



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview

No. 24 St. Norbert College (0-0) at North Park Univ. (0-0)

Saturday, November 16, 2013 - 7 p.m.

North Park Gymnasium (1,500) - Chicago, Illinois

Game Overview:

St. Norbert, ranked No. 24 in the pre-season D3hoops.com Top 25, opens the new season with a road game at College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin foe North Park.

Broadcast:

Live streaming video of the game will be available here: http://athletics.northpark.edu/sports/2013/11/6/MBB_1106130140.aspx?tab=basketball&path=mbball

The Series:

St. Norbert leads North Park 2-1 in an all-time series begun in 1966-67. The only meeting in the series in Chicago resulted in a 74-59 St. Norbert win on Nov. 27, 2004.

Last Meeting:

St. Norbert topped North Park 70-55 on Nov. 26, 2005 at Schuldes Sports Center in De Pere. Nathan Zepnick led St. Norbert with 13 points, while Brett Mathisen led the Vikings with 14 points.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 120-54 in his eighth 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 171-85.

North Park coach Tom Slyder (Anderson, 1988) is 6-19 in his second season in Chicago. Slyder was 103-85 in seven seasons at Anderson to give him an overall record of 109-104.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters the new season ranked No. 24 in the pre-season D3hoops.com Top 25. The Green Knights return all five starters from last season's team that finished 20-6 overall and won the Midwest Conference title at 15-3. St. Norbert lost a heartbreaker to Wheaton in the first round of the NCAA Division III Tournament 59-58.

Senior guard Brandon Gries led the Green Knights in scoring last season, averaging 14.5 points per game. Gries, who needs 168 points to reach 1,000

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2013-2014 Results

Date	Opponent	Result
N 16	at North Park	7 p.m.
N 20	UW-Oshkosh	7 p.m.
N 26	UW-Whitewater	7 p.m.
D 4	Lake Forest *	5:30 p.m.
D 7	at Grinnell *	1 p.m.
D 14	at Cornell *	1 p.m.
D 18	Carroll *	5:30 p.m.
D 29	Alma %	7 p.m.
D 30	Buena Vista or Viterbo %	5 or 7 p.m.
J 4	Lawrence *	1 p.m.
J 8	Beloit *	5:30 p.m.
J 11	at Monmouth *	1 p.m.
J 14	Ripon *	5:30 p.m.
J 18	at Illinois College *	1 p.m.
J 22	at Beloit *	5:30 p.m.
J 25	Cornell *	3 p.m.
J 28	at Lake Forest *	5:30 p.m.
F 1	Knox *	1 p.m.
F 5	at Lawrence *	5:30 p.m.
F 11	at Carroll *	5:30 p.m.
F 15	Grinnell *	1 p.m.
F 19	at Ripon *	5:30 p.m.
F 22	Illinois College *	1 p.m.
F 28-M	1MWC Tournament	TBA

* - Midwest Conference game; % - Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament - De Pere, Wis. **Note:** Home games in **bold**; (rankings) by D3hoops.com.

for his career, set school records last season with free throws made (156) and attempted (190). Junior forward Andrew Schwoerer averaged 13.3 points per game last season while shooting 56.2 percent from the floor. Sophomore forward Izaiah Anderson netted 7.1 points per game last season and led the Green Knights in rebounding at 6.1 caroms per game.

St. Norbert scored an average of 71.0 points per game last season, and shot 46.4 percent from the floor, 36.2 percent on 3-pointers and 75.0 percent at the free-throw line - good for 18th nationally. Opponents scored an average of 60.5 points per game while shooting 40.5 percent from the floor, 33.1 percent on 3-pointers and 72.4 percent at the free-throw line.

About the Vikings:

North Park enters the 2013-14 season after finishing 6-19 last season. The Vikings finished eighth in the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin with a 1-13 ledger. North Park played Valparaiso in an exhibition game this past Sunday, falling to the Crusaders 113-50.

The Vikings return one player from last season who started at least 10 games in sophomore guard Ryan Hyrn. Hyrn, who scored nine points against Valparaiso, averaged 9.3 points per game while shooting 43.6 percent from beyond the three-point arc. Freshman guard Juwan Henry came off the bench to score 18 points against Valparaiso, while senior guard Aaron Weaver - who averaged 14.9 points per game last season in making nine starts a year ago - netted 13 points.

North Park averaged 65.4 points per game while shooting 40.4 percent from the floor, 30.9 percent on 3-pointers and 67.5 percent on free throws. Opponents scored 78.4 points per game while shooting 49.2 percent from the floor, 35.9 percent on 3-pointers and 70.4 percent at the free-throw line.

Building a Winner:

In his first seven seasons, head coach Gary Grzesk turned the St.

Norbert men's basketball program into an annual contender for the Midwest Conference championship, winning the MWC title three times in the last four seasons.

The Green Knights have won 20 games three times in the last four years under Grzesk. In the program's previous 86 seasons, St. Norbert had 20-win seasons just twice.

St. Norbert's 20 wins in 2013 marked just the fifth 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 also won 20 games in 2011.

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 109-36. 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.

Dialing Up Defense:

St. Norbert allowed a Midwest Conference-best 60.5 points per game last season. The Green Knights' mark was good for 23rd nationally out of 407 teams in last season's Division III statistical rankings.

St. Norbert allowed 43 points to Ripon in its 72-43 win over the Red Hawks on Jan. 9. It was the fewest amount of points the Green Knights have allowed in a Midwest Conference game since a 62-42 win over Monmouth on Feb. 4, 2011.

In Gary Grzesk's 174-game tenure at St. Norbert, the Green Knights have held their opponent to 50 points or less 28 times, going 28-0 in those games.

