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.stretchinternet.com/snc/
Live stats are available at: http://www.snc.edu/athletics/teamfiles/livetats/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 the for the win. D.J. DeValk led the Green Knights with 16 points, while Mitchell Reinhalter 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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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. 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 94-13 record from 2013 to 2016 marks the best four-year total in school history.


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.
St. Norbert Men's Basketball Career Highs

#1 - Riley Haas
Points: 7 (1/16/17 vs. Grinnell)
Rebounds: 7 (1/16/17 vs. Grinnell)
Assists: 2 (4 times, last 1/16/17 vs. Grinnell)

#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)

#24 - Mitchell Reinhalter
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 (1/16/17 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)

Top 25 Poll #1 - Nov. 1, 2017

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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.