

St. Norbert College Sports Information

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview No. 18 St. Norbert College (3-1, 1-0) at Grinnell College (6-0, 3-0) Saturday, December 7, 2013 - 1 p.m.

Darby Gym (1,250) - Grinnell, Iowa

Game Overview:

St. Norbert faces a key Midwest Conference game when it travels to Grinnell Saturday. The Green Knights eked past the Pioneers by one game for last season's Midwest Conference title.

Broadcast:

Live streaming video and live stats will be available online at: http://client.stretchinternet.com/client/snc.portal#

The Series:

St. Norbert leads Grinnell 23-16 in an all-time series dating back to the 1983-84 season. The Green Knights are 7-13 all-time at Grinnell in the series, and are 1-6 in their last seven games there. St. Norbert's last win at Grinnell came in a 107-96 triumph on Jan. 17, 2009.

Last Meeting:

Grinnell topped St. Norbert 104-99 in overtime on Feb. 9, 2013 at Darby Gym in Grinnell, Iowa. Andrew Schwoerer had 26 points for St. Norbert, while Jack Whalen added 18 points and Brandon Gries 17. Luke Yeager finished with 31 points for Grinnell, while Griffin Lentsch added 21 points and Patrick Maher 14. St. Norbert shot 56.7 percent from the floor, while Grinnell shot 42.9 percent from the floor overall, but was 17-for-28 (60.7 percent) from inside the three-point arc.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 123-55 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 174-86.

Grinnell coach David Arseneault (Colby, 1976) is 317-241 in his 25th season in Grinnell.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert, ranked No. 18 in this week's D3hoops.com Top 25, enters Saturday's game at 3-1 overall and 1-0 in the Midwest Conference. The Green Knights won their league opener on Wednesday with a 71-56 triumph over Lake Forest at Schuldes Sports Center in De Pere.

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2013-2014 Results								
Date	Opponent	Result						
N 16	at North Park	W 101-68						
N 20	UW-Oshkosh	W 63-53						
N 26	UW-Whitewater (5)	L 73-62						
D 4	Lake Forest *	W 71-56						
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 %	6 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	1 MWC Tournament	TBA						
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Nationa	al Bank Holiday Tourname	ent - De Pere						

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Senior guard Brandon Gries leads the Green Knights at 17.8 points per game, and is also grabbing a teamhigh 8.3 rebounds per game. Senior guard Kam Cerroni is averaging 13.5 points per game while shooting 45.5 percent from beyond the three-point arc. Junior guard Austin Elliott comes off the bench to average 9.5 points and 4.5 rebounds per game.

St. Norbert is scoring an average of 74.2 points per game, and is shooting 46.7 percent from the floor, 33.3 percent on 3-pointers and 80.4 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 62.5 points per game while shooting 37.3 percent from the floor, 30.4 percent on 3-pointers and 70.3 percent at the free-throw line.

About the Pioneers:

Grinnell enters Saturday's game unblemished at 6-0 overall and 3-0 in the Midwest Conference. The Pioneers picked up a 122-92 win over Monmouth at home this past Wednesday. Grinnell also gained MWC wins at Illinois College 132-126 on Nov. 23 and 128-120 at Beloit on Nov. 30.

Junior guard Jack Taylor is averaging 45.0 points per game, and is shooting 41.1 percent (51-for-124) from beyond the three-point arc. Senior guard Patrick Maher is averaging 16.8 points per game, while junior guard Luke Yeager averaging 14.8 points per game. Senior forward Aaron Levin is averaging 12.5 points per game and grabs a teamhigh 6.0 rebounds per game.

Grinnell is scoring an average of 131.2 points per game, and is shooting 47.4 percent from the floor, 36.9 percent on 3-pointers and 73.9 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 106.5 points per game while shooting 61.0 percent from the floor, 32.8 percent on 3-pointers and 62.2 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 112-37. 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.

"DeGriesing" the Glass:

St. Norbert senior guard Brandon Gries entered the 2013-14 season with just three career games of 10 rebounds. In each of his last two games - a loss to UW-Whitewater and a win over Lake Forest - Gries has pulled down 11 rebounds.

Gries currently shares the Midwest Conference lead in rebounding with Cornell's Nick Bobb at 8.3 caroms per game. Gries' 6.5 defensive rebounds per game leads the Midwest Conference.

