



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview No. 7 St. Norbert College (11-3) vs. Knox College (1-13) Saturday, January 21, 2017 - 7 p.m. Kress Events Center (3,993) - Green Bay, Wisconsin

Game Overview:

St. Norbert looks to get back on track when it hosts Knox on Saturday. The Green Knights are currently tied with Ripon atop the Midwest Conference standings halfway through the league schedule.

Broadcast:

The game will be broadcast with video streaming at: <https://portal.stretchinternet.com/snc/>
 Live stats will be provided at: <http://www.snc.edu/athletics/teamfiles/livestats/xlive.htm>

The Series:

St. Norbert leads Knox 34-10 in a series dating back to the 1985-86 season. The Green Knights have won 15 straight games in the series since the Prairie Fire swept the season series in the 2007-08 season.

Last Meeting:

St. Norbert defeated Knox 76-37 on Dec. 2, 2016 at Memorial Gym in Galesburg, Ill. The Green Knights led 36-21 at halftime and held the Prairie Fire to five field goals in the second half. D.J. DeValk led St. Norbert with 14 points, while Ben Bobinski added 12 points. Robert Suntken led Knox with seven points.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 205-64 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 256-95.

Knox coach Kevin Walden (Knox, 2001) is 11-95 in his fifth season in Galesburg.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters the game 11-3 overall and 8-1 in the Midwest Conference. The Green Knights had their NCAA Division III-record winning streak against conference opponents snapped at 72 consecutive games in an 81-55 loss at Ripon this past Wednesday.

Junior guard D.J. DeValk tops the Green Knights in scoring at 16.1 points

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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 *	L 81-55
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.

per game. Senior guard Ben Bobinski is scoring an average of 12.6 points per game. Junior forward Mitchell Reinthaler is averaging 8.8 points per game, while freshman forward Connor Curtis is averaging 7.8 points per game.

St. Norbert is averaging 70.7 points per game and is shooting 44.8 percent from the floor, 33.0 percent on 3-pointers and 75.0 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 56.0 points per game while shooting 38.2 percent from the floor, 31.2 percent on 3-pointers and 65.7 percent at the free-throw line.

About the Prairie Fire:

Knox enters the game 1-13 overall and is 1-8 in the Midwest Conference. The Prairie Fire is coming off an 87-73 home loss to Illinois College this past Wednesday.

Freshman guard Deryk Ruple leads the Prairie Fire in scoring at 13.0 points per game. Junior forward Marko Protic is averaging 9.3 points and 6.5 rebounds per game. Senior guard Deandre Weathersby and senior guard Marcellis Davis are both averaging 8.8 points per game.

Knox is averaging 66.4 points per game and is shooting 42.3 percent from the floor, 29.0 percent on 3-pointers and 63.8 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 85.3 points per game while shooting 46.9 percent from the floor, 36.2 percent on 3-pointers and 73.6 percent at the free-throw line.

D is for Defense:

As of Jan. 18, St. Norbert owns the No. 1 scoring defense in Division III, allowing 56.0 points per game this season. The Green Knights are one of just three Division III teams holding opponents under 60 points per game.

In Gary Grzesk's 269-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.

The Green Knights are also No. 10 nationally in field-goal percent-

age defense at 38.2 percent. St. Norbert is 167-7 under Grzesk when shooting a higher field-goal percentage than its opponent.

Streak Skinny:

St. Norbert saw its 72-game winning streak against Midwest Conference opponents end in a loss to Ripon on Jan. 18. It 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 194-47. 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	11-3	8-1		
Totals	205-64	147-34		
Career	256-95			

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	20-5	13-1	7-4	0-0
Totals	160-37	91-11	68-25	1-1

MWC Glance

Team	MWC	Overall
St. Norbert	8-1	11-3
Ripon	8-1	12-2
Lake Forest	6-3	8-6
Lawrence	6-3	6-7
Grinnell	5-4	8-6
Cornell	4-5	6-8
Monmouth	4-5	4-10
Beloit	2-7	4-10
Illinois College	1-8	4-10
Knox	1-8	1-13

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:205-64 (11th year)
Record Overall:256-95 (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:1,058-862
All-Time MWC Record:330-181
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 (4 times, last 1/18/17 vs. Ripon)

