



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview

No. 7 St. Norbert College (11-2) at Ripon College (11-2)

Wednesday, January 18, 2017 - 7:30 p.m.
 Storzer Center (1,250) - Ripon, Wisconsin

Game Overview:

St. Norbert and Ripon square off in an important Midwest Conference game. The Green Knights, winners of 72 consecutive games against MWC foes, lead the Red Hawks by one game in the league standings.

Broadcast:

The game will be broadcast with video streaming and live stats at: <https://portal.stretchinternet.com/snc/>

The Series:

Ripon holds a 61-56 series lead over St. Norbert in a spirited rivalry dating back to the 1932-33 season. The Green Knights have narrowed the gap by winning 20 of the last 22 meetings over the last nine seasons.

Last Meeting:

St. Norbert defeated Ripon 83-63 on Jan. 26, 2016 at Storzer Center in Ripon. The Green Knights trailed by 10 late in the first half before rallying for a 31-31 halftime tie. St. Norbert shot 56 percent from the floor in the second half. D.J. DeValk had 21 points and Tim Marshall added 14 points to lead the Green Knights, who had all five starters reach double figures. Ty Sabin topped Ripon with 27 points.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 205-63 in his 11th 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 256-94.

Ripon coach Ryan Kane (St. Norbert, 1999) is 69-40 in his fifth season in Ripon.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert, ranked No. 7 in the D3hoops.com Top 25, enters the game 11-2 overall and 8-0 in the Midwest Conference. The Green Knights swept their double weekend this past Friday and Saturday with an 83-60 win over Illinois College and a 65-40 win over Monmouth. St. Norbert has won its last 72 consecutive games against Midwest Conference opponents.

Junior guard D.J. DeValk leads the Green Knights in scoring at 16.4 points per game. Senior guard Ben Bobinski is averaging 12.5 points per game. Freshman forward Connor Curtis is scoring 8.2 points per game, while sophomore guard Taylor Penn is scoring 7.3 points per game.

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2016-2017 Results

Date	Opponent	Result
N 15	at UW-Eau Claire	L 68-67
N 19	at Benedictine (6)	W 71-70
D 2	at Knox *	W 76-37
D 3	at Illinois College *	W 63-52
D 7	Lawrence *	W 76-45
D 10	at Cornell *	W 66-58
D 20	at UW-Oshkosh	L 58-45
D 29	Finlandia %	W 88-35
D 30	UW-Platteville %	W 63-56
J 4	at Beloit *	W 72-51
J 6	Grinnell *	W 100-73
J 13	Illinois College *	W 83-60
J 14	Monmouth *	W 65-40
J 18	at Ripon *	7:30 p.m.
J 21	Knox *	7 p.m.
J 25	at Lawrence *	7:30 p.m.
J 28	Cornell *	5 p.m.
J 31	Ripon *	7:30 p.m.
F 4	at Monmouth *	3 p.m.
F 8	at Lake Forest *	7:30 p.m.
F 11	at Grinnell *	3 p.m.
F 14	Lake Forest *	7:30 p.m.
F 18	Beloit *	3 p.m.

* - Midwest Conference game; % - Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament - Green Bay, Wis. **Note:** Home games in **bold** and played at Kress Events Center at UW-Green Bay; (rankings) by D3hoops.com.

St. Norbert is averaging 71.9 points per game and is shooting 45.5 percent from the floor, 34.5 percent on 3-pointers and 75.0 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 54.1 points per game while shooting 36.7 percent from the floor, 30.5 percent on 3-pointers and 66.1 percent at the free-throw line.

About the Red Hawks:

Ripon enters the game 11-2 overall and 7-1 in the Midwest Conference. The Red Hawks split their conference double weekend, falling to Monmouth 79-70 on Friday before topping Cornell 78-66 on Saturday.

