

# St. Norbert College Sports Information

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview No. 8 St. Norbert College (4-1, 3-0) at Cornell College (3-3, 1-2) Saturday, December 10, 2016 - 3 p.m.

Small Multi-Sport Center (2,500) - Mount Vernon, Iowa

#### **Game Overview:**

St. Norbert looks to remain atop the Midwest Conference when it travels to the Hawkeye State to face Cornell. The Green Knights are one of three unbeaten teams in league play, along with Ripon and Grinnell.

#### **Broadcast:**

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

#### The Series:

St. Norbert leads Cornell 13-6 in an all-time series dating back to the 1973-74 season. The Green Knights have taken seven of the eight meetings against the Rams since they returned to the Midwest Conference.

#### Last Meeting:

St. Norbert defeated Cornell 72-62 on Feb. 20, 2016 at Small Multi-Sport Center in Mount Vernon, Iowa. The Green Knights pulled away from a late tie to secure the win. Ben Bobinski finished with 25 points for St. Norbert, while Terrence Garner added 14 points and D.J. DeValk 10 points. Craig Engle led Cornell with 17 points, while Grant Anderson had 13 points.

#### The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 197-62 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 248-93.

Cornell coach Chad Murray (Chapman, 1998) is 62-112 in his eighth season in Mount Vernon.

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

St. Norbert, ranked No. 8 in the D3hoops.com Top 25, enters the game 4-1 overall and 3-0 in the Midwest Conference. The Green Knights, who have won 67 consecutive games against Midwest Conference opponents, had their home opener Wednesday, recording a 76-45 win over Lawrence at UW-Green Bay's Kress Center.

Junior guard D.J. DeValk leads the Green Knights in scoring at 18.4 points per game. Senior guard Ben Bobinski is averaging 11.0 points per - MORE -

#### Opponent Date 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 \* D 10 at Cornell \* D 20 at UW-Oshkosh

2016-2017 Results

W 76-45 3 p.m. 7 p.m. D 29 Finlandia % 7 p.m. D 30 TBA % **TBA** J 4 at Beloit \* 7:30 p.m. **J** 6 Grinnell \* 7 p.m. I 13 Illinois College \* 7:30 p.m. J 14 Monmouth \* 3 p.m. J 18 at Ripon \* 7:30 p.m. J 21 Knox \* 7 p.m. I 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.

game, while junior forward Mitchell Reinthaler is averaging 8.8 points per game. Sophomore guard Taylor Penn is averaging 8.6 points per game while coming off the bench.

St. Norbert is averaging 70.6 points per game and is shooting 45.1 percent from the floor, 33.3 percent on 3-pointers and 70.4 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 54.4 points per game while shooting 40.7 percent from the floor, 33.3 percent on 3-pointers and 55.9 percent at the free-throw line.

#### **About the Rams:**

Cornell enters the game 3-3 overall and 1-2 in the Midwest Conference. The Rams dropped their last two games, including a 119-99 loss Wednesday at Grinnell.

Junior forward Jon Anderson leads the Rams in scoring at 18.5 points per game. Senior forward Grant Anderson is registering 17.2 points and 8.0 rebounds per game. Junior guard Corey Davis is averaging 15.3 points, 8.8 assists and 6.0 rebounds per game.

Cornell is averaging 78.0 points per game and is shooting 52.2 percent from the floor, 37.6 percent on 3-pointers and 63.6 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 82.7 points per game while shooting 43.6 percent from the floor, 39.3 percent on 3-pointers and 72.3 percent at the free-throw line.

#### Nifty Fifty:

Wednesday's 76-45 win over Lawrence marked the second time this season St. Norbert has held an opponent under 50 points.

In Gary Grzesk's 260-game tenure at St. Norbert, the Green Knights have held their opponent to 50 points or less 42 times, going 42-0 in those games.

The Green Knights are currently second in Division III scoring defense, allowing just 54.4 points per game. Salisbury is the national leader at 53.7 points per game.

St. Norbert has had two oppo-

nents under 20 points in a half this season. Knox scored 16 points in the second half on Dec. 2 and Lawrence scored 12 points in the first half on

#### **Streak Skinny:**

St. Norbert's current 67-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 61game winning streak in the College Conference of Illinois in the late 1950s. UW-Eau Claire had a 49game winning streak in the then-University Wisconsin State 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 onship, 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 187-45. 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

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Lakelan Year	d Overall	LMC	Place	NCAA
2003-04	16-13	8-4	3rd	First Rd.
2003-04	14-12			riist Ku.
		7-5	T3rd	
2005-06	21-6	13-1	1st	
Totals	51-31	28-10		
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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	4-1	3-0		
Totals	198-62	142-33		
Career	249-93			