#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 18, 2017)
All games



Overall record: 11-3 Conf: 8-1 Home: 6-0 Away: 5-3 Neutral: 0-0

#	Player	gp-gs	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg		
			min	avg	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def									tot	avg
10	D.J. DeValk	14-14	444	31.7	81-186	.435	36-96	.375	28-33	.848	3	34	37	2.6	25	0	62	21	9	23	226	16.1
22	Ben Bobinski	14-7	338	24.1	53-129	.411	26-73	.356	44-52	.846	7	52	59	4.2	26	0	18	20	0	10	176	12.6
30	Taylor Penn	14-7	257	18.4	36-83	.434	14-36	.389	9-13	.692	9	26	35	2.5	26	0	19	21	1	4	95	6.8
03	Terrence Garner	14-14	390	27.9	34-85	.400	1-11	.091	20-29	.690	28	71	99	7.1	25	0	38	21	2	25	89	6.4
41	Connor Curtis	11-7	190	17.3	34-63	.540	5-9	.556	13-16	.813	18	19	37	3.4	19	0	10	11	6	6	86	7.8
44	Tim Marshall	14-7	273	19.5	37-52	.712	0-0	.000	10-15	.667	24	30	54	3.9	31	0	16	17	6	8	84	6.0
52	Joe Lemon	14-9	251	17.9	23-52	.442	9-26	.346	6-7	.857	17	30	47	3.4	24	0	11	8	6	11	61	4.4
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	11-0	80	7.3	7-31	.226	6-21	.286	6-6	1.000	8	7	15	1.4	7	0	3	5	1	1	26	2.4
01	Riley Haas	10-0	84	8.4	8-18	.444	1-5	.200	8-13	.615	3	15	18	1.8	6	0	8	4	1	4	25	2.5
32	Brian Luteyn	12-0	89	7.4	9-16	.563	0-1	.000	6-10	.600	7	9	16	1.3	12	0	8	10	1	4	24	2.0
21	Brett O'Sullivan	13-0	132	10.2	10-18	.556	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	8	14	22	1.7	8	0	9	7	2	3	22	1.7
13	Josh Hillis	11-0	49	4.5	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	5-7	.714	6	10	16	1.5	8	0	3	4	1	3	9	0.8
45	Marcus Ruch	7-0	25	3.6	4-9	.444	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1	5	6	0.9	4	0	3	2	0	1	8	1.1
25	Jordan Newman	9-0	34	3.8	3-10	.300	1-7	.143	0-2	.000	1	4	5	0.6	1	0	1	2	0	0	7	0.8
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											11	31	42				5					
Total.....		14	2800		365-815	.448	101-306	.330	159-212	.750	168	371	539	38.5	237	0	218	159	37	107	990	70.7
Opponents.....		14	2800		279-731	.382	94-301	.312	132-201	.657	121	319	440	31.4	226	3	139	201	19	66	784	56.0

TEAM STATISTICS	SNC	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	990	784	11/15/16	at UW-Eau Claire	L 67-68	3005
Points per game	70.7	56.0	11/19/16	at Benedictine (IL)	w 71-70	957
Scoring margin	+14.7	-	* 12/2/16	at Knox College	w 76-37	250
FIELD GOALS-ATT	365-815	279-731	* 12/3/16	at Illinois College	w 63-52	375
Field goal pct	.448	.382	* 12/7/16	LAWRENCE UNIV.	w 76-45	540
3 POINT FG-ATT	101-306	94-301	* 12/10/16	at Cornell College	w 66-58	215
3-point FG pct	.330	.312	12/20/16	at UW-Oshkosh	L 45-58	282
3-pt FG made per game	7.2	6.7	# 12/29/16	FINLANDIA UNIV.	w 88-35	742
FREE THROWS-ATT	159-212	132-201	# 12/30/16	UW-PLATTEVILLE	w 63-56	787
Free throw pct	.750	.657	* 1/4/17	at Beloit College	w 72-51	400
F-Throws made per game	11.4	9.4	* 1/6/17	GRINNELL COLLEGE	w 100-73	839
REBOUNDS	539	440	* 1/13/17	ILLINOIS COLLEGE	w 83-60	422
Rebounds per game	38.5	31.4	* 1/14/17	MONMOUTH COLLEGE	w 65-40	521
Rebounding margin	+7.1	-	* 1/18/17	at Ripon College	L 55-81	637
ASSISTS	218	139				
Assists per game	15.6	9.9				
TURNOVERS	159	201				
Turnovers per game	11.4	14.4				
Turnover margin	+3.0	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	1.4	0.7				
STEALS	107	66				
Steals per game	7.6	4.7				
BLOCKS	37	19				
Blocks per game	2.6	1.4				
ATTENDANCE	3851	6121				
Home games-Avg/Game	6-642	8-765				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

* - Midwest Conference game
 # - Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament (Green Bay, Wis.)

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
St. Norbert College	444	546	990
Opponents	372	412	784