All-America senior guard Ty Sabin powers the Red Hawks averaging 29.8 points and 5.8 rebounds per game. Senior guard Brendan McCoy is netting 12.6 points per game and is shooting a lusty 58.8 percent (30-for-51) from beyond the three-point arc. Junior guard Isaac Masters and sophomore guard Cal Schultz are each scoring 8.2 points per game.

Ripon is averaging 84.4 points per game and is shooting 52.0 percent from the floor, 43.7 percent on 3-pointers and 78.9 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 74.0 points per game while shooting 41.3 percent from the floor, 34.5 percent on 3-pointers and 71.2 percent at the free-throw line.

Term Limits:

The rest of the Midwest Conference might be happy President Obama is leaving office Friday, and not for political reasons.

During Obama's second term in office, St. Norbert is 79-1 against Midwest Conference opponents and 48-0 at home. The lone loss was a 104-99 overtime setback at Grinnell on Feb. 9, 2013 - just 20 days after Obama was reinaugurated.

The Green Knights are 136-22 overall and 83-6 at home against the MWC during Obama's entire eight-year tenure in office.

D is for Defense:

As of Jan. 17, St. Norbert owns the No. 1 scoring defense in Division III, allowing a scant 54.1 points per

game this season.

In Gary Grzesk's 268-game tenure at St. Norbert, the Green Knights have held their opponent to 50 points or less 44 times, going 44-0 in those games.

St. Norbert is 167-7 under Grzesk when shooting a higher field-goal percentage than its opponent.

Streak Skinny:

St. Norbert's current 72-game winning streak against Midwest Conference opponents is believed to be the longest conference victory skein in history by a current NCAA Division III member.

Wheaton (Ill.) fashioned a 61-game winning streak in the College Conference of Illinois in the late 1950s. UW-Eau Claire had a 49-game winning streak in the then-Wisconsin State University Conference in the early 1970s.

Wheaton was a member of the NCAA College Division (currently Division II) at the time, while Eau Claire was an NAIA powerhouse during its lengthy streak.

Building a Winner:

Now in his 11th season, 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 six times in the last seven seasons. The Green Knights are the first team to win four consecutive MWC men's basketball titles since Beloit won six straight from 1946-51.

The Green Knights have won 20 games six times in the last seven 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 and 2016 is the school record. The Green Knights won 24 games in 2015, 23 games in 2010 and 21 games twice (1984 and 2002). St. Norbert won 20 games in 2011 and 2013.

St. Norbert's 94-13 record from 2013 to 2016 marks the best four-year total in school history.

Since starting the 2007-08 season 2-5, St. Norbert is a solid 194-46. St. Norbert reached its highest national ranking in the 17-year history of the D3hoops.com Top 25 with a No. 3 ranking the week of Feb. 23, 2015.

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	25-2	18-0	1st	Second Rd.
2014-15	24-2	18-0	1st	First Rd.
2015-16	25-3	18-0	1st	Sweet 16
2016-17	11-2	8-0		
Totals	205-63	147-33		
Career	256-94			

Grzesk vs. MWC at St. Norbert

Team	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
Beloit	17-4	9-1	8-3	0-0
Carroll	18-7	12-2	6-4	0-1
Cornell	8-1	4-0	4-1	0-0
Grinnell	15-7	11-1	3-6	1-0
Illinois Coll.	18-0	9-0	9-0	0-0
Knox	17-2	8-1	9-1	0-0
Lake Forest	16-3	8-2	8-1	0-0
Lawrence	15-7	8-3	7-4	0-0
Monmouth	16-1	9-0	7-1	0-0
Ripon	20-4	13-1	7-3	0-0
Totals	160-36	91-11	68-24	1-1

MWC Glance

Team	MWC	Overall
St. Norbert	8-0	11-2
Ripon	7-1	11-2
Lawrence	6-2	6-6
Grinnell	5-3	8-5
Lake Forest	5-3	7-6
Cornell	3-5	5-8
Monmouth	3-5	3-10
Beloit	2-6	4-9
Knox	1-7	1-12
Illinois College	0-8	3-10

