

St. Norbert College Sports Information

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview No. 12 St. Norbert College (8-2) vs. Grinnell College (7-3)
Friday, January 6, 2017 - 7 p.m.
Kress Events Center (3,993) - Green Bay, Wisconsin

Game Overview:

The nation's top scoring defense meets the country's second-highest scoring offense when St. Norbert hosts Grinnell in a Midwest Conference matchup.

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 Grinnell 29-16 in an all-time series dating back to the 1983-84 season. The Green Knights are 19-4 all-time at home in the series.

Last Meeting:

St. Norbert defeated Grinnell 104-91 on Dec. 5, 2015 at Darby Gym in Grinnell, Iowa. The Green Knights led 54-36 at halftime while shooting 66.7 percent from the floor and 31-for-42 at the free-throw line. Ben Bobinski had 22 points, Mitchell Reinthaler 21 points and Taylor Penn 20 points for St. Norbert. Julian Marx had 18 points and Vinny Curta 14 points for the Pioneers.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 202-63 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 253-94.

Grinnell interim coach David Arseneault Jr. (Grinnell, 2009) is 7-3 in his first season in Grinnell.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert, ranked No. 12 in the D3hoops.com Top 25, enters the game 8-2 overall and 5-0 in the Midwest Conference. The Green Knights are coming off a 72-51 win this past Wednesday at Beloit, their 69th consecutive win over a Midwest Conference opponent.

Junior guard D.J. DeValk paces the Green Knights in scoring at 16.9 - 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 *	7 p.m.				
J 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.				
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.				
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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.

points per game. Senior guard Ben Bobinski is averaging 11.7 points per game. Sophomore guard Taylor Penn is averaging 7.6 points per game, while freshman forward Connor Curtis is netting 7.4 points per game.

St. Norbert is averaging 68.7 points per game and is shooting 42.8 percent from the floor, 33.1 percent on 3-pointers and 75.2 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 53.0 points per game while shooting 38.3 percent from the floor, 33.7 percent on 3-pointers and 65.1 percent at the free-throw line.

About the Pioneers:

Grinnell enters the game 7-3 overall and 4-1 in the Midwest Conference. The Pioneers had a sixgame winning streak snapped on Wednesday in a 98-82 loss at Ripon. It was the first time Grinnell had been held under 100 points this season.

Senior guard Julian Marx is averaging 27.8 points per game and is shooting 44.8 percent from beyond the three-point arc. Sophomore guard Vinny Curta is netting 26.3 points per game, while sophomore guard Ky-Sean Johnson is registering 15.4 points per game.

Grinnell is averaging 123.1 points per game and is shooting 43.2 percent from the floor, 36.3 percent on 3-pointers and 74.1 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 116.0 points per game while shooting 61.4 percent from the floor, 35.3 percent on 3-pointers and 64.5 percent at the free-throw line.

D is for Defense:

As of Jan. 5, St. Norbert owns the No. 1 scoring defense in Division III, allowing a scant 53.0 points per game this season.

The Green Knights have held their last eight opponents to 58 points or less. It's the first time St. Norbert has accomplished that feat since World War II ended.

In Gary Grzesk's 265-game tenure at St. Norbert, the Green Knights have held their opponent to 50 points or less 43 times, going 43-0 in those games.

St. Norbert is 164-7 under Grzesk when shooting a higher field-goal percentage than its opponent.

Streak Skinny:

St. Norbert's current 69-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 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 191-46. 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	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	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	8-2	5-0		
Totals	202-63	144-33		
Career	253-94			

Grzesk vs. MWC at St. Norbert

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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	14-7	10-1	3-6	1-0							
Illinois Col	l. 17-0	8-0	9-0	0-0							
Knox	17-2	8-1	9-1	0-0							
Lake Fores	t 16-3	8-2	8-1	0-0							
Lawrence	15-7	8-3	7-4	0-0							
Monmouth	15-1	8-0	7-1	0-0							
Ripon	20-4	13-1	7-3	0-0							
Totals	157-36	88-11	68-24	1-1							

MWC Glance									
Team	MWC	Overall							
St. Norbert	5-0	8-2							
Ripon	5-0	9-1							
Grinnell	4-1	7-3							
Lawrence	3-2	3-6							
Lake Forest	3-2	5-5							
Monmouth	2-3	2-8							
Cornell	2-3	4-6							
Knox	1-4	1-9							
Beloit	0-5	2-8							
Illinois College	0-5	3-7							

St. Norbert Quick Facts

Nickname:Green Knights
Location:
Colors:Dartmouth Green & Old Gold
Founded:
Enrollment:
President:Thomas Kunkel
Athletics Director:Tim Bald
Conference:
Facility:Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center
Capacity:2,100
Year Opened:
Head Coach:
Record at St. Norbert:
Record Overall:
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:1,055-861
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 #6 - Jan. 2, 2017

Place	School (1st-place)	Pts.	Record
1	Babson (15)	610	10-1
2	Whitman (9)	603	11-0
3	Amherst (1)	576	9-1
4	Rochester	507	10-0
5	Whitworth	497	10-1
6	Christopher Newpor	rt 463	9-2
7	UW-Eau Claire	443	10-1
8	Tufts	393	8-2
9	Wesleyan	386	11-0
10	North Park	342	9-1
11	UW-Whitewater	336	11-0
12	St. Norbert	333	7-2
13	Marietta	325	8-3
14	Susquehanna	295	9-1
15	Salisbury	230	8-2
16	Benedictine	222	8-3
17	UW-River Falls	186	10-1
18	Swarthmore	184	9-1
19	Ramapo	167	11-0
20	Neumann	166	9-0
21	Denison	110	8-1
22	Middlebury	106	9-1
23	New Jersey City	103	11-1
24	Washington-Mo.	88	8-3
25	Williams	74	10-1
Other	s receiving votes	Illinois W	eslevan 67

Others receiving votes: Illinois Wesleyan 67, Emory 58, Wartburg 58, Lycoming 41, North Central-Ill. 34, Endicott 33, Brockport State 25, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 15, Hope 11, Bethel 8, Chicago 7, Hardin-Simmons 6, Virginia Wesleyan 5, WPI 5, Misericordia 4, Ripon 3, St. Thomas 1.

