5 | *Monmouth | 3 p.m. | |
| J 9 | *at Ripon | 7 p.m. | |
| J 12 | *Illinois College | 3 p.m. | |
| J 15 | *at Beloit | 7 p.m. | |
| J 19 | *Cornell | 5 p.m. | |
| J 23 | *at Lake Forest | 7 p.m. | |
| J 26 | *at Knox | 3 p.m. | |
| J 29 | *Lawrence | 7 p.m. | |
| F 2 | at UW-Whitewater | 7 p.m. | |
| F 6 | *Carroll | 7:30 p.m. | |
| F 9 | *at Grinnell | 3 p.m. | |
| F 12 | *Ripon | 7 p.m. | |
| F 16 | *at Illinois College | 3 p.m. | |
| * - Midwest Conference game; % - Nicolet | | | |
| National Bank Holiday Tournament - De Pere, | | | |
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shooting 52.1 percent from the floor. Schwoerer's 283 points last season were the most by a St. Norbert freshman since Mike Riley set the school freshman scoring record with 421 points during the 1990-91 season. Senior swingman Paul Appleton averaged 10.6 points per game a year ago while canning a team-high 37 3-pointers.

St. Norbert scored an average of 71.7 points per game, and shot 45.2 percent from the floor, 35.2 percent on 3-pointers and 69.9 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents scored an average of 67.6 points per game while shooting 42.9 percent from the floor, 33.7 percent on 3pointers and 68.3 percent at the charity stripe.

About the Phoenix:

UW-Green Bay enters the new season picked for third in the preseason Horizon League poll, behind regular-season champion Valparaiso and tournament champion Detroit. The Phoenix return four starters from a squad that finished 15-15 overall a year ago.

Junior center Alec Brown, who stands 7-foot-1, averaged 13.8 points, 8.2 rebounds and 3.0 rebounds per game last season en route to being a pre-season firstteam All-Horizon selection. Sophomore guard Keifer Sykes averaged 11.2 points per game last season and is a second-team preseason All-Horizon pick. Senior forward Brennan Cougill netted 9.2 points with 7.0 rebounds a year ago.

Green Bay averaged 64.5 points per game last season while shooting 42.3 percent from the floor, 35.8 percent on 3-pointers and 70.6 percent on free throws. Opponents scored 66.1 points per game while shooting 42.7 percent from the floor, 37.3 percent on 3-pointers and 70.1 percent at the free-throw line.

Building a Winner:

In his first six 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 in 2011 marked 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 threeyear total in school history.

Since starting the 2007-08 season 2-5, St. Norbert is a solid 86-30. St. Norbert reached its highest national ranking in the 13-year history of the D3hoops.com Top 25 with a No. 6 ranking the week of Dec. 6, 2010.

St. Norbert's 16 wins last season gave the Green Knights a stretch of four consecutive seasons with at least 15 wins, the first time in school history that has happened.

St. Norbert's string of five straight years with at least 10 Midwest Conference wins is also the best mark in school history.

Jump Shots:

- * St. Norbert took its triennial trip overseas last May, going 3-0 against local competition while spending nine days in Italy.
- * St. Norbert junior guard Brandon Gries finished last season on a hot streak, averaging 16.1 points per game over the Green Knights' final 15 games of the season. During that stretch, Gries shot 45.6 percent from the floor and 46.3 percent (25-for-54) from beyond the three-point arc.
- * St. Norbert's last win over a Division I foe, exhibition or otherwise, came in an 80-71 win over Loyola on Dec. 13, 1975.
- * St. Norbert was 4-5 last season when allowing 70 points or more. The Green Knights' wins in that situation came in an 80-70 win over Monmouth on Dec. 7, a 79-70 win over Illinois College on Jan. 13, a 97-96 win over Grinnell on Feb. 4 and a 103-83 rout of Grinnell in the semifinals of the MWC Tournament on Feb. 24.
- * In Gary Grzesk's 145-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.

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

| Lakeland | u | | | |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|-----------|
| 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 | | | |
| Totals | 51-31 | 28-10 | | |
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| 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 | 1st | First Rd. |
| 2011-12 | 16-9 | 12-6 | 3rd | |
| 2012-13 | 0-0 | 0-0 | | |
| Totals | 100-48 | 70-30 | | |
| Career | 151-79 | | | |

