

# St. Norbert College Sports Information

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview No. 13 St. Norbert College (13-3) vs. Cornell College (6-10) Saturday, January 28, 2017 - 5 p.m.

Kress Events Center (3,993) - Green Bay, Wisconsin

#### **Game Overview:**

St. Norbert returns home to open a brief two-game homestand against Cornell. The Green Knights hold a one-game lead on Ripon in the league standings with seven games remaining.

#### **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 Cornell 14-6 in an all-time series dating back to the 1973-74 season. The Green Knights have taken eight of the nine meetings against the Rams since they returned to the Midwest Conference.

#### Last Meeting:

St. Norbert defeated Cornell 66-58 on Dec. 10, 2016 at Small Multi-Sport Center in Mount Vernon, Iowa. The Green Knights led 28-18 at halftime and held on for the victory. Ben Bobinski led St. Norbert with 22 points, while D.J. DeValk added 20 points. Grant Anderson and Corey Davis had 12 points apiece to lead the Rams.

## The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 207-64 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 258-95.

Cornell coach Chad Murray (Chapman, 1998) is 65-119 in his eighth season in Mount Vernon.

#### **About the Green Knights:**

St. Norbert, ranked No. 13 in the D3hoops.com Top 25, enters the game 13-3 overall and 10-1 in the Midwest Conference. The Green Knights maintained their one-game lead in the league standings with a 77-57 win at Lawrence this past Wednesday.

Junior guard D.J. DeValk tops the Green Knights in scoring at 15.8 points per game. Senior guard Ben Bobinski is scoring an average of 12.9 points - 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	<b>UW-Platteville</b> %	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 *	W 77-57
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.
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\* - 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. Junior forward Mitchell Reinthaler is averaging 9.3 points per game, while freshman forward Connor Curtis is averaging 7.4 points per game.

St. Norbert is averaging 70.8 points per game and is shooting 45.3 percent from the floor, 32.9 percent on 3-pointers and 72.4 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 55.6 points per game while shooting 38.2 percent from the floor, 31.7 percent on 3-pointers and 67.3 percent at the free-throw line.

# **About the Rams:**

Cornell enters the game 6-10 overall and is 4-7 in the Midwest Conference. The Rams dropped a 117-116 heartbreaker at home to Grinnell this past Wednesday.

Junior forward Jon Anderson leads the Rams with 18.1 points and 7.1 rebounds per game. Junior guard Corey Davis is averaging 16.4 points, 7.0 assists and 5.4 rebounds per game. Senior forward Grant Anderson is averaging 15.8 points and 7.0 rebounds per game.

Cornell is averaging 76.4 points per game and is shooting 48.8 percent from the floor, 36.4 percent on 3-pointers and 70.2 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 76.6 points per game while shooting 43.2 percent from the floor, 38.3 percent on 3-pointers and 73.8 percent at the free-throw line.

## D is for Defense:

As of Jan. 25, St. Norbert owns the No. 1 scoring defense in Division III, allowing 55.6 points per game this season.

The Green Knights are one of just three Division III teams holding opponents under 60 points per game this season. Christopher Newport is second at 57.3 points per game and Wittenberg is third at 59.9 points per game.

In Gary Grzesk's 271-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 38.2 percent. St. Norbert is 169-7 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.

The Green Knights still have a lengthy active home-court winning streak against MWC foes, having won their last 46 games since a 105-94 loss to Grinnell on Dec. 8, 2012.

Dating back to the 2009-10 season, St. Norbert is 75-4 at home against MWC opponents and have never lost more than one conference home game in any of those eight seasons to date.

#### **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 196-47. 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	d			
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. Norb	ert			
Year	Overall	<b>MWC</b>	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	13-3	10-1		
Totals	207-64	149-34		
Career	258-95			

#### Grzesk vs. MWC at St. Norbert

Gizesk vs. Wive at St. Noibert												
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 Col	1. 18-0	9-0	9-0	0-0								
Knox	18-2	9-1	9-1	0-0								
Lake Fores	t 16-3	8-2	8-1	0-0								
Lawrence	16-7	8-3	8-4	0-0								
Monmouth	16-1	9-0	7-1	0-0								
Ripon	20-5	13-1	7-4	0-0								
Totals	162-37	92-11	69-25	1-1								

MWC Glance									
Team	MWC	Overall							
St. Norbert	10-1	13-3							
Ripon	9-2	13-3							
Grinnell	7-4	10-6							
Lake Forest	7-4	9-7							
Lawrence	7-4	7-8							
Monmouth	5-6	5-11							
Cornell	4-7	6-10							
Illinois College	3-8	6-10							
Beloit	2-9	4-12							
Knox	1-10	1-15							

# St. Norbert Quick Facts

Nickname:Green Knights
<b>Location:</b>
Colors:Dartmouth Green & Old Gold
<b>Founded:</b>
<b>Enrollment:</b>
President:
Athletics Director:Tim Bald
Conference:
Facility: Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center
Capacity:
Year Opened:
Head Coach:
<b>Record at St. Norbert:</b>
Record Overall:258-95 (14th year)
Assistant Coaches:
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:1,060-862
All-Time MWC Record:
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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# D3hoops.com Division III Top 25 Poll #9 - Jan. 23, 2017

DI		Dr D	
Place	School (1st-place)		ecord
1	Babson (15)	613	16-1
2	Whitman (10)	610	17-0
3	Christopher Newport	555	15-2
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-Scripps	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	-	warthmore	37

