



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview

St. Norbert College (12-4) vs. Knox College (3-13)

Saturday, January 20, 2018 - 1 p.m.
Memorial Gym (2,000) - Galesburg, Illinois

Game Overview:

St. Norbert tries to snap a rare two-game losing streak when it travels to the Land of Lincoln to face Knox. The Green Knights are part of a three-way tie for first place atop the Midwest Conference standings halfway through league play.

Broadcast:

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

The Series:

St. Norbert leads Knox 36-10 in a series dating back to the 1985-86 season. The Green Knights have won 17 straight games in the series since the Prairie Fire swept the season series in 2007-08.

Last Meeting:

St. Norbert defeated Knox 81-69 on Dec. 1, 2017 on Connie Tilley Court in De Pere. The Green Knights shot 76 percent in the first half to lead 47-39 at halftime. Brian Luteyn led St. Norbert with 18 points, while Taylor Penn added 17 points and Mitchell Reinthaler 16 points. Deryk Ruple led the Prairie Fire with 13 points.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 225-70 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 276-101.

Knox coach Kevin Walden (Knox, 2001) is 15-116 in his sixth season in Galesburg.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters the game 12-4 overall and is 7-2 in the Midwest Conference. The Green Knights dropped their second consecutive game with a 69-61 home loss to Ripon on Wednesday.

The Green Knights are topped in scoring by senior guard D.J. DeValk,

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2017-2018 Results

Date	Opponent	Result
N 15	UW-Eau Claire	W 77-69
N 18	Benedictine	W 70-53
N 21	UW-Oshkosh	L 60-57
N 25	UW-Stevens Point	W 58-54
D 1	Knox *	W 81-69
D 2	Illinois College *	W 75-56
D 6	at Lawrence *	W 73-59
D 9	Cornell *	W 61-51
D 19	North Central-Minn.	W 75-62
D 29	Blackburn %	W 65-52
D 30	UW-Whitewater (11) %	L 89-78
J 3	Beloit *	W 73-57
J 6	Grinnell *	W 97-85
J 12	at Illinois College *	W 73-63
J 13	at Monmouth *	L 70-67/ot
J 17	Ripon *	L 69-61
J 20	at Knox *	1 p.m.
J 24	Lawrence *	7 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.

who is averaging 16.7 points per game. Sophomore forward Connor Curtis is averaging 15.6 points per game, while senior forward Mitchell Reinthaler is averaging 14.9 points and 8.3 rebounds per game. Junior guard Taylor Penn is scoring 7.6 points per game.

St. Norbert is averaging 71.3 points per game while shooting 44.9 percent from the floor, 36.3 percent on 3-pointers and 77.7 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 63.6 points per game while shooting 42.1 percent from the floor, 38.2 percent on 3-pointers and 72.2 percent at the free-throw line.

About the Prairie Fire:

Knox enters the game 3-13 overall and 1-8 in the Midwest Conference. The Prairie Fire is coming off an 86-70 road loss to Illinois College this past Wednesday.

Junior guard Jonathan Damota leads the Prairie Fire in scoring at 11.2 points per game. Freshman forward Blake Godbold is totaling 11.2 points and 7.8 rebounds per game. Sophomore guard Deryk Ruple is averaging 10.7 points per game, while senior guard D.J. Lewis is averaging 7.1 points per game.

Knox is averaging 67.4 points per game while shooting 42.7 percent from the floor, 36.5 percent on 3-pointers and 60.9 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents are scoring an average of 83.2 points per game while shooting 47.7 percent from the floor, 34.1 percent on 3-pointers and 70.6 percent at the free-throw line.

Thousand Talk:

St. Norbert senior guard D.J. DeValk scored 21 points in this past Wednesday's game against Ripon.

DeValk currently has 1,280 points to be one point shy of 11th place all-time in St. Norbert career scoring. Jerry Lamers is in 11th place with 1,281 points from 1955-59. Lee Schroeder is 10th with 1,308 points

from 1986-90.

DeValk, who reached 1,000 career points late in his junior season, 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.

Building a Winner:

St. Norbert has won the Midwest Conference title the last five years and 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 214-51. 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 has lost its last two MWC games, the first time since the 2011-12 season it has done so. The Green Knights lost home games to Lake Forest and Carroll sandwiched around Christmas break that season.