#### Grzesk vs. MWC at St. Norbert Team Away Neutral Overall Home Beloit 16-4 9-1 7-3 0-0 arroll

Totals	155-36	88-11	66-24	1-1
Ripon	20-4	13-1	7-3	0-0
Monmouth	15-1	8-0	7-1	0-0
Lawrence	15-7	8-3	7-4	0-0
Lake Forest	16-3	8-2	8-1	0-0
Knox	17-2	8-1	9-1	0-0
Illinois Coll.	17-0	8-0	9-0	0-0
Grinnell	14-7	10-1	3-6	1-0
Cornell	7-1	4-0	3-1	0-0
Carron	10-7	12-2	0-4	0-1

MWC Glance								
Team	MWC	Overall						
St. Norbert	3-0	4-1						
Grinnell	3-0	6-2						
Ripon	3-0	5-0						
Lawrence	2-1	2-3						
Monmouth	2-2	2-4						
Lake Forest	2-2	2-5						
Cornell	1-2	3-3						
Knox	1-2	1-5						
Beloit	0-4	2-5						
Illinois College	0-4	1-5						

### St. Norbert Quick Facts

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Nickname:
<b>Location:</b>
Colors:Dartmouth Green & Old Gold
Founded:
<b>Enrollment:</b>
President:
Athletics Director:
Conference:
Facility:Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center
Capacity:
Year Opened:
Head Coach:
Record at St. Norbert:
Record Overall:249-93 (14th year)
Assistant Coaches:
Bryan Poolpria Coray Ciocialezzale
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:
<b>All-Time MWC Record:</b>
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 #3 - Dec. 5, 2016

D1	C.11 (1-111)	Dr. D.	1
Place	1		cord
1	Amherst (19)	611	5-0
2	Babson (5)	603	9-0
3	Marietta (1)	572	6-0
4	Whitman	529	4-0
5	Tufts	507	6-1
6	Christopher Newpor	t 479	5-1
7	Whitworth	474	4-0
8	St. Norbert	408	3-1
9	North Central-Ill.	392	4-1
10	UW-Eau Claire	367	6-0
11	Rochester	358	8-0
12	Норе	340	5-1
13	Washington-Mo.	313	5-1
14	Benedictine	277	4-2
15	Salisbury	274	6-0
16	Illinois Wesleyan	193	5-1
17	Wooster	165	4-2
18	North Park	146	5-0
19	Keene State	135	5-1
20	Endicott	124	4-1
21	St. Thomas	111	4-2
22	Swarthmore	96	6-0
23	Susquehanna	89	5-1
24	Baldwin Wallace	76	4-1
25	Denison	73	6-0
Other	s receiving votes:	IJW-Whitewater	58

Others receiving votes: UW-Whitewater 58, Augustana 52, New Jersey City 35, Skidmore 34, UW-River Falls 24, Emory 23, Lycoming 23, Middlebury 19, Scranton 19, Wesleyan-Conn. 19, Chicago 18, Virginia Wesleyan 17, Neumann 16, Mount St. Joseph 13, Brockport 11, Wartburg 7, Lynchburg 5, Ramapo 5, Guilford 4, Carroll 3, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 3, Plattsburgh State 3, UW-La Crosse 1, WPI 1.

# St. Norbert Men's Basketball Career Highs

#### #1 - Riley Haas

Points: 5 (12/7/16 vs. Lawrence) Rebounds: 2 (3 times, last 12/7/16 vs. Lawrence)

Assists: 2 (2 times, last 12/7/16 vs. Lawrence)

#### #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: 2 (12/2/16 vs. Knox) Rebounds: 3 (12/2/16 vs. Knox) Assists: 1 (12/2/16 vs. Knox)

#### #10 - D.J. DeValk

Points: 26 (12/3/16 vs. Illinois College) Rebounds: 5 (4 times, last 1/26/16 vs. Ripon)

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: 4 (11/28/15 vs. Monmouth) 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: 2 (4 times, last 12/2/16 vs.

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#### #22 - Ben Bobinski

Points: 25 (2/20/16 vs. Cornell) Rebounds: 8 (4 times, last 2/26/16 vs. Lake Forest)

Assists: 5 (12/5/15 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: n/a Rebounds: 2 (12/2/16 vs. Knox) Assists: n/a

#### #30 - Taylor Penn

Points: 20 (12/5/15 vs. Grinnell) Rebounds: 5 (2 times, last 11/15/16 vs. UW-Eau Claire) Assists: 4 (1/12/16 vs. Beloit)

#### #32 - Brian Luteyn

Points: 5 (2 times, last 2/9/16 vs. Lake Forest) Rebounds: 6 (1/12/16 vs. Beloit) Assists: 4 (12/2/16 vs. Knox)