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: ..Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center
Capacity:2,100
Year Opened:2017
Head Coach:Gary Grzesk
Record at St. Norbert:205-63 (11th year)
Record Overall:256-94 (14th year)
Assistant Coaches:Woody Wilson
Bryan Roehrig, Corey Ciesielczyk
Justin Zwiefelhofer, Steve Kestly, Keil Ganz
First Season of Men's Basketball:1916-17
Seasons of Men's Basketball:94
All-Time Overall Record:1,058-861
All-Time MWC Record:330-180
MWC Championships:Eight
(1984, 2002, '10, '11, '13, '14, '15, '16)
NCAA Tournament Appearances:Nine
(1958, '84, 2002, 10, '11, '13, '14, '15, '16)
NAIA Tournament Appearances:Three
(1961, '62, '65)

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Top 25 Poll #8 - Jan. 16, 2017

Place	School (1st-place)	Pts.	Record
1	Babson (15)	615	14-1
2	Whitman (10)	610	15-0
3	Christopher Newport	562	13-2
4	Tufts	525	13-2
5	UW-River Falls	490	14-1
6	Whitworth	473	13-2
7	St. Norbert	465	11-2
8	Rochester	448	13-1
9	North Park	393	12-2
10	Denison	353	14-1
11	Washington-Mo.	345	11-3
12	UW-Eau Claire	321	12-3
13	Ramapo	269	14-1
14	Susquehanna	259	13-2
15	Middlebury	258	12-2
16	Amherst	257	10-4
17	Salisbury	241	12-3
18	Marietta	174	11-4
19	Benedictine	161	11-4
20	Augustana	159	12-3
21	Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	130	10-1
22	New Jersey City	102	13-3
23	Neumann	101	14-1
24	Wesleyan	90	13-3
25	UW-Whitewater	79	12-3

Others receiving votes: Guilford 62, Illinois Wesleyan 36, Lycoming 29, Swarthmore 28, Hardin-Simmons 24, Endicott 17, Hope 17, Bethel 15, MIT 6, Hanover 4, Brockport State 3, Catholic 3, Carthage 1.

St. Norbert Men's Basketball Career Highs

#1 - Riley Haas

Points: 7 (1/6/17 vs. Grinnell)
 Rebounds: 4 (1/6/17 vs. Grinnell)
 Assists: 2 (4 times, last 1/6/17 vs. Grinnell)

#3 - Terrence Garner

Points: 24 (2/28/15 vs. Grinnell)
 Rebounds: 14 (3/4/16 vs. Northwestern)
 Assists: 11 (2/9/16 vs. Lake Forest)

#5 - Joe Ciriacks

Points: 8 (12/29/16 vs. Finlandia)
 Rebounds: 3 (3 times, last 1/4/17 vs. Beloit)
 Assists: 1 (2 times, last 1/13/17 vs. Illinois College)

#10 - D.J. DeValk

Points: 26 (12/3/16 vs. Illinois College)
 Rebounds: 6 (1/4/17 vs. Beloit)
 Assists: 9 (1/3/15 vs. Cornell)

#12 - Zach Geske

Points: n/a
 Rebounds: 1 (2 times, last 12/7/16 vs. Lawrence)
 Assists: n/a

#13 - Josh Hillis

Points: 11 (12/22/15 vs. Illinois College)
 Rebounds: 6 (12/29/16 vs. Finlandia)
 Assists: 2 (11/19/16 vs. Benedictine)

#15 - Ben Retzlaff

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

#20 - Sean Benka

Points: 4 (3 times, last 12/7/16 vs. Lawrence)
 Rebounds: 3 (1/31/15 vs. Carroll)
 Assists: 2 (12/7/16 vs. Lawrence)

#21 - Brett O'Sullivan

Points: 6 (11/15/16 vs. UW-Eau Claire)
 Rebounds: 5 (2 times, last 1/6/16 vs. Lawrence)
 Assists: 3 (12/10/16 vs. Cornell)