Grzesk vs. MWC at St. Norbert

| Overall | Home | Away | Neutral | |
|----------|--|--|--|--|
| 8-4 | 5-1 | 3-3 | 0-0 | |
| 7-7 | 5-2 | 2-4 | 0-1 | |
| 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | |
| 8-5 | 6-0 | 1-5 | 1-0 | |
| ll. 10-0 | 5-0 | 5-0 | 0-0 | |
| 10-2 | 5-1 | 5-1 | 0-0 | |
| t 7-3 | 3-2 | 4-1 | 0-0 | |
| 6-7 | 3-3 | 3-4 | 0-0 | |
| n 9-1 | 5-0 | 4-1 | 0-0 | |
| 10-4 | 7-1 | 3-3 | 0-0 | |
| 75-33 | 44-10 | 30-22 | 1-1 | |
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| MWC Glance | | | |
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| Team | MWC | Overall | |
| Lake Forest | 16-2 | 20-4 | |
| Grinnell | 14-4 | 18-5 | |
| St. Norbert | 12-6 | 16-9 | |
| Carroll | 10-8 | 17-10 | |
| Ripon | 10-8 | 14-9 | |
| Beloit | 9-9 | 10-13 | |
| Lawrence | 8-10 | 9-13 | |
| Monmouth | 5-13 | 7-16 | |
| Illinois College | 4-14 | 6-17 | |
| Knox | 2-16 | 3-20 | |
| * - 2011-2012 season | | | |

St. Norbert Quick Facts

| Nickname: |
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| 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: 100-48 (seventh year) |
| Record Overall: |
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| Assistant Coaches: |
| Kyle Brown, Bryan Roehrig, |
| Corey Ciesielczyk, John Lallensack |
| First Season of Men's Basketball:1916-17 |
| Seasons of Men's Basketball:90 |
| All-Time Overall Record:953-846 |
| 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) |
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D3hoops.com Division III Top 25 Poll #1 - Oct. 17, 2012

| Place | School (1st-place) | Pts. | Record |
|--|-----------------------|---------|----------|
| 1 | MIT (12) | 594 | 29-2 |
| 2 | Virginia Wesleyan (3) | 585 | 27-4 |
| 3 | UW-Whitewater | 543 | 29-4 |
| 4 | Middlebury | 474 | 26-4 |
| 5 | Amherst | 453 | 26-3 |
| 6 | North Central (Ill.) | 444 | 22-8 |
| 7 | Норе | 417 | 27-2 |
| 8 | Illinois Wesleyan | 380 | 23-8 |
| 9 | Franklin and Marshall | 368 | 28-3 |
| 10 | Cabrini | 307 | 31-2 |
| 11 | St. Thomas | 299 | 22-7 |
| 12 | Birmingham-Southern | 295 | 29-3 |
| 13 | Wooster | 270 | 26-5 |
| 14 | Whitworth | 210 | 26-4 |
| 15 | UW-Stevens Point | 201 | 20-8 |
| 16 | Transylvania | 194 | 23-5 |
| 17 | Ramapo | 149 | 18-9 |
| 18 | Scranton | 143 | 23-8 |
| 19 | St. Mary's (Md.) | 137 | 20-8 |
| 20 | William Paterson | 136 | 24-4 |
| 21 | Washington (Mo.) | 134 | 20-7 |
| 22 | Ohio Wesleyan | 124 | 20-8 |
| 23 | Wesleyan | 118 | 20-6 |
| 24 | Randolph-Macon | 102 | 21-7 |
| 25 | Hampden-Sydney | 95 | 19-8 |
| Others receiving votes: Bethany 84, New York | | | |
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Univ. 76, **St. Norbert** 75, Albertus Magnus 75, Rose-Human 69, Carroll 59, Oswego State 58, Eastern Conn. 54, Whitman 50, Trinity (Texas) 49, Hobart 40, Christopher Newport 39, Augustana 34, Wittenberg 30, Williams 27, Keene State 23, Hartwick 21, Wheaton (Ill.) 20, Capital 16, Rochester 10, Mary Hardin-Baylor 9, Farmingdale Stae 9, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 7, WPI 6, Lebanon Valley 4, Rhode Island College 2, Staten Island 2, Emory 2, Coe 1, Dickinson 1, Salem State 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 (2 times, last 2/8/12 vs. Beloit)

Assists: 6 (2/18/12 vs. Lawrence)

#10 - Brandon Gries

Points: 25 (1/28/12 vs. Ripon) Rebounds: 10 (2 times, last 1/25/12 vs. Lawrence)

Assists: 7 (2/25/12 vs. Carroll)

#12 - Austin Elliott

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

Rebounds: 2 (12/10/11 vs. Beloit) Assists: 2 (11/22/11 vs. MSOE)

#13 - Tyler Pauley

Points: 6 (2/8/12 vs. Beloit) Rebounds: 2 (2/11/12 vs. Carroll) Assists: 1 (2 times, last 2/8/12 vs. Beloit)

#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 (2 times, last 2/18/12 vs. Lawrence)

Assists: 3 (2/4/12 vs. Grinnell)

#22 - Jack Whalen

Points: 19 (2/25/12 vs. Carroll) Rebounds: 4 (2 times, last 1/10/12 vs. Ripon) Assists: 6 (1/21/12 vs. Illinois College)

#32 - Andrew Schwoerer

Points: 22 (2/4/12 vs. Grinnell) Rebounds: 9 (2 times, last 2/4/12 vs. Grinnell)

Assists: 6 (1/10/12 vs. Ripon)

#34 - Paul Appleton

Points: 26 (12/7/11 vs. Beloit) Rebounds: 8 (2/18/12 vs. Lawrence) 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: 18 (2/8/12 vs. Beloit) 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)

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