#### #41 - Connor Curtis

Points: 6 (12/2/16 vs. Knox) Rebounds: 1 (12/2/16 vs. Knox) Assists: 2 (12/7/16 vs. Lawrence)

#### #44 - Tim Marshall

Points: 18 (3/5/16 vs. St. Olaf) Rebounds: 9 (2 times, last 11/19/16 vs. Benedictine) Assists: 3 (4 times, last 12/2/16 vs. Knox)

#### #45 - Marcus Ruch

Points: 3 (2 times, last 1/6/16 vs. Lawrence) Rebounds: 1 (2 times, last 2/13/16 vs. Knox) Assists: n/a

#### #52 - Joe Lemon

Points: 11 (12/2/16 vs. Knox) Rebounds: 3 (2 times, last 12/2/16 vs. Knox) Assists: n/a



# St. Norbert College Men's Basketball St. Norbert College Combined Team Statistics (as of Dec 07, 2016) All games



Overall record: 4-1 Conf: 3-0 Home: 1-0 Away: 3-1 Neutral: 0-0

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					Total		3-Poi	nt	F-Thro	OW	I	Rebou	nds									
##	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	5-5	160	32.0	33-70	.471	15-36	.417	11-13	.846	0	10	10	2.0	7	0	18	4	2	10	92	18.4
22	Ben Bobinski	5-5	129	25.8	17-47	.362	10-29	.345	11-16	.688	3	17	20	4.0	10	0	6	9	0	6	55	11.0
24	Mitchell Reinthaler	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
30	Taylor Penn	5-0	94	18.8	16-28	.571	7-15	.467	4-5	.800	1	10	11	2.2	13	0	6	6	1	2	43	8.6
44	Tim Marshall	5-5	118	23.6	17-25	.680	0-0	.000	0-4	.000	12	15	27	5.4	11	0	7	8	3	2	34	6.8
03	Terrence Garner	5-5	132	26.4	7-25	.280	0-5	.000	3-5	.600	10	23	33	6.6	9	0	11	7	1	6	17	3.4
52	Joe Lemon	5-0	60	12.0	5-13	.385	3-5	.600	4-4	1.000	4	3	7	1.4	6	0	0	3	1	4	17	3.4
41	Connor Curtis	2-0	13	6.5	3-4	.750	1-1	1.000	4-5	.800	0	1	1	0.5	2	0	2	2	1	1	11	5.5
01	Riley Haas	2-0	10	5.0	3-5	.600	1-3	.333	2-2	1.000	2	4	6	3.0	1	0	2	0	0	2	9	4.5
21	Brett O'Sullivan	5-0	55	11.0	4-5	.800	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	7	8	1.6	5	0	5	1	0	1	8	1.6
32	Brian Luteyn	3-0	24	8.0	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	6-7	.857	1	2	3	1.0	1	0	4	2	1	1	8	2.7
20	Sean Benka	3-0	18	6.0	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	0-5	.000	1	2	3	1.0	2	0	2	0	0	2	4	1.3
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
13	Josh Hillis	4-0	19	4.8	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	1-1	1.000	1	2	3	0.8	5	0	2	2	0	1	3	0.8
05	Joe Ciriacks	3-0	13	4.3	0-6	.000	0-3	.000	2-2	1.000	4	1	5	1.7	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0.7
45	Marcus Ruch	1-0	2	2.0	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.0
25	Jordan Newman	2-0	9	4.5	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
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										5	14	19					3				
	Total	5	1000		132-293	.451	39-117	.333	50-71	.704	62	124	186	37.2	85	0	73	48	11	40	353	70.6
	Opponents	5	1000		101-248	.407	32-96	.333	38-68	.559	43	113	156	31.2	77	1	59	73	8	17	272	54.4

TEAM STATISTICS	SNC	OPP
SCORING	353	272
Points per game	70.6	54.4
Scoring margin	+16.2	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT	132-293	101-248
Field goal pct	.451	.407
3 POINT FG-ATT	39-117	32-96
3-point FG pct	.333	.333
3-pt FG made per game	7.8	6.4
FREE THROWS-ATT	50-71	38-68
Free throw pct	.704	.559
F-Throws made per game	10.0	7.6
REBOUNDS	186	156
Rebounds per game	37.2	31.2
Rebounding margin	+6.0	-
ASSISTS	73	59
Assists per game	14.6	11.8
TURNOVERS	48	73
Turnovers per game	9.6	14.6
Turnover margin	+5.0	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.5	0.8
STEALS	40	17
Steals per game	8.0	3.4
BLOCKS	11	8
Blocks per game	2.2	1.6
ATTENDANCE	540	4587
Home games-Avg/Game	1-540	4-1147
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
St. Norbert College	165	188	353
Opponents	118	154	272

_	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

<sup>\* -</sup> Conference game