#22 - Ben Bobinski

Points: 25 (2/20/16 vs. Cornell)
 Rebounds: 10 (1/14/17 vs. Monmouth)
 Assists: 5 (2 times, last 1/6/17 vs. Grinnell)

#23 - Parker Carlsen

Points: 4 (12/7/16 vs. Lawrence)
 Rebounds: 4 (12/7/16 vs. Lawrence)
 Assists: n/a

#24 - Mitchell Reinthaler

Points: 24 (11/18/15 vs. Monmouth)
 Rebounds: 10 (2 times, last 2/20/16 vs. Cornell)
 Assists: 5 (12/5/15 vs. Grinnell)

#25 - Jordan Newman

Points: 3 (1/13/17 vs. Illinois College)
 Rebounds: 2 (12/2/16 vs. Knox)
 Assists: 1 (12/29/16 vs. Finlandia)

#30 - Taylor Penn

Points: 20 (12/5/15 vs. Grinnell)
 Rebounds: 5 (3 times, last 12/29/16 vs. Finlandia)
 Assists: 4 (1/12/16 vs. Beloit)

#32 - Brian Luteyn

Points: 6 (1/6/17 vs. Grinnell)
 Rebounds: 6 (2 times, last 12/20/16 vs. UW-Oshkosh)
 Assists: 4 (12/2/16 vs. Knox)

#41 - Connor Curtis

Points: 19 (12/30/16 vs. UW-Platteville)
 Rebounds: 9 (1/6/17 vs. Grinnell)
 Assists: 2 (3 times, last 1/13/17 vs. Illinois College)

#44 - Tim Marshall

Points: 18 (3/5/16 vs. St. Olaf)
 Rebounds: 9 (2 times, last 11/19/16 vs. Benedictine)
 Assists: 3 (5 times, last 1/6/17 vs. Grinnell)

#45 - Marcus Ruch

Points: 3 (2 times, last 1/6/16 vs. Lawrence)
 Rebounds: 2 (2 times, last 1/13/17 vs. Illinois College)
 Assists: 2 (12/29/16 vs. Finlandia)

#52 - Joe Lemon

Points: 14 (1/6/17 vs. Grinnell)
 Rebounds: 10 (1/13/17 vs. Illinois College)
 Assists: 3 (1/6/17 vs. Grinnell)



St. Norbert College Men's Basketball
 St. Norbert College Combined Team Statistics (as of Jan 14, 2017)
All games



