

St. Norbert College Sports Information

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview St. Norbert College (0-0) at UW-Oshkosh (0-0) Saturday, November 15, 2014 - 7 p.m. Kolf Sports Center (5,600) - Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Game Overview:

St. Norbert meets near-century old rival UW-Oshkosh in a non-conference game Saturday at Kolf Sports Center. It marks the 14th consecutive season the Green Knights and Titans have met on the hardcourt, and it is the season opener for both teams.

Broadcast:

The game will be broadcast online with video streaming at http://portal.stretchinternet.com/uwosh/

The Series:

UW-Oshkosh leads St. Norbert 47-35 in a series begun during the 1917-18 season. The Green Knights have fashioned a six-game winning streak in the series, including the last meeting in Oshkosh by a 79-49 score on Nov. 15, 2012.

Last Meeting:

St. Norbert defeated UW-Oshkosh 63-53 on Nov. 20, 2013 at Schuldes Sports Center in De Pere. The Green Knights led 22-19 at halftime before shooting 54.5 percent (12-for-22) from the floor in the second half. St. Norbert, which was 22-for-22 at the free-throw line, was led by 21 points from Brandon Gries, 12 points from Kam Cerroni and 11 points by Bryan Dalton. Jade Royston led the Titans with 15 points, while Dylan Wurtz added 14 points.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 145-56 in his ninth 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 196-87.

UW-Oshkosh coach Pat Juckem (Lawrence, 1995) is 19-32 in his third season in Oshkosh. He was 104-80 in seven seasons at Coe prior to arriving in Oshkosh to give him an overall record of 123-112.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters the 2014-15 season returning three of its top seven scorers from last year's ballclub which fashioned a 25-2 overall record and - MORE -

2014-2015 Results			
Date	Opponent	Result	
N 15	at UW-Oshkosh	7 p.m.	
N 18	North Park	7 p.m.	
N 22	Monmouth *	3 p.m.	
N 25	at Lake Forest *	7 p.m.	
D 3	at Ripon *	7:30 p.m.	
D 6	Grinnell *	3 p.m.	
D 13	at UW-Eau Claire	5 p.m.	
D 17	at Illinois College *	7 p.m.	
D 29	St. Scholastica %	7 p.m.	
D 30	John Carroll/UW-Stout %	6 5 or 7 p.m.	
J 3	at Cornell *	3 p.m.	
J 7	at Lawrence *	7:30 p.m.	
J 13	Beloit *	7:30 p.m.	
J 17	Knox *	3 p.m.	
J 21	at Carroll *	7:30 p.m.	
J 24	at Monmouth *	3 p.m.	
J 27	Ripon *	7:30 p.m.	
J 31	Carroll *	5 p.m.	
F 4	Lawrence *	7:30 p.m.	
F 7	at Beloit *	4 p.m.	
F 10	Lake Forest *	7:30 p.m.	
F 14	at Knox *	3 p.m.	
F 21	Cornell *	5 p.m.	
* - Midwest Conference game; % - Nicolet			
National Bank Holiday Tournament - De Pere,			

Wis. Note: Home games in bold; (rankings) by

D3hoops.com.

advanced to the second round of the NCAA Division III Tournament. The Green Knights, whose only two losses last season were to Final Four-qualifiers UW-Whitewater and Illinois Wesleyan, went 18-0 in the Midwest Conference and had a school-record 23-game winning streak overall.

Senior forward Andrew Schwoerer is St. Norbert's top returning scorer at 15.6 points per game. Schwoerer, who shot 66.1 percent from the floor, also grabbed 6.2 rebounds per game. Senior guard Austin Elliott averaged 10.2 points per game while shooting 48.7 percent from the floor. Senior center Steven Hofacker scored 4.7 points per game a year ago.

