



St. Norbert College

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St. Norbert College Green Knights Men's Basketball Preview

St. Norbert College (0-0) at Univ. of Northwestern (0-0)

Saturday, November 10, 2018 - 4 p.m.
Ericksen Center (1,272) - St. Paul, Minnesota

Game Overview:

St. Norbert opens the 2018-19 season with a trip to the Twin Cities to face Northwestern. It is the first trip to the Gopher State for the Green Knights since the 1991-92 season.

Broadcast:

The game will have live stats available at: https://unweagles.com/sports/2012/11/7/gen_1107121456.aspx

Live video for the game will be available at: <https://portal.stretchinternet.com/unw/>

The Series:

St. Norbert and Northwestern are tied 1-1 in a series started during the 2009-10 season. The Eagles topped the Green Knights 72-70 in a Nicolet Bank Tournament game on Dec. 29, 2009 at Schuldes Sports Center in De Pere. The two teams also met in the 2016 NCAA Division III Tournament, a 77-58 St. Norbert win, also at Schuldes Sports Center. Northwestern has also played in the St. Norbert Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament three times, the most of any opposing school along with UW-Whitewater.

Last Meeting:

St. Norbert defeated Northwestern 77-58 on March 4, 2016 in a first-round NCAA Division III Tournament game at Schuldes Sports Center in De Pere. Ben Bobinski led St. Norbert with 22 points, while D.J. DeValk added 20 points. Terrence Garner finished with 11 points, 14 rebounds and six assists for the Green Knights. Will Gisler led Northwestern with 12 points and 13 rebounds.

The Coaches:

St. Norbert coach Gary Grzesk (UW-Green Bay, 1996) is 232-73 in his 13th 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 283-104.

Northwestern coach Tim Grosz (Northwestern-St. Paul, 1992) is 342-179 in his 19th season in St. Paul.

About the Green Knights:

St. Norbert enters the 2018-19 season coming off a 19-7 campaign a year

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2018-2019 Results

Date	Opponent	Result
N 10	at Northwestern-Minn.	4 p.m.
N 16	vs. Central #	5 p.m.
N 17	vs. Neb. Wesleyan #	2 p.m.
N 30	Monmouth *	7:30 p.m.
D 1	Knox *	3 p.m.
D 5	at Lake Forest *	7:30 p.m.
D 8	Ripon *	3 p.m.
D 15	at UW-Eau Claire	5 p.m.
D 18	at UW-Oshkosh	7 p.m.
D 28	Alma %	7 p.m.
D 29	TBA %	7 p.m.
J 2	at Illinois College *	7:30 p.m.
J 5	Cornell *	5 p.m.
J 8	Beloit *	7:30 p.m.
J 12	at Knox *	3 p.m.
J 16	Lake Forest *	7:30 p.m.
J 19	at Ripon *	3 p.m.
J 25	at Grinnell *	7:30 p.m.
J 26	at Cornell *	3 p.m.
J 30	at Lawrence *	7:30 p.m.
F 2	Illinois College *	3 p.m.
F 5	at Beloit *	7:30 p.m.
F 9	Grinnell *	3 p.m.
F 13	Lawrence *	7:30 p.m.
F 16	at Monmouth *	3 p.m.

* - Midwest Conference game; # - Pioneer Tip-Off Classic - Waukesha, Wis.; % - Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament - De Pere, Wis.; **Note:** Home games in **bold** and played at Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center; (rankings) by D3hoops.com.

ago. The Green Knights finished tied for second place in the Midwest Conference with Ripon at 14-4.

St. Norbert returns three of its top six scorers from last season. Junior forward Connor Curtis averaged 10.8 points and 4.2 rebounds per game while shooting 59.1 percent from the floor last season. Sophomore guard Wade Geenen averaged 6.6 points per game while shooting 42.9 percent from beyond the three-point arc. Junior forward Joe Lemon averaged 5.6 points and 5.3 rebounds per game.

St. Norbert averaged 71.5 points per game last season while shooting 46.3 percent from the floor, 36.4 percent on 3-pointers and 74.3 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents scored an average of 62.9 points per game while shooting 41.0 percent from the floor, 36.5 percent on 3-pointers and 72.2 percent at the free-throw line.

About the Eagles:

Northwestern enters 2018-19 after a 14-13 overall record a year ago and a third-place finish at 11-5 in the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference. The Eagles dropped a 104-70 exhibition tilt at NCAA Division II Minnesota-Crookston this past Saturday.

The Eagles return four of their top five scorers from last season. Senior guard Caleb Hageman averaged 14.4 points per game a year ago, while junior guard Tanner Youngberg collected 12.9 points and 8.0 rebounds per game last season. Senior forward Brady Bellefeuille registered 8.1 points last season, while senior guard Anderson Bazile Jr., who had 25 points against Crookston, totaled 8.0 points per game.

Northwestern averaged 73.1 points per game while shooting 45.6 percent from the floor, 35.3 percent on 3-pointers and 75.0 percent at the free-throw line. Opponents scored an average of 71.6 points per game while shooting 45.0 percent from the floor, 35.4 percent on 3-pointers and 74.6 percent at the free-throw line.

Crystal Ball:

St. Norbert was picked to win its sixth Midwest Conference title in seven years and its eighth in 10 seasons in the annual pre-season guess by the league's coaches.

The Green Knights were given the nod despite getting just two first-place votes, but had 72 points. Lake Forest (four first-place votes) and Ripon (one first-place vote) tied for second with 69 points. Defending champion Monmouth had three first-place votes and was slotted fourth with 65 points.

Grinnell was fifth (50 points), Lawrence sixth (40), Illinois College seventh (27), Knox eighth (21), Cornell ninth (20) and Beloit tenth (17).