* - St. Norbert is second in the MWC in field-goal percentage defense at 42.1 percent, but the Green Knights are ninth in three-point field-goal percentage defense at 38.2 percent.

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	19-5	16-2	1st	
2017-18	12-4	7-2		
Totals	225-70	162-37		
Career	276-101			

Grzesk vs. MWC at St. Norbert

Team	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
Beloit	19-4	11-1	8-3	0-0
Carroll	18-7	12-2	6-4	0-1
Cornell	10-1	6-0	4-1	0-0
Grinnell	16-8	12-1	3-7	1-0
Illinois Coll.	20-0	10-0	10-0	0-0
Knox	19-2	10-1	9-1	0-0
Lake Forest	18-4	9-3	9-1	0-0
Lawrence	17-7	8-3	9-4	0-0
Monmouth	17-2	9-0	8-2	0-0
Ripon	21-6	14-2	7-4	0-0
Totals	174-41	101-13	72-27	1-1

MWC Glance

Team	MWC	Overall
St. Norbert	7-2	12-4
Lake Forest	7-2	11-5
Monmouth	7-2	10-6
Ripon	6-3	9-5
Grinnell	5-4	10-5
Lawrence	5-4	9-6
Cornell	4-5	9-7
Illinois College	2-7	7-8
Beloit	1-8	2-14
Knox	1-8	3-13

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:225-70 (12th year)
Record Overall:276-101 (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:1,078-868
All-Time MWC Record:347-185
MWC Championships:Nine
(1984, 2002, '10, '11, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17)
NCAA Tournament Appearances:Nine
(1958, '84, 2002, 10, '11, '13, '14, '15, '16)
NAIA Tournament Appearances:Three
(1961, '62, '65)

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Top 25 Poll #8 - Jan. 15, 2018

Place	School (1st-place)	Pts.	Record
1	Whitman (25)	625	15-0
2	UW-Whitewater	555	13-2
3	Washington-Mo.	541	12-2
4	York-Pa.	519	15-0
5	Wittenberg	497	15-0
6	UW-Oshkosh	444	13-2
7	Whitworth	440	13-2
8	Augustana	434	12-3
9	MIT	415	14-1
10	Lycoming	371	16-1
11	Williams	357	12-3
12	St. John's	347	12-1
13	UW-River Falls	346	11-3
14	Hamilton	331	14-0
15	Swarthmore	296	13-2
16	Middlebury	268	11-3
17	Emory	212	12-2
18	Marietta	189	12-3
19	Wesleyan	176	11-3
20	John Carroll	121	13-2
21	Franklin & Marshall	106	13-2
22	Eastern Connecticut	104	13-2
23	Ohio Wesleyan	84	11-4
24	Illinois Wesleyan	66	12-3
25	Rochester	41	11-3

Others receiving votes: Emory and Henry 38, Nichols 33, Tufts 31, UW-Platteville 28, New Jersey City 18, Wartburg 15, Adrian 13, Ramapo 11, Salem State 11, Juniata 9, Cabrini 7, Baldwin-Wallace 5, Hanover 5, Keene State 4, Bethel 3, Loras 2, Occidental 2, Randolph-Macon 2, Wheaton-Ill. 2, North Central-Ill. 1, Wooster 1.

St. Norbert Men's Basketball Career Highs

#0 - Jalen Brooks

Points: n/a
 Rebounds: n/a
 Assists: n/a

#1 - Riley Haas

Points: 13 (11/18/17 vs. Benedictine)
 Rebounds: 7 (2 times, last 12/19/17 vs. North Central)
 Assists: 3 (2 times, last 12/6/17 vs. Lawrence)

#2 - Ethan Riniker

Points: n/a
 Rebounds: n/a
 Assists: n/a

#3 - Dylan Bunders

Points: 2 (11/18/17 vs. Benedictine)
 Rebounds: 3 (11/18/17 vs. Benedictine)
 Assists: 1 (2 times, last 12/1/17 vs. Knox)

#4 - Jared Davis

Points: n/a
 Rebounds: n/a
 Assists: n/a

#5 - Joe Ciriacks

Points: 14 (12/2/17 vs. Illinois College)
 Rebounds: 4 (11/21/17 vs. UW-Oshkosh)
 Assists: 4 (12/2/17 vs. Illinois College)