Overall record: 11-2 Conf: 8-0 Home: 6-0 Away: 5-2 Neutral: 0-0

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fta	ft%	off	def	tot	avg								
10	D.J. DeValk	13-13	407	31.3	76-167	.455	34-87	.391	27-31	.871	3	33	36	2.8	22	0	58	19	9	20	213	16.4
22	Ben Bobinski	13-7	307	23.6	50-117	.427	25-67	.373	37-45	.822	7	47	54	4.2	25	0	17	20	0	9	162	12.5
30	Taylor Penn	13-6	251	19.3	36-83	.434	14-36	.389	9-13	.692	9	25	34	2.6	26	0	19	18	1	4	95	7.3
41	Connor Curtis	10-6	163	16.3	32-55	.582	5-7	.714	13-16	.813	18	19	37	3.7	15	0	8	11	6	6	82	8.2
03	Terrence Garner	13-13	357	27.5	31-80	.388	1-11	.091	18-27	.667	24	67	91	7.0	24	0	37	19	2	25	81	6.2
44	Tim Marshall	13-7	255	19.6	33-48	.688	0-0	.000	8-13	.615	22	28	50	3.8	28	0	14	17	6	8	74	5.7
52	Joe Lemon	13-8	234	18.0	22-49	.449	9-24	.375	6-7	.857	16	30	46	3.5	21	0	11	8	6	11	59	4.5
24	Mitchell Reinhaler	5-5	133	26.6	21-45	.467	2-15	.133	0-0	.000	11	11	22	4.4	11	0	7	1	1	1	44	8.8
05	Joe Ciriacks	10-0	73	7.3	7-29	.241	6-19	.316	6-6	1.000	8	7	15	1.5	7	0	3	5	1	1	26	2.6
01	Riley Haas	9-0	80	8.9	8-18	.444	1-5	.200	8-13	.615	3	15	18	2.0	6	0	8	4	1	4	25	2.8
21	Brett O'Sullivan	12-0	126	10.5	10-18	.556	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	7	13	20	1.7	8	0	9	6	2	3	22	1.8
32	Brian Luteyn	11-0	85	7.7	8-15	.533	0-1	.000	6-9	.667	7	8	15	1.4	12	0	8	9	1	4	22	2.0
13	Josh Hillis	10-0	45	4.5	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	5-5	1.000	5	10	15	1.5	7	0	3	4	1	3	9	0.9
45	Marcus Ruch	6-0	22	3.7	4-7	.571	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	4	5	0.8	4	0	3	1	0	1	8	1.3
25	Jordan Newman	8-0	31	3.9	2-9	.222	1-7	.143	0-2	.000	1	3	4	0.5	1	0	1	2	0	0	5	0.6
20	Sean Benka	4-0	20	5.0	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	0-5	.000	1	2	3	0.8	2	0	2	0	0	2	4	1.0
23	Parker Carlsen	1-0	3	3.0	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	3	1	4	4.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	4.0
12	Zach Geske	2-0	6	3.0	0-6	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	2	0	2	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.0
15	Ben Retzlaff	1-0	2	2.0	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											10	30	40				4					
Total.....		13	2600		345-758	.455	98-284	.345	147-196	.750	158	353	511	39.3	221	0	208	148	37	103	935	71.9
Opponents.....		13	2600		247-673	.367	86-282	.305	123-186	.661	110	289	399	30.7	213	3	126	192	17	60	703	54.1

TEAM STATISTICS	SNC	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	935	703	11/15/16	at UW-Eau Claire	L 67-68	3005
Points per game	71.9	54.1	11/19/16	at Benedictine (IL)	w 71-70	957
Scoring margin	+17.8	-	* 12/2/16	at Knox College	w 76-37	250
FIELD GOALS-ATT	345-758	247-673	* 12/3/16	at Illinois College	w 63-52	375
Field goal pct	.455	.367	* 12/7/16	LAWRENCE UNIV.	w 76-45	540
3 POINT FG-ATT	98-284	86-282	* 12/10/16	at Cornell College	w 66-58	215
3-point FG pct	.345	.305	12/20/16	at UW-Oshkosh	L 45-58	282
3-pt FG made per game	7.5	6.6	# 12/29/16	FINLANDIA UNIV.	w 88-35	742
FREE THROWS-ATT	147-196	123-186	# 12/30/16	UW-PLATTEVILLE	w 63-56	787
Free throw pct	.750	.661	* 1/4/17	at Beloit College	w 72-51	400
F-Throws made per game	11.3	9.5	* 1/6/17	GRINNELL COLLEGE	w 100-73	839
REBOUNDS	511	399	* 1/13/17	ILLINOIS COLLEGE	w 83-60	422
Rebounds per game	39.3	30.7	* 1/14/17	MONMOUTH COLLEGE	w 65-40	521
Rebounding margin	+8.6	-				
ASSISTS	208	126				
Assists per game	16.0	9.7	* -	Midwest Conference game		
TURNOVERS	148	192	# -	Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament (Green Bay, Wis.)		
Turnovers per game	11.4	14.8				
Turnover margin	+3.4	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	1.4	0.7				
STEALS	103	60				
Steals per game	7.9	4.6				
BLOCKS	37	17				
Blocks per game	2.8	1.3				
ATTENDANCE	3851	5484				
Home games-Avg/Game	6-642	7-783				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
St. Norbert College	426	509	935
Opponents	338	365	703