



# St. Norbert College

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### St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview St. Norbert College (0-0) vs. UW-Eau Claire (0-0) Wednesday, November 15, 2017 - 7 p.m. Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center (1,844) - De Pere, Wisconsin

#### Game Overview:

St. Norbert plays its first game in the refurbished Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center when it hosts UW-Eau Claire in a non-conference game to open the 2017-18 season.

#### Broadcast:

The games will be broadcast with video streaming at: <http://portal.stretch-internet.com/snc/>

Live stats are available at: <http://www.snc.edu/athletics/teamfiles/lives-tats/xlive.htm>

#### The Series:

UW-Eau Claire leads St. Norbert 12-10 in a series dating back to the 1956-57 season. The Green Knights have won two of the last three meetings, including an 89-60 decision on Dec. 12, 2015 in the last meeting in De Pere.

#### Last Meeting:

UW-Eau Claire topped St. Norbert 68-67 on Nov. 15, 2016 at Zorn Arena in Eau Claire. The Blugolds led 34-27 at halftime and shot 58.1 percent from the floor to hold on for the win. D.J. DeValk led the Green Knights with 16 points, while Mitchell Reinthaler added 13 points and Taylor Penn 12 points. Chris Duff paced Eau Claire with 17 points while shooting 5-for-6 from beyond the three-point arc. Josh Weix added 14 points and George Diekelman 13 points.

#### The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 213-66 in his 12th 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 264-97.

UW-Eau Claire coach Matt Siverling (UW-Eau Claire, 2002) is 66-64 in his sixth season in Eau Claire. Including two seasons at UW-Superior, Siverling is 95-88 in eight seasons of collegiate coaching.

#### About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters the 2017-18 season coming off a 19-5 campaign a year ago. The Green Knights captured their fifth consecutive Midwest Conference championship last season with a 16-2 record. St. Norbert is receiving votes in the D3hoops.com Top 25 pre-season poll.

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#### 2017-2018 Results

Date	Opponent	Result
N 15	UW-Eau Claire	7 p.m.
N 18	Benedictine	4 p.m.
N 21	UW-Oshkosh	7:30 p.m.
N 25	UW-Stevens Point	7 p.m.
D 1	Knox *	5:30 p.m.
D 2	Illinois College *	1 p.m.
D 6	at Lawrence *	5:30 p.m.
D 9	Cornell *	3 p.m.
D 19	North Central-Minn.	7 p.m.
D 29	Blackburn %	7 p.m.
D 30	UW-Whitewater/Finlandia %	TBA
J 3	Beloit *	5:30 p.m.
J 6	Grinnell *	1 p.m.
J 12	at Illinois College *	5:30 p.m.
J 13	at Monmouth *	1 p.m.
J 17	Ripon *	5:30 p.m.
J 20	at Knox *	1 p.m.
J 24	Lawrence *	5:30 p.m.
J 27	at Cornell *	1 p.m.
J 30	at Ripon *	5:30 p.m.
F 3	Monmouth *	1 p.m.
F 7	Lake Forest *	5:30 p.m.
F 10	at Grinnell *	1 p.m.
F 13	at Lake Forest *	5:30 p.m.
F 17	at Beloit *	1 p.m.

\* - Midwest Conference game; % - Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament - Green Bay, Wis. **Note:** Home games in **bold** and played at Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center; (rankings) by D3hoops.com.

Senior guard D.J. DeValk averaged 15.2 points and 4.6 assists per game last season. Senior forward Mitchell Reinthaler posted 12.1 points and 5.4 rebounds per game a year ago, while junior guard Taylor Penn averaged 6.9 points per game last season.

Last season, St. Norbert averaged 71.8 points per game and shot 47.3 percent from the floor, 34.4 percent on 3-pointers and 71.5 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents scored an average of 58.6 points per game while shooting 40.0 percent from the floor, 34.8 percent on 3-pointers and 67.5 percent at the free-throw line.

#### About the Blugolds:

UW-Eau Claire turned in an 18-8 overall record last season while finishing 8-6 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The Blugolds posted an 81-76 exhibition win over NCAA Division II Winona State on Nov. 4.

Senior guard George Diekelman is Eau Claire's leading returning scorer, netting 14.1 points per game last season. Senior forward Chris Duff, who scored 31 points against Winona State, averaged 11.7 points per game a year ago and canned a team-high 55 three-point field goals. Senior forward Dan Becker added 15 points against Winona State after playing in a reserve role a year ago.

Last season, Eau Claire averaged 75.4 points per game and is shot 50.9 percent from the floor, 38.9 percent on 3-pointers and 68.5 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents scored an average of 68.3 points per game while shooting 43.3 percent from the floor, 37.5 percent on 3-pointers and 73.5 percent at the free-throw line.

#### Thousand Talk:

St. Norbert junior guard D.J. DeValk became the 28th player in school history to reach 1,000 career points against Beloit on Feb. 18.

DeValk joined Andrew Schwoerer (1,439, 2012-15), Joe Emmerich (1,811, 1980-84) and Lee Schroeder (1,308, 1986-90) as the only St. Norbert players to reach

that mark during their junior year since 1975.

DeValk is currently 25th in St. Norbert history with 1,030 career points. He needs 12 points to move into 22nd place.