Jump Shots:

* - St. Norbert's last road win at a CCIW opponent was a 63-61 win over Elmhurst on Nov. 21, 2009. St. Norbert has dropped games at Augustana and Wheaton since.

* - The Green Knights finished 13th nationally last season in assist-to-turnover ratio at a plus-1.37 per game.

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	20-6	15-3	1st	First Rd.
2013-14	0-0	0-0		
Totals	120-54	85-33		
Career	171-85			

Grzesk vs. MWC at St. Norbert

Team	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
Beloit	10-4	6-1	4-3	0-0
Carroll	10-7	7-2	3-4	0-1
Cornell	1-1	1-0	0-1	0-0
Grinnell	8-7	6-1	1-6	1-0
Illinois Coll.	12-0	6-0	6-0	0-0
Knox	11-2	5-1	6-1	0-0
Lake Forest	9-3	4-2	5-1	0-0
Lawrence	8-7	4-3	4-4	0-0
Monmouth	10-1	6-0	4-1	0-0
Ripon	13-4	9-1	4-3	0-0
Totals	92-36	54-11	37-24	1-1

MWC Glance

Team	MWC	Overall
Beloit	0-0	0-0
Carroll	0-0	0-0
Cornell	0-0	0-0
Grinnell	0-0	0-0
Illinois College	0-0	0-0
Knox	0-0	0-0
Lake Forest	0-0	0-0
Lawrence	0-0	0-0
Monmouth	0-0	0-0
Ripon	0-0	0-0
St. Norbert	0-0	0-0

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:120-54 (eighth year)
Record Overall:171-85 (11th year)
Assistant Coaches:Woody Wilson
Mike Dashner, Bryan Roehrig,
Corey Ciesielczyk, Justin Zwiefelhofer
First Season of Men's Basketball:1916-17
Seasons of Men's Basketball:91
All-Time Overall Record:973-852
All-Time MWC Record:265-180
MWC Championships:Five
(1984, 2002, '10, '11, '13)
NCAA Tournament Appearances:Six
(1958, '84, 2002, 10, '11, '13)
NAIA Tournament Appearances:Three
(1961, '62, '65)

D3hoops.com Division III Top 25 Poll #1 - Oct. 25, 2013

Place	School (1st-place)	Pts.	Record
1	Amherst (13)	583	30-2
2	Illinois Wesleyan (9)	551	23-6
3	Williams (1)	501	26-5
4	UW-Stevens Point (1)	454	22-6
5	Wheaton-Ill. (1)	418	21-7
6	North Central-Ill.	414	28-4
7	Mary Hardin-Baylor	408	27-6
8	Wooster	390	24-6
9	WPI	362	26-3
10	St. Mary's-Md.	356	27-4
11	Washington-Mo.	322	21-6
12	Whitworth	318	26-4
13	UW-Whitewater	299	24-5
14	Hampden-Sydney	274	23-5
15	St. Thomas	246	30-2
16	Randolph-Macon	220	21-10
17	Calvin	217	26-4
18	Middlebury	184	25-4
19	Cabrini	158	25-6
20	Morrisville State	149	23-6
21	Alvernia	146	24-5
22	Rhode Island College	112	26-4
23	Centre	101	21-6
24	St. Norbert	94	20-6
25	Virginia Wesleyan	92	23-8

Others receiving votes: Baldwin-Wallace 89, Wittenberg 88, Emory 72, Augustana 63, Catholic 61, Trinity-Texas 56, Christopher Newport 55, Concordia-Texas 44, UW-Stout 44, DeSales 31, Rochester 25, Plattsburgh State 22, Ithaca 22, Eastern Connecticut 17, Transylvania 15, Franklin & Marshall 12, Hobart 9, MIT 8, Wesley 6, Ohio Wesleyan 6, Delaware Valley 3, Tufts 3, Brandeis 2, Dickinson 2, Richard Stockton 1.

St. Norbert Men's Basketball Career Highs

#1 - Nick Hofman

Points: 3 (1/9/13 vs. Ripon)
 Rebounds: 1 (2 times, last 1/12/13 vs. Illinois College)
 Assists: n/a

#5 - Andy Fox

Points: 16 (12/3/10 vs. Grinnell)
 Rebounds: 6 (2 times, last 2/8/12 vs. Beloit)
 Assists: 7 (12/4/12 vs. Lake Forest)

#10 - Brandon Gries

Points: 25 (1/28/12 vs. Ripon)
 Rebounds: 10 (3 times, last 2/22/13 vs. Ripon)
 Assists: 8 (1/9/13 vs. Ripon)

#12 - Austin Elliott

Points: 14 (12/29/12 vs. Marian)
 Rebounds: 6 (1/19/13 vs. Cornell)
 Assists: 5 (2 times, last 1/19/13 vs. Cornell)

#13 - Tyler Pauley

Points: 6 (2/8/12 vs. Beloit)
 Rebounds: 2 (2/11/12 vs. Carroll)
 Assists: 3 (1/12/13 vs. Illinois College)

#23 - Jon Willman

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

#30 - Andrew Schworer

Points: 29 (12/8/12 vs. Grinnell)
 Rebounds: 13 (1/29/13 vs. Lawrence)
 Assists: 6 (1/10/12 vs. Ripon)

#32 - Izaiah Anderson

Points: 14 (12/4/12 vs. Lake Forest)
 Rebounds: 10 (2 times, last 1/5/13 vs. Monmouth)
 Assists: 4 (12/8/12 vs. Grinnell)

#42 - Bryan Dalton

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

#45 - Garrett Thorn

Points: 18 (2/8/12 vs. Beloit)
 Rebounds: 12 (1/14/12 vs. Knox)
 Assists: 3 (1/19/13 vs. Cornell)

#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)