



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview No. 10 St. Norbert College (14-3) vs. Ripon College (14-3) Tuesday, January 31, 2017 - 7:30 p.m. Kress Events Center (3,993) - Green Bay, Wisconsin

Game Overview:

St. Norbert hosts Ripon in a game that may determine the 2016-17 Midwest Conference men's basketball champion. The Green Knights lead the Red Hawks by one game in the league standings with six 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:

Ripon holds a 62-56 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 23 meetings over the last 10 seasons.

Last Meeting:

Ripon defeated St. Norbert 81-55 on Jan. 18, 2017 at Storzer Center in Ripon. The Red Hawks got off to a quick start, led 34-18 at halftime and pulled away in the second half. Ben Bobinski led St. Norbert with 14 points while D.J. DeValk added 13 points. Ty Sabin paced Ripon with 33 points while Brendan McCoy finished with 13 points.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 208-64 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 259-95.

Ripon coach Ryan Kane (St. Norbert, 1999) is 72-41 in his fifth season in Ripon.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert, ranked No. 10 in the D3hoops.com Top 25, enters the game 14-3 overall and 11-1 in the Midwest Conference. The Green Knights held off Cornell 67-57 this past Saturday in Green Bay to maintain their one-game lead in the league standings.

Junior guard D.J. DeValk leads the Green Knights in scoring at 15.8 points per game. Senior guard Ben Bobinski is producing an average of 12.9

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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 *	W 65-48
J 25	at Lawrence *	W 77-57
J 28	Cornell *	W 67-57
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. Junior forward Mitchell Reinthaler is averaging 10.3 points per game, while senior center Tim Marshall is averaging 6.9 points per game.

St. Norbert is averaging 70.5 points per game and is shooting 45.1 percent from the floor, 32.7 percent on 3-pointers and 72.2 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 55.6 points per game while shooting 38.7 percent from the floor, 32.1 percent on 3-pointers and 66.8 percent at the free-throw line.

About the Red Hawks:

Ripon enters the game with a 14-3 overall record and is one game behind St. Norbert in the Midwest Conference with a 10-2 record. The Red Hawks kept pace with an 86-73 home win over Illinois College this past Saturday.

Senior guard and national player of the year candidate Ty Sabin leads Division III in scoring at 29.8 points per game. Senior guard Brendan McCoy is averaging 12.3 points per game while shooting 59.4 percent from beyond the three-point arc. Junior guard Isaac Masters is averaging 8.8 points per game.

Ripon is averaging 84.4 points per game and is shooting 52.2 percent from the floor, 44.1 percent on 3-pointers and 75.4 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 73.6 points per game while shooting 41.1 percent from the floor, 34.2 percent on 3-pointers and 72.0 percent at the free-throw line.

D is for Defense:

As of Jan. 29, 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 two Division III teams holding opponents under 60 points per game this season. Christopher Newport is second at 56.8 points per game.

In Gary Grzesk's 272-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. 12 nationally in field-goal percentage defense at 38.7 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 47 games since a 105-94 loss to Grinnell on Dec. 8, 2012.

Dating back to the 2009-10 season, St. Norbert is 76-4 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 197-46. 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	14-3	11-1		
Totals	208-64	150-34		
Career	259-95			

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	9-1	5-0	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	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	163-37	93-11	69-25	1-1

MWC Glance

Team	MWC	Overall
St. Norbert	11-1	14-3
Ripon	10-2	14-3
Grinnell	8-4	11-6
Lake Forest	8-4	10-7
Lawrence	7-5	7-9
Monmouth	5-7	5-12
Cornell	4-8	6-11
Beloit	3-9	5-12
Illinois College	3-9	6-11
Knox	1-11	1-16

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:208-64 (11th year)
Record Overall:259-95 (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:1,061-862
All-Time MWC Record:333-181
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)

D3hoops.com Division III

Top 25 Poll #10 - Jan. 30, 2017

Place	School (1st-place)	Pts.	Record
1	Babson (15)	613	18-1
2	Whitman (10)	611	19-0
3	Christopher Newport	557	17-2
4	UW-River Falls	552	18-1
5	Rochester	493	17-1
6	Washington-Mo.	485	15-3
7	Ramapo	440	19-1
8	Whitworth	435	16-3
9	Tufts	430	16-3
10	St. Norbert	360	14-3
11	Amherst	337	14-4
12	Denison	321	17-2
13	Marietta	294	15-4
14	Salisbury	267	15-4
15	Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	257	15-1
16	Middlebury	215	15-3
17	Neumann	213	18-1
18	Benedictine	203	15-4
19	Susquehanna	191	16-3
20	North Park	155	15-4
21	UW-Whitewater	151	16-3
22	Augustana	120	15-4
23	Wesleyan	112	16-4
24	New Jersey City	60	16-4
25	UW-Eau Claire	58	14-5