Gries' 33 rebounds is 22.1 percent of St. Norbert's 149 rebounds this season.

Gries also enters Saturday's game with 903 career points.

Jump Shots:

- * Grinnell, obviously, leads the Midwest Conference in scoring at 131.2 points per game. St. Norbert paces the Midwest Conference in defense at 62.5 points per game.
- * The Green Knights field-goal percentage defense of 37.3 percent and three-point field-goal percentage defense of 30.4 percent lead the Midwest Conference.

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:

Totals

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 Overall **LMC** Place **NCAA** Year 2003-04 16-13 8-4 3rd First Rd. 2004-05 14-12 7-5 T3rd 2005-06 21-6 13-1 1st

28-10

51-31

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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	20-6	15-3	1st	First Rd.
2013-14	3-1	1-0		
Totals	123-55	86-33		
Career	174-86			

Grzesk vs. MWC at St. Norbert Team Overall Home Away Neutral Beloit 4-3 0-0 10 - 46-1 7-2 Carroll 10-73 - 40 - 11-0 0 - 10-0 Cornell 1-1 Grinnell 8-7 6-1 1-0 1-6 Illinois Coll. 12-0 6-0 6-0 0 - 0Knox 11-2 5-1 6-1 0-0 Lake Forest 10-3 5-2 5-1 0 - 0()-()Lawrence 8-7 4-3 4-4 Monmouth 10-1 6-0 4-1 0 - 00-0 Ripon 13-4 9-1 4-3 **Totals** 93-36 55-11 37-24 1-1

MWC Glance									
Team	MWC	Overall							
Grinnell	3-0	6-0							
Cornell	1-0	3-1							
Lawrence	1-0	2-2							
St. Norbert	1-0	3-1							
Carroll	1-1	3-2							
Illinois College	1-1	3-1							
Lake Forest	1-2	2-4							
Monmouth	1-2	2-4							
Ripon	1-2	3-3							
Knox	0-1	1-4							
Beloit	0-2	1-4							

St. Norbert Quick Facts

Nickname:
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:
Record Overall:
Assistant Coaches:
Bryan Roehrig,
Corey Ciesielczyk, Justin Zwiefelhofer
First Season of Men's Basketball:1916-17
Seasons of Men's Basketball:91
All-Time Overall Record:976-853
All-Time MWC Record:
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 #3 - Dec. 2, 2013

Place	School (1st-place)	Pts.	Record
1	Amherst (18)	613	3-0
2	UW-Stevens Point (6		4-0
3	Wooster	565	4-0
4	UW-Whitewater (1)	546	4-0
5	Illinois Wesleyan	481	4-1
6	Cabrini	471	6-0
7	Williams	449	5-1
8	Washington-Mo.	424	5-1
9	Calvin	392	5-1
10	Virginia Wesleyan	382	6-0
11	Mary Hardin-Baylor	364	2-1
12	St. Mary's-Md.	334	3-1
13	Wheaton-Ill.	263	3-2
14	WPI	243	4-1
15	St. Thomas	230	2-1
16	Wittenberg	217	4-1
17	Wesley	189	5-0
18	St. Norbert	155	2-1
19	Augustana	143	4-1
20	Hampden-Sydney	135	4-2
21	Middlebury	125	4-2
22	Marietta	92	4-1
23	Hobart	67	3-0
24	DePauw	54	4-1
25	SUNY-Purchase	51	5-0
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Others receiving votes: Colorado College 49, Guilford 43, North Central-Ill. 42, Centre 41, John Carroll 39, Whitworth 34, Augsburg 32, Eastern Connecticut State 28, Catholic 26, Ohio Wesleyan 25, Emory 22, UW-Stout 20, Christopher Newport 15, Dubuque 13, Texas-Dallas 13, Baldwin-Wallace 13, Concordia-Texas 12, Brandeis 12, Carthage 11, UW-Platteville 9, Richard Stockton 8, Albertus Magnus 8, Southern Vermont 7, New Jersey City 6, Defiance 4, Tufts 3, Scranton 2, Stevenson 1, Dickinson 1, Cortland State 1, Loras 1, New York Univ. 1.

St. Norbert Men's Basketball Career Highs

#1 - Nick Hofman

Points: 3 (2 times, last 11/16/13 vs. North Park)

Rebounds: 1 (3 times, last 11/16/13 vs. North Park)

Assists: 1 (11/16/13 vs. North Park)

#3 - Terrence Garner

Points: 2 (11/16/13 vs. North Park) Rebounds: 1 (11/16/13 vs. North Park) 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: 11 (2 times, last 12/4/13 vs. Lake Forest) Assists: 8 (1/9/13 vs. Ripon)

#11 - Kam Cerroni

Points: 19 (11/16/13 vs. North Park) Rebounds: 4 (11/16/13 vs. North Park) Assists: 2 (11/16/13 vs. North Park)

#12 - Austin Elliott

Points: 16 (11/16/13 vs. North Park) Rebounds: 6 (2 times, last 12/4/13 vs. Lake Forest)

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)

#20 - Sean Benka

Points: 4 (11/16/13 vs. North Park) Rebounds: n/a Assists: n/a

#21 - Kyle Fleck

Points: n/a

Rebounds: 1 (11/16/13 vs. North Park) Assists: n/a

#22 - Ben Bobinski

Points: 3 (11/16/13 vs. North Park) Rebounds: 1 (11/16/13 vs. North Park) Assists: 1 (2 times, last 12/4/13 vs. Lake Forest)

#23 - Jon Willman

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

#30 - Andrew Schwoerer

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: 11 (11/20/13 vs. UW-Oshkosh) Rebounds: 6 (11/26/13 vs. UW-Whitewater)

Assists: 2 (11/16/13 vs. North Park)

#44 - Tim Marshall

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: 17 (11/26/13 vs. UW-Whitewater) 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 Dec 04, 2013) All games

Overall record: 3-1 Conf: 1-0 Home: 2-1 Away: 1-0 Neutral: 0-0

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##	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	4-4	132	33.0	18-46	.391	3-14	.214	32-36	.889	7	26	33	8.3	9	1	9	4	2	4	71	17.8
11	Kam Cerroni	4-4	122	30.5	18-33	.545	10-22	.455	8-8	1.000	2	8	10	2.5	8	0	3	7	2	5	54	13.5
12	Austin Elliott	4-0	94	23.5	11-26	.423	4-7	.571	12-14	.857	5	13	18	4.5	7	0	7	4	1	1	38	9.5
42	Bryan Dalton	4-0	84	21.0	12-29	.414	4-15	.267	4-6	.667	7	8	15	3.8	11	0	1	6	3	1	32	8.0
53	Steven Hofacker	4-0	64	16.0	10-16	.625	0-1	.000	7-8	.875	5	7	12	3.0	11	0	3	6	5	1	27	6.8
32	Izaiah Anderson	4-3	91	22.8	8-14	.571	0-0	.000	5-11	.455	5	14	19	4.8	13	1	4	8	5	0	21	5.3
05	Andy Fox	4-4	91	22.8	6-12	.500	1-6	.167	5-7	.714	0	6	6	1.5	11	0	15	4	0	4	18	4.5
30	Andrew Schwoerer	1-1	21	21.0	6-10	.600	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	1	1	2	2.0	2	0	0	1	0	0	14	14.0
45	Garrett Thorn	4-4	55	13.8	5-12	.417	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	2	9	11	2.8	12	0	0	1	0	0	10	2.5
20	Sean Benka	1-0	2	2.0	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	4.0
22	Ben Bobinski	3-0	31	10.3	1-8	.125	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.3	3	0	2	3	0	2	3	1.0
01	Nick Hofman	1-0	4	4.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	0	1	1	1.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	3.0
03	Terrence Garner	1-0	2	2.0	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.0
44	Tim Marshall	1-0	3	3.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
21	Kyle Fleck	1-0	2	2.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
23	Jon Willman	1-0	2	2.0	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
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Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
St. Norbert College	138	159	297
Opponents	107	143	250

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
	11/16/13	at North Park	W	101-68	237
	11/20/13	UW-OSHKOSH	W	63-53	761
	11/26/13	UW-WHITEWATER	L	62-73	844
*	12/4/13	LAKE FOREST COLLEGE	W	71-56	344

^{* -} Conference game