Gopher Hole:

St. Norbert is playing its first game in Minnesota in 27 years with Saturday's contest at Northwestern.

The Green Knights last visited Minnesota on Dec. 13-14, 1991. St. Norbert lost at Concordia-St. Paul 67-60 and at St. Thomas 61-48 on the trip.

That visit to Minnesota is the Green Knights' only trip to Minnesota in the last 51 years. St. Norbert played three games in the St. Cloud State Holiday Tournament on Dec. 28-30, 1967.

Building a Winner:

St. Norbert has six 20-win seasons in the last nine years. 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 221-54. 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				
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	19-7	14-4	T2nd	
2018-19	0-0	0-0		
Totals	232-73	169-39		
Career	283-104			

Grzesk vs. MWC at St. Norbert

Team	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
Beloit	20-4	11-1	9-3	0-0
Carroll	18-7	12-2	6-4	0-1
Cornell	11-1	6-0	5-1	0-0
Grinnell	17-8	12-1	4-7	1-0
Illinois Coll.	20-0	10-0	10-0	0-0
Knox	20-2	10-1	10-1	0-0
Lake Forest	20-4	10-3	10-1	0-0
Lawrence	18-7	9-3	9-4	0-0
Monmouth	17-3	9-1	8-2	0-0
Ripon	21-8	14-2	7-5	0-1
Totals	181-44	103-14	77-28	1-2

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:232-73 (13th year)
Record Overall:283-104 (16th year)
Assistant Coaches:Keil Ganz,
 Brian Roehrig, Corey Ciesielczyk
 Justin Zwiefelhofer, Steve Kestly
First Season of Men's Basketball:1916-17
Seasons of Men's Basketball:96
All-Time Overall Record:1,085-871
All-Time MWC Record:354-187
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 #1 - Oct. 11, 2018

Place	School (1st-place)	Pts.	Record
1	Nebraska Wesleyan (24)	624	30-3
2	UW-Oshkosh	567	25-8
3	Augustana (1)	539	25-6
4	Whitman	529	29-2
5	MIT	463	25-6
6	Whitworth	462	24-4
7	Springfield	431	22-9
8	Williams	417	23-6
9	Hamilton	400	24-5
10	UW-Platteville	367	24-5
11	Wittenberg	366	27-3
12	UW-Stevens Point	356	21-9
13	Swarthmore	329	25-6
14	Plattsburgh State	213	24-5
15	Johns Hopkins	206	24-5
16	New Jersey City	179	19-8
17	Middlebury	166	21-7
18	Emory	147	23-5
19	Illinois Wesleyan	142	19-8
20	John Carroll	129	25-6
21	Wooster	107	22-7
22	Maryville-Tenn.	95	22-7
23	St. Olaf	92	20-8
24	UW-Whitewater	81	16-10
25	St. John's	77	23-4

Others receiving votes: Hope 76, Rochester 67, Nazareth 60, Marietta 47, Roanoke 42, Amherst 36, LeTourney 35, Ramapo 33, Penn State-Behrend 26, Nichols 25, St. Thomas 23, Washington-Mo. 20, Aurora 19, North Central-Ill. 19, Loras 17, Cabrini 14, Franklin & Marshall 14, Pomona-Pitzer 11, Wesleyan 10, Montclair State 9, Eastern Connecticut St. 8, Christopher Newport 6, Hanover 5, Bethel 5, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 3, Emory & Henry 3, Keene State 2, Ohio Northern 2, Salem State 2, Yeshiva 1.

St. Norbert Men's Basketball Career Highs

#1 - Riley Haas

Points: 13 (11/18/17 vs. Benedictine)
 Rebounds: 8 (2/13/18 vs. Lake Forest)
 Assists: 4 (2 times, last 2/10/18 vs. Grinnell)

#2 - Ethan Riniker

Points: 3 (1/20/18 vs. Knox)
 Rebounds: 1 (1/24/18 vs. Lawrence)
 Assists: n/a

#4 - Jared Davis

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

#5 - Joe Ciriacks

Points: 14 (12/2/17 vs. Illinois College)
 Rebounds: 5 (2/13/18 vs. Lake Forest)
 Assists: 4 (12/2/17 vs. Illinois College)

#15 - Matt Lynch

Points: 3 (2/10/18 vs. Grinnell)
 Rebounds: 1 (1/3/18 vs. Beloit)
 Assists: n/a

#20 - Nolan Beirne

Points: 4 (1/20/18 vs. Knox)
 Rebounds: 2 (12/1/17 vs. Knox)
 Assists: 1 (1/20/18 vs. Knox)

#22 - Wade Geenen

Points: 22 (2/13/18 vs. Lake Forest)
 Rebounds: 6 (12/19/17 vs. North Central)
 Assists: 5 (1/20/18 vs. Knox)

#23 - Drew Yetka

Points: 18 (2/10/18 vs. Grinnell)
 Rebounds: 4 (2 times, last 2/10/18 vs. Grinnell)
 Assists: 2 (2 times, last 2/10/18 vs. Grinnell)

#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)

#35 - Jared Murphy

Points: 10 (1/20/18 vs. Knox)
 Rebounds: 3 (2 times, last 1/20/18 vs. Knox)
 Assists: 1 (2 times, last 1/24/18 vs. Lawrence)

#41 - Connor Curtis

Points: 22 (1/13/18 vs. Monmouth)
 Rebounds: 9 (2 times, last 1/17/17 vs. Ripon)
 Assists: 2 (8 times, last 2/13/18 vs. Lake Forest)

#52 - Joe Lemon

Points: 17 (12/19/17 vs. North Central)
 Rebounds: 15 (12/29/17 vs. Blackburn)
 Assists: 5 (1/24/18 vs. Lawrence)