#10 - D.J. DeWalk

Points: 30 (12/9/17 vs. Cornell)
 Rebounds: 7 (2 times, last 12/6/17 vs. Lawrence)
 Assists: 9 (2 times, last 1/25/17 vs. Lawrence)

#11 - Brennen Banks

Points: 12 (12/19/17 vs. North Central)
 Rebounds: 4 (1/3/18 vs. Beloit)
 Assists: 6 (1/6/18 vs. Grinnell)

#15 - Matt Lynch

Points: 2 (11/18/17 vs. Benedictine)
 Rebounds: 1 (1/3/18 vs. Beloit)
 Assists: n/a

#20 - Nolan Beirne

Points: 2 (1/3/18 vs. Beloit)
 Rebounds: 2 (12/1/17 vs. Knox)
 Assists: n/a

#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 - Wade Geenen

Points: 16 (12/19/17 vs. North Central)
 Rebounds: 6 (12/19/17 vs. North Central)
 Assists: 4 (1/13/18 vs. Monmouth)

#23 - Drew Yetka

Points: 6 (2 times, last 1/6/18 vs. Grinnell)
 Rebounds: 4 (1/13/18 vs. Monmouth)
 Assists: 2 (12/30/17 vs. UW-Whitewater)

#24 - Mitchell Reinthaler

Points: 24 (2 times, last 12/19/17 vs. North Central)
 Rebounds: 13 (11/15/17 vs. UW-Eau Claire)
 Assists: 5 (2 times, last 12/19/17 vs. North Central)

#25 - Jordan Newman

Points: 3 (1/13/17 vs. Illinois College)
 Rebounds: 2 (12/2/16 vs. Knox)
 Assists: 2 (12/2/17 vs. Illinois College)

#30 - Taylor Penn

Points: 20 (12/5/15 vs. Grinnell)
 Rebounds: 7 (1/13/18 vs. Monmouth)
 Assists: 4 (4 times, last 1/12/18 vs. Illinois College)

#32 - Brian Luteyn

Points: 18 (12/1/17 vs. Knox)
 Rebounds: 6 (2 times, last 12/20/16 vs. UW-Oshkosh)
 Assists: 4 (12/2/16 vs. Knox)

#35 - Jared Murphy

Points: 6 (12/2/17 vs. Illinois College)
 Rebounds: 3 (12/1/17 vs. Knox)
 Assists: n/a

#41 - Connor Curtis

Points: 22 (1/13/18 vs. Monmouth)
 Rebounds: 9 (2 times, last 1/17/17 vs. Ripon)
 Assists: 2 (6 times, last 1/13/18 vs. Monmouth)

#52 - Joe Lemon

Points: 17 (12/19/17 vs. North Central)
 Rebounds: 15 (12/29/17 vs. Blackburn)
 Assists: 3 (3 times, last 12/9/17 vs. Cornell)



St. Norbert College Men's Basketball
 St. Norbert College Combined Team Statistics (as of Jan 17, 2018)
All games



