

# St. Norbert College **Sports Information**

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# St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview No. 13 St. Norbert College (12-3) at Lawrence Univ. (7-7) Wednesday, January 25, 2017 - 7:30 p.m. Alexander Gym (1,250) - Appleton, Wisconsin

## Game Overview:

St. Norbert looks keep its hold on first place in the Midwest Conference when it travels to Lawrence. The Green Knights hold a one-game lead on Ripon in the league standings with eight games remaining.

#### **Broadcast:**

The game will be broadcast with video streaming at: https://portal.stretchinternet.com/snc/

#### The Series:

St. Norbert leads Lawrence 58-46 in an all-time series dating back to the 1917-18 season, making it one of the Green Knights' two oldest rivalries (along with UW-Oshkosh). The Green Knights have won 15 straight games in the series.

#### Last Meeting:

St. Norbert defeated Lawrence 76-45 on Dec. 7, 2016 at Kress Center in Green Bay. The Green Knights led 29-12 at halftime and led by as many as 33 points in the second half. D.J. DeValk led St. Norbert with 12 points, while Taylor Penn added 11 points. Jeremy Stephani led the Vikings with 13 points.

#### The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 206-64 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 257-95.

Lawrence coach Joel DePagter (Lawrence, 1998) is 124-101 in his tenth season in Appleton.

## About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters the game 12-3 overall and 9-1 in the Midwest Conference. The Green Knights, ranked No. 13 in the D3hoops.com Top 25, defeated Knox 65-48 this past Saturday in Green Bay.

Junior guard D.J. DeValk leads the Green Knights in scoring at 15.5 points per game. Senior guard Ben Bobinski is scoring an average of 12.2 points per game. Junior forward Mitchell Reinthaler is averaging 10.2 - MORE -

# 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 *	W 65-48
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.

points per game, while freshman forward Connor Curtis is averaging 7.5 points per game.

St. Norbert is averaging 70.3 points per game and is shooting 45.3 percent from the floor, 32.9 percent on 3-pointers and 73.5 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 55.5 points per game while shooting 38.3 percent from the floor, 31.5 percent on 3-pointers and 65.7 percent at the free-throw line.

#### About the Vikings:

Lawrence enters the game 7-7 overall and 7-3 in the Midwest Conference. The Vikings, who have won five of their last six games, won at Beloit 62-58 on Saturday.

Junior guard Jeremy Stephani leads the Vikings in scoring at 13.5 points per game. Senior forward Mitch Willer is averaging 12.1 points and a team-high 7.3 rebounds per game. Junior forward Ben Peterson is averaging 9.9 points and 6.1 rebounds per game.

Lawrence is averaging 69.3 points per game and is shooting 45.8 percent from the floor, 34.9 percent on 3-pointers and 63.7 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 72.6 points per game while shooting 39.8 percent from the floor, 32.5 percent on 3-pointers and 69.9 percent at the free-throw line.

#### D is for Defense:

As of Jan. 23, St. Norbert owns the No. 1 scoring defense in Division III, allowing 55.5 points per game this season.

The Green Knights are one of just two Division III teams holding opponents under 60 points per game this season. Christopher Newport is the other at 57.6 points per game.

In Gary Grzesk's 270-game tenure at St. Norbert, the Green Knights have held their opponent to 50 points or less 45 times, going 45-0 in those games.

The Green Knights are also No. 9 nationally in field-goal percentage defense at 38.3 percent. St. Norbert is 168-7 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 61game winning streak in the College Conference of Illinois in the late 1950s. UW-Eau Claire had a 49game 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 fouryear total in school history.

Since starting the 2007-08 season 2-5, St. Norbert is a solid 195-47. 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).



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 C	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 C	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 S	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 S	Second Rd.
2014-15	24-2	18-0	1st	First Rd.
2015-16	25-3	18-0	1st	Sweet 16
2016-17	12-3	9-1		
	206-64	148-34		
Career	257-95			
Grzesł	k vs. N	IWC at	St. N	orbert
Team (	Overall	Home	Away	y Neutral
Beloit	17-4	9-1	8-	
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	18-2	9-1	9-	1 0-0
Lake Forest		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	161-37	92-11	68-2	5 1-1

MWC Glance									
Team	MWC	Overall							
St. Norbert	9-1	12-3							
Ripon	8-2	12-3							
Lake Forest	7-3	9-6							
Lawrence	7-3	7-7							
Grinnell	6-4	9-6							
Cornell	4-6	6-9							
Monmouth	4-6	4-11							
Beloit	2-8	4-11							
Illinois College	2-8	5-10							
Knox	1-9	1-14							

# St. Norbert Quick Facts

Nickname:Green Knights
Location:
Colors:
Founded:
Enrollment:
President:
Athletics Director:
Conference:
Facility:Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center
<b>Capacity:</b>
Year Opened:
Head Coach:Gary Grzesk
Record at St. Norbert:
<b>Record Overall:</b>
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:
All-Time Overall Record:
All-Time MWC Record:
MWC Championships: Eight
<b>MWC Championships:</b> EightEight
NCAA Tournament Appearances:Nine
NAIA Tournament Appearances:Three
(1901, 62, 63)

# D3hoops.com Division III Top 25 Poll #9 - Jan. 23, 2017

Place	School (1st-place)	Pts.	Record						
1	Babson (15)	613	16-1						
2	Whitman (10)	610	17-0						
3	Christopher Newport 555								
4	Tufts	531	15-2						
5	UW-River Falls	524	16-1						
6	Whitworth	489	15-2						
7	Rochester	457	15-1						
8	Washington-Mo.	423	13-3						
9	Denison	420	16-1						
10	Ramapo	373	16-1						
11	Susquehanna	323	15-2						
12	Salisbury	300	14-3						
13	St. Norbert	296	12-3						
14	Amherst	282	12-4						
15	Marietta	250	13-4						
16	Augustana	240	14-3						
17	UW-Eau Claire	187	13-4						
18	Claremont-Mudd-Scrip	ps 181	13-1						
19	Benedictine	177	12-4						
20	New Jersey City	148	15-3						
21	Neumann	144	16-1						
22	Middlebury	142	13-3						
23	North Park	117	13-4						
24	UW-Whitewater	101	14-3						
25	Wesleyan	53	15-4						
Other									
Lycon	ning 36, Hope 29, Ha	rdin-Sim	nmons 24,						
Eastern Connecticut 15, Guilford 11, Hanover 11,									
	Brockport 8, Ripon 8, St. Lawrence 8, Albertus								
Magn	us 1, Randolph-Macon 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)



Turnovers per game

Assist/turnover ratio

Turnover margin

Steals per game

Blocks per game

Score by Periods

St. Norbert College

Opponents

Home games-Avg/Game

Neutral site-Avg/Game

ATTENDANČE

STEALS

BLOCKS

11.5

+3.3

1.4

116

7.7

40

2.7

4317

7-617

Totals

1055

832

1st 2nd

388 444

473 582 -

14.8

-0.7

73 4.9

20

1.3

6121

8-765

0-0

# St. Norbert College Men's Basketball St. Norbert College Combined Team Statistics (as of Jan 21, 2017) All games



Overall record: 12-3 Conf: 9-1 Home: 7-0 Away: 5-3 Neutral: 0-0

					Total		3-Poir	nt	F-Thro	w		Rebou	inds									
##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fta	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq	а	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
10	D.J. DeValk	15-15	473	31.5	83-197	.421	37-99	.374	30-35	.857	3	36	39	2.6	29	0	68	23	11	25	233	15.5
22	Ben Bobinski	15-8	367	24.5	56-137	.409	26-75	.347	45-56	.804	8	55	63	4.2	29	0	21	21	0	11	183	12.2
30	Taylor Penn	15-7	281	18.7	42-92	.457	15-39	.385	9-13	.692	9	29	38	2.5	26	0	20	21	1	4	108	7.2
44	Tim Marshall	15-7	298	19.9	41-57	.719	0-0	.000	13-21	.619	26	31	57	3.8	32	0	17	19	6	9	95	6.3
41	Connor Curtis	12-8	202	16.8	36-66	.545	5-9	.556	13-16	.813	21	21	42	3.5	19	0	10	14	6	6	90	7.5
03	Terrence Garner	15-15	408	27.2	34-86	.395	1-11	.091	20-29	.690	29	72	101	6.7	26	0	39	22	2	27	89	5.9
52	Joe Lemon	15-10	277	18.5	24-54	.444	9-26	.346	8-10	.800	18	32	50	3.3	25	0	12	9	7	13	65	4.3
24	Mitchell Reinthaler	6-5	156	26.0	28-54	.519	3-17	.176	2-3	.667	12	14	26	4.3	11	0	9	2	1	1	61	10.2
01	Riley Haas	11-0	91	8.3	9-19	.474	1-5	.200	8-13	.615	3	16	19	1.7	6	0	9	4	1	5	27	2.5
05	Joe Ciriacks	12-0	82	6.8	7-31	.226	6-21	.286	6-6	1.000	8	7	15	1.3	8	0	3	5	1	1	26	2.2
32	Brian Luteyn	13-0	90	6.9	9-16	.563	0-1	.000	6-10	.600	7	9	16	1.2	12	0	8	11	1	4	24	1.8
21	Brett O'Sullivan	14-0	133	9.5	10-18	.556	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	8	14	22	1.6	8	0	9	7	2	3	22	1.6
13	Josh Hillis	12-0	50	4.2	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	5-7	.714	6	10	16	1.3	8	0	3	4	1	3	9	0.8
45	Marcus Ruch	8-0	26	3.3	4-9	.444	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1	6	7	0.9	4	0	3	2	0	1	8	1.0
25	Jordan Newman	10-0	35	3.5	3-10	.300	1-7	.143	0-2	.000	1	4	5	0.5	1	0	1	3	0	0	7	0.7
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	32	43					5				
	Total	15	3000		391-864	.453	104-316	.329	169-230	.735	177	391	568	37.9	248	0	234	172	40	116	1055	70.3
	Opponents	15	3000		297-776	.383	100-317	.315	138-210	.657	128	338	466	31.1	245	3	149	222	20	73	832	55.5

TEAM STATISTICS	SNC	OPP		Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
SCORING	1055	832		11/15/16	at UW-Eau Claire	L	67-68	3005
Points per game	70.3	55.5		11/19/16	at Benedictine (IL)	W	71-70	957
Scoring margin	+14.9	-	*	12/2/16	at Knox College	W	76-37	250
FIELD GOALS-ATT	391-864	297-776	*	12/3/16	at Illinois College	W	63-52	375
Field goal pct	.453	.383	*	12/7/16	LAWRENCE UNIV.	W	76-45	540
3 POINT FG-ATT	104-316	100-317	*	12/10/16	at Cornell College	W	66-58	215
3-point FG pct	.329	.315		12/20/16	at UW-Oshkosh	L	45-58	282
3-pt FG made per game	6.9	6.7	#	12/29/16	FINLANDIA UNIV.	W	88-35	742
FREE THROWS-ATT	169-230	138-210	#	12/30/16	UW-PLATTEVILLE	W	63-56	787
Free throw pct	.735	.657	*	1/4/17	at Beloit College	W	72-51	400
F-Throws made per game	11.3	9.2	*	1/6/17	GRINNELL CŎLLEGE	W	100-73	839
REBOUNDS	568	466	*	1/13/17	ILLINOIS COLLEGE	W	83-60	422
Rebounds per game	37.9	31.1	*	1/14/17	MONMOUTH COLLEGE	W	65-40	521
Rebounding margin	+6.8	-	*	1/18/17	at Ripon College	L	55-81	637
ASSISTS	234	149	*	1/21/17	KNOX COLLEGE	W	65-48	466
Assists per game	15.6	9.9						
TURNOVERS	172	222	* .	- Midwest Co	nference game			

\* - Midwest Conference game

# - Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament (Green Bay, Wis.)