St. Norbert Men's Basketball Career Highs

#1 - Riley Haas

Points: 5 (12/7/16 vs. Lawrence) Rebounds: 3 (12/29/16 vs. Finlandia) Assists: 2 (3 times, last 12/29/16 vs. Finlandia)

#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 (12/2/16 vs. Knox)

#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: 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: 2 (12/29/16 vs. Finlandia) 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: 5 (2 times, last 2/9/16 vs. Lake Forest) 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: 5 (3 times, last 1/4/17 vs. Beloit) Assists: 2 (2 times, last 1/4/17 vs. Beloit)

#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: 2 (12/29/16 vs. Finlandia) Assists: 2 (12/29/16 vs. Finlandia)

#52 - Joe Lemon

Points: 11 (12/2/16 vs. Knox) Rebounds: 5 (12/10/16 vs. Cornell) Assists: 2 (2 times, last 12/29/16 vs. Finlandia)



St. Norbert College Men's Basketball St. Norbert College Combined Team Statistics (as of Jan 04, 2017) All games



Overall record: 8-2 Conf: 5-0 Home: 3-0 Away: 5-2 Neutral: 0-0

					Total		3-Poi	nt	F-Thro	W		Rebou	nds									
##	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	10-10	316	31.6	61-136	.449	26-70	.371	21-24	.875	3	24	27	2.7	18	0	46	13	6	17	169	16.9
22	Ben Bobinski	10-7	241	24.1	35-91	.385	21-59	.356	26-32	.813	7	27	34	3.4	19	0	9	15	0	8	117	11.7
30	Taylor Penn	10-3	195	19.5	28-66	.424	13-32	.406	7-10	.700	6	19	25	2.5	23	0	13	11	1	4	76	7.6
03	Terrence Garner	10-10	277	27.7	22-67	.328	1-11	.091	12-18	.667	19	45	64	6.4	17	0	23	13	2	18	57	5.7
44	Tim Marshall	10-7	198	19.8	24-36	.667	0-0	.000	4-8	.500	18	21	39	3.9	24	0	8	13	5	6	52	5.2
41	Connor Curtis	7-3	95	13.6	17-28	.607	5-7	.714	13-16	.813	8	11	19	2.7	8	0	4	4	4	3	52	7.4
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
52	Joe Lemon	10-5	170	17.0	11-31	.355	7-19	.368	6-7	.857	8	16	24	2.4	17	0	5	5	4	8	35	3.5
05	Joe Ciriacks	7-0	50	7.1	5-19	.263	4-13	.308	2-2	1.000	6	6	12	1.7	5	0	2	0	0	0	16	2.3
01	Riley Haas	6-0	48	8.0	5-10	.500	1-5	.200	5-7	.714	3	7	10	1.7	4	0	5	2	1	3	16	2.7
21	Brett O'Sullivan	9-0	105	11.7	7-13	.538	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	5	12	17	1.9	7	0	8	5	1	3	14	1.6
32	Brian Luteyn	8-0	62	7.8	4-9	.444	0-1	.000	6-7	.857	6	6	12	1.5	6	0	6	7	1	4	14	1.8
13	Josh Hillis	7-0	39	5.6	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	5-5	1.000	5	7	12	1.7	7	0	2	4	0	3	9	1.3
45	Marcus Ruch	3-0	16	5.3	3-6	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	1.0	3	0	2	0	0	1	6	2.0
20	Sean Benka	4-0	20	5.0	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	0-5	.000	1	2	3	8.0	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
25	Jordan Newman	5-0	24	4.8	1-7	.143	0-6	.000	0-2	.000	1	3	4	8.0	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0.4
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										8	24	32					3				
	Total	10	2000		249-582	.428	80-242	.331	109-145	.752	121	244	365	36.5	173	0	143	98	26	82	687	68.7
	Opponents	10	2000		184-480	.383	65-193	.337	97-149	.651	83	235	318	31.8	158	3	99	157	13	35	530	53.0

TEAM STATISTICS	SNC	OPP
SCORING	687	530
Points per game	68.7	53.0
Scoring margin	+15.7	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT	249-582	184-480
Field goal pct	.428	.383
3 POINT FG-ATT	80-242	65-193
3-point FG pct	.331	.337
3-pt FG made per game	8.0	6.5
FREE THROWS-ATT	109-145	97-149
Free throw pct	.752	.651
F-Throws made per game	10.9	9.7
REBOUNDS	365	318
Rebounds per game	36.5	31.8
Rebounding margin	+4.7	-
ASSISTS	143	99
Assists per game	14.3	9.9
TURNOVERS	98	157
Turnovers per game	9.8	15.7
Turnover margin	+5.9	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.5	0.6
STEALS	82	35
Steals per game	8.2	3.5
BLOCKS	26	13
Blocks per game	2.6	1.3
ATTENDANCE	2069	5484
Home games-Avg/Game	3-690	7-783
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
St. Norbert College	305	382	687
Opponents	257	273	530

	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

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