#### Building a Winner:

St. Norbert has won the Midwest Conference title seven times in the last eight seasons. The Green Knights are the first team to win at least 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 eight years under Gary 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 202-48. 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.

#### Jump Shots:

\* - St. Norbert finished second nationally in the NCAA Division III statistical rankings last season in scoring defense at 58.6 points per game. Only Christopher Newport was better at 56.8 points per game.

\* - Wednesday's game is the first in the refurbished Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center. The former Schuldes Sports Center was deeply remodeled, and now includes a two-story fitness center and weight room, swimming pool, campus health center and athletics offices. The Jim Kress Gymnasium was also thoroughly reimagined, with new bleachers, scoreboards, sound system and baskets. The hardwood playing court is the only item remaining from the former building's entirety.

## 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	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>51-31</b>	<b>28-10</b>		

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	19-5	16-2	1st	
2017-18	0-0	0-0		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>213-66</b>	<b>155-35</b>		
<b>Career</b>	<b>264-97</b>			

### Grzesk vs. MWC at St. Norbert

Team	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
Beloit	18-4	10-1	8-3	0-0
Carroll	18-7	12-2	6-4	0-1
Cornell	9-1	5-0	4-1	0-0
Grinnell	15-8	11-1	3-7	1-0
Illinois Coll.	18-0	9-0	9-0	0-0
Knox	18-2	9-1	9-1	0-0
Lake Forest	18-4	9-3	9-1	0-0
Lawrence	16-7	8-3	8-4	0-0
Monmouth	17-1	9-0	8-1	0-0
Ripon	21-5	14-1	7-4	0-0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>168-39</b>	<b>96-12</b>	<b>71-26</b>	<b>1-1</b>

### MWC Glance

Team	MWC	Overall
Beloit	0-0	0-0
Cornell	0-0	0-0
Grinnell	0-0	0-0
Illinois College	0-0	0-0
Knox	0-0	0-0
Lake Forest	0-0	0-0
Lawrence	0-0	0-0
Monmouth	0-0	0-0
Ripon	0-0	0-0
St. Norbert	0-0	0-0

## St. Norbert Quick Facts

**Nickname:** .....Green Knights  
**Location:** .....De Pere, WI 54115  
**Colors:** .....Dartmouth Green & Old Gold  
**Founded:** .....1898  
**Enrollment:** .....2,168  
**President:** .....Brian Bruess  
**Athletics Director:** .....Tim Bald  
**Conference:** .....Midwest Conference  
**Facility:** ..Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center  
**Capacity:** .....1,844  
**Year Opened:** .....2017  
**Head Coach:** .....Gary Grzesk  
**Record at St. Norbert:** .....213-66 (12th year)  
**Record Overall:** .....264-97 (15th year)  
**Assistant Coaches:** .....Woody Wilson  
 ..... Brian Roehrig, Corey Ciesielczyk  
 ..... Justin Zwiefelhofer, Steve Kestly, Keil Ganz  
**First Season of Men's Basketball:** .....1916-17  
**Seasons of Men's Basketball:** .....95  
**All-Time Overall Record:** .....1,066-864  
**All-Time MWC Record:** .....338-182  
**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 #1 - Nov. 1, 2017

Place	School (1st-place)	Pts.	Record
1	Whitman (23)	621	31-1
2	Augustana	596	24-9
3	Williams	561	23-9
4	Hanover	496	26-4
5	Ramapo	457	26-3
6	Tufts	441	22-7
7	Babson (2)	436	31-2
8	Middlebury	433	27-4
9	Washington-Mo.	403	21-6
10	UW-River Falls	402	25-4
11	UW-Whitewater	327	22-7
12	North Central-Ill.	319	18-11
13	Marietta	300	26-5
14	Christopher Newport	262	27-3
15	Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	217	23-5
16	Rochester	198	24-5
17	Emory	177	19-8
18	Guilford	158	24-6
19	St. John Fisher	152	23-6
20	St. John's	141	19-9
21	Wartburg	104	21-10
22	Lycoming	98	24-5
23	Cabrini	95	19-8
24	Scranton	94	22-7
25	Swarthmore	73	23-6

**Others receiving votes:** Susquehanna 71, Nichols 68, Skidmore 54, Hope 51, Wooster 47, Keene State 44, Ohio Wesleyan 42, Whitworth 42, UW-Oshkosh 37, Amherst 22, MIT 17, **St. Norbert 13**, St. Thomas 13, St. Lawrence 8, Carthage 7, Plattsburgh State 7, Benedictine 5, Eastern Connecticut 5, Hardin-Simmons 5, Hamilton 1, Loras 1, Mount St. Joseph 1, Nebraska Wesleyan 1, New Jersey City 1, Oswego State 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)

### #5 - Joe Ciriacks

Points: 8 (12/29/16 vs. Finlandia)  
 Rebounds: 3 (3 times, last 1/4/17 vs. Beloit)  
 Assists: 1 (3 times, last 2/4/17 vs. Monmouth)

### #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)

### #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)

### #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 (5 times, last 2/11/17 vs. Grinnell)

### #45 - Marcus Ruch

Points: 3 (3 times, last 2/4/17 vs. Monmouth)  
 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: 11 (2/4/17 vs. Monmouth)  
 Assists: 3 (2 times, last 2/4/17 vs. Monmouth)