Others receiving votes: Hope 54, Guilford 53, Ripon 21, Swarthmore 16, Eastern Connecticut 9, St. Lawrence 9, Hardin-Simmons 8, Hanover 7, Oswego State 5, Brockport 4, New Jersey 4, St. Thomas 3, MIT 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 28, 2017)
All games



Overall record: 14-3 Conf: 11-1 Home: 8-0 Away: 6-3 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-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg										
10	D.J. DeValk	17-17	544	32.0	97-231	.420	41-117	.350	33-42	.786	6	42	48	2.8	32	0	81	23	13	31	268	15.8		
22	Ben Bobinski	17-10	431	25.4	71-165	.430	33-90	.367	45-58	.776	10	65	75	4.4	31	0	24	22	0	11	220	12.9		
44	Tim Marshall	17-9	349	20.5	48-67	.716	0-0	.000	21-31	.677	28	32	60	3.5	39	1	20	22	6	12	117	6.9		
30	Taylor Penn	17-7	301	17.7	43-97	.443	16-41	.390	9-13	.692	11	31	42	2.5	29	0	20	22	1	4	111	6.5		
41	Connor Curtis	14-8	235	16.8	38-76	.500	6-13	.462	15-21	.714	24	24	48	3.4	24	0	12	17	7	6	97	6.9		
03	Terrence Garner	17-17	458	26.9	36-91	.396	1-11	.091	20-29	.690	29	80	109	6.4	30	0	42	24	2	29	93	5.5		
24	Mitchell Reinthaler	8-7	217	27.1	33-69	.478	3-19	.158	13-17	.765	19	21	40	5.0	13	0	10	3	2	3	82	10.3		
52	Joe Lemon	17-10	303	17.8	25-56	.446	9-26	.346	10-12	.833	22	33	55	3.2	28	0	14	9	8	13	69	4.1		
01	Riley Haas	12-0	101	8.4	11-21	.524	2-6	.333	9-14	.643	3	19	22	1.8	7	0	10	5	1	7	33	2.8		
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		
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	0.8	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	0.8	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	37	52											
Total.....		17	3400		442-981	.451	118-361	.327	197-273	.722	205	441	646	38.0	279	1	262	184	45	132	1199	70.5		
Opponents.....		17	3400		336-869	.387	115-358	.321	159-238	.668	135	387	522	30.7	283	3	170	247	22	78	946	55.6		

TEAM STATISTICS	SNC	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	1199	946	11/15/16	at UW-Eau Claire	L 67-68	3005
Points per game	70.5	55.6	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	442-981	336-869	* 12/3/16	at Illinois College	w 63-52	375
Field goal pct	.451	.387	* 12/7/16	LAWRENCE UNIV.	w 76-45	540
3 POINT FG-ATT	118-361	115-358	* 12/10/16	at Cornell College	w 66-58	215
3-point FG pct	.327	.321	12/20/16	at UW-Oshkosh	L 45-58	282
3-pt FG made per game	6.9	6.8	# 12/29/16	FINLANDIA UNIV.	w 88-35	742
FREE THROWS-ATT	197-273	159-238	# 12/30/16	UW-PLATTEVILLE	w 63-56	787
Free throw pct	.722	.668	* 1/4/17	at Beloit College	w 72-51	400
F-Throws made per game	11.6	9.4	* 1/6/17	GRINNELL COLLEGE	w 100-73	839
REBOUNDS	646	522	* 1/13/17	ILLINOIS COLLEGE	w 83-60	422
Rebounds per game	38.0	30.7	* 1/14/17	MONMOUTH COLLEGE	w 65-40	521
Rebounding margin	+7.3	-	* 1/18/17	at Ripon College	L 55-81	637
ASSISTS	262	170	* 1/21/17	KNOX COLLEGE	w 65-48	466
Assists per game	15.4	10.0	* 1/25/17	at Lawrence University	w 77-57	857
TURNOVERS	184	247	* 1/28/17	CORNELL COLLEGE	w 67-57	710
Turnovers per game	10.8	14.5				
Turnover margin	+3.7	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	1.4	0.7	* - Midwest Conference game			
STEALS	132	78	# - Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament (Green Bay, Wis.)			
Steals per game	7.8	4.6				
BLOCKS	45	22				
Blocks per game	2.6	1.3				
ATTENDANCE	5027	6978				
Home games-Avg/Game	8-628	9-775				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
St. Norbert College	544	655	1199
Opponents	437	509	946