Overall record: 12-4 Conf: 7-2 Home: 10-3 Away: 2-1 Neutral: 0-0

##	Player	gp-gs	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg		
			min	avg	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def									tot	avg
10	D.J. DeValk	15-15	495	33.0	87-191	.455	34-86	.395	42-46	.913	1	45	46	3.1	34	0	58	32	14	20	250	16.7
24	Mitchell Reinthaler	16-16	523	32.7	84-174	.483	17-40	.425	54-70	.771	33	99	132	8.3	45	0	29	28	16	16	239	14.9
30	Taylor Penn	16-16	447	27.9	44-98	.449	22-46	.478	12-20	.600	13	26	39	2.4	24	0	25	21	0	4	122	7.6
52	Joe Lemon	16-11	371	23.2	41-96	.427	2-29	.069	27-32	.844	25	68	93	5.8	28	0	20	21	18	10	111	6.9
41	Connor Curtis	7-5	163	23.3	37-56	.661	5-10	.500	30-35	.857	13	26	39	5.6	20	0	4	11	2	7	109	15.6
22	Wade Geenen	16-6	370	23.1	29-70	.414	21-44	.477	21-28	.750	4	37	41	2.6	19	0	29	11	1	10	100	6.3
32	Brian Luteyn	16-0	166	10.4	26-39	.667	0-0	.000	17-24	.708	12	15	27	1.7	16	0	6	19	3	9	69	4.3
05	Joe Ciriacks	14-11	235	16.8	16-50	.320	11-35	.314	10-14	.714	8	11	19	1.4	25	0	13	10	2	8	53	3.8
11	Brennen Banks	8-0	108	13.5	11-32	.344	4-18	.222	2-5	.400	1	8	9	1.1	10	0	12	5	0	0	28	3.5
23	Drew Yetka	6-0	77	12.8	6-23	.261	4-15	.267	6-8	.750	2	8	10	1.7	8	0	5	6	0	2	22	3.7
01	Riley Haas	15-0	167	11.1	7-24	.292	3-11	.273	3-5	.600	9	21	30	2.0	11	0	15	10	0	15	20	1.3
35	Jared Murphy	5-0	18	3.6	3-6	.500	2-4	.500	1-2	.500	3	2	5	1.0	2	0	0	2	0	0	9	1.8
03	Dylan Bunders	7-0	38	5.4	1-6	.167	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	1	4	5	0.7	8	0	2	3	0	1	3	0.4
21	Brett O'Sullivan	4-0	16	4.0	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	0	2	0.5	2	0	0	1	0	2	2	0.5
20	Nolan Beirne	4-0	9	2.3	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3	2	5	1.3	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.5
15	Matt Lynch	3-0	3	1.0	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.7
25	Jordan Newman	4-0	8	2.0	0-3	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0.0
02	Ethan Riniker	3-0	6	2.0	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
00	Jalen Brooks	2-0	4	2.0	0-4	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0.0
04	Jared Davis	1-0	1	1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											33	33	66				14					
Total.....		16	3225		395-880	.449	125-344	.363	226-291	.777	164	406	570	35.6	256	0	220	195	56	105	1141	71.3
Opponents.....		16	3225		349-828	.421	143-374	.382	177-245	.722	106	356	462	28.9	294	7	174	221	40	95	1018	63.6

TEAM STATISTICS	SNC	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	1141	1018	11/15/17	UW-EAU CLAIRE	w 77-69	1027
Points per game	71.3	63.6	11/18/17	BENEDICTINE UNIV.	w 70-53	898
Scoring margin	+7.7	-	11/21/17	UW-OSHKOSH	L 57-60	822
FIELD GOALS-ATT	395-880	349-828	11/25/17	UW-STEVENS POINT	w 58-54	920
Field goal pct	.449	.421	* 12/1/17	KNOX COLLEGE	w 81-69	452
3 POINT FG-ATT	125-344	143-374	* 12/2/17	ILLINOIS COLLEGE	w 75-56	460
3-point FG pct	.363	.382	* 12/6/17	at Lawrence University	w 73-59	672
3-pt FG made per game	7.8	8.9	* 12/9/17	CORNELL COLLEGE	w 61-51	610
FREE THROWS-ATT	226-291	177-245	12/19/17	NORTH CENTRAL (MN)	w 75-62	374
Free throw pct	.777	.722	# 12/29/17	BLACKBURN COLLEGE	w 65-52	767
F-Throws made per game	14.1	11.1	# 12/30/17	UW-WHITEWATER	L 78-89	682
REBOUNDS	570	462	* 1/3/18	BELOIT COLLEGE	w 73-57	440
Rebounds per game	35.6	28.9	* 1/6/18	GRINNELL COLLEGE	w 97-85	1127
Rebounding margin	+6.8	-	* 1/12/18	at Illinois College	w 73-63	150
ASSISTS	220	174	* 1/13/18	at Monmouth College	Lot 67-70	175
Assists per game	13.8	10.9	* 1/17/18	RIPON COLLEGE	L 61-69	781
TURNOVERS	195	221				
Turnovers per game	12.2	13.8				
Turnover margin	+1.6	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	1.1	0.8				
STEALS	105	95				
Steals per game	6.6	5.9				
BLOCKS	56	40				
Blocks per game	3.5	2.5				
ATTENDANCE	9360	997				
Home games-Avg/Game	13-720	3-332				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

* = Midwest Conference game

- Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament (De Pere, Wis.)

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Totals
St. Norbert College	526	606	9	1141
Opponents	484	522	12	1018