St. Norbert scored an average of 82.6 points per game last season, and shot 52.7 percent from the floor, 44.0 percent on 3-pointers (first in Division III) and 78.6 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents scored an average of 66.9 points per game while shooting 42.9 percent from the floor, 37.5 percent on 3-pointers and 65.9 percent at the free-throw line.

About the Titans:

UW-Oshkosh returns two starters from last season's squad which went 12-14 overall and 7-9 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The Titans, who were 9-4 at home last season, were picked to finish fifth in the WIAC pre-season coaches' poll.

Junior guard Alex Olson is the Titans' leading returning scorer at 10.9 points per game. Sophomore forward Max Schebel averaged 8.1 points and a team-high 5.0 rebounds per game last season. Sophomore guard Kyle Bolger netted 6.4 points per game last season.

Oshkosh averaged 61.2 points per game last season while shooting 38.8 percent from the floor, 32.1 percent on 3-pointers and 72.1 percent from the free-throw line. Opponents averaged 64.0 points per game last season while shooting 44.4 percent from the floor, 35.2 percent on 3-pointers and 67.3 percent at the charity stripe.

Building a Winner:

In his first eight 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 four times in the last five seasons.

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

St. Norbert's 25 wins in 2014 is a school record. The Green Knights won 23 games in 2010, and also won 21 games twice (1984 and 2002). St. Norbert also won 20 games in 2011 and 2013.

St. Norbert's 81-23 record from 2011 to 2014 marks the best four-year total in school history.

Since starting the 2007-08 season 2-5, St. Norbert is a solid 134-38. St. Norbert reached its highest national ranking in the 13-year history of the D3hoops.com Top 25 with a No. 5 ranking the weeks of Feb. 17, Feb. 24 and March 3, 2014.

Schwoerer Stuff:

St. Norbert senior forward Andrew Schwoerer is a pre-season All-America selection this season by both D3hoops.com and DIII News.

Schwoerer, who was fourth in Division III last season with a 66.1 field-goal percentage, is a career 58.2 percent shooter from the floor.

Schwoerer reached the career 1,000-point mark last season, only the third St. Norbert player since 1975 to do so during his junior season.

Schwoerer has 1,005 career points to place 26th on the St. Norbert career scoring list. Bob Bugalski is 25th with 1,014 points from 1951-55. Scott Gutowski is 24th with 1,016 points from 1992-95.

Jump Shot:

* - St. Norbert led Division III in rebounding margin last season at +9.9 rebounds per game (36.6 rebounds for to 26.7 rebounds against).

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:

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

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 **MWC NCAA** Year Overall Place 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 First Rd. 2012-13 20-6 15-3 1st 25-2 1st Second Rd. 2013-14 18-02014-15 0 - 00 - 0Totals 145-56 103-33

Grzesk vs. MWC at St. Norbert

196-87

Team	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
Beloit	12-4	7-1	5-3	0-0
Carroll	13-7	9-2	4-4	0-1
Cornell	3-1	2-0	1-1	0-0
Grinnell	11-7	8-1	2-6	1-0
Illinois Coll	. 14-0	7-0	7-0	0-0
Knox	12-2	6-1	6-1	0-0
Lake Forest	11-3	5-2	6-1	0-0
Lawrence	10-7	5-3	5-4	0-0
Monmouth	11-1	6-0	5-1	0-0
Ripon	15-4	10-1	5-3	0-0
Totals	112-36	65-11	46-24	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:			
Colors:Dartmouth Green & Old Gold			
Founded:			
Enrollment:			
President:			
Athletics Director:Tim Bald			
Conference: Midwest Conference			
Facility:Schuldes Sports Center			
Capacity:2,100			
Year Opened:			
Head Coach:			
Record at St. Norbert: 145-56 (ninth year)			
Record Overall: 196-87 (12th year)			
Assistant Coaches:			
Bryan Roehrig, Corey Ciesielczyk			
Justin Zwiefelhofer, Steve Kestly			
First Season of Men's Basketball:1916-17			
Seasons of Men's Basketball:92			
All-Time Overall Record:998-854			
All-Time MWC Record:			
MWC Championships: Six			
(1984, 2002. '10, '11, '13, '14)			
NCAA Tournament Appearances: Seven			
(1958, '84, 2002, 10, '11, '13, '14)			
NAIA Tournament Appearances:Three			
(1961, '62, '65)			

