



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview

St. Norbert College (16-9 in 2012) at UW-Oshkosh (4-21 in 2012)

Thursday, November 15, 2012 - 7 p.m.
 Kolf Sports Center (5,600) - Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Game Overview:

St. Norbert College renews its non-conference rivalry with UW-Oshkosh when it opens the 2012-13 season against the Titans at Kolf Sports Center. The two teams have met annually in a non-conference game in each of the last 12 seasons.

The Series:

UW-Oshkosh leads St. Norbert 47-33 in a series begun during the 1917-18 season. The Green Knights have fashioned a four-game winning streak in the series, including the last meeting in Oshkosh by a 59-44 score on Nov. 18, 2010.

Last Meeting:

St. Norbert opened the 2011-12 season with a 65-50 win over UW-Oshkosh last Nov. 15 at Schuldes Sports Center in De Pere. The Green Knights shot 50 percent from the floor in the second half to break open a game that was tied 25-25 at halftime. Brandon Gries and Paul Appleton had 17 points apiece for St. Norbert, while Andrew Schwoerer added 13 points in his first collegiate game. John Flanigan led the Titans with 18 points.

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-Oshkosh coach Pat Juckem (Lawrence, 1995) is 0-0 in his first season in Oshkosh. Juckem spent the past seven seasons at Coe, posting a 104-80 record.

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 tied for 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

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2012-2013 Results

| Date | Opponent | Result |
|------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| O 31 | at UW-Green Bay (exh) | L 83-63 |
| 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. |
| D 29 | % Marian | 7 p.m. |
| D 30 | % UW-Whitewater/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, Wis. **Note:** Home games in **bold**; (rankings) by D3hoops.com.

Andrew Schwoerer was named D3hoops.com's Midwest Region Rookie of the Year following last season after scoring 12.3 points per game while 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 3-pointers and 68.3 percent at the charity stripe.

About the Titans:

UW-Oshkosh enters the new season in its first year under new coach Pat Juckem, who spent the last seven seasons at Coe. The Titans went 4-21 overall last season and were 0-16 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Oshkosh was picked for ninth in this year's pre-season WIAC coaches' poll. Oshkosh played an exhibition on Nov. 7 at Wisconsin, losing to the Badgers 96-44.

Oshkosh lost its top three scorers from last season. Junior guard Dylan Wurtz is the Titans' leading returning scorer after averaging 8.5 points per game a year ago. Junior guard Jade Royston averaged 8.0 points per game last season, while junior guard Cory Nickel netted 7.7 points per game while canning 49 3-pointers last season.

Oshkosh averaged 69.3 points per game last season while shooting 43.2 percent from the floor, 35.1 percent on 3-pointers and 81.8 percent on free throws. Opponents scored 75.8 points per game while shooting 49.1 percent from the floor, 36.8 percent on 3-pointers and 73.1 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 77-25 record from 2009 to 2012 marks the best four-year total in school history.

Since starting the 2007-08 season 2-5, St. Norbert is a solid 89-30. 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.

Pre-Season Prognostications:

Midwest Conference men's basketball coaches have pegged St. Norbert to have another successful season, picking the Green Knights to finish first in this year's pre-season Coaches' Poll.

St. Norbert received eight first-place votes to earn the nod as the pre-season favorite, totaling 98 points. Carroll earned the other three first-place votes and was picked for second with 91 points. Grinnell was picked for third with 84 points, while Lake Forest was tabbed for fourth with 65 points.

Illinois College and Lawrence were picked to finish in a tie for fifth with 49 points, while Ripon was close behind in seven with 48 points.

Beloit and Monmouth were tied for eighth with 43 points, Cornell 10th with 24 points and Knox 11th with 11 points.

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 | 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

| Team | Overall | Home | Away | Neutral |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Beloit | 8-4 | 5-1 | 3-3 | 0-0 |
| Carroll | 7-7 | 5-2 | 2-4 | 0-1 |
| Cornell | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Grinnell | 8-5 | 6-0 | 1-5 | 1-0 |
| Illinois Coll. | 10-0 | 5-0 | 5-0 | 0-0 |
| Knox | 10-2 | 5-1 | 5-1 | 0-0 |
| Lake Forest | 7-3 | 3-2 | 4-1 | 0-0 |
| Lawrence | 6-7 | 3-3 | 3-4 | 0-0 |
| Monmouth | 9-1 | 5-0 | 4-1 | 0-0 |
| Ripon | 10-4 | 7-1 | 3-3 | 0-0 |
| Totals | 75-33 | 44-10 | 30-22 | 1-1 |

MWC Glance

| 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:Green Knights
Location:De Pere, WI 54115
Colors:Dartmouth Green & Old Gold
Founded:1898
Enrollment:2,168
President:Thomas Kunkel
Athletics Director:Tim Bald
Conference:Midwest Conference
Facility:Schuldes Sports Center
Capacity:2,100
Year Opened:1979
Head Coach:Gary Grzesk
Record at St. Norbert:100-48 (seventh year)
Record Overall:151-79 (10th year)
Assistant Coaches:Woody Wilson
Kyle Brown, Bryan Roehrig,
Corey Ciesielczyk, Ryan 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:250-177
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 #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 | Hope | 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 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)
 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)

#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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