Others receiving votes: Swarthmore 37, Lycoming 36, Hope 29, Hardin-Simmons 24, Eastern Connecticut 15, Guilford 11, Hanover 11, Brockport 8, Ripon 8, St. Lawrence 8, Albertus Magnus 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: 7 (1/25/17 vs. Lawrence) Assists: 9 (2 times, last 1/25/17 vs. Lawrence)

#### #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 25, 2017) All games



Overall record: 13-3 Conf: 10-1 Home: 7-0 Away: 6-3 Neutral: 0-0

					Total		3-Poir	nt	F-Thro	W	I	Rebou	ınds									
##	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	D.J. DeValk	16-16	508	31.8	91-214	.425	39-108	.361	32-39	.821	4	42	46	2.9	30	0	77	23	11	26	253	15.8
22	Ben Bobinski	16-9	396	24.8	65-151	.430	31-83	.373	45-58	.776	10	57	67	4.2	29	0	23	21	0	11	206	12.9
44	Tim Marshall	16-8	326	20.4	46-65	.708	0-0	.000	20-29	.690	27	31	58	3.6	34	0	19	20	6	11	112	7.0
30	Taylor Penn	16-7	293	18.3	42-95	.442	15-40	.375	9-13	.692	10	31	41	2.6	28	0	20	22	1	4	108	6.8
41	Connor Curtis	13-8	218	16.8	38-70	.543	6-11	.545	14-18	.778	22	22	44	3.4	20	0	10	17	6	6	96	7.4
03	Terrence Garner	16-16	433	27.1	34-89	.382	1-11	.091	20-29	.690	29	79	108	6.8	28	0	40	23	2	27	89	5.6
52	Joe Lemon	16-10	291	18.2	24-54	.444	9-26	.346	10-12	.833	21	33	54	3.4	27	0	13	9	8	13	67	4.2
24	Mitchell Reinthaler	7-6	183	26.1	29-58	.500	3-18	.167	4-7	.571	15	17	32	4.6	13	0	9	3	2	2	65	9.3
05	Joe Ciriacks	13-0	85	6.5	8-34	.235	6-22	.273	6-6	1.000	9	7	16	1.2	8	0	3	5	1	1	28	2.2
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
21	Brett O'Sullivan	15-0	135	9.0	11-19	.579	0-1	.000	3-4	.750	8	15	23	1.5	8	0	9	7	2	3	25	1.7
32	Brian Luteyn	14-0	93	6.6	9-16	.563	0-1	.000	6-10	.600	7	9	16	1.1	12	0	8	11	1	4	24	1.7
13	Josh Hillis	13-0	51	3.9	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	5-7	.714	6	11	17	1.3	8	0	3	4	1	3	9	0.7
45	Marcus Ruch	9-0	28	3.1	4-10	.400	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	1	6	7	8.0	5	0	3	2	0	1	8	0.9
25	Jordan Newman	11-0	36	3.3	3-10	.300	1-7	.143	0-2	.000	1	5	6	0.5	1	0	1	3	0	0	7	0.6
20	Sean Benka	5-0	22	4.4	2-5	.400	0-1	.000	0-5	.000	1	3	4	8.0	2	0	2	0	0	3	4	0.8
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										15	35	50					5				
	Total	16	3200		418-923	.453	112-340	.329	184-254	.724	194	420	614	38.4	261	0	249	179	42	121 1	1132	70.8
	Opponents	16	3200		316-828	.382	109-344	.317	148-220	.673	131	358	489	30.6	265	3	160	230	20	76	889	55.6

TEAM STATISTICS	SNC	OPP
SCORING	1132	889
Points per game	70.8	55.6
Scoring margin	+15.2	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT	418-923	316-828
Field goal pct	.453	.382
3 POINT FG-ATT	112-340	109-344
3-point FG pct	.329	.317
3-pt FG made per game	7.0	6.8
FREE THROWS-ATT	184-254	148-220
Free throw pct	.724	.673
F-Throws made per game	11.5	9.3
REBOUNDS	614	489
Rebounds per game	38.4	30.6
Rebounding margin	+7.8	-
ASSISTS	249	160
Assists per game	15.6	10.0
TURNOVERŠ	179	230
Turnovers per game	11.2	14.4
Turnover margin	+3.2	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.4	0.7
STEALS	121	76
Steals per game	7.6	4.8
BLOCKS	42	20
Blocks per game	2.6	1.3
ATTENDANČE	4317	6978
Home games-Avg/Game	7-617	9-775
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
St. Norbert College	506	626	1132
Opponents	414	475	889

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
	11/15/16	at UW-Eau Claire	L	67-68	3005
	11/19/16	at Benedictine (IL)	W	71-70	957
*	12/2/16	at Knox College	W	76-37	250
*	12/3/16	at Illinois College	W	63-52	375
*	12/7/16	LAWRENCE UNIV.	W	76-45	540
*	12/10/16	at Cornell College	W	66-58	215
	12/20/16	at UW-Oshkosh	L	45-58	282
#	12/29/16	FINLANDIA UNIV.	W	88-35	742
#	12/30/16	UW-PLATTEVILLE	W	63-56	787
*	1/4/17	at Beloit College	W	72-51	400
*	1/6/17	GRINNELL CÖLLEGE	W	100-73	839
*	1/13/17	ILLINOIS COLLEGE	W	83-60	422
*	1/14/17	MONMOUTH COLLEGE	W	65-40	521
*	1/18/17	at Ripon College	L	55-81	637
*	1/21/17	KNOX COLLEGE	W	65-48	466
*	1/25/17	at Lawrence University	W	77-57	857

<sup>\* -</sup> Midwest Conference game # - Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament (Green Bay, Wis.)