D3hoops.com Division III Top 25 Poll #1 - PRESEASON

Place	School (1st-place)	Pts.	Record
1	UW-Whitewater (18)	614	29-4
2	Amherst	526	27-4
3	Augustana (6)	495	20-8
4	Illinois Wesleyan (1)	475	27-5
5	Williams	436	28-5
6	Calvin	415	24-6
7	UW-Stevens Point	393	28-2
8	Albertus Magnus	350	28-3
9	Washington-Mo.	322	24-3
10	Wooster	309	26-4
11	Randolph-Macon	303	20-7
12	WPI	280	22-5
13	St. Thomas	270	22-6
14	Dickinson	263	24-7
15	Emory	253	19-9
16	MIT	246	20-9
17	Whitworth	232	23-6
18	Wheaton-Ill.	222	21-9
19	Virginia Wesleyan	218	24-7
20	Cabrini	164	26-2
21	Scranton	146	24-4
22	Texas-Dallas	98	27-4
23	Babson	90	20-7
24	Christopher Newport	83	19-9
25	Centre	81	24-5
Other	s receiving votes:	Claremon	t-Mudd-

Others receiving votes: Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 74; Chapman 73; Wesley 73; DePauw 67; Mary Washington 64; St. Norbert 62; Whitman 52; Richard Stockton 48; Springfield 47; Hope 38; Eastern Connecticut 37; St. Olaf 31; Hobart 28; Chicago 19; Brockport State 18; Geneseo State 16; New Jersey City 12; Bowdoin 11; Plattsburgh State 11; Wittenberg 10; Rhode Island College 8; Staten Island 7; New York Univ. 6; York-N.Y. 6; Widener 5; Morrisville State 3; Stevenson 3; Carthage 2; Tufts 2; Dallas 2; Grinnell 2; Johns Hopkins 1; Purchase State 1; Brandeis 1; Mount St. Joseph 1.

St. Norbert Men's Basketball Career Highs

#1 - Nick Hofman

Points: 4 (2/1/14 vs. Knox)

Rebounds: 2 (2 times, last 3/1/14 vs.

Grinnell)

Assists: 3 (1/14/14 vs. Ripon)

#3 - Terrence Garner

Points: 4 (2/1/14 vs. Knox)

Rebounds: 4 (2 times, last 1/18/14 vs.

Illinois College)

Assists: 3 (1/14/14 vs. Ripon)

#5 - Ben Socha

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

#12 - Austin Elliott

Points: 21 (2 times, last 2/5/14 vs.

Lawrence)

Rebounds: 6 (4 times, last 3/1/14 vs.

Grinnell)

Assists: 6 (3/1/14 vs. Grinnell)

#20 - Sean Benka

Points: 4 (11/16/13 vs. North Park) Rebounds: 1 (2 times, last 2/1/14 vs.

Knox)

Assists: 1 (2 times, last 1/11/14 vs. Monmouth)

#30 - Andrew Schwoerer

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

#42 - Bryan Dalton

Points: 11 (11/20/13 vs. UW-Oshkosh) Rebounds: 6 (3 times, last 2/1/14 vs. Knox)

Assists: 2 (2 times, last 1/14/14 vs. Ripon)

#44 - Tim Marshall

Points: 4 (2 times, last 2/1/14 vs.

Knox

Rebounds: 2 (2/1/14 vs. Knox)

Assists: n/a

#53 - Steven Hofacker

Points: 17 (11/26/13 vs. UW-

Whitewater)

Rebounds: 9 (1/25/12 vs. Lawrence)

Assists: 4 (2